

Foul Murder of Filipino Near Hana

Three Men Held For Revolting Crime — Father of Victim's Wife and Another Filipino Hired by Woman's Lover to Commit Deed.

Because another man coveted his wife, Pedro Mendoza, a Filipino laborer on the Kipahulu plantation was treacherously lured to his doom by his father-in-law, and foully murdered by a hired assassin, on the morning of February 14th, according to the facts brought out at the coroner's inquest held in Hana this week. Dinel Buladano, who is alleged to have crushed Mendoza's skull with an iron bar; Francisco Mira, father of the victim's wife; and William Doeleros, who it is claimed instigated the plot, are under arrest and will probably be brought to the Wailuku county jail from Hana today.

The revolting crime was discovered last Saturday when a Filipino living at Makalal, about 2 1/2 miles from Hana, while engaged in digging potatoes, discovered the badly decomposed remains partially buried in the field near the government road. Sheriff Crowell, who visited Hana the first of this week on a stumping tour, at once took up the case, with the result that the guilt was apparently firmly fixed on the three men, and they were under arrest by Wednesday evening. All of the parties to the gruesome tragedy are Filipinos.

According to the story, as brought out at the inquest, Doeleros had become smitten by the charms of Angela Mendoza, wife of Pedro, and he finally conspired with Francisco Mira, father of the woman, to put Mendoza out of the way. Dinel Buladano was hired to commit the murder, and Mira accepted \$2 for guiding Mendoza to his doom. On Sunday morning, February 24, Mendoza was accordingly persuaded to accompany his father-in-law from Kipahulu to Hana on some pretext, and Buladano, concealed by the roadside struck him down from behind as he passed. The body was then dragged into the field and buried in a shallow grave scooped out with a hoe which Mira carried.

The wife of the dead man was told that her husband had deserted her, and had left the island, and she in turn reported this to the police in Kipahulu. After the discovery of the body she positively identified it from the clothing.

Maui's War Bride Returns Alone

Among the arrivals on Maui last Saturday was Mrs. W. B. Hayward. Mrs. Hayward was a returning passenger during the week by the steamer Niagara from Vancouver. When she left the Islands just a month ago by the same vessel, Mrs. Hayward was Mrs. Ella Cranall, a teacher in the Hamakua school. She was married immediately upon her arrival in the Canadian city, and three days later was on her way back to Maui. Mrs. Hayward is Maui's war bride. Her husband belongs to a Canadian cavalry regiment which has been ordered to the front. The marriage under normal circumstances would have taken place sometime next summer.

NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT THIS EVENING.

For the purpose of raising funds to defray the expenses of some of the young students at the Maunaloa Seminary, a novel entertainment and dance has been arranged for this evening by the alumnae of the institution, which promises to be one of the most pleasant occasions of the season. A very fine musical program has been prepared under the direction of Mrs. W. H. Field, who is chairman of the committee in charge of the affair. A novel feature of the event will be the rule that only Hawaiian must be spoken during the evening, and anyone found violating this rule will be subject to a fine.

Pineapple Growers to Farm Co-operatively

W. I. Wells Heads New Organization as Manager—Kuiaha Homesteaders Believe They Have Solved Knotty Problem of Holding Down Costs.

A plan of co-operative farming is soon to be actively undertaken in the Kuiaha homestead district. The idea is something of a novelty in the Islands and its results will doubtless be watched with much interest. Some dozen or more of the settlers are interested in the project, and others are expected to join.

The object of the association is chiefly to raise pineapples on a co-operative basis as far as the planting and cultivating is concerned. The organization will undertake to do all the work connected with the business from the plowing the ground to the marketing of the crop, and the members will be charged their pro-rata of the cost. W. I. Wells, one of the leading homesteaders in the district, has been appointed manager of the company on salary, and he will devote his entire time to the work.

It is the belief of those interested in the enterprise that a large saving in teams and equipment can thus be effected over what would be possible through individual effort. The association is actively backing up the bill now before the legislature which provides for legally chartering co-operative associations, along lines now in force in many of the mainland states. If this bill becomes law the association believes that it will be enabled to safeguard its interests in such manner that its success will be practically assured.

J. C. Foss, Jr., Gets Rest House Contract

The new rest house on Haleakala is soon to be a reality. The rest house committee of the chamber of commerce this week awarded the contract for the construction of the building to J. C. Foss, Jr., at his bid of \$500 for the job complete. The contractor will begin work next week and under his contract will finish the job in sixty days. Mr. Foss will also transport the nineteen odd tons of materials from the 2.8 mile post to the top at his bid of \$10 per ton.

Work has already been started in hauling the structural iron and other building materials from Kahului. The haul to Ollinda will be done by Hugh Howell, while from there to the 2.8 mile post bullock teams supplied by L. von Tempky will do the work.

HAIKU AND KALAUPAPA OFFICES MAY BE SAVED.

Thomas J. Flavin, the new postoffice inspector for Hawaii, spent several days on Maui last week investigating the matter of the proposed abolishing of the Haiku postoffice in favor of Pauwela. From expressions made by Mr. Flavin patrons of the Haiku office are very hopeful that the order from Washington cutting out the office will be rescinded. It is believed that like action will be taken in regard to the order abolishing the Kalaupapa office on Molokai.

SILVA CAMPAIGNING FOR LAKE.

Louis H. Silva, who resigned from the police force the first of the month, is out in the field stumping for Chas. Lake, for county sheriff. It is reported that Silva has been promised the place as deputy sheriff in case Lake succeeds in winning the sheriff's chair from Clem Crowell.

WAILUKU CARD CLUB.

The Wailuku Card Club met last Wednesday and was most delightfully entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Field, who were hosts of the evening. About forty members were present.

KENTUCKIAN WILL TAKE SUGAR.

The American-Hawaiian freighter Kentuckyian is due in Kahului this morning with a lot of miscellaneous freight for this island. She will take away a large consignment of Central Maui sugar.

Rubber in Nahiku is Abandoned

Continued Low Prices For Product Finally Convinces Stockholders Efforts Are Futile—Will Not Dispose of Land at Present.

Rubber culture in Hawaii, which held out so much promise when it was started nine or ten years ago, has definitely been declared a failure. Long continued low prices for the product has been mostly responsible for this failure to show profits.

The Nahiku Rubber Company, which has been the leading concern engaged in the undertaking, formally made this pronouncement when its stockholders, at their annual meeting last Friday, voted to abandon the undertaking. The decision was not a surprise, as the directors had suspended operations some weeks ago, discharging all of the laborers, and putting the company's property in charge of a caretaker. This means the almost complete failure of the roselle crop last fall, on which the last hopes had been centered.

It is not likely that the company will be immediately disbanded, however, as it is still believed that the land owned will prove to have high value for stock raising or other agricultural purpose. The company already has a start made with cattle, and it also has a small herd of hogs, which apparently thrive well. The likelihood seems to be that the land will be leased for ranch purposes.

But rubber is to be a thing of the past. The thousands of trees which have been planted will be abandoned or removed in case the land is needed. The Nahiku company shareholders have put into the enterprise something like \$150,000, while the several other concerns in the Nahiku district, which had all virtually abandoned the struggle some time ago, have probably sustained a loss of as much or more. The success of the roselle crop a year ago was so encouraging that it was believed the situation had been saved, but the excessively wet year which followed, rendered the roselle a failure and added the finishing touches.

W. A. Anderson, who has been manager of the company almost from the start, and who has devoted most strenuous efforts in face of all discouragements to bring the property to a profit paying basis, left Maui this week, and will proceed to Southern California where Mrs. Anderson has been for some time. He still has strong faith in roselles, and expects to exploit the new drink made from the fruit, at the San Diego exposition.

Kula Farmers Have Big Kick

The Kula Farmers' Association is up in arms over the report from Honolulu that the House committee on agriculture has issued order to the Territorial Marketing Division that it shall no longer purchase supplies for the association, as it has been doing in the past. It is understood that strong resolutions of protest will be passed at the meeting of the association to be held tomorrow.

PREPARATIONS FOR BIG DANCE.

A lot of costumes have already been ordered from the Coast for the fancy dress ball which will be given on April 10 at the Kahului Lyceum by the Maui Racing Association. These dances have always been among the biggest social affairs of the year on Maui, and this season's will not likely be an exception. A large number of visitors are expected from Honolulu for the affair.

SUPERVISORS TO MEET.

The County Supervisors hold their monthly meeting next week beginning on Wednesday. Owing to the extreme heat it is doubtful if any more than purely routine business will be transacted.

Fraud Alleged in Patterson Matter

Temporary Injunction Issued Restraining Auditor Paying \$500 to Hamakua Store On Order—Bankruptcy Attempt Failed.

A new turn was taken in the W. R. Patterson bankruptcy case last Saturday when the attempt made by the Iao Stables and other Maui creditors to have Patterson declared an involuntary bankrupt was abandoned, and in its place a temporary injunction secured from the circuit court in Honolulu, restraining the Maui county auditor from paying over to the Hamakua Store of the Maui Agricultural Company, the \$500 awarded to it by Judge Edings on mandamus action. The injunction which was secured by Attorney Eugene Murphy on behalf of the Iao Stables Company, alleges that the Hamakua Store furnished to Patterson but \$45 worth of goods against the \$500 order given by Patterson against money due him on a county road contract. It further claims that all above this \$45 is a fraud, and it demands from the company an itemized account of the goods Patterson is supposed to have secured for the \$500.

The case is set for hearing in Honolulu next Monday.

Company I Has Large Attendance at Drill

Seven full squads—65 men in all—of Company I, National Guard of Hawaii, turned out for drill at the Wailuku ball park last Sunday. This is the best attendance on record for a company drill, and Captain Kaae was accordingly gratified. The company has a full enrollment of about 95 men. The drill last Sunday was very satisfactory, and Capt. Kaae feels that his men will make a creditable showing at the inspection which will be held later in the month.

Through the courtesy of the supervisors in permitting the use of the county auto truck, it was possible to get many men to the drill on Sunday from outlying districts, who would otherwise have been unable to attend.

County Engineer Howell has promised to at once make a survey of the site offered by the Wailuku Sugar Company as a rifle range. The lease will then be perfected with the federal government and the boys will in a short time be able to have target practice under proper conditions.

FATHER PHILIP ILL.

Father Philip, who has been in charge of the mission at Kalawao, Molokai, is dangerously ill, according to wireless advices received by Bishop Gilbert of Honolulu. The Mikahala on a special trip last Monday took the sick man to Honolulu, where he is under treatment in the Queen's Hospital.

DEFENDER STARTS FOR COAST.

The schooner Defender, which after various narrow escapes from leaving her bones on Hawaiian reefs, finally managed to get away safely on Wednesday from Hana with a full cargo of sugar from the Kaeleku mill.

JURY DENIES DAMAGES ASKED.

The \$20,000 damage suit brought by M. M. Martins against A. A. Wilson, contractor, which was tried in Honolulu last week before a jury, was decided on Saturday when a verdict was returned in favor of the defendant. Martins claimed that he had been injured while employed by Wilson on road work at Kikipi gulch, on this island.

CONSIDERING LAHAINA WHARF.

E. E. Bodge, James Wakefield and T. M. Church, members of the territorial board of harbor commissioners, returned to Honolulu last Saturday after spending several days investigating wharf and landing conditions on Maui. The board is particularly interested in the feasibility of the proposed wharf at Lahaina for which the last legislature appropriated \$150,000.

STRONG ALLIES' FLEET AT TURK'S FRONT DOOR

Battering Forts of Dardanelles to Open Way For Black Sea Wheat Ships—Week of Small Results For Either Side.

PARIS, March 5.—Turkish embassy at Berlin and Enver Bey say forts at Dardanelles are impregnable in spite of fact that several have been silenced. Ten battleships continue to pour hot shot into structures.

LONDON, March 5.—Two submarines sunk by British in English channel, ended the second week of blockade. One crew lost, the other taken off. Hospital ship St. Andrews chased by a wasp but escaped. One German submarine surrendered when fired on by British ship. Collier Thordis, which rammed one of the underwater craft, was damaged by contact.

BORDEAUX, March 5.—Condition of Madam Bernhardt is unfavorable. Anxiety felt.

PITTSBURG, March 5.—German National Bank closed by government for irregular business methods.

ALICANTE, Spain, March 5.—Belgian oil tanker caught fire in harbor and was sunk by guns of Spanish fort.

LONDON, March 5.—Reports from Geneva state majority of guns captured by Russians from Germans, in recent fighting in Northern Poland, were of Austrian army. Many batteries taken. Germans successfully assaulted Allies trenches north of Arras yesterday, capturing 1600 meters of the line, according to Berlin official reports. Repeated attacks of French beaten back.

Reports from Vienna confirm terrific battle in Carpathians. Paris admits the success in part bombardment of Rheims.

Continued signs of friendship for the Allies is considered reason for punishment. In Vienna, one countess sentenced to one year imprisonment.

LONDON, March 4.—Dispatch to Reuter's says Allies have resumed terrific bombardment of ports around Dardanelles sea. Only two forts left intact. Turkish garrison burned dead before evacuating.

British collier Thordis gone to dry dock showing evidence of ramming submarine. Captain claims he destroyed German submarine at Beachy Head.

LONDON, March 4.—Standard Oil seamer Platuria, formerly German steamer Diamant, from Philadelphia, has been taken by orders of British admiralty, and detained at Kirkwall. Second time she has been seized.

LONDON, March 4.—Inside forts and batteries of straits silenced. Mine sweepers clear waters of mines while under fire. Fortifications along Asia Minor side of narrowest passage, are razed and Sublime Porte prepares to move seat of government.

PETROGRAD, March 4.—Russians have captured 40,000 Ottomans in trans-Caucasian fighting.

LONDON, March 4.—Determination relief Przemysl and drive Russians out of Galicia failed. Troops of Czar deal crushing blow to enemy. Grand Duke Nicholas again advances whole line towards East Prussia. Berlin admits German retreat.

Austrians lost heavily in engagement.

PARIS, March 4.—French have turned tables on enemy and forced fighting in Argonne district. Teutons tried to hold ground. Feeling out process finds Germans weak. Army of Kaiser at mercy of moral superiority of French.

ATHENS, March 3.—Government and banks moving records of archives and funds to Coniah. German concerns also moving.

Six British and three French warships continued bombardment of Dardanelles yesterday.

Desertions from Turkish army are numerous.

LONDON, March 3.—Text of Berlin's reply to American note regarding abandonment using submarines against merchantmen received here from United States with keenest interest; but is branded as insincere that Germany will accept Washington's proposal to abandon war zone provided Great Britain allows food stuffs to pass. Great interest shown in Germany's attitude. Belief is prevalent here that note is intended to bring United States into conflict.

Russians are engaged on entire line in East. The offensive extends across Poland to Lower Vistula.

Heaviest fighting is still in Carpathians with Austrian forces pouring in.

The advance of German troops is reported as repulsed and more German troops are being rushed to western battle line where another great drive will be made to stem allied forces.

ROME, March 3.—Legislation to increase Italy's standing army taken up in parliament today. War minister declares all classes seeking to enter army.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Postoffice surplus last year, was \$3,500,000.

President has abandoned Panama trip. Norwegian steamer Progress, carrying supplies for Europe, sunk by mine, taking down most of crew.

NEW YORK, March 4.—Anarchists arrested yesterday police believe, are only a part of organized gang.

British flag will be flown over steamer Baltic carrying supplies to Europe. Sailed yesterday.

NEW YORK, March 4.—Reported that Platuria has been released. Chinese Six Companies have called meeting to start boycott of Japanese commodities.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—University of California ball team leaves for Japan in May to return via Honolulu in August to play three weeks.

Owners of California relief ship Camina, disabled in Atlantic, report ship will continue voyage in fortnight. California veterans decide to join new American legion.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Was no talk of extra session when congress adjourned today. Among bill that failed of passage, were ship purchase, conservation bill, rural credits bill, and Colombian and Nicaraguan treaties.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—In closing hours of Congress, representatives made definite statement of neutrality in passage of resolution restricting furnishing of supplies to belligerent warships. Measure designed to avoid friction with any foreign power and emphasize national observance of international laws.

Villa's forces reported winning at Sabinas. (Additional Telegraphic on Page 4.)