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A COAL FAMINE IMMINENT

SPAIN IS NOT BUYING BLACK DIAMONDS.

The United States in a Good Position—Some Interesting Facts and Figures—Vessels to Arrive.

It was extensively reported in the business community this morning that Spain through agents here was buying all the coal to be had in these Islands. But Vice Consul Renjes denies the report in toto, saying there is absolutely nothing in it.

That a coal famine is imminent there can hardly be any doubt. Last week stocks were lower than in many months, scarcely 8,000 tons being on hand, and only one house the Inter Island Steam Navigation Company, had any coal for sale, and that company would only consent to sell in quantities to satisfy immediate demands. During the past few days quite a fleet of coal laden ships have arrived in port, but even with this addition there is less than 20,000 tons of coal in sight. Allen & Robinson have less than 500 tons on hand. The Wilder Steamship Company and W. G. Irwin & Co. have not a pound for sale. They are insuring themselves against a possible famine. T. H. Davies & Co. have only about 115 tons of English coal in their yards.

United States Consul Haywood has been watching the situation keenly, and has strongly fortified America's position. He has 3,600 tons of coal on hand at the present time, and two vessels are on the way; one from either San Francisco or the Sound, and one from Baltimore, which left the home port three weeks ago, and they should be pretty well on the way by this time. The former carries 2,000 tons and the latter about 1,800 tons. This would give Uncle Sam 7,400 tons in all, a very respectable amount.

The only coal laden vessel now on the way to Honolulu for mercantile purposes is the Veritas, from Newcastle, with 993 tons. She left the Colonies on the 28th of March. On the 7th of April the report from Newcastle was "Nothing in port to load," which makes the outlook for Honolulu anything but promising.

Mr. John Eua of the Inter Island Steam Navigation Company, said: "Unless the situation is relieved from San Francisco there is liable to be a scarcity of coal in the Islands before many weeks."

WHOOPIING COUGH.

I had a little boy who was nearly dead from an attack of whooping cough. My neighbors recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did not think that any medicine would help him, but after giving him a few doses of that remedy I noticed an improvement, and one bottle cured him entirely. It is the best cough medicine I ever had in the house.—J. L. Moore, South Burgettstown, Pa. For sale by Benson, Smith & Co., wholesale agents for the Hawaiian Islands. All druggists and dealers.

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A TERRIFIC DEATH RATE

MORTALITY FOR APRIL ALMOST UNPRECEDENTED.

Has Not Been Exceeded Even in the Times of Cholera Epidemic and Only Once in Years.

The death rate for April has been something almost unprecedented. There were 108 deaths reported to the Board of Health. Only in one month in twenty years has this been exceeded. That was in September, 1895, when there were 112 deaths. But even during the cholera epidemic of a few years ago the death rate of April was not equalled.

The four months of this year have all shown a high rate of mortality. In January, 71 deaths were reported. The largest number of deaths in any previous January since 1890 was 58. February had 65 deaths, a number exceeded but once in that month since 1890. That was February, 1896, when there were 78 deaths. March of this year showed 73 deaths, 10 more than were ever before reported in March. And now comes April with 108, a number never but once exceeded in any month, 39 more than ever occurred in any previous April, 10 more than ever occurred in any month except one, and twice the average monthly mortality.

Dr. Emerson of the Board of Health said that his attention had not before been called to this apparently high rate of mortality which began last December. "No deductions of scientific value," he said, "can be drawn from it without a close analysis of the localities where deaths have occurred, the people among whom they have occurred and the causes. I do not think any alarmist deductions should be drawn from it. In my practice as a physician and through my position as a member of the Board of Health, a great many circumstances come to my knowledge which seem to me to be elements affecting the mortality. But I do not care to speak of them without a more thorough investigation than I have been able to give.

"For one thing it has proved impossible to collect as exact vital statistics here as in countries having a more homogeneous population and where efforts to secure such statistics have been made for a longer period. We have to meet immemorial customs and habits of thought not met with elsewhere. It is only as the public becomes thoroughly informed as to the value and importance of these matters that we can reach the point at which we are striving.

"Public attention should be called to such matters, as the mortality record of this year presents, in order that its importance should be emphasized."

Physicians generally have noted this high mortality, but are not able to account for it satisfactorily to themselves.

There were 108 deaths during the month of April, according to the Board of Health reports. Of these 63 were Hawaiians, 14 Chinese, 12 Portuguese, 9 Japanese and 10 of other nationalities. Consumption heads the list among the causes of death, 12 being attributed to that disease. Cholera infantum claimed 10 victims, and pneumonia 9.

This is the largest number of deaths occurring in April for years. Last year there were 56; in 1896, 69; in 1895, 62; in 1894, 60, and in 1893, 40.

Do you know that in the Star portfolio series you will get the dimensions, speed and armament of all the battleships in the American Navy? No one can afford to be without it. Part II is ready for delivery. Each costs a dime and a coupon.

WHAT WE DID. This is what we did on the Sterling bicycle at Cyclomere, Saturday, April 30th: Jones, one first, one second; Sylva, one first, one third; King, two firsts; Ludloff, 2 firsts; C. Breede, one third; Jackson, one third. Total, six firsts, one second, three thirds. We captured first in every event. Pacific Cycle and Manufacturing Company, agents Sterling bicycle.

PIANOS. All styles of Kroeger pianos for sale for cash or on the installment plan. Old instruments exchanged for new ones. Pianos rented, tuned and repaired. Telephone 321.
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HERE'S ONE WAY TO DO IT

HOW BERT WILLISON CIRCLED THE GLOBE.

The Manner in Which a Big Circus was Started—"Perseverance Conquers All Things."

Since Jules Verne wrote his famous work of fiction, "Around the World in Eighty Days," there have been people who have started out to tour the globe on fabulous and improbable wagers, without a cent in their pockets, walking, bicycling, skating or any other old thing, to excite the cupidty of the fools whom Barnum tells "are born a million a minute."

Honolulu has at present in her midst a gentleman who can easily discount any of these gentry; an Australian boy, whom the staid old English folks called a wild, wilful youth, and generously predicted that "he must come to a bad end."

Bert Willison, whose circus is entertaining the people of Honolulu, was born and raised in the Colonies. His parents were fairly well-to-do, and "Bertie," as he was lovingly called, was the pet of the household. But Bertie was ambitious. Bertie wanted to see the world and no amount of paternal advice, sometimes urged with the aid of a stout shingle, could induce Bertie to forego his heart's desire. His great handicap was a lack of the good Queen's money, but he procured a stock in trade nevertheless, consisting of a yellow dog, which Bertie had trained to do some entertaining tricks.

Bertie conceived the brilliant idea of starting a circus with his dog as the star and only attraction, but, like Pat Malone, of song fame, who "forgot that he was dead," Bertie was short of ready cash. He, however, constructed a tent of the family bed linen, taken surreptitiously, and launched his enterprise. With the pennies saved from his first few months in the show business the now Bert Willison purchased a trick pony. Gradually he increased his company, until he had quite a respectable collection of performing animals and a "regular" circus tent made to order.

From the Colonies Bert Willison took his show to China, then Japan, through India, around the coast of Africa, and finally to Europe. Bertie was seeing the world and no mistake.

His show had grown to great proportions. From England to America was only a step, and Willison and his show stepped over. In New York he sold his complete outfit to Barnum's world renowned circus, and was appointed chief animal collector of that great enterprise. For a few years he followed this interesting occupation in the far east, but becoming tired of working for others, he organized his present fine show, and since has everywhere met with flattering success. Willison's circus has played in many climes and many places. One of his royal patrons is the King of Siam, who has conferred honors on the man who dared invade his realm with an up-to-date circus.

Some years ago Bert Willison married the charming daughter of a well known circus man of London. In time a little Willison made her appearance on the scene, and is now one of the star performers of her father's fine show. Mrs. Willison is also acknowledged to be one of the most clever circus riders in the business.

Such is the history of the Willison circus now performing here. Bertie has certainly seen the world.

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UNPARALLELED BARGAINS. Heavy comb towels for 65 cents a dozen, bath towels for \$1.50 a dozen, cotton damask towels, good size, for \$1.25 per dozen. Prices for this week only. N. S. Sachs Dry Goods Co.

DIRECT FROM ITALY. Camarinos has received a large shipment of pure lueal oil, direct from Italy, which he offers to the trade, also onions from New Zealand. California Fruit Market, King street.

GET YOUR MONEY'S WORTH. Besides getting just what you want, by selecting from the large stock of carriages and harness at Schuman's Carriage Repository, Fort street, above Hotel. He has just received a new line of buggies and harness, also a few turn-under delivery wagons. It will pay you to examine his stock if you want a good article for a little money.

CABLE BILL RECOMMENDED

HONOLULU THE QUEENSTOWN OF THE PACIFIC.

Such the Senate Committee Declares Will be the Effect of Telegraphic Communication with the World.

In the Senate this morning the special committee on Pacific cable made a report recommending the bill. The committee say:

"In the opinion of this committee, the matter of cable communication to these Islands with the outside world comes next to annexation, and if obtained will be known as the 'Queens-town of the Pacific,' and will confer on Honolulu relatively the same advantages and prosperity that the Reciprocity Treaty gave to the Islands as a whole."

The committee is willing to recommend an exclusive franchise for 20 years between these Islands and Japan, but not to any other Islands in the Pacific, so that the exclusive franchise to Japan will not cover any islands or places between these Islands and Japan, that lie south of the tenth degree of north latitude, thus leaving all other islands necessary for the purpose of laying a cable from here to Australia or New Zealand open and untrammelled with any exclusive franchise from these Islands.

"The company now seeking the benefit of the act and the exclusive franchise to Japan is about the only one that has ever applied without asking for a subsidy, and from what your committee can learn mean business, and we may confidently expect within two years to be connected with the United States by cable.

"The right of laying a cable between here and the United States is not exclusive nor was an exclusive right asked for that portion of the line. The principal reason for granting an exclusive right between here and Japan is that the cost of laying is great, estimated at \$10,000,000, and if that amount of money should be spent, the projectors would naturally want some assurance that they would not have any opposition between here and Japan for some time.

"This committee think that as long as no exclusive franchise is granted between these Islands, the northwest coast of America and the Islands of the Pacific south of the tenth degree of north latitude, no objection can be made by any foreign power whose interests are paramount or controlling in this part of the world."

It was announced that the acts providing for the appointment of temporary Circuit Judges in cases of emergency, and making Ballou's compilation of the penal laws a book of reference, had been signed by the President.

Senator Lohstein presented the following inquiry of the Minister of Finance:

"Will you please furnish the Senate with an itemized statement of the expense of the President and suite to the United States in the months of January, February and March, 1898, accompanied by vouchers?"

Senator Kepoikai's bill restricting eligibility to office was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The bill authorizing the government to acquire and preserve the remains and sites of ancient Heiaus and Punhomas passed second reading.

An appropriation of \$36,000 for a new road from Kailua to Nahiku, Maui, was approved on the recommendation of the Public Lands Committee.

A new court house at Kailua, Hawaii, to cost \$2,500, was authorized. Senator Holstein secured an appropriation of \$5,000 for a new road at Hoakona, North Hilo, and \$2,000 for a rock crusher.

An additional appropriation of \$15,000 for the expenses of the present session of the Legislature, introduced by Minister Damon, passed first reading.

The light wine and beer bill was made a special order for tomorrow.

The Judiciary Committee reported on the House opium bill recommending the abolition of the provision providing that informers shall get half the fine. No action was taken because the Senate Judiciary Committee expects to report on Senator Brown's opium bill tomorrow, and both will be taken up together.

The Public Lands Committee reported.

UNIONS HAVE WITHDRAWN

NO LONGER IN THE BASEBALL LEAGUE.

A New Series of Fifteen Games Between the Honolulu and the Regiments will Begin Saturday.

The Unions are out of the baseball league. At a meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce at noon today Manager Goudie of the Unions said it had become apparent that he could not get together a team that could meet the other teams of the league on an equal footing. He was willing therefore to withdraw provided the other teams would reimburse him to the extent of \$20 each, making \$40 in all, to apply on the expenses of \$53 he had already incurred, they to have all his baseball material.

This proposition was accepted and a new series of fifteen games will begin next Saturday between the Honolulu and the Regiments.

Those present at the meeting were H. M. Whitney, Jr., Captain Coyne, Manager Goudie, Captain J. A. Thompson and Captain Duncan.

FAMILY IN DANGER.

Mrs. F. M. Price of Ruk sailed on the 27th for the United States per the Mariposa. Our sympathy was called forth for her sad anxiety for her husband and her daughter's family in Ruk. That Island belongs to Spain, and they, being Americans, are in peril of being roughly expelled, or deported, and the property of the American Board destroyed there, as well as at the flourishing training schools of Kusaie.

This war seems to prohibit the sailing of the Morning Star in June, on her annual voyage, being an American vessel.—The Friend.

WHITE LOTUS DAY.

Conforming to the custom of Theosophical societies the world over, Aloha branch of Honolulu will celebrate, next Sunday evening, what is known among Theosophists as White Lotus Day. An interesting program with music and readings, is being arranged for that celebration by the local society, to which all friends of Theosophy and also non-members are invited.

BORN.

OLDING.—At Kohala, Hawaii, on April 28th, to the wife of Edwin Olding, a daughter.

SECOND TO NONE.

The Semi-Weekly Star issued this morning carries to its readers all the news from Honolulu and the Legislature. The unprecedented increase in the circulation of the Semi-Weekly is very gratifying to The Star management. Since the reduction in price last January new names have been continually coming in, until today the circulation enjoyed by The Semi-Weekly Star is very large. Advertisers should make a note of this and use its columns when they desire to reach the entire English speaking population of the Islands.

THE AMERICAN NAVY.

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Something of Interest
To the Ladies

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Flower Baskets

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