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TEUTON PRISONERS, RELEASED, ORGANIZE ARMY IN RUSSIA

DISLOYALTY IN COLLEGE OF HAWAII FACULTY IS DENIED; REGENTS TELL OF INQUIRIES

Two Instances of Failure to Declare Unequivocal Loyalty to U. S. in War Are Dealt With—Placed in Hands of President Dean—"Idle Gossip" Alleged to Have Been at Work—Regent Waldron Resigns, Saying Dean is Pacifist and Not All Professors are Loyal

"There has never been a time in the history of the College of Hawaii when a more admirable spirit of loyal enthusiasm has prevailed," declares a statement issued today by the regents of the college, through W. R. Farrington, chairman of the board.

Given out as the result of repeated meetings of the board held to consider rumors of disloyalty in the college faculty and the best way of dealing with the "rumor mongers," the statement today details specifically the case of Fraulein Maria Hener. She is assistant professor of modern languages and one of two faculty members who did not answer in terms of unequivocal loyalty to the United States a letter of inquiry addressed to all faculty members by President Dean.

Sharp Denies Army Supplies Seriously Short

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Testifying before the house committee investigating the conduct of the war, Retiring Quartermaster General Sharpe declared that the war department, prior to the entry of the United States into the war, ordered supplies for a million troops. Last June supplies for half a million more were ordered. He declared that the only complaints concerning shortage of supplies have been in the matter of clothing, and that General Pershing was satisfied with the quality and quantity sent to France, recommending only a few minor changes. Half the troops in the country are working on army supplies, he declared, and said that though the men were called into service faster than the supplies were furnished, all would be equipped by end of December. He stated further that the war department has anticipated the appropriations of congress, making preparations to get the supplies before the money had been voted.

HAWAII'S BOYS ON U. S. S. ST. LOUIS SEND GREETINGS TO HOME FOLKS



Christmas greetings to the people of Honolulu are sent through the Star-Bulletin by a group of stalwart and patriotic young Hawaiians aboard the U. S. S. St. Louis, now "somewhere on the Atlantic." On this vessel are members of the naval militia of Hawaii, and one of their number, Charles S. Wight, has sent the photo above and an interesting letter to the Star-Bulletin. Wight makes it plain that Hawaii is already well represented in the national battle for humanity and justice. He writes in part: "Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin: Enclosed you will find a picture of the Hawaiian musicians that are making a big hit in all the parts that we have visited. "E. H. Akina, the sailor musician, is a son of Mr. Akina of Waimea, Kauai, and it is due to his great interest and everlasting effort that he and his boys have been able to establish such a fine reputation all over. "This same group entertained Mrs. W. R. Rush a great many times, for she was kind to us all, even when Alana, one of the Hawaiian boys, was very sick with pneumonia at the naval hospital. She visited him several times bringing fruit and flowers and doing all she possibly could to make him comfortable. "All of us otherwise are very well and getting along splendidly, but I certainly will let you know that an editorial such as the Advertiser wrote, about how Hawaii had been left in the cold and that she would not be on the roll of honor when it was made up, is untrue and unjust. "I am glad that all we left behind us are well and when all is over, Hawaii will not be ashamed of the boys who volunteered for the navy to help uphold Old Glory and give Uncle Sam what he wants—respect and freedom of the seas. "Thanking you for all the past favors that you rendered us when we were at home in the naval militia of Hawaii, for your paper was always ready to give us a boost when we wanted it. "Wishing you the best of luck and prosperity and Hawaii a happy Christmas. "I remain, "FRANK H. WIGHT," U. S. S. St. Louis, care postmaster, New York.

GERMAN-AUSTRIAN FORCE JOINS BOLSHIEVIK; RUMANIANS TAKE PART IN GENERAL CIVIL WAR

Form Anti-Bolsheviki Force With Southwestern Russians—Unofficial Report Berlin Rejects Trotsky's Peace Terms

Various despatches today indicate the development of an entirely new military situation in Russia—the organizing of Teuton forces behind the Russian lines made up of German and Austrian prisoners released since the Kerensky government was overthrown. They are taking advantage of the civil war raging between various Slav and Cossack factions and may seize Petrograd and hold it for Germany.

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless) LONDON, England, Dec. 21.—A despatch from Petrograd today brings the news that a combination has been effected between a Bolsheviki force and a Teuton force made up of Austrians and Germans, both officers and soldiers, who have been prisoners in Russia but have been recently released. The Bolsheviki force is commanded by Teuton officers now. It is believed that the force made up of released prisoners is equivalent to two army corps and is commanded by its own officers. It is within striking distance of Petrograd, and has already defeated an anti-Bolsheviki force at Tashkent.

LONDON, England, Dec. 21.—It is unofficially reported here by the Petrograd correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Agency that the Germans have rejected the terms of peace suggested by the Russian (Trotsky) government.

LONDON, England, Dec. 21.—The Rumanians and the Russians along the northwestern front have joined the Ukrainians, who have already declared their independence, in a movement against the Petrograd government. They have appointed Gen. Stecherhatcheff as their commander and the whole Rumanian front is under his charge. The Bolsheviki and Ukrainian troops are reported to be advancing upon each other about three versts (two miles) apart.

PERSHING MAKES HIT IN EUROPE; WINS CONFIDENCE

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Direct assurance in the confidence which British and French commanders have in the ability of Gen. John J. Pershing, commanding the American troops in France, has reached the war department with the return of Major-General Scott from a visit to England and France. Gen. Scott brings word that the European Allied commanders are greatly satisfied with Gen. Pershing's personality and ability and with the breadth and soundness of American preparations to place the nation's full weight in the scales with its Allies.

WILSON WORKS ON RAILROAD PLANS

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—President Wilson will present a message to Congress immediately after the holidays recommending legislation to meet the emergency needs for transportation. He has requested, in the meantime, that the interstate commerce commission withhold any investigations.

GREAT BATTLE ON ITALY LINE GOES ON

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Exerting every energy and employing immense forces, heavily massed against their objective, the head of the San Lorenzo Valley, to force a way through to the Venetian plains where winter quarters might be established and preparations completed for the hoped for advance upon Venice, the Austro-German forces are making but small headway and their position in the mountain passes is becoming more difficult. Not only are the Italians and their Allied reinforcements holding their own on this front, but they are aiming counters against the enemy. Official reports issued in Berlin last night said that repeated counter attacks launched by the Italians against Austro-German positions at Monte Pertica had been repulsed. This report claimed that in the fighting since December 11 in the Piave and Brenta sectors 9000 Italians had been made prisoners. In the face of the tremendous losses which it is known that the Teutons have suffered, estimated to run far over a hundred thousand men in killed and wounded in that time, the cost to the Austro-Germans has evidently been far above anything which they have been able to achieve.

According to the Amsterdam Telegram, the Germans are removing the French inhabitants, and particularly women, from Lille, Roubaix, Tourcoing and surrounding places, only women without children and young girls being selected to do forced work at destinations unknown to their parents.

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The board, after thorough canvass of the situation, passed two motions now of record. The first is: "For the duration of the war, no person who is not actively and aggressively loyal to the United States shall be appointed to the faculty of the College of Hawaii." The second is: "That the matter of retaining or dismissing Miss Heber and Miss Watkins (the second faculty member whose answer has not unequivocally supported the United States) before the expiration of the period for which they were employed be left to the judgment of the president of the college." This motion was vigorously opposed by Regent, Fred L. Waldron, who believed the board should act more drastically, and Mr. Waldron late yesterday resigned as regent, placing his letter of resignation in the mail directed to the governor.

"FRAUD" STATES DELEGATE AS TO 1917 DOCUMENT

Alleges "Princess" Theresa or Others Procured Document By "Undue Influence"

Direct assertion that he is the sole next of kin and sole surviving heir at law of the late Queen Liliuokalani is made by Delegate Jonah Kuhio Kalaniano'ole in contests of the alleged will of Dec. 2, 1903, and Aug. 29, 1917, of her majesty, which he filed in circuit court Thursday. As regards the 1903 document, Delegate Kuhio alleges that this is not the last will and testament of the queen, and that the witnesses did not attest it at her request. At the time of the execution of the document, the petition continues, Liliuokalani was not of sound mind and was incapable of making any disposition of her property and of executing a will.

The 1903 document, the delegate alleges, was procured by the undue influence of Col. Curtis P. Iaukea and the late John Aimoku Dominis, who was a protégé of Liliuokalani and at one time circuit clerk. Kuhio contends that the document is illegal and void and asks that the proceedings to have it admitted to probate be dismissed. In the petition regarding the alleged will of 1917, Kuhio alleges that it was not signed by the late queen at the end or any other place, although signatures purporting to be those of Liliuokalani appear on each page of the instrument. He further declares that the alleged document was not signed in the presence of either or both of the alleged witnesses—J. M. Kealoha and "Rev." Sam Kamakaha.

He alleges further that the alleged will was procured by the undue influence of Theresa Owana Wilcox Beliveau or some other person or persons, and that the document is fraudulent, illegal and void.

SUPERVISORS ON TRIP AROUND THE ISLAND

The board of supervisors left this morning for a trip over the belt road. From the windward side of the Fall Engineer A. S. Cantin will point out to the members of the board where the grades can be reduced and short cuts made. At Hanaula where the party stopped for lunch the subject of the relocation of the road at that point was discussed. They are expected to return to the city by five o'clock this evening.

COMING DRAFT TO SEND MEN WHERE SUITED

If He Can Serve Country Best in Field or Factory, There He Will Go

Under the new system of draft classification, the draft authorities have the right to call registered men for industrial service as well as for service with a rifle. If the draft officers here believe that a drafted man will serve the country better on a sugar plantation or in a factory, than he would in the trenches, they have that right to call him under the law, according to a statement today by Capt. F. J. Green, in charge of selective draft work for the territory. Emphasis is being laid by the government on the fact that this new registration is for industrial and agricultural service as well as actual military assignment. Copies of the new regulation which have been received at the local office carry a foreword from the president bearing out this stand. It says in part: "The time has come for a more perfect organization of our man power. The selective principle must be carried to its logical conclusion. We must make a complete inventory of the qualifications of all registrants in order to determine, as to each man not already selected for duty with the colors, the place in the military, industrial or agricultural ranks of the nation in which his experience and training can best be made to serve the common good. This project involves an inquiry by the selection boards into the domestic, industrial and educational qualifications of nearly ten million men. "Members of these boards have rendered a conspicuous service. The work was done without regard to personal convenience and under a pressure of immediate necessity which imposed great sacrifices. Yet the services of men trained by the experience of the first draft must of necessity be retained and the selection boards must provide the directing-mechanism for the new classification. The thing they have done is of scarcely one-tenth the magnitude of the thing that remains to be done. It is of great importance both to our military and to our economic interests that the classification be carried swiftly and accurately to a conclusion."

A fire in a barn at the hospital for the insane at Middletown, at midnight did about \$5000 damage. The barn was used for storage of farm wagons and implements, many of which were saved. There is a suspicion that the blaze was of incendiary origin.

ROLPH SAYS FOOD PROBE DELAYS WORK

Interruption By Another Witness Brings Objection; Swift & Co., Chicago, Refuse to Submit Records and Government is Going After Them

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—The United States government is preparing to take drastic action to get information now refused by food manufacturers and dealers. Today it was learned that Swift & Company have refused to submit its records to the federal trade commission, which is investigating the company's dealings. Attorney Francis J. Heney, acting for the commission, announced that he intends to take drastic action to secure the records. Auditor Chase of the Union Stockyards Company telegraphed to the commission today that he is ill and is going south indefinitely, and will be unable to answer the questions which the commission has directed to his company. Heney reported to the commission that he has ample other evidence on which the commission may base action or recommendations. Former Treasurer Wadden of the Union Stockyards Company said that J. Ogden Armour and F. H. Prince own the yards and the terminal railroad. He said that Frank Pegrum, secretary, is holder of the stock, but is not the actual owner, and added that there were frequent changes of treasurer so that knowledge of the financial workings of the company on the part of the treasurer was avoided. Another incident of the various investigations of food product regulations came today before the senate subcommittee probing the sugar shortage. George M. Rolph of California, head of the sugar bureau under the Hoover organization, was continuing his testimony on the stand when another witness was called to take his place, interrupting him before he had finished. Rolph then told the committee: "I had assumed that the purpose of the investigation was to relieve the situation in the East. We have been waiting here for a week, postponing the necessary work."

Senator Reed of Missouri retorted: "I suppose the sugar shortage will be blamed on congress now."

The council of national defense has appointed a committee of four to make an immediate investigation of the housing situation of munition plants and recommend government aid to provide quarters should it be found necessary.

TANKER ON SANDS GETS OFF QUICKLY

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 21.—The steam tanker Nuanu grounded on the sands 85 miles north of this port at midnight last night. The vessel wireless in distress but afterward got off unaided, by her own power.

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While no definite report has been received here by A. L. Castle, chairman, as to the number of members which the Red Cross drive on Maui has obtained, word was brought from there today that the number of new members will be large. News from Maui is expected tomorrow morning. The features of the Red Cross Saturday evening entertainment will be the war pictures and a lecture by Dr. James Judd. A talk on modern warfare by Captain Thomas Lowe, U. S. A., and an address by District Attorney S. C. Huber on the Red Cross. The entertainment will be held at the armory and will be absolutely free to all. To bring the Red Cross Christmas membership drive before as many people as possible A. L. Castle has sent a letter to all the churches in the city asking for special mention next Sunday. Monday will be the last day to join for the drive. To take charge of all Red Cross shipping, particularly that from the other islands going through to the mainland, a shipping department has been formed with James Wakefield of Theo. H. Davies & Co. as chairman and Ben Clark as assistant.

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A conscientious objector at Yaplan sent to Secretary Baker his first month's pay. The man wrote that he had earned it but could not accept it. Several ships which were exporting a quantity of flour and butter to Sweden have been stopped at the Finnish frontier.

RODIEK ON STAND IN "INDIA CASE," CLAIMS IGNORANCE

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 21.—George Rodiek, former German consul in Honolulu, was the chief witness for the prosecution yesterday in the trial of the India revolution conspiracy case. His testimony dealt chiefly with the visit of the Maverick to Hilo, Hawaii. Before putting Rodiek on the witness stand yesterday afternoon United States Attorney Preston said Rodiek had asked permission to make a statement to the jury, and that this request had been granted by the prosecution on condition that Rodiek would give testimony in the case. This he had agreed to do and the statement which he desired presented to the jury would be made in the course of his testimony. Rodiek Testifies. After being sworn Rodiek was seated and, in answer to questions, told of the visit of the Maverick to Hilo, where it was expected that she would be provisioned for the trip to Johnston Island. At that point, witness said, it was expected that the Maverick would meet the Annie Larsen and take on a cargo of arms and ammunition from her, thence proceeding on to Batavia. At that time, witness declared, he had no knowledge that the Maverick was employed in the business of the alleged conspiracy to foment a revolution in India. Others Involved. Witness testified that Heinrich Elbo, captain of the German ship Holisatia, and Edwin Delnat, captain of the German ship O. J. D. Ahlers, both of which vessels were then interned in Honolulu, acted to prevent the provisioning of the Maverick outside the three-mile limit. He added that he believed that neither Elbo nor Delnat, both of whom are defendants in the conspiracy case, were cognizant of the fact that there was a conspiracy on foot.

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WATCH YOUR STAMP! Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Sir: This office is receiving many Christmas greeting post-cards, prepaid with only one cent postage. Under the new law, all postals and post cards must be prepaid with two cents. I am sure the senders of these cards do not desire to have the deficient postage collected from the addresses but, unless the extra cent for each card is thus collected, they cannot be delivered. Will you please assist me in giving wide publicity to this matter. D. H. MacADAM, Postmaster.