

LAUNDRY QUILTS WHEN FUEL OIL SUPPLY CEASES

Use of Coal at \$27 a Ton Becomes Prohibitive So White Seal Wins Up Business

Finding it impossible to purchase any kind of fuel at a reasonable price, the White Seal laundry has not only closed, but is expecting to go out of business, according to Frank Schmidt, manager of the firm, in a statement this morning.

The laundry was purchasing oil from the Standard Oil Co. on a yearly contract, but that contract ceased on July 1, the company consented to carry the buyers over one more month, and on September 1 the fuel oil supply was finally shut off. This action is in keeping with the rule observed by all the local oil agencies—that no oil should be sold except on old contracts.

"While our machines could be run by electricity, we must have some sort of fuel to raise steam, and this we cannot get at any reasonable cost," stated Mr. Schmidt this morning.

"When our oil supply was cut off we started buying coal. The first month we bought it for \$21.50, then it went up to \$23, and now it is selling at \$27 a ton. At this rate we cannot possibly run because we use a large quantity of the fuel.

"To continue would necessitate raising the price of laundry to the point where people would not patronize us. Before long we will probably be doing all our own washing, anyway," declared Mr. Schmidt.

One by one the contracts of local firms with the three big oil agencies are running out and are not being renewed. Recently the Love's bakery was refused its usual oil supply and has had to make special provisions for burning another fuel. The last firm to suffer from the shortage of oil is the White Seal laundry.

CITY BUILDING IS PICKING UP PERMITS SHOW

Building throughout the city is becoming brisk once more as indicated by the number of permits issued by the building inspector's office from the first of the month to date. Though the number is slow only a little over 60, indications point to it reaching the century mark before the end of the month. Twenty-one permits were issued during the seven days since last Thursday.

The cost of buildings as shown in the permits will be materially larger for this month than that of August. The reason for this increase is due to the increased number of buildings going up and also because permits were issued during the last few days for the new Campbell estate building at the corner of Hotel and Fort streets and the Love Biscuit & Bread Co.'s addition which together will cost \$178,000.

Two building permits were issued this morning, one to Joseph K. Chang for repair work to be done on his residence on the Ewa side of Emma street near Vineyard street, which will cost \$200 and the other to T. Harada for the construction of a garage on Pacific Heights to cost \$360.

NEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE UNIQUE

The old and the new are blended together in the unique Buddhist temple on Fort street now nearing completion and the new church, of one of civilization's oldest religions is modern in respect to the fact that it has the up-to-date indirect lighting system. Another feature is the fact that it is probably the only Buddhist temple which has a pipe organ.

The edifice is now practically ready for use and while L. Matsumoto, the builder, is not ready to announce the date of the completion of the structure, it will not be long before the temple will be thrown open for worship. Unlike the temples of Japan in appearance, the style of architecture only resembles the ancient style of edifice in a few respects. Huge columns lend an appearance of distinction to the entrance and the high ceiling, beautiful windows, and the polished floor give the interior of the building an impressive air of solitude. In the basement are the sleeping rooms and the rear of the altar are closets and alcoves for the use of the priests.

WHAT \$50 LIBERTY BOND WILL DO TO HELP WIN THE WAR

- The proceeds of one \$50 Liberty Loan Bond will purchase:
+ Thirteen 13-pound shells for destroying submarines.
+ Four 5-inch shells for the same purpose.
+ One hundred pounds of smokeless powder.
+ Eighteen gas masks for a like number of soldiers at the front.
+ Enough coal to drive a destroyer 120 miles.
+ Enough gasoline to drive a submarine destroyer 150 miles.
+ A sailor's uniform outfit.
+ Four months' subsistence for a soldier.

SUGAR MARKET CHECKED PENDING HOOVER'S DECISION ON PRICE

By NEVERS & GALLAGHAN

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 21.—Throughout the past week the sugar market remained at a complete standstill with no sales reported. Operations in all branches of the sugar market were checked pending the outcome of the conference held on Wednesday at Washington between the food administration and the representatives of the various sugar interests at which it was voluntarily agreed upon that all raw sugar imported into the United States during the war would be purchased under the supervision of a national sugar committee to be appointed by Mr. Herbert C. Hoover. This committee will be composed of Mr. George M. Rolph, two representatives of refiners and two Allied governments and will also supervise the buying of sugar in this market for the Allies. It is understood that a second committee will be appointed to act in an advisory capacity regarding the distribution of sugar. The full details of the plan of procedure have not been worked out, but it appears to be the intention of the food administration to disturb as little as possible the legitimate machinery now employed in the sugar market, and the idea prevails that the buying and selling of both raw and refined sugar will be continued through the same channels as at present. It is also understood that an effort will be made to arrive at some voluntary agreement under which Cuban producers will not charge more than a certain price for their sugars, similar to the arrangement recently made with the domestic beet producers. It seems probable that instead of buying sugar as does

the Royal British commission, the proposed national sugar committee will devote its efforts toward supervising the quantities which the various refining and exporting interests will be permitted to buy within certain periods. It seems likely that the new plan will not go into effect until about the middle of October.

Throughout the week a moderate quantity of Cubas for prompt and last half September shipment have been offered at 6c basis 90 c. & f., with out finding buyers, as in view of the very dull demand for refined sugar being experienced, refiners have been unwilling to take on additional supplies of raws at present prices. Refiners have also been influenced by their attitude by their desire to place themselves in the position if possible, of adjusting their refined prices to conform more closely to the price of 7.25c at which domestic beet will be placed on the market next month. Messrs. Bunnell report the total production in Cuba for the month of August as 2,938,855 tons, or say only 35,000 tons less than the production at the corresponding date last year. Inasmuch as there are eight centrals still grinding as compared to three last year, the final output should correspond very nearly to last year's crop of 3,067,000 tons.

There has been no change in refined prices during the week. The American S. R. Co. quote 8.10c less 2 per cent, and the other refiners 8.50c less 2 per cent. The new business has been at a standstill as wholesaler and jobbers show a disposition to reduce their stocks to a minimum in anticipation of lower prices later on.

EXPECT SECOND BOND CAMPAIGN TO START OCT. 1

Bankers Here Think Initial Instalment Will Be For Four Billion

Honolulu bankers are awaiting with a great deal of interest the official announcement of the terms of the second Liberty Loan which is expected to be made by the secretary of the treasury during the coming week. There seems to be little doubt in financial circles that the initial instalment will be for \$4,000,000,000 and will carry a four per cent interest rate, tax exempt except for surtaxes. While none of the local financial communities have received recent information regarding the loan they have been previously informed that the campaign to sell the second Liberty Loan bonds would begin on October 1. A Lewis, Jr., manager of the Bank of Hawaii, said this morning that beyond the information that the campaign would begin on that date he had received no further official news. Tenney Peck of the First National Bank of Hawaii also declared that his office was still in the dark as to the amount of the loan but stated that the local bank's association as part of the national body would certainly aid in the campaign to sell the bonds.

Because of the impending issue there has been more than usual concern among the financiers here and in the United States as to the course of the stock market. Those who will take part in conducting the Liberty Loan campaign hope that liquidation has fairly run its course and that good stocks and bonds have reached their lowest level of the year. With a substantial turn for the better in the investment market confidence would return and the work of the Liberty Loan committees in the United States and territories would be made much easier. The general expectation is that many of the prevailing uncertainties will be removed before the big campaign begins.

The recent order by President Woodrow Wilson prohibiting the exportation of gold from the United States to foreign countries is also expected to relieve the pressure of tight money markets. In the East it is believed that the British government will help to promote easy money by huge importations of gold from Canada. Some authorities declare these imports will amount to \$150,000,000, which would provide a large amount of \$1,000,000,000 of new credits.

JAMAICAN SUGAR CROP LARGEST IN LAST 33 YEARS

That the principal event of the past year in Jamaica has been the renewal of prosperity and hopefulness for the future brought to the island's languishing sugar industry is the outstanding feature of the annual report of the Jamaica department of agriculture, lately issued by the government printing office at Kingston. The report covers the island's agricultural progress for the twelve months ending March 31, 1917.

In that period, it points out, the largest sugar crop since 1884 has been produced, with the result that, in spite of the destruction wrought on the banana, coconut and cacao plantations by the hurricane of a year ago, export trade figures for the year were increased by \$3,000,000 over those of the year before.

The hurricane also caused heavy losses in the cane fields. Otherwise the year's output would have been even larger. As it was the crop supplied all local requirements and left a surplus for export of 31,360 tons, valued at \$2,500,000. As there was also exported some 18,000 puncheons of rum, valued at \$1,750,000, the sugar industry must be credited with contributing a total of \$4,250,000 to Jamaica's export trade returns for the year, an amount more than five times that recorded for the year preceding the outbreak of the war.

VALUE OF SUGAR CROP ESTIMATED AT \$79,165,000

It is estimated that the value of the 1917 crop, based on an estimated output of 643,620 tons, at the current market price of sugar, will be \$79,165,000. The value of the 1916 crop was \$68,000,000. Prior to last year the cost of production of Hawaiian sugar per short ton was being cut down through steady development in efficiency. Now, however, very largely on account of the heavy bonuses paid to laborers, the cost shows a marked increase. During the last period more than \$4,000,000 was paid to laborers on the bonus plan. This is based on the price of sugar. As the planter profits increase, so do the laborers.

FORMER Y. M. C. A. MAN DRAFTED IN STATES

J. A. Rousseau, formerly assistant physical director of the Y. M. C. A., was drafted for the national army. He left Honolulu several months ago and went to Grand Rapids, Michigan, to establish a dairy farm. His number was one of the first drawn at that city where he registered.

Honolulu Stock Exchange

Saturday, Sept. 22.

Table with columns: MERCANTILE, Bid, Asked. Lists various companies like Alexander & Baldwin, C. Brewer & Co., Ewa Plantation Co., etc.

Between Boards: Sales: 100, 50, 445, 55, 10 Oahu, 850; 25 Onomea, 55; 10 Oahu, 2975.

UNLISTED SECURITIES. Saturday, Sept. 22.

Table with columns: OIL, Bid, Asked. Lists companies like Honolulu Con. Oil, Engels Copper Mining, etc.

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LOGAN HEADS DIRECT FOR PACIFIC COAST

Official advice received this morning at the department quartermaster's office state that the transport Logan will not stop in Honolulu on her way from the Orient next month, but will head straight for San Francisco. It is understood she was booked full on leaving the Philippines. This will mean that the next transport from the Orient will be the Sheridan in November. The Thomas has been repaired from the damages she suffered in a typhoon in Oriental waters and is now on her way to the states.

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GENERAL RAINS ARE RELIEVING LOCAL DROUGHT

Slightly cooler weather was general throughout the islands during the past week, states the weather bureau and crop report of the Honolulu weather bureau. Continuing, the report says: "Light winds and an increased cloudiness lessened the evaporation of the showers received. Showers were generally more plentiful on Hawaii and Oahu more rain was received than last week. A good rain is badly needed. By islands, the average rainfall for the week was as follows: Hawaii, 0.37 inch; Maui, 0.24 inch; Oahu, 1.12 inch; Kauai, 0.83 inch.

"At the local office of the weather bureau in Honolulu the mean temperature for the week was 74.4, 0.9 below normal. The highest temperature recorded was 84.0, on the 11th, and the lowest, 71.1, on the 11th. The total rainfall was 0.24 inch or 0.04 below normal. The mean relative humidity ranged from 58 to 74 per cent; weekly average, 65.6. There were two clear and five partly cloudy days. The prevailing wind direction was northeast, and the average hourly velocity was 6.7 miles.

"Local conditions, according to information furnished by correspondents, was as follows: "Kohala Mill, Hawaii—Drought continues. Showers from the south. "Niihau, Hawaii—Rain fell on two dates amounting to 0.39 inch. An intensely hot, dry week. "Laupahoehoe, Hawaii—Threatening rain clouds during the early morning of the 12th showed every indication of a rainy day; but later cleared, only 0.02 inch falling. "Honohina, Hawaii—There were six entirely dry days. There are signs of rain with the wind from the east. Some heavy showers fell mauka. "Honouliuli, Hawaii—The warm wave of the first part of the week was somewhat moderated by a shower Wednesday morning. The drought still continues and there is no water in the gulches. "Ponahuala, Hawaii—The only rainfall during the week was 0.23 inch that fell on the last day. Water sources are getting low, pastures and forage crops are suffering. Other crops are still looking very well, but no planting can be done while the ground is so dry. "Hauku Experiment Station, Maui—Cooler nights prevailed during the past week. A few very light showers fell, but not enough for agricultural purposes."

KEEP CLOSER TAB ON TERRITORY FUNDS

Auditor Manley G. K. Hopkins announced today that his office has adopted a policy of making inspection of all the territorial books in the outside counties twice each year. Deputy Attorney G. W. R. King has completed inspection of Kauai and Hawaii and will leave in a few weeks for Maui. The decision to go over the books twice each year is not the result of discrepancies, but because Auditor Hopkins believes it a matter of good business principle. In these inspections the chief books examined are those of the land agents, the tax assessors and the pilots. All of these officials have expressed approval of the new plan.

WANTS EXAMINATION OF MILITANT WOMAN

Because she persisted in fighting with the other woman at the Gossip Mission home in Palolo a Porto Rican woman, who has six children, was before juvenile court today. W. E. Pietsch, superintendent of the home, asked the woman be sent to Emergency Hospital Physician R. G. Ayer for an examination as to her sanity. He added that the home would continue to care for the children.

When lightning strikes a tree it runs between the bark and the wood, and if resisted by knots, strips the former off.

FIRE DESTROYS SEVERAL ACRES OF SUGAR CANE

A fire started in the 1918 cane of the Kukuihale plantation last Tuesday night and before it was finally extinguished the blaze had destroyed six or seven acres. Although the burnt cane was a 1918 crop, it is believed that sugar can be gotten out of some of it, and with this object in view, the Honokaa Mill Co., which, incidentally, finished grinding two weeks ago, has started its machinery in motion again to grind this young cane. The exact amount of damage done can not be ascertained, but the loss is expected to be considerably lessened by getting what good there is out of the burnt crop.

MORE HAWAII BONDS SOLD IN THE STATES

Governor Pinkham announced today that Treasurer McCarthy has sold another lot of territorial bonds to Ohioans, the amount being \$25,000. Further sales are pending and negotiations may be closed at any time. Regarding the sale of the bonds the governor mentioned that the people of Hawaii were slow in taking up their share of the bonds and that if they did not hurry they would all be sold on the mainland. With the return of Treasurer Charles J. McCarthy from the mainland, territorial officials believe that considerably more bonds will be disposed of among local capitalists. It is possible that they are waiting for a talk with the treasurer on financial conditions in the states.

With the offer of the People's Bank of Hilo to take \$50,000 worth of the bonds, the total amount provided for is \$270,000. This is divided as follows: People's Bank, \$50,000; Bank of Hawaii, \$100,000; Bishop & Company, \$50,000; Otis & Company, Cleveland, \$20,000; New York buyers, \$50,000. Improvements amounting to \$1,500,000 were contemplated by the territorial legislature when it voted for work to be done this year under the loan fund act.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Table with columns: Yesterday, Today, % Change. Lists various stocks like Alaska Gold, American Smelter, American Sugar Rfg., etc.