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FIVE CALLED TO COAST FOR RODIEK-SCHROEDER TRIAL

F. W. Klebahn, Hindu Chemist and 3 Others Summoned As U. S. Witnesses

PROSECUTOR HAS BUSHELS OF LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS, SAID TO SHOW SCOPE OF WAR-PLOT

India Rebellion Conspiracy to Be Aired With U. S. Attorney Preston Prosecuting—Mysterious Voyages of Maverick and Annie Larsen Supposed to Figure in Evidence

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless) SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Nov. 20.—With forty-two defendants, the "India conspiracy case" in which Honoluluans are involved as alleged war-plotters, was begun today in the federal court, United States Attorney Preston prosecuting.

Attorney Preston has secured a full release from indictment and further proceedings of M. Martinez, the San Diego broker and attorney, and Leopold Michels, a multimillionaire shipping man of San Francisco who was at one time part-owner of the Maverick, the vessel alleged to have a part in the scheme to foment rebellion in India, and which engaged on a mysterious cruise into the Pacific.

Ernest Se Kunnua of New York, Ralph Russ and Howard, minor figures in the case, have also been released, there being no case against any of these men.

A jury is now being secured for the joint trial of the many defendants. It is expected that three months will be necessary to try the 37 who remain following the release of the five mentioned.

Bushels of letters and documents are in the possession of the United States officials to show the scope of the conspiracy.

Georg Rodiek, ex-German consul at Honolulu, H. A. Schroeder, former clerk at H. Hackfeld & Company, Captain Edmund Deinat, interned at Angel Island and former commander of the German ships Ahlers and Holsatia, seized at Honolulu; and Heinrich Elbo are included in the list of those who must stand trial.

Fifteen attorneys for the defense have been lined up, and there are 150 witnesses to appear.

Klebahn To Tell About Maverick?

Head of Shipping Department of Hackfeld's Required to Bring Books to Show Expense Incurred at Hilo; Maui Chemist Also is Summoned

- WITNESSES SUMMONED F. W. Klebahn, head of shipping department at Hackfeld & Co. John Siler, former clerk at Hackfeld's. Harol C. Hill, former clerk at Hackfeld's. Saranghadhar Das, chemist at Maui Agricultural Co., Paia. Mrs. Frieda Das.

FIVE residents of Hawaii, including F. W. Klebahn, head of the shipping department of Hackfeld & Co., have been summoned to appear in San Francisco as witnesses for the United States government in the prosecution of the violation of American neutrality cases against Franz Bopp and others.

Others summoned to San Francisco are Saranghadhar, Das, chemist for the Maui Agricultural Co., and his wife, Marshal Smiddy left last night for Maui to serve the federal subpoena on Mr. and Mrs. Das.

Rodiek and Schroeder Figure In Indictments Made Public In July

Indictments were handed down against 105 persons alleged to have figured in the so-called "India conspiracy" case, which has had wide publicity here.

Many of the indictments were against shipping men or others on the coast and elsewhere supposed to have been connected with plots to send ships with arms to be landed in Java or India, these plots centering around the voyages of the "mystery ships" Maverick and Annie Larsen.

JAPANESE REQUEST WAGE ADVANCE FROM PLANTERS

Formal Communication Declares Average Laborer Earns \$20 to \$24 a Month While it Costs Him \$24.81 a Month to Live—Seek Amendments to Bonus System

DECLARING in their document that the average plantation laborer earns between \$20 and \$24 and spends \$24.81 a month to live and requesting therefore that an increase in wages be granted to the plantation laborers to correspond to the recent increase in the cost of living, and asking also for several amendments to the bonus system and the construction of children's houses on the plantations, five members of the negotiation committee of the Japanese Wage Association called upon and presented a letter embodying these requests to the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

CHINESE REBELS ARE RETREATING

(Special Cable to Tokyo JHU) TOKIO, Nov. 20.—The Northern China troops which rebelled a few days ago against the Peking government and attempted to storm the city of Chung King are now retreating according to advices received here. Government troops have been sent out against them. The rebels are falling back towards Chosa.

Residents of Berlin are suffering intensely from the cold, no coal being obtainable in the German capital.

FIRST ATTACK AGAINST 1917 WILL LAUNCHED

Col. Iaukea in New Document Disputes Validity of Princess Theresa's Claims

SUPPLEMENTARY answer to be filed in circuit court this afternoon will launch the first attack against the validity of the document purporting to be the last will and testament of the late Lydia Liliuokalani, and which is alleged to have been signed by her on August 29, 1917.

The document now being prepared reads in part, as follows: And said Curtis P. Iaukea, further answering the petition herein of John F. Colburn to be appointed temporary administrator of the estate of the above-named decedent, specifically denies the allegations or representations in said petition that the document of August 29, 1917, purporting for probate by said petitioner, is the last will of said decedent; and alleges, on the contrary, that said document was not and is not the last will of said decedent and was not in fact executed by her.

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OFFICER WHO DIED SUDDENLY ON DUTY



OFFICER DAVID LUHI

OFFICER DIES SUDDENLY ON DUTY AT NIGHT

Post-Mortem Reveals Death of Patrolman Luhi Was Due to Natural Causes, Upsetting Theory of Murder

Mounted Police Officer David Luhi was found dead at 6 o'clock this morning in the rear of a newly constructed and vacant cottage on Waialae road near Moiliili park, his body securely concealed from observation from the street; his horse tied to a tree in the yard, and his hat, revolver, club and flashlight lying on a pile of lumber on the cottage porch.

The body was lying face downward, a huge bruise on his right cheek, the rock upon which his head was resting being covered with blood.

He reported to police headquarters at 9:20 last night, and that was the last heard of him until the body was discovered this morning.

Sensational rumors that Officer Luhi had been either foully murdered last night by unknown persons while investigating suspicious noises in an empty house on Waialae road near

"Don't Talk" Is Warning For All U.S. Navy Yards

(Associated Press by Cable) WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 20.—Renewed warning are being posted in the navy yards of the United States at the direction of the navy department, warning all employees and others therein to beware of spies.

KERENSKY SAID STILL FIGHTING

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) PETROGRAD, Russia, Nov. 20.—That A. F. Kerensky, deposed premier, is alive and safe with troops who are loyal to his cause is the substance of an unconfirmed report here. It is said that two corps of loyal troops are at Lugaduga and that Kerensky is with them, preparing to fight on.

LOCAL BOY KILLED IN FRANCE

Gideon Potter, Son of Moanalua Gardener, Falls Victim to German Shells; Enlisted a Year Ago

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) OTTAWA, Canada, Nov. 20.—The name of G. Potter of Hawaii appears among the list of casualties of Canadian troops given out today.

While the location of the fighting in which Potter lost his life is not given, it was probably on the French front, with the Canadian contingent there.

Gideon Potter was little more than 19 years of age, his Honolulu friends say. He was the eldest son of Alex. Potter, an assistant to Donald MacIntyre, the gardener at the Moanalua state of S. M. Damon. He was born near Edinburgh, Scotland.

Gideon came to the islands with his parents when he was 9 or 10 months of age and had resided on Hawaii and Oahu since. For a number of years his father was employed on Hawaii plantations and afterwards by the Pearl City Fruit Co. For the past four years the family has lived at Moanalua.

The major portion of young Potter's education was received at the Honolulu military academy, where he spent two or three years. Nearly a year ago he left Honolulu in company with Fred Gosling, another Honolulu-raised youth, and went to Vancouver to join the Canadian forces. His friends think he enlisted in a machine gun company. Before leaving Honolulu he was employed by the Audit Company of Hawaii.

Gosling was reported severely wounded some time ago by a machine gun bullet which entered his right shoulder and passed downward through his body to his left hip. He has been lying in a hospital at Sheffield, Eng., but according to last reports it was expected he would be able to be removed to his home in the south of England the latter part of this month.

When Gosling was in Honolulu he was employed by the Theo. H. Davies & Co.

GERMAN CAPITAL FLAMES WITH DISORDER; ITALIANS HOLD ENEMY FROM VENICE

Austro-Germans Concentrate Masses of Men to Batter Down Defenders—Rome Announces Invaders Driven Back

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service) LONDON, Eng., Nov. 20.—Serious rioting occurred in Berlin last Sunday, the city flaming with disorders, it is learned here. The mob and the police and military forces engaged in fierce fighting. Each side used firearms and there were heavy casualties. The military and police were ordered to oppose the progress of the independent Socialists, who were in a street demonstration.

The German press has been forbidden to publish the details.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Nov. 20.—Socialist Leaders Schledemann and Ebert of the German reichstag are holding public meetings at Dresden and Eberfeld to launch campaigns intended to force Germany and Austria to abandon all plans for territorial annexations, and to announce such abandonment in discussing peace terms.

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS, Nov. 20.—Tremendous masses of troops have been assembled by the Austro-Germans for the continuance of their drive into the northern part of Italy, with Venice as the goal.

The opposing forces are engaged in heavy fighting south of Quero, on the Piave river near the Dolomite mountains, and are also attacking the Italians at Monte Tenera and Monte Tomba, further toward the sea.

ROME, Italy, Nov. 20.—The invading Teutons were driven back four times today when they launched severe attacks at Monte Tenera.

BERLIN, Germany, Nov. 20.—Italian counter attacks at Monte Tomba, on the upper Piave river, were unsuccessful today and the Germans still hold their positions.

ROME, Italy, Nov. 20.—Gabriele D'Annunzio, the noted Italian author, is in active service on the Italian front and is safe, though he was reported wounded.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—More than ever critical was the situation on the Italian front last night following the continuance yesterday of the continued battling of the Austro-German forces to cut their way through the Italian lines and press onward over the Venetian plains to Venice.

While the Italian line held strongly at the center and to the south and the Huns abandoned their efforts to sever the northern and southern armies, in the north severe disasters were sustained and the situation of Venice became more threatening than ever.

Hold Well on Long Line All day long yesterday hand to hand encounters occurred along the Italian front. Massed forces of Teuton infantry were hurled against the strong Italian positions, and when one force failed larger ones were sent to carry on a renewal of the offensive.

Using machine guns, rifle fire, hand grenades and the bayonet with deadly effect, and aided by the fire from the Italian navy near the mouth of the Piave, the Latin forces bravely held the enemy in check along the greater part of the front from the Adriatic up the Piave river, but further north their strength gave way before the terrific onslaught of storming parties and they were forced to give.

Other Positions Exposed Capture of Quarto and Monte Cornello by the Austro-German forces is admitted. These were taken by storming parties which battered down all resistance offered and the tenacious Italians were driven back. The advantages gained at these two points compelled the defenders to evacuate two strongly fortified positions which the positions lost to Italy commanded.

These other positions were Monte 7 Onba and they are almost the last strongholds that bar the way for the Huns to the Venetian plains and check an advance upon Venice.

GERMANS SMASH AT VERDUN LINE

PARIS, France, Nov. 20.—The Germans made a hot attack today on a front of a kilometer long at Verdun, north of Caubieres wood. They penetrated some advanced positions but were mostly expelled.

CABINET APPROVES PLANS FOR REGISTERING ENEMY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 20.—The cabinet has approved plans for registering enemy

LATE NEWS AT A GLANCE

AMERICAN KILLED IN "NO MAN'S LAND." AMERICAN FRONT IN FRANCE, Nov. 20.—Another clash of American soldiers and Germans on the French front has occurred, with one American killed. The fighting took place in "No man's Land" between patrol parties. The American patrols have been active for the last two nights, and the artillery fighting has also been brisker.

CHIEF OF STAFF TO ATTEND ALLIED COUNCIL. LONDON, Eng., Nov. 20.—Bonar Law announced in the house of commons today that "the government has information officially that President Wilson has cabled Colonel House, chairman of the American commission, and Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, chief of staff and member of the commission, to attend the first Inter-Allied war council."

GERMANS MAY BE PLANNING NEW SMASH ON WEST. LONDON, Eng., Nov. 20.—It is reported that there is a great movement of German troops on all roads into Flanders in the direction of Maestricht, and that artillery from the Russian front is being brought in.

GERMANY CLAIMS VICTORY IN MACEDONIA. BERLIN, Germany, Nov. 20.—On the Macedonian front, west of the Vardar river, the Germans have penetrated French trenches and taken some prisoners.

TUAN CHI JUI REMAINS AS CHINESE PREMIER. PEKING, China, Nov. 20.—President Feng Kwon Cheng has accepted the resignation of Tuan Chi Jui as minister of war but Tuan retains the premiership.

ITALIANS CAPTURE AUSTRIANS AT PIAVE RIVER. WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 20.—A cablegram received by the Italian embassy here says that 1200 Austrians have been captured at the Piave river, in fighting near Diaz.

BRITISH CLOSING IN ON JERUSALEM. LONDON, Eng., Nov. 20.—The British are closing in on the Turks at Jerusalem. They are now only 12 miles northwest and 15 miles west of the sacred town.

"DRYS" LOSE CLOSE ELECTION IN OHIO. DES MOINES, Iowa, Nov. 20.—The constitutional amendment calling for prohibition in Iowa appears to have been defeated by a vote of 932. The election was held Oct. 15, but was so close that the result has just been determined.

AMERICAN OFFICERS IN FRANCE HAVE A CLOSE CALL. WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Nov. 20.—German shell smashed through the roof of a chateau on the French front where American regimental headquarters has been established and exploded inside, doing much damage. Several officers were there, including a colonel, but none was hurt. Another narrow escape occurred when a shell dropped in a road behind an American auto and exploded. Shrapnel flying over troops while they were stopped for mess on the road killed one and wounded three others.

NOT QUEEN'S SIGNATURE, DECLARES W. D. SMITH. That the signature on the purported will of 1917 is not that of Queen Liliuokalani, was the opinion expressed by Attorney William O. Smith when called as a witness in Circuit Judge Ashford's court this afternoon. "Most certainly no," declared Attorney Smith when shown the signature. It is not her signature of recent years, if ever. It does not resemble her signature or handwriting of recent years at all. In some ways it has the appearance of her signature of years ago," Mr. Smith was well acquainted with the queen, Nov. 24, 1909.