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THE BALTIMORE WILL STAY

NOT TO RELIEVE THE OLYMPIC AFTER ALL.

News That the Order Concerning the Warships Has Been Received—The Bennington Remains Too.

The San Francisco Call is authority for the statement that the flagship Baltimore and the gunboat Bennington will remain in the Honolulu harbor for an indefinite period. A complete file of the Calls up to March 3rd was brought down to Postmaster General Oat by Captain Goodman of the Robert E. Levers, yesterday.

The dispatch is dated at Washington and announces that the Navy department had rescinded the order for the Olympic to leave the Chinese waters to relieve the Baltimore at Honolulu, and for the Baltimore to proceed to China.

The reason for this action is not given in the dispatch. There can be no doubt of its authenticity. The navy lads are awaiting the arrival of either the Doric or the Zealandia with the greatest anxiety to learn more particulars concerning the future movements of these ships.

LOST ON DIAMOND HEAD.

Thrilling Experience of an Inexperienced Traveler.

F. M. Tucker, a business man of Denver, who is here on a trip for his health, had a rather thrilling experience yesterday. He had set out early in the morning from Wright's Villa in company with Dr. Freeman, to make the ascent, and the doctor becoming fatigued, was left at the Diamond Head lookout station, while Mr. Tucker pushed on alone to the summit.

The ascent was easily made, but on the down trip, the mountain climber, in trying to make a short cut, slid down an embankment, and found himself in a blind pocket. On either side were precipitous walls, rising to a height of several hundred feet, and at the lower end a "jumping off" place. When Mr. Tucker attempted to retrace his steps, he found that the mountain side was so steep and the earth so soft and slippery from the recent rains that he could not get a foothold. For hours he puzzled his head for a way of escape, but it was not until late in the afternoon, when the gnawing pangs of hunger had driven him almost to desperation that he finally decided to get out or die in the attempt. Taking off his shoes and hose, he "dug his toes into the mud" and started upward. It was tedious and dangerous, for a misstep meant certain death, but after an hour's work, firm ground was reached. Mr. Tucker says he will take a guide and relief party with him next time he climbs mountains in Hawaii.

MISS EILEEN O'MOORE.

All lovers of good music can fully appreciate the artistic excellence of Miss O'Moore's violin music. She has attained that complete mastery of the most wonderful of all musical instruments that marks her as a genius, and she has the power of stirring the soul of even the dullest. Her farewell concert on Saturday evening next at the Opera House will be a treat that one can ill afford to miss.

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SMITH TO LOEBENSTEIN

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAKES REPLY.

Drugs and Medicines Purchased Outside of Contracts Were in Small Amounts and in Emergency Cases.

Attorney General Smith replied at length this morning to Representative Loebenstein's questions concerning the drug and medicine contracts. The replies showed that the department had been economical and had incurred no large item of expense.

As to the first and second questions, the amount paid for vaccine virus between October 1, 1896, and October 1, 1897, and whether it was included in the Board of Health contract, the reply was that the amount was \$960, and was not included in the contract, but was imported under a special agreement that had been in force a number of years.

The third and fourth questions were as to the amounts paid for drugs and medicines for Oahu Prison, and as to whether they were purchased under contract. The reply was in the form of a letter from James A. Low, the jailor. This letter gave a table of the monthly expenditures, showing a total of \$660.42, or an average of fifty-five dollars (\$55) for each of the said months, or \$1.81 per day. The daily populace for this period being 172 prisoners, the actual cost per prisoner per day was a fraction over one cent.

"In answer to the second query: 'Were the items referred to let out by contract, and if not, why not?' The purchases were not made by contract. It never has been the custom here; in fact the quantities purchased are so small and varied, that it would be difficult to figure in advance what was necessary.

"The prisoners we have for hospital stewards are selected for their intelligence for the position, yet we have none who understand medicines, and mixtures are not all put up here. It could not be done without keeping a larger stock of drugs on hand, and this both the prison physician and myself object to, because of it being more expensive.

"In further relation to this matter I beg to enclose you a copy of the Rules of Prison Inspectors adopted in conference with yourself and the Marshal. These rules were those of the Oahu prison during the administration of the Monarchy, with slight changes, those pertaining to physician, however, are the same.

"The custom is for prison physicians to order the supply from the druggist and I seldom order except in urgent cases.

"I beg to refer you to Table E of the Prison Report for this period which compares relative cost of the different accounts for this period with that of the previous period and which shows a reduction of nearly ten cents per month as the medical cost for each of the prisoners."

The fifth and sixth questions related to drugs and medicines for the Hilo Hospital. The bills amount to \$133.04. The surgeon in charge purchased them from a local firm in Hilo, as he needed the supplies and did not know of the contract.

The seventh question was as to Dr. Alvarez's purchases abroad.

His purchases were all authorized by the Board of Health, and were such as required special selection and could not be procured in Honolulu. They amounted to \$79.20.

In reply to the eighth question it was said that the anti-toxine used by the Board of Health was not purchased from the contractors, because they did not have it, and it was required immediately.

The ninth and tenth questions were as to whether the contracts for supplies and medicines for the Queen's Hospital were let out by the Government. In reply the Attorney General said:

Answer: The answer to these two questions is that the Government has no control over the matter. The Queen's Hospital is a private corporation under the control of trustees, and while it receives certain aid from the Government, the trustees have the whole control of its affairs.

The last question was whether drugs for the enlisted soldiers were purchased by contract. The reply was that they are not, but are procured by the surgeon in charge as they are required.

MONEY FOR GOOD ROADS

SENATE COMMITTEE MAKES ITS REPORT.

In the House Representative Gear Asks Some Searching Questions Regarding Dr. Alvarez's Reports.

The Senate held a short session this morning and adjourned until Monday. The Committee on Public Lands and Internal Improvements recommended \$2,500 for a Court House, and \$500 for a light house at Kailua; \$3,000 for a new road from Honokaneiki landing to Government homesteads, at Awini; and \$15,000 for a road from Waimea, in South Kohala, to Huehue, North Kona, to connect with the Kona road. This road is the remaining link besides the South Kona to Kau road, and the North Hilo road, recommended, to complete the circuit of the Island of Hawaii. The sum of \$3,000 is recommended to reconstruct the road from Honolulu to Kohakulua.

North Hilo road, Kaluku to Papaloa, \$35,000; South Kona to Kau road, \$10,000; Kau, South Kona to Waiohunu, road, \$12,000; also to complete the Homestead road from Makena to Kula, Maui, \$5,000; and from Olowalu to Maalaea Bay, \$2,500.

Senator Brown introduced the bill of which he gave notice yesterday. It authorizes the impounding of cattle trespassing on Government land.

Minister Cooper gave notice that he would introduce a bill providing for the election of Senators. Legislation has already been provided to carry out the constitutional provisions for the election of Representatives. But none has yet been provided for Senators. There will be a general election before the next regular session of the Legislature, so that it is necessary to pass some act at this session.

Rep. Atkinson's bill relating to coroner's inquests was passed unanimously on third reading, and will now go to the President for his signature.

Senator McCandless introduced his bill for the creation of a park at Oala on the bank of Nuuanu stream.

IN THE HOUSE.

Rep. McCandless read a resolution providing an appropriation of \$40,000 for a new road from Honolulu to Nuanu Pali.

In reply to Rep. Loebenstein, the Attorney General said that Dr. Alvarez had been sent to the Berlin Conference under the law for the segregation of lepers, and that his expenses had been \$929.17.

Rep. Gear asked the following of the Minister of Interior, relating to the Board of Health:

"Is it true, as reported by Dr. Alvarez, superintendent of Kalihii Hospital, to the Board of Health, that two cases of leprosy have been cured."

"If so, is it true as reported that only three months treatment was necessary to produce the cure?"

"Is it true, as reported, that out of twelve cases of leprosy treated, two of the cases were cured and another of them showed marked improvement with only three months treatment, why is not the same treatment being administered now?"

"Did Dr. Alvarez report the cases of two cured to the Berlin Conference, and if not, why not?"

"If he did so report, what was the opinion of the Berlin Conference?"

"Are not the two cures reported the only cases on record where leprosy has been cured?"

"When were the two persons above referred to sent to Molokai and by whom were they examined before being sent there?"

"Is it not true that persons are sent to Molokai who are not lepers, and who were not lepers when sent there?"

House Bill No. 27, relating to inquests of fires passed third reading.

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MORE REALTY FOR DESKY

BUYS ANOTHER SLICE OF FORT STREET PROPERTY.

W. A. Kinney With Him in the Purchase of the Property Mauka of the Bruce Waring Block.

Charles S. Desky and W. A. Kinney purchased from Frank P. Hernan, yesterday, the property on the Ewa side of Fort street and adjoining what is known as the Bruce Waring building. The Seattle House is now located on the property, which has a frontage on Fort street of 53 feet, and it runs back 131 feet. The price paid was \$6,500, which the purchasers consider a bargain.

Mr. Desky is unwilling to say at the present time just what disposition will be made of the property, but it is likely that a building will be erected there within the next twelve months. No improvements will, however, be made until the street is widened at that point. As soon as the Legislature appropriates the necessary money, it is likely that the street will be widened. Mr. Desky and others now own the Bruce Waring property where it is proposed to erect a substantial and handsome business block in the near future, and the new purchase may be improved at the same time.

Mr. Desky has great faith in the desirability of the neighborhood as a retail business district, and is bending his energies to making it so. He says that when the street is widened and properly paved and fine store buildings erected on both sides of the street, the retail trade will naturally move in that direction. It is not, however, merely a boom proposition. It has been observed in all growing places, that the center of trade always moves back from the water front, and this place is no exception. Mr. Desky has simply had the foresight to prepare for and anticipate this movement.

GODDARD'S LAST BATTLE.

Is Whipped in Three Rounds by Jim Jeffries.

LOS ANGELES, February 28.—Poor Joe Goddard has fought his last battle. Jim Jeffries tonight hammered the old warrior for three rounds as he pleased, and the former Barrier Champion could not make any defense; in fact, could not keep his legs. It was all over at the end of the third round, when a bit of sponge from the hands of Seward Smith, one of Goddard's seconds, went flying through the air and landed in the middle of the ring.

WITHIN REACH OF ALL.

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MORE RACERS COMING.

Colonel W. H. Cornwell stated today that he would bring his bunch of racing animals from Maui during the first week in April. Colonel Cornwell's horses will probably be in condition to participate in the meeting planned for the 1st of May.

THE PRICE OF SUGAR.

Judging from the market reports in the San Francisco Examiner of the 2d inst., and of previous dates, the advance in sugar indicated in the Examiner's market report of the 3d inst., must have been a misprint. Prior to and up to the 2d inst., the price is quoted at 4 3/16. It is generally believed that the reported price should have read "4 1/4."

GOING FAST.

The trimmed hats for one dollar each are selling like hot cakes at L. B. Kerr's. Those wishing any should call early, as the quantity is limited.

THE AUDIENCE LIKED IT.

"The song that touched their hearts" is as old as the hills, almost. The leading man in "The Dazzler" combination, which has just closed a successful engagement, made a big hit every night with his bicycle song. He never failed to bring down the house when he reached the verse telling about the good qualities of the Sterling bicycles. The audiences were all ready to hear a good word said about these wheels, and heartily encored the singer each night. The song was almost as much of a hit as the Sterling wheels have always been. Pacific Cycle and Manufacturing Company, Fort street.

WOULD MEAN UTTER RUIN

PLANTERS DREAD THE REPEAL OF THE LABOR LAW.

A Conference Held to Discuss Representative Gear's Bill—New Ruling of the Cabinet a Good Thing.

John F. Hackfeld, William G. Irwin, F. M. Swanzy, C. Bolte and H. Benjes, representing the sugar planters of Hawaii, held a conference with the House Committee, consisting of Representative Gear, Richards and Pogue, late yesterday afternoon.

The topic under discussion was the House bill introduced by Representative Gear providing for abolishment of contract labor in the Islands. The planters' committee was invited to give its views on the question in order that the House committee might be enlightened as to the effect such action would have on the sugar estates.

Each member of the planters' committee spoke briefly on the proposed bill. It was the consensus of opinion that it was the bill to become a law ruin to every sugar plantation on the Islands would follow. The planters urged that the present Legislature take no radical action in this direction, insisting that should annexation come the contract labor system would have to go.

The planters explained that the laborers brought to Hawaii were picked up from the poorer classes of Japanese. It was necessary that from \$130 to \$150 be advanced to each laborer to get him here. It was very necessary, they deemed it, that the present contract labor system be kept in vogue for this reason alone.

One of the planters informed the House committee of a new ruling of the Cabinet in the matter of employing laborers. In the future, at least 10 per cent of the men contracted for must be white men. That is to say, should any planter secure one hundred Asiatics for his plantation, it will be necessary for him to employ ten white men. The planters expressed themselves as being satisfied with this ruling of the Government. They sincerely believed that should such a ruling be continued it would not be many years before white men would be manning the plantations, and that the Asiatics would be crowded to the wall.

STRICT QUARANTINE.

At the meeting of the Board of Health yesterday, C. A. Brown said that the quarantine regulations adopted for the Belgic were not as strictly carried out as they should be. He said he saw at least a dozen Honolulu people on board who were not passengers. It was decided that in similar cases hereafter passes would be issued to those whom the Board would permit aboard, so there would be no laxness in enforcing the regulations.

Rev. E. Edwards, pastor of the English Baptist church at Minersville, Pa., when suffering with rheumatism, was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says: "A few applications of this liniment proved of great service to me. It subdued the inflammation and relieved the pain. Should any sufferer profit by giving Pain Balm a trial it will please me." For sale by all druggists and dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., wholesale agents for the Hawaiian Islands.

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