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If Wholesalers Refuse to Meet Wishes of Food Administrator Legal Action May Result; Public Will Handle Retailers

The day of excess profits in Honolulu has ended. If local wholesalers are not willing to remain satisfied with a normal pre-war profit, then J. F. Child, federal food administrator for Hawaii, will take steps to make them do so.

As an aftermath of the general licensing of local food handlers and distributors doing a business of more than \$100,000 a year, and in line with a nation-wide movement launched by the food administration in Washington, D. C., Administrator Child has set to work to secure weekly publication of wholesale prices of foodstuffs so that the retailer, as well as the consumer, may know at a glance just what profits are being made, and to overcome any possibility of exorbitant profits.

Administrator Child is sending letters to all wholesale dealers in foodstuffs requesting their prices on certain commodities, and to all retail dealers requesting their prices. Under the new system these concerns are required to furnish the cost, and the consumer, the administrator will be able to determine whether the wholesale prices are reasonable and in line with the normal pre-war profits.

Mr. Child believes that if the wholesaler knows that his prices are going to be scrutinized he will immediately get his profits in line with what he was making normally before the war; and if a retailer's price is not in line with all others, which should be a normal pre-war profit, he will at once get them in line in order to meet the competition of the dealers who are declining to make an excess profit, and whose prices will be made public.

As regards wholesalers, the federal administrator has the power to take legal action if evidence of excess profits is found, and such action, says Mr. Child, will be taken if necessary. The public, he adds, will take care of the retailer.

RODIEK DIRECTED MOVEMENTS OF MAVERICK IS U. S. CHARGE

"Mystery" Ship of Hilo Fame Figures Prominently in Hindu Revolutionary Plot—U. S. Attorney Preston Says Former German Consul Here Sent Schroeder and Captains Elbo and Dinant to Ship at Hilo

Mail advices from the coast today revealed that Georg Rodiek, former German consul at Honolulu, has been indicted in connection with the Hindu conspiracy on the ground that he had a hand in directing the movements of the "mystery" ship Maverick while she was at Hilo in 1915.

The Maverick figures prominently in the trial as a lengthy description of her wanderings is incorporated in Attorney Preston's charges.

With reference to the stay of the Maverick at Hilo and her subsequent departure, Attorney Preston stated: "Purchase of Maverick

"The Maverick, an obsolete oil tanker, was purchased from the Standard Oil Company of San Francisco on March 16, 1915, by John F. Craig of the Craig Shipbuilding Company of Long Beach, at the instigation of Joseph J. Bley. The price paid was \$48,000.

"Arthur Page of Page Brothers, 310 California street, ship brokers, were told by Harry J. Hart in the early part of March, 1915, that the Maverick was for sale, suggesting that they secure a buyer for her.

"On the last day of the option Fred Jensen sent for Page and asked for the opinion when the option to Moran had expired and gave Page \$1,000 in cash to get the extension of the option from the Standard Oil Company. This \$1,000 was given the Standard Oil Company with a memorandum.

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Honolulu Germans Lacking Permits Are Held on Kauai

Two alien enemies, German residents of Honolulu, are unable to return to their homes from Kauai due to the recent issuing of an order requiring the securing of a Presidential permit to travel from one point to another, according to statements made at the Inter-island offices today.

Strict observance of the order is being given by the Inter-island passenger agents, who faithfully question every applicant for a ticket as to his nationality. Unless they are well satisfied of every applicant's citizenship they refer the person to the United States district attorney.

It is said that the traveling permits have to be secured from Washington direct.

T. K. K. NOT RUN UNDER U. S. FLAG

W. H. Avery Declares It is Impossible for Japanese Boats to Enter Island Business Under Present Circumstances

Under the present law regulating the suspension of the coastwise shipping laws for foreign vessels, it is impossible and impracticable for the T. K. K. Co. to operate its steamers for island service, says W. H. Avery, general superintendent for the company in San Francisco, who arrived here at noon on the steamer President.

"The native forests are doomed," said Dr. Lyon, "and in no great time their efficiency will be practically negligible."

"Our forest is of the very ancient order. It is believed that these islands were once part of the Asiatic continent and that shortly after this land was formed the trees and plants which seek new-formed land spread here to what was then part of the Asiatic continent."

REVISION OF BONUS SUGGESTED

A. W. T. Bottomley Charged With Duty and Will Report to Next Meeting of Trustees, is Report Following Executive Meeting

There is to be a considerable revision in the scale of bonuses paid to plantation laborers. The work of revising the scale is chiefly in the hands of A. W. T. Bottomley and will be presented to the trustees of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association for discussion at their next meeting.

Just what changes are proposed, whether the scale will be revised or raised could not be learned, most of those who attended the executive session yesterday, refusing to discuss the matter.

The greater part of this morning's session was consumed in the reading and discussion of the report of the experiment station committee but a supplementary report on that submitted by the committee on forestry was contributed this morning by Dr. H. L. Lyon.

In this supplementary report Dr. Lyon pointed out that the Hawaiian sugar industry which depends a great deal on water, will suffer unless the present watersheds are not reforested.

"When this land became divided from the mainland the flora and fauna which grows on old soil could not come and hence only trees that seek new made lands have been here. Now these trees are dying because the soil has changed and it means that we must reforest our watersheds with a society of trees, vines and plants that will hold water and that will find this old soil good to thrive in."

Dr. Lyon suggested that tree nurseries be established, one on a mountain and the other in lowlands where experiments could be conducted to discover which trees would prove best for the reforestation of the plantation watersheds.

In the discussion which followed the reading of the experiment station report it was brought out that the leaf hopper pest has not been solved yet but the members of the association were undoubtedly pleased when the report informed them that the scolia wasp had proved an effective parasite on anomala.

TEMPORARY TRUCE IS EFFECTED ON GERMAN EAST FRONT; NEW TARTAR REPUBLIC IN CRIMEA

GREAT RUSSIAN KINGDOM CRUMBLING AS SMALLER NATIONALITIES RAISE CRY FOR INDEPENDENCE—SWEDEN DENIES OFFER TO MEDIATE BETWEEN BOLSHIEVIKS AND GERMANS

LONDON, England, Dec. 4.—Representatives of the Bolshevik-Socialist cabinet in Petrograd and of Germany have signed an armistice calling for cessation of hostilities for 48 hours, according to a despatch from Amsterdam today.

LONDON, England, Dec. 4.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Times has cabled that the establishment of a Tartar republic in the Crimea has been announced. No details of this movement to give independent government to one of the smaller nationalities hitherto under the Russian rule can be learned.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Dec. 4.—The Swedish government today issued a formal statement in denial of the report that Sweden has offered to mediate between the Bolshevik government and Germany, in an attempt to hasten peace.

MINOR ARMISTICES ON EASTERN FRONT ALREADY BEING PUT INTO EFFECT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Armistices are already in operation in several sections of the Austrian, German and Russian fighting fronts. Announcements to this effect were yesterday officially made from both Berlin and Vienna. Instead of negotiating between capital and capital proceeding the direct course of arranging truces along the fronts section by section is being pursued. Military representatives of the Russian government, officers and men, are being passed through the German and Austrian lines and conferences similar to the one at Czernowitz last week are being held.

Through a bulletin posted before the great headquarters in Berlin yesterday the German public was informed of the progress being made in the arrangement of a truce and cessation of hostilities along the Russian fronts generally. This bulletin said that numbers of such truces were already in operation and that fighting had accordingly ceased in several sections.

Propaganda Spreads In an official statement issued by the war bureau in Vienna more definite details were given. This statement said: "During the past few days an armistice has been announced on many sectors of the Russian front, negotiations proceeding and arrangements being completed section by section. In the Priepet region the Russians have concluded an official armistice with the opposite Teutonic command."

KAMEHAMEHA ALUMNI RANKS SWELLED BY 23

Twenty-three persons last night became members of the Kamehameha Alumni Association at a meeting of the organization in its club house, Fort street. The list of candidates was presented by Rudolph Duncan, chairman of the membership committee, and all applicants were accepted and duly initiated.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—Secretary of War Baker sees evidence of the desperation of the German military command in the offensive attempted on the western front, which commenced on Friday. In his review of the war situation, covering the week ending on Saturday, Secretary Baker suggests that the Germans are now attempting to secure a decision on the French front and are staking great things on the battle being fought in the Cambrai sector.

BREAD PRICE TO BE REDUCED WHEN U. S. TAKES HAND

Food Board and Emergency Council Recommend Drastic War Measures

The United States food board last week announced definite rules for the baking industry of the country. In Hawaii, enforcement of these rules is presumably in the hands of the federal food administrator.

The United States Food administration announced that the following general rules and regulations, governing all licensed manufacturing bakery products, will go into effect on December 10.

The licensee, in selling bakery products shall avoid all unreasonable delay. Resales, without reasonable justification, resulting in a higher market price to the retailer or consumer, will be dealt with as an unfair practice.

The licensee shall not destroy any bakery products and shall not knowingly commit waste or willfully permit preventable deterioration in connection with the manufacture, distribution or sale of any bakery products.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.—The baking industry bureau of the Emergency War Council today recommended that an immediate reduction be carried out in the prices of bread wherever it is possible. The bakers will be licensed beginning November 10, using the standardized loaf formula.

HARBOR BOARD MOVES TO SECURE NAWILIWILI LAND

Authorizing its chairman to proceed at once with securing from the survey department copies of maps and other data on the district of Nawiliwili, Kauai, the territorial harbor board at a meeting today entered upon a process intended ultimately to secure for the government the lands adjacent to the proposed breakwater site.

The motion which authorized the chairman to secure data on the breakwater district was passed with a view to steps, later to be taken, toward gaining title to areas considered as wharf and railway sites.

In the discussion of the plan which came previous to the motion general opinion was expressed by the commissioners that a proper procedure in backing the congressional bill for a breakwater was to gain title to the lands which will be affected by such construction. It was pointed out that the lands are generally held by two parties.

Deputy Attorney General Arthur G. Smith stated that two general plans are open for gaining title to the land. One of these is under the act which allows the sale of government lands in the district for the purchase of those desired, and the other is to condemn the land and pay for it within two years.

Through the efforts of A. T. Spalding and William Pullar, the sum of \$734.05 has been donated to the Red Cross by the employees of the Honolulu Sugar Co. on Hawaii. The gift was turned in at the Red Cross headquarters in Hilo.

The Queen's Funeral Illustrated
Extra copies of the Star-Bulletin pages will be issued, carrying the illustrated account of the events connected with the death and funeral of the late QUEEN LILIUOKALANI.
This with copies of the Bonus Edition of Nov. 24 will be sold at ten cents a copy.
Place your orders at the Star-Bulletin 125 Merchant St. Phone 4911

PRESIDENT HERE ON FIRST VOYAGE

More than usual interest was shown in the arrival of the steamer President, which docked at Pier 15 today shortly after 12 o'clock. This was the first time that the big passenger-carrying steamer of the Admiral line of the Pacific Coast Steamship Co. has ever been to Honolulu, and it was also the only time, as it is to be immediately taken over by the government.

The President had 66 cabin passengers for Honolulu, most of them tourists. Among the island residents aboard the steamer were the following: Albert Ruddle, Hilo automobile man; Max Greenbaugh, Honolulu commission merchant; H. Reinecke, Hackfeld employe, and Bert Lightfoot, Honolulu attorney, and his wife.

PHYSICIANS IN ENGLAND MAY BE 'NATIONALIZED'

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 4.—Dr. Christopher Addison, minister of construction in the war government, is working on a plan for the "nationalization of physicians" in Great Britain. Under this plan the services of physicians would be free to all for the duration of the war, the physicians to be compensated by the government, and all required to make their services available.

Premier Lloyd George has said that he would approve the plan. Favorable legislation by the house of commons is required to make it successful.

WILSON MESSAGE IS GIVEN TODAY ALL OVER WORLD

Copies of President Wilson's address to the jointly assembled houses of Congress today are being telegraphed to China, Japan, Russia and practically every other civilized country in the world for distribution today.

PEACE TERMS TO RUSSIANS ARE FORECAST
AMSTERDAM—An outline of what are said to be Germany's peace terms to Russia reached here tonight. The leading conditions follow:
Indemnity from Russia to Austria.
All Caucasian territory occupied by Russia to be restored to Turkey.
Poland to be an independent kingdom, but under close Germanic supervision.
Some of the present Baltic sea coast line, recently taken by Germany, to be retained.
The Dobruja to be given to Bulgaria, which is also to have supervision over the mouth of the Danube.

RUPPRECHT CAN'T WIN IN VIOLENT BLOW UPON WEST

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 4.—Heavily reinforced with divisions from the Russian theaters, the army of Crown Prince Rupprecht was thrown against the British lines yesterday, the Germans making a desperate effort for the second time within four days to pierce the new British front. Along a section of six miles the battle raged throughout yesterday, last night finding the British positions intact, with the Teutons thrown back at every point with tremendous losses.

This battle is described in the official despatches from Field Marshal Haig as one of the greatest and bloodiest single engagements of the war. Preceding his infantry attack by a tremendous hail of shells from thousands of guns, concentrated along the front from Gonnelleu, ten miles southwest of Cambrai to north of Maroing, Prince Rupprecht attacked his fury. Under cover of the intense barrage the German footmen drove forward against the British.

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