

OPERATION IS PUT OFF

AGED PONTIFF SHOWS GREATLY INCREASING PROSTRATION—A THIRD OPERATION WHICH INVOLVES THE PUNCTURE OF THE PLEURAL MEMBRANE HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL TOMORROW.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

ROME, Italy, July 16.—The physicians in attendance on the Pope announce in the bulletins issued today that the prostration of the aged Pontiff is increasing. A third operation for the removal of accumulating pus and fluid within the pleural cavity has been postponed until tomorrow.

PEACE ASSURED

MANCHURIAN WAR CLOUD FADES AWAY—THE FAR EASTERN QUESTION SETTLED BY AN AGREEMENT BY CHINA TO OPEN NEW TREATY PORTS—RUSSIA DOES NOT OBJECT TO THE PLAN.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 16.—The Manchurian question has been settled by an agreement on the part of China to open new treaty ports and it is believed that the settlement is satisfactory to Japan and all the powers, Russia not objecting to the opening of the ports. It is supposed that the ports included in the agreement and which are to be opened are Moukden and Tatungtao.

REBELS HELD UP IN BOLIVIA

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

SOLEDAD, July 16.—The attack upon Bolivar city has been deferred for the time being. The rebel troops in the city are still besieged.

TWELVE CHINESE KILLED

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

COMOX, B. C., July 16.—Twelve Chinese were killed here today in a mine explosion.

SOUTH AFRICA'S ARMY

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

LONDON, July 16.—It has been decided that 25,000 troops shall be stationed permanently in South Africa, to garrison the various forts throughout the country.

FELL FROM ON HIGH.

The broken body of Murakami Inokichi, a Japanese, was found at the bottom of Olokele Gulch, Kaula, June 17. The coroner's jury returned a verdict to the effect that he had come to his death by falling from a cliff 300 feet above the gulch. The police received a report of the inquest proceedings this week.



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OUT FOR THE JOBS

MANY CANDIDATES FOR THE TWO NEW POSITIONS CREATED BY THE LEGISLATURE—IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONER AND COMMISSIONER TO THE ST. LOUIS FAIR—THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The Republican executive committee will hold a meeting at four o'clock this afternoon to discuss applications for new positions. There are many applicants for the jobs of immigration commissioner and St. Louis Exposition commissioner and the committee will probably make some recommendations. The position of district magistrate of Honolulu is also to be considered.

For immigration commissioner a petition in behalf of W. H. Coney has been largely signed by members of the House of Representatives. E. M. Boyd is also a possible appointee. Boyd was appointed by the merchants' committee some time ago as the representative of the merchants for similar work. C. R. Buckland and Will E. Fisher have also been mentioned as candidates.

The duties of the immigration commissioner are a matter of much doubt, and the Planters' Association, Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association will be consulted in the matter.

For district magistrate the candidates

are numerous. The list of those whose names are mentioned as possible appointees includes Judge Gardner K. Wilder, C. L. Hopkins, interpreter of the First Circuit Court, A. F. Judd, C. F. Peterson, former attorney general and Judge, F. J. Testa and others. There will be no appointment until after the governor's return from Maui, some time next week.

For commissioner to the St. Louis Exposition the candidates are much the same as for the immigration commissioner. The exposition commissioner will have to go to St. Louis and superintend the erection of the building and the arrangement of the exhibit. On the funds in sight he will not be able to do very much. The legislature made an appropriation of \$30,000 and the present plans include a building to cost \$21,000. It is possible that additions will be made to the fund set aside by the legislature, but Superintendent Cooper, who has the matter in charge, said this morning that he did not know of any further funds for the work.

VENEZUELA PAYS UP

THE LAST INSTALLMENT OF HER INDEBTEDNESS TO THE POWERS IS SETTLED—CASTRO'S GOVERNMENT COMPLETES CARRYING OUT AGREEMENT ENFORCED BY BRITISH AND GERMAN GOVERNMENTS.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

CARACAS, July 16.—The last installments of Venezuela's indebtedness to the powers has been paid over. Venezuela has thus carried out the agreement made when her ports were blockaded by Great Britain and Germany some months ago to enforce the payment of debts owed in those countries. With the settling of the final installment today the Venezuelan question was disposed of.

RUSSIAN STEAMER BURNED

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 16.—The Volga steamer Nadejka was destroyed by fire today. Twelve persons lost their lives.

GOT NO TRACE OF MURDERER

POSSE RETURNS AFTER UNSUCCESSFUL SEARCH FOR YANAGAI THE EWA MURDERER.

Detective McDuffie and posse returned last night from an unsuccessful hunt after Yanagai the Ewa murderer. The first reports of the location of the murdered appear to have been some what different from what the officers learned during their hunt.

Instead of the murderer having made his appearance at Waipahu, a couple of days ago, he was seen high up on the plateau between Waiatua and Waipahu. Moreover his presence was not reported to the authorities until six days after he had been seen. The murderer was seen by an old Japanese who peddles charcoal about the country. The charcoal peddler was making his way from the mountains back of C. A. Brown's residence, and seeing some guava bushes, went into them for the purpose of gathering some fruit.

The peddler happened to look through the bushes and saw a man in a sitting position with his head bent forward and a revolver in his hand. Just as the peddler saw the sitting man, the latter awoke and, springing to his feet, shoved the revolver at the peddler and inquired if he were looking for him. The peddler did not then suspect who the man was but assured Yanagai that he had merely come into the bushes to pluck fruit. The peddler was permitted to depart, after being warned not to mention having seen anybody. This occurred on Tuesday of last week. The police were not notified of the occurrence until Monday of this week.

Although the posse arrived six days behind the murderer, the officers went to work and beat all over the country in an endeavor to get some trace of the missing man. The work was very difficult owing to the brush and thickets. The weather was very hot and oppressive and the officers experienced great inconvenience and suffered considerably from the heat. Numerous places were visited. The charcoal burners in the mountains back of the Brown residence were visited but no one was seen who had noticed the murderer. Only the old charcoal peddler saw Yanagai.

The various Japanese in the Waianae district were acquainted with the fact that a reward of \$250 for information that will lead to the apprehension of the murderer is offered by the authorities. The presumption of the officers is that the murderer went further into the Waianae mountains and is hiding in that section. The old peddler says that the murderer carried a bundle which seemed to contain a small quantity of food.

SOUTH STREET INJUNCTION

SUPERINTENDENT COOPER DENIES KAPIOLANI ESTATE'S OWNERSHIP OF LAND.

Superintendent of Public Works Cooper and Road Supervisor Dwight have filed an answer to the suit brought against them by the Kapiolani estate, in which a temporary injunction was issued restraining the officials from proceeding to take land on South street, for street improvements, to which the estate claims title. The defendants declare that the land but that it has been the property of the government from time immemorial. The defendants deny that they have spoiled or removed any trees not on government property, or intend to do so, and ask that the injunction be dissolved.

Constant Sierling and the A. Harrison Mill Company have begun suits for \$957.48 and \$3,906.26 respectively against F. M. Swanzey and E. H. Redward, to enforce mechanics' liens on the residence built for Swanzey by Redward.

Attorney J. P. Balla has filed an appearance as counsel for Charles Blake in the divorce suit brought by Harriet Blake. A motion to quash the service of summons has been filed.

M. S. Deponte has been granted a license to practice law in the district courts. His petition states that he is a graduate of St. Louis College and Oahu college and his good moral character is attested by M. T. Furtado, Leon M. Strauss, J. M. Vivas and Frank Andrade.

KAHULULU.

Kahului, arriving July 15.—S. S. Argile from San Francisco.

ARE THE VOUCHERS BURNED OR ONLY HID?

CONFLICTING STATEMENTS AS TO THE EXISTENCE AND WHEREABOUTS OF THE PAPERS THAT SHOW WHO GOT THE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS SPENT BY THE HOUSE AND WHY THEY GOT IT.

The vouchers of the House's expenditures are destroyed; they are in the possession of Speaker Beckley; they are in the possession of Representative W. M. Purdy, chairman of the committee on accounts; they are held by J. P. Makalain, assistant clerk of the House. These are the four statements now made regarding the missing receipts for public money. Solomon Meheula, clerk of the House this morning stated that the vouchers were not in his possession. "If there had not been so much talk about them they would never have been concealed," said Meheula. The talk, however, all followed the concealment.

The story of the disappearance of the vouchers forms a remarkable chapter of legislative history. It is now nearly two months since the documents, which are reported to contain evidence of some scandalous disbursements of public money, were secreted. At the end of the regular session The Star published a list of the House warrants and a representative of the paper then asked to be allowed to see the vouchers.

The clerk, assistant clerk and speaker of the House were all seen in turn without success. A few days later it was learned that there had been a little meeting of those interested, when they found out that The Star wanted the vouchers, and a decision had been reached that they should be burned.

The news of this extraordinary intention was published, and the destruction of vouchers was postponed. Efforts to get the vouchers were renewed by The Star representatives, but the receipts were carefully guarded. Speaker Beckley finally announced that the documents would be made public when the Senate's warrants were, and The Star published the Senate's list of warrants. It then appeared that Beck-

ley had meant the Senate vouchers, for the hidden documents were again refused. Publication of all the vouchers would be a practical impossibility and from a newspaper point of view an absurdity.

At present the clerk of the House, the natural custodian of its documents, says that he doesn't know where the vouchers are. The Senate has completed its regular session journal and turned over all its papers, including vouchers, to Secretary Carter. The House, according to report, will turn over nothing but its journal. On the last day of the regular session the following resolution, by Greenwell, was voted down:

"Be it resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Territory of Hawaii, that in order to allow sufficient time for the completion of its records and the proper disposition of its papers, the clerk and stenographer be allowed thirty days under pay, after the adjournment of this session for same."

"And further, for the benefit of the tax payers, there be added to the printed copy of the proceedings of this House a statement of its expenses, giving the date, the number of the warrant, to whom drawn, for what purpose and the amount."

Secretary Carter said this morning in answer to a question that he did not consider it his place to tell the House what papers to turn over. "The law says what shall be done," said the Secretary, "and it is for the officers of the House to carry out the law. I am required to receive and preserve whatever is turned over to me, but not to demand anything. If I should make a demand there is no way to enforce it. It is a matter that concerns the taxpayers, whether they are allowed to know how their money was spent or not."

COOPER IS MASTER OF THE SITUATION

THE LEGISLATURE BY OVER-APPROPRIATIONS THREW INTO HIS HANDS THE POWER TO SAY WHICH IMPROVEMENTS SHALL AND WHICH SHALL NOT BE MADE—MEMBERS ARE NOW TRYING THEIR PULL.

Since the legislature adjourned Superintendent of Public Works Cooper has received a number of calls from legislators who are anxious to have appropriations carried out in their districts. Cooper is practically legislator and executive officer all in one, for the legislature left matters in his hands by appropriating far more than can be raised and leaving it to Cooper to see which items shall be spent.

All the members are anxious about

their own particular districts and they have been asking for promises that the money for them be used in any event. The superintendent has spent much time studying the bills over, but it is impossible to lay any very large plans until there is more definite knowledge of as to how much money will be available. Some of the larger items, such as the reorganization of the Honolulu wharf system, for which \$300,000 were appropriated, will have as early attention as can be given.

WEAVER'S COURT ROOM.

Judge Weaver of the Torrens land court will probably use the jury room in the Judiciary building for a court. He is arranging to secure furniture for the room and will open court as soon as these arrangements and the drafting of rules, etc., have been completed. This will probably be about a month from now. Weaver has retired from the Attorney General's department. He has been succeeded by W. S. Fleming.

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