

MARSHAL SMIDDY ATTACKED IN AFFIDAVIT TO WASHINGTON

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EXPLOSION IN BIG EASTERN PLANT

ACCUSED OF BEING PRO-HUN

Marshal Admits Knowledge of Accusation but Says it is Political Scheme Concocted by Disgruntled Office-Seekers; Laughs at Charge of Germanism

Characterizing the incident as a political scheme concocted by disappointed office seekers and other Democrats to belittle him in the eyes of the national administration in Washington, U. S. Marshal J. J. Smiddy admitted today knowledge that an affidavit, alleging that he possesses pro-German tendencies, was handed to members of the congressional party shortly before they left Honolulu.

In a frank statement given the Star-Bulletin, Marshal Smiddy says he is informed that the affidavit alleges that he is pro-German, and that he is employing a German as one of his deputies. This "German" is Otto Heine, first deputy marshal, who was born in the United States and who has lived in Hawaii for years. Whether there are any other allegations in the affidavit, the marshal does not know.

Information received by the Star-Bulletin on good authority is that the affidavit in question was signed by James Pierce, bailiff in federal court; Harry Juen, a painter and office seeker in the last municipal election; Ole Oleson, former janitor in the federal building who was discharged by the marshal on the ground he did not do his work; and Bob Levi, a hack driver. It is also reported that the affidavit, after it had been sworn to by a notary, was handed the congressman by George O. Henry, proprietor of the English, who was a witness at the coroner's and grand jury investigation of the death of Miss Florence Berg, a nurse, following a criminal operation.

Over the telephone Henry was told of his reported connection with the affidavit.

"Do you deny it?" he was asked. "I don't know that I've any reason to deny anything," he answered.

Pierce would neither affirm nor deny the report that he had signed the affidavit. When it was mentioned that the basis for the affidavit might have been a practical joke in which the marshal had a hand in May, 1914, he said, "Are you sure it was a joke?"

It is reported that Pierce admitted to a federal judge that he had signed the affidavit. This official declines to comment on the matter, declaring it to be none of his affair.

Marshal Smiddy regards the affidavit as nothing more than an attack upon him by political enemies to discredit him with the president and the department of justice in Washington, and recalls at least one incident to prove his statement.

"Nothing to Conceal
"You may be sure that I have nothing to conceal," he declares. "I intend to sit tight and see what happens. I am thoroughly convinced that this affidavit will be consigned to the

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	Today	Yesterday
Alaska Gold	2 1/2	2
American Smelter	71	68 1/2
American Sugar Rfg.	92 1/2	92 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	102	101 3/4
Anacosta Copper	56	54 1/2
Atchafalaya	80 1/2	79 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	53	51 1/2
Eastimor & Ohio	47	46 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	470 1/2	469 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	111	111
Canadian Pacific	130 1/2	127 1/2
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	39 1/2	36 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	31 1/2	31
Inchicully Steel	49 1/2	47 1/2
Suban Cane	27	25 1/2
Eric Common	14 1/2	13 1/2
General Electric	121 1/2	120
General Motors, New	85 1/2	85 1/2
Gen. Northern Pfd.	85	83
Gen. Serv. N. J.	4	4
Kan. Copper	30 1/2	29 1/2
Lehigh R. R.	53	51 1/2
New York Central	68 1/2	65 1/2
Pennsylvania	43 1/2	43
Ray Consol.	120 1/2	121 1/2
Reading Common	69	68 1/2
Southern Pacific	80	78 1/2
Studebaker	42 1/2	41 1/2
Texas Oil	128	121 1/2
Union Pacific	108	106
S. Steel	84	81 1/2
Western Union	78 1/2	78 1/2
House	36	35 1/2

Governor Urges Members For Red Cross In Christmas Drive

Urging the residents of the territory to become more interested in the work of the American Red Cross, Governor Pinkham today issued a proclamation as a means of giving impetus to the Christmas "drive" of the Red Cross to begin next Monday. The proclamation follows:

PROCLAMATION
The people of the United States of America will be invited, beginning Monday, December 17, and including December 23, to join the American Red Cross. The Honolulu Hawaii Chapter desires of the people of this territory to be more deeply interested in becoming members of the Red Cross and its work.
No elaboration of the serious necessity of its work need be given, for the events of war impress themselves on us daily.
I beg to urge Hawaii to make its membership in character and number as notable in the Red Cross as it has in other intensely patriotic endeavor.
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the territory of Hawaii to be affixed.
Done at the Capitol in Honolulu this 13th day of December, A. D. 1917.
LUCIUS E. PINKHAM,
Governor of Hawaii.

SCIENCE MAY HAVE AIDED GEIER TO CONCEAL WIRELESS

Captain Clark, Though in Command Only Last Six Months of German Gunboat's Internment, Declares It Would Have Been Possible to Dismantle Apparatus to Avoid Detection

Some scientific invention might have been used on the German gunboat Geier to deaden the sound of its wireless while in operation and also to keep the radio waves from registering at nearby stations, or even at any other than those for which tuned, Captain George R. Clark, commandant of the Pearl Harbor naval station, says in effect regarding the expose of German duplicity published yesterday by the Star-Bulletin.

The naval commandant qualifies this with the statement that he cannot speak authoritatively that such a course was taken, but assumes that in this scientific age, when new inventions are an almost daily event, it is not improbable.

Captain Clark does not know for certain that inspections of the gunboat were made by navy officers while Admiral Moore was in command at Pearl Harbor, but is inclined to think the inspections were made at stated periods.

"It would have been a simple matter to dismantle the wireless and then erect it from time to time when needed without grave danger of detection," he says.

In the six month period Captain Clark was in command at Pearl Harbor up to the time of the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany, inspections were made of the gunboat Geier by officers detailed for the purpose, he declares.

Particular attention was paid to seeing that the guns of the gunboat were still dismantled and the boiler-heating apparatus so arranged that the German boat could not easily nor quickly slip out of the harbor. He does not specify that any special attention was paid to the wireless of the Geier, but intimates that if it had been in working order when the inspections were made the navy officers would certainly have noticed it.

"During this period of six months nothing to arouse suspicion was discovered," he says, to justify the established fact that the Geier wireless was used, without detection, by Captain Grasshof.

He admits that the parole of officers and men of the ship given when the Geier was interned may have caused the navy to take assurance of German good faith as having a basis in fact.

RUSS BONDS ARE ABOVE \$100 MARK

Russian government 5 1/2 per cent external bonds are above the \$100 mark again and now stand at \$101. Cabled information was received today that an error had been made in sending the New York quotation for a 1000-ruble bond as at \$90 1/2 and that the quotation should have been \$99 1/2.
Russian government bonds are expected to strengthen since powerful American financial interests produced funds a few weeks ago to pay the semiannual interest on \$20,000,000 of bonds. The amount for the December coupon called for \$687,500. Bankers who sold the bonds in New York did not say from what source the money for the interest came, but intimated that the payment was made with the approval of powerful Russian interests. The American banking group that underwrote the issue was made up of J. P. Morgan & Co., the National City Bank, the Guaranty Trust Co., Lee, Higginson & Co. and Harris, Forbes & Co. The original plans provided for the sale of \$50,000,000, but only half of the amount was underwritten, and about \$20,000,000 actually sold to the public.
The lima bean production of California this year, is estimated by the United States Department of Agriculture to be 1,552,000 sacks of 80 pounds, or 2,068,000 bushels.

SIGNIFICANT GUARD ORDER IS SENT OUT

Instruction to Requisition Equipment Sufficient for 5 Per Cent Over Its Present Strength Regarded as Step Preliminary to Mobilization

Indication that the 1st Hawaiian Infantry, National Guard, may soon be called into federal service—perhaps January 15 as reported in the Star-Bulletin last week—is seen in an order issued yesterday from regimental headquarters to company commanders with a view to perfecting routine matters incident to mobilization. Guardsmen heralded it as meaning early service.

Special significance in the light of certain military happenings of recent date is attached to the following paragraph:

"Upon receiving these reports," says the order, "the supply officer will tabulate them and file with these headquarters requisitions for all the property needed plus property to equip an additional 5 per cent of the present regimental strength, but less such serviceable stores now in possession of the supply company."

The order calls for a physical count of all property for which company commanders are responsible, to be made by them immediately, included in the list to be tabulated are the following paragraphs:

"(a) The amount of property for which he is responsible, including that issued to members of his organization.

"(b) The amount of property actually on hand and the difference between same and the amount charged against him.

"(c) A list of all property needed by his company including underwear, socks, etc., as well as all ordnance, signal and engineer property, to equip same according to Bul. 89, W. D., 1915 section for Overseas Regiments of Infantry, except Porto Rico, as amended. This list will show (1) the amount of property so required to complete equipment on hand and (2) the amount of property needed to equip company according to the property charged against it.

"(d) A list of unserviceable property.

Ready if Called
At regimental headquarters it was emphasized that no orders regarding mobilization had been received there, and that the order issued last night was merely in line with the policy of having the local troops ready for service if needed.

"The national guard has been hoping for mobilization for three months and in common with the rest of the city is expecting mobilization within the next three months," it was stated from headquarters of the regiment today. "We have absolutely no more information than has the civilian on the streets and do not expect to get anything until actual orders are issued."

"If such orders are issued the regiment simply desires to make a good showing in connection with the routine matters of mobilization.

"As far as General Orders, No. 49, is concerned, it is simply a systematic work toward straightening out property matters and finding out for our own satisfaction just what equipment is needed. Proper administration would make this necessary, mobilization or non-mobilization."

MRS. WILLIAM Y. HORNER AND SON DIE ALMOST AT SAME TIME ON THE COAST

Robert Horner last evening received by mail news of the almost simultaneous death of two relatives, mother and son, both in California.

Mrs. William Y. Horner, wife of William Y. Horner, a former member of the Hawaiian senate and related to the Horner families here, died on November 23 at Irvington, Cal. She was 55 years old.

Charles Frederick Horner, well known here as the son of Mrs. William Y. Horner, died in Oakland about the same time. He was a former owner and manager of Lahaina plantation, also former member of the Hawaiian legislature and for 14 years chairman of the board of supervisors of Alameda county and for the past eight years county tax assessor. He was 59 years old.

NEW POSTOFFICE BILL PASSES LOWER HOUSE

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—The new postoffice bill passed the house today.

DUPONT PLANT IN DELAWARE IS BLOWN UP

One Killed and Five Injured; Investigation of Accident is Started at Once

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)
WILMINGTON, Delaware, Dec. 14.—A disastrous explosion with results fatal to life and damaging to important machinery and material took place today in the acid plant of the great Dupont powder and munitions plant near here.
One of the employes is known to be dead and five have been injured, according to the meager details given out.
An investigation of the explosion has been begun, but no results have been announced.

HOUSE TO BEGIN PROBE OF NAVY AND WAR DEPTS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—The house today ordered an investigation of the conduct of the war by the war and navy departments, and of the expenditures thus far made and the results obtained, the investigation to be carried on by a subcommittee which will begin its work at once. A similar investigation is under way by a senate subcommittee.

KAUAI DONATES \$6600 TO Y. W.; TOTAL IS \$38,000

Members of the Y. W. C. A. campaign at luncheon today gave three rousing cheers for Kauai when Miss Martha Chickering announced the receipt of a wireless message from the Garden Island saying that the island had contributed \$6600 to the war fund. The total amount as announced by Mrs. Walter F. Frear, president of the association was \$38,451.15.

Of this amount more than \$10,000 was raised by the executive committee. More than 75 members were present at the luncheon today to hear the talks given by the captains of the teams, J. P. Erdman, Miss Martha Chickering and Mrs. W. F. Frear gave some interesting details of the campaign together with an announcement of what the association was trying to do in the war work.

As an incident of the work which is being carried on by the association the Business Girls' club is giving a dinner for more than 60 enlisted men at the association building this evening.

HEAD OF ARMY PROBE SAYS ORDNANCE WORK IS REASONABLY SATISFACTORY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Chairman Chamberlain of the house military affairs committee said today that the statements of General Crozier, head of the ordnance bureau, before the senate investigating committee show reasonably satisfactory conditions in the war department, considering the state of affairs, at the beginning of the war, and the lack of preparedness for quick military action.

PLAN ENTERTAINMENTS FOR SERVICE MEN HERE

At the meeting of the Women's War Council held this morning at the residence of Mrs. F. J. Lowrey plans for a series of entertainments for the men of the army, navy and marine corps were formulated. A number of dates for the entertainments were also decided upon.

Commencing Monday evening, there will be open house at the Central Union church, which will continue all next week. All enlisted men are to be present. The war council will entertain members of the 25th Infantry on the Punahoa campus on Jan. 12. It will be an afternoon affair. The Iowa State club and the New York club will hold entertainments for the service men on the 12th and 5th of January.

GERMAN GOLD BOUGHT HINDUS AS PLOTTERS, TESTIMONY IN SAN FRANCISCO "PLOT TRIAL"

RAM CHANDRA DECLARED TO HAVE SOLD HIS COUNTRYMEN INTO GERMANY'S SERVICE FOR \$10,000 AND USED HINDU NEWSPAPER TO SPREAD PROPAGANDA

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 14.—How one Hindu sold five of his countrymen into the service of Germany to help the German scheme of stirring up a revolution in India was told on the witness stand today by Har Charan Das, one of the government witnesses in the India conspiracy case now on trial in the federal court.

Har Charan Das testified that Ram Chandra sold him and four others to Germany for \$10,000. He said that the conspirators practically enslaved an employe of the Hindu newspaper Gadr, which, the prosecution claims, Germany financed in order to incite the Hindus to friction with the British.

Har Charan Das is one of the group of Hindus alleged to have gathered in San Francisco and later been sent to Los Angeles to meet German agents who were concerned with the sailing of the Maverick. The indictments and district attorney's statements implicate Har Charan Das and others in the general plan to take money and munitions to India through the Maverick expedition and by other means.

BIG COAL LANDS ORDERED OPENED BY THE PRESIDENT

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—The federal land office announced today that President Wilson has approved the restoration of more than a quarter of a million acres of land, bearing lignite coal, in Montana and North Dakota, to immediate use. It is stated that there are available purchasers for the land who will at once undertake its development.

HAWAII LOOKS GOOD TO ARMY MEN IN FRANCE

Major Halloran, Writing From War Zone, Says They Long for Oahu Now

Hawaii "looks mighty good" to some of the men "over there," says Major Geo. M. Halloran, formerly stationed on Oahu, in a letter to Julius Unger, resident manager of the Gunst tobacco store. He tells how soldiers who used to be on Oahu now are its best boosters, and gives some humorous sidelights on active duty in France. He writes:

"France, November 7, 1917.
"Mr. Julius Unger,
"Manager M. A. Gunst & Co.,
"Honolulu, Hawaii.

"Dear Julius:—It certainly seemed like old times to get a little news direct from Waikiki. This place where we are stationed is just exactly one thousand kilometers from any place that was ever put on any map. In your letter you spoke of sending on a Honolulu Star-Bulletin. I can't imagine anything that I would rather see. You ought to have a branch of your business here. Last week the men were smoking coffee grounds until I landed a case of Bull Durham by chasing all over the blooming country. Last week my wife sent me a carton of Fatimas and they lasted exactly five minutes. The crowd saw them and it was all off. I was mobbed. You don't know what a pack of Bull Durham amounts to until you get over here. The local stuff is stronger than Limburger cheese. Am just getting settled. I hope that you received the note that Major — and myself wrote you a short time ago. There are a few men in my company that used to be in the second, and if your Promotion Committee could only hear what they say about the place they would hire them. I suppose that Shafter is full of reserves. I hear that if I were there I would be living in one of those fine big houses. It's (h—l) to think of from here. Next time that you pay one of those visits out there tell — to give you a "San Felice" and charge it to me. Are the movies still as good as ever? Don't fail to include all the local gossip in your next letter as you are the only source of information I have over there, and I have to keep up because I'm coming back some day. Give my regards to all the old gang and tell them that since the army arrived in Sunny (?) France they begin to know what "aloha" means. Tell "Sonny" Cunha to train off some of that fat and get in the ring. Well, as

COAST REFINERS FAVORED, ASSERTS CLAUS SPRECKELS

Says 25 Cent Differential Fixed By Sugar Committee Aids Pacific Interests

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Testifying today before the senate subcommittee investigating the sugar shortage, Claus Spreckels said that the Pacific coast refiners have an advantage over the Eastern refiners because of the price-fixing done by the sugar committee. He declares that the committee has provided a 25-cent differential in favor of the Pacific interests. The favored refiners, he said, are supplied from Hawaii.

NEW COLLECTOR CAN'T FIRE AT LEAST FOUR MEN

Whatever political plums Howard Hathaway, the new internal revenue collector, desires to hand out after taking office here, he will not be free to dismiss four men in revenue bureau employ who are serving under civil service titles.

Acting Collector Ralph S. Johnstone, questioned by the Star-Bulletin today, confirmed a report that four of the revenue office men are under the civil service. One of these men is Johnstone himself, who has seen 15 years in the office.

Since last July the position of chief deputy, held by Johnstone, has been a civil service office, he stated today. The position of cashier, held by Leo Sing, has been under the civil service for a year. Eddie Kekuewa and A. P. Helbush, storekeeper gaugers, entered the bureau as civil service employes. Helbush is a Hilo official.

E. R. Cameron, income tax agent, will transfer the office from Acting Collector Johnstone to Mr. Hathaway. A cable directing this was received by Mr. Cameron today from Washington and indicates that final approval has not been given to his resignation. He has applied for leave of absence in order to continue his private business as an income tax expert, which he began after leaving the office.

J. TARN M'GREW IS COMMISSIONED CAPTAIN

Word has been received from France that J. Tarn McGrew, brother of Mrs. C. B. Cooper, has been commissioned captain and is an aide of the staff of General Blatchford, of the American expeditionary force. Capt. McGrew volunteered as an interpreter when the first American troops landed in France.

Local gossip is tabu, we can do nothing else but grow, so I will quit. With my best aloha to all and kindest regards to Mrs. Unger