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FIRE CLAIMS

PRATT CABLES GOOD NEWS TO-DAY

The House Committee on Territories Presents a Report Unanimously Recommending The Bill For Payment.

WASHINGTON, January 10.—W. W. Hall, Honolulu, House committee on Territories unanimously report bill favorably.

"PRATT"
The above message, received this morning by W. W. Hall chairman of the fire claims committee, from J. G. Pratt, in all probability means the immediate appropriation of a million dollars for Hawaii, to pay the fire claims. The bill referred to has already passed the Senate, and a unanimous favorable report from the House committee makes it almost certain that the bill will pass at once.

The bill in question gives the Territory a million dollars outright, and allows the issuance by Hawaii of bonds for \$500,000 for the payment of the rest. It will immediately relieve the situation as far as fire claims are concerned, and claims can be paid in full as soon as the money is sent here and arrangements are made.

By the terms of the act, there will be no further immediate expense to the Territory in the payment of the claims. The bill authorizes the use of the \$1,500,000, or so much as may be necessary, for the payment of the claims, and it is more than enough. The \$500,000 bonds, or whatever is needed, will have to be redeemed by the Territory. The fire claims bill was the result of the sending of Pratt to Washington during the last session of Congress, after Delegate Wilcox had failed to accomplish anything. He met with much success at once, and the Senate passed the bill during the last session. In the House it was stricken out of the appropriation bill at the end of the session, by the opposition of Congressman Cannon, but since then Cannon and others who were opposed to the measure have been convinced of its justice. Pratt was sent to Washington again at the opening of the present session, and the news received this morning indicates that his work is

about to be crowned with complete success.

The act provides as follows: "In the House of Representatives, December 11, 1902, Mr. Knox introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and ordered to be printed, afterwards recommended to the Committee on Territories. A BILL:—To pay in part judgments rendered under an act of the legislative assembly of the Territory of Hawaii for property destroyed in suppressing the bubonic plague in said Territory in eighteen hundred and ninety-nine and nineteen hundred, and authorizing the Territory of Hawaii to issue bonds for the payment of the remaining claims.

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one million dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay in part the judgments rendered under an act of the legislative assembly of the Territory of Hawaii by the fire claims commission of that Territory for property destroyed in the suppression of the bubonic plague in said Territory in the years eighteen hundred and ninety-nine and nineteen hundred.

"Sec. 2. That the governor and secretary of said Territory are hereby authorized to issue the bonds of that Territory in such sum, not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, as, together with the money hereby appropriated, may be sufficient to pay all of said judgments. Said bonds shall be payable in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard weight and fineness, shall bear interest at the rate of four per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, and be redeemable in not less than five years and payable in not more than fifteen years from the date of issuance. The principal and interest of all bonds shall be exempt from any and all taxes, and the payment thereof shall constitute a charge on the revenues of the Territory of Hawaii. Said bonds shall be sold at not less than their face value, and the proceeds thereof shall be applied to the payment of the judgments aforesaid and to no other purpose, and they shall be of such form and denominations and be issued and sold under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior shall prescribe.

"Sec. 3. That under no circumstances shall any such judgment claimant, or anyone claiming through him, be required to pay, nor shall any attorney or agent be entitled to charge, demand, or receive, directly or indirectly, more than ten per centum upon the amount recovered as compensation for services or labor of any kind or character in the prosecution or establishment of the claim, and in cases of contracts or agreements providing for payment of less than ten per centum the payment shall not be increased above the percentage so agreed upon. Before any such judgment shall be paid hereunder the governor of said Territory must certify that the same is genuine, and was duly rendered in pursuance of the act of the legislative assembly of the Territory; and the payment of said judgments shall be in full satisfaction and discharge of any and all claims or demands against said Territory or the United States on account of any property destroyed in the said suppression of the bubonic plague."

RED CROSS IN NEW YORK. WASHINGTON, January 2.—The American National Red Cross has removed its headquarters from Washington to 19 East fifty-eight street, New York. Miss Barton already is established there.

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Beet Sugar And Cuba

Associated Press Cable to the Star.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 10.—Senator Burrows of Michigan, representing the beet sugar interests, in conference with President Roosevelt today indicated that the Cuban treaty now pending in the Senate is objectionable to the interests he represents because it does not insure the stability of the tariff provided for any specified time. The Michigan Congressional delegation will oppose the ratification of the treaty unless it is amended to fix its duration for five years.
The President did not indicate his attitude on the amendment proposed by Burrows. Other beet sugar states will join in the opposition unless the amendment is made.

MARCONI ASKS PARLIAMENT FOR FRANCHISE

Associated Press Cable to the Star.
OTTAWA, Jan. 10.—The Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company has applied to Parliament for permission to incorporate for the purpose of transacting business between Canada, Great Britain and other places. The application will beyond any doubt be favorably acted upon by Parliament.

This action of the Marconi people is especially significant as it indicates that the problem of extended marine telegraphing has been successfully solved by Marconi. The application from the Marconi has been expected here for several days, as it was announced soon after the success which attended Marconi's efforts to send a wireless message across the Atlantic to King Edward, that the company would without delay organize for the purpose of competing with the ocean cable companies.

TO KILL ALPHONSO

Associated Press Cable to the Star.
PARIS, Jan. 10.—It is reported here that an unsuccessful attempt has been made to assassinate King Alfonso of Spain. The report has been both confirmed and denied, and the most conflicting rumors are in circulation.

FOOD GETTING SCARCE

Associated Press Cable to the Star.
CARACAS, Jan. 10.—The blockade by the Powers is cutting off the food supplies for this city. There is much suffering as a result, especially among the poor.

NOT RECALLED

Associated Press Cable to the Star.
BERLIN, Jan. 10.—It is denied that Baron von Hollenben, ambassador to Washington, has been recalled. The Baron Speck von Sternberg, who comes to Washington as special minister to attend the settlement of the Venezuelan trouble, will be ambassador extraordinary, ranking von Hollenben.

BOWEN COMING

Associated Press Cable to the Star.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 10.—United States Minister Bowen will leave Venezuela for this country tomorrow, to take his part in the settlement of the dispute between Venezuela and Great Britain, Germany and Italy.

CHINESE INDEMNITY.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.
LONDON, Jan. 10.—A proposal has been made that China pay her indemnity to the Powers in silver. It has been rejected by the Powers.

GOV. DOLE RETURNS
Governor Dole returned on the Kinau today from a visit to Hawaii. He has been absent nearly a month in the Hawaii mountains on a hunting trip. During his absence he examined some of the homesteads in the Waimea district. "I had a delightful hunting trip," said Governor Dole, "and feel greatly improved by my stay on Hawaii. No. 1 have not arrived at any decision in the matter of the government public building site. I was away from evidence, so did not make any decision in the matter. During my absence I visited some of the homestead sites in the Waimea district." Governor Dole was told of the action of the Senatorial Commission in recommending the application of the United States land laws and the establishment of a national lazaretto on Mokolai. "That Commission was here such a short time ago," said Governor Dole, "that it could scarcely be expected to have become acquainted with all of the facts in the various matters concerned." The Governor was accompanied by Mrs. Dole who was also greatly benefited by her trip. They were met by Major Hawes, the Governor's Private Secretary, and C. S. Dole, the nephew of the Governor.

ADRIFT FOR THREE DAYS

CURZON AS A STAGE MANAGER

MAGNIFICENT PAGEANTS AT THE DURBAR AT DELHI—JUST LIKE THE ARABIAN NIGHTS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—A cable to the Tribune from London says: The morning journals are filled with details of Oriental pageantry and magnificence at Delhi. The Durbar was, perhaps, a less picturesque function than the state entry into Delhi, with its long double file of richly caparisoned elephants, but there was a larger representation of Indian princes and a greater display of military forces. Accounts of the procession of elephants and vassal princes read like a new chapter of "The Arabian Nights." Details of the proclamation of the King and Emperor from the throne with golden lions formed a sequel to the Oriental romance of British dominion, of which a statesman with Hebraic imagination was the author. Lord Curzon has brought out a new edition de luxe in the ancient Mogul capital.

Curzon's genius as a stage manager, with his unique knowledge of Oriental character, is also recognized, and there is a conviction that he will enact a great part in imperial politics after his return from India.

HOPE AND YOHE

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—A cable to the Journal from London says: Thanks to the efforts of mutual friends of Lord Francis Hope and May Yohe, a handsome sum of money was cabled today to the actress, now the wife of Putnam Bradlee Strong, in New York, as a compromise of her claim against her former husband.

May Yohe's claim was based on a note for \$45,000, dated April 19, 1901, and given to May Yohe, who was then Lady Francis Hope, by Lord Hope. The latter is thought to have acted chivalrously in the matter, for the compromise, although under the face value of the note is substantial. It is thought unlikely that May Yohe could have recovered the full amount in court, and even if her claim had been allowed, she would have been compelled to take her chances with other creditors in the bankruptcy court.

POPE OPPOSES DUELING.

ROME, January 2.—The Pope is about to issue an encyclical against the practice of dueling. He will appeal to all Christian governments to suppress the practice which is described as a survival of the Middle Ages.

CLINGING TO A CAPSIZED BOAT

Fearful Experience of Awaki KaniJiro, a Japanese Fisherman—Frenzied With Hope Deferred.

Awaki KaniJiro, a Japanese fisherman of this place, had a remarkable escape from being lost at sea this week. For three days and nights he was in the water clinging to an overturned sampan. Only by luck in having southernly weather was he able to get his craft ashore and save his life.

The Japanese left Honolulu last Sunday at 5 p. m. On Monday while about 2 miles off shore so far as he can judge, his boat was capsized by a squall and heavy seas. He could not fight the craft and all he could do was to cling to the overturned boat. He clung onto the boat for three days and nights, during all that time he was without any food or drink. So desperate did he become for lack of food nourishment that he chewed pieces of rope.

Two steamers he says passed close enough to him to have sighted the overturned craft. He shouted and waved his hands but evidently no one aboard the boats saw him. On Thursday the southerly weather set him in shore at Ewa. Fortunately the boat was beached on a sandy place so little damage was done to the craft. He got ashore safely himself and made his way to the city last evening.

The man shows the effects of his terrible experience. When he went out last Sunday he was a strong, healthy looking man. The exposure and lack of nourishment proved a great strain on his vitality for he lost 15 pounds during the three days and nights he was adrift.

NEW OFFICERS ON COPTIC.

Captain Rinder, the regular master of the S. S. Coptic, is not in the vessel this trip. He was taken ill with grip two days before the departure of the vessel from San Francisco, so on the advice of his physician, he had to remain ashore the present trip. F. E. Headnell, the first officer, is in command of the vessel. E. Loeb, the second officer, is acting as chief officer this trip.

SUMNER ROBBED SAYS DE BOLT

THE COURT ORDERS ALL THE OLD MAN'S MONEY TURNED OVER TO HIM AND ADMINISTERS SCATHING REBUKES TO THE ATTORNEYS WHO GOT BIG FEES FROM HIM.

The John K. Sumner case, one of the most remarkable and sensational trials ever held in the circuit court here, ended last night with an immediate ruling by De Bolt to the effect that Sumner was entitled not only to the \$48,025 which he deposited in the bank only to have it tied up by greedy relatives, but to all of his money, including that which he gave away "under a misapprehension." The trial was remarkable in that every attorney appearing in the contest had received a fee from John K. Sumner and it was sensational because the lawyers spent as much time vilifying one another as they did in presenting the issues of the case. The court's finding included a stinging rebuke for the attorneys all round. Judge De Bolt declared that the attorneys' fees were "simply outrageous." "The idea of a fee of \$10,000 for a little probate case," said the judge. "Think of it, gentlemen, a little probate guardian-

ship case and the attorneys getting \$10,000." As to the money given away by Sumner the court said: "It seems to be not improper for me

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