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## AMERICAN FLEET IS OFF MEXICO

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

PENSACOLA, Florida, March 9.—A wireless has been received here from the American battleship fleet, dated off Acapulco, Mexico.

From being a day or so behind schedule, the American fleet has now become ahead. It left Callao last Saturday and has apparently made quick time northwards. If the words "off Acapulco" are correct, the fleet will easily be able to steam from Acapulco to Magdalena Bay and arrive at the latter place ahead of the scheduled date, March 14. That is the end of the officially announced route, though it has been stated unofficially that after three weeks' gun practice at Magdalena, the vessels will proceed to San Francisco, for review, dry docking at Mare Island, etc., before starting this way.

## CHICAGO IS AT RIO

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 9.—The American cruiser Chicago, has arrived here en route home from Valparaiso.

## GERMANY AND BRITAIN

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

BERLIN, March 9.—The Foreign Office denies that there is any trouble in prospect with Great Britain.

## 24 ARE INDICTED

FEDERAL GRAND JURY REPORTS INDICTMENTS BUT KEEPS SILENT ABOUT IWILEI.

Twenty-four indictments were returned by the Federal grand jury this morning. In a report to United States Judge Dole, the illicit still business leads in the number of cases, but there are several counterfeit and other cases. It is understood that the jury made quite an investigation of Iwilei and discussed Iwilei conditions a good deal, but nothing was said about the matter in its report. Some changes and reforms, however, will result in the Iwilei district from the work of the jury.

Jacob Rosenberg, the alleged waterfront fagin, who got off on trials from last term indictments, is accused again.

- The list of indictments is as follows:
- Moses Koki, embezzlement money order funds.
  - Martin Keogh, smuggling.
  - Joshua D. Koki, embezzlement money order funds.
  - Jacob Rosenberg, receiving stolen goods.
  - Ong Too Wan, possession of counterfeit coin.
  - Paia, unlawfully carrying on wholesale and retail liquor dealer.
  - John Kakae, adultery.
  - Su Cho Hun, making and having in possession counterfeit coins.
  - Kim Key Wog, having in possession counterfeit coin.
  - Ah Pa, illicit distilling.

## CRISIS IN THE FAR EAST

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

PEKING, March 9.—China has given satisfaction to Japan by the handing down of her flag and an apology for the Tatan incident. Japan has agreed to meet the desires of China with reference to future supervision of the traffic in arms sent to China to aid the rebellion. An agreement between China and Japan has also been reached as to the disposition of the cargo of the Tatan Maru.

Other points between the two nations remain unsettled.

(Associated Press Morning Service.)

TOKIO, March 9.—Japan is undoubtedly preparing for war. Her warships are being coiled and enormous supplies are being rushed aboard them. It is believed probable that the warships will be sent to Canton.

CHINA DEMANDS PLEDGE OF TOKIO.

PEKING, March 9.—No understanding has as yet been arrived at between the Chinese and Japanese government over the seizure of the Tatan Maru and the Japanese demands for her surrender.

China in turn has demanded of Japan a pledge that the Japanese government will suppress the traffic in arms between Japanese merchants and the Chinese revolutionary leaders.

LONDON HAS PEACEFUL DESPATCH.

LONDON, March 9.—A special despatch received here yesterday says that the Chinese government has sent the apology demanded by Japan.

The following are dispatches and discussions of the Far Eastern crisis published in various papers of the Orient:

TOKIO, February 12.—Japan has replied to China on the question of the seizure of the Tatan Maru near Macao that there is no basis in international law for the confiscation of the rifles and ammunition which were on that ship. Japan says that these arms were regularly shipped at the order of a German firm in Hongkong.

It is evident that Japan is determined to take the issue with China whenever possible. The Tatan Maru undoubtedly had arms for rebels who are fighting against the government of China, though they were consigned to Chinese firms in Macao they were intended for the revolutionaries in southern China. There is no sale for rifles of a military pattern as these were except to arm an army and whatever Japan may claim China was well within her rights when she seized the cargo.

There is good reason to expect serious trouble before this matter is settled. Should a war break out between the United States and Japan it would not be a localized one in the view of the "Gaulois," the noted French paper, which says: "There would be reason to fear a general war, since England would judge it necessary for her interests to take part in a quarrel which might settle the mastery of the Pacific. And Germany would probably help the United States. What, then, would France do? These are reasons which are sufficient to require us: England, at present, has no desire to come into conflict with Germany, and Germany has every interest in gaining time and improving her navy.

America, again, is still staggering under the blow of the financial crisis and a military adventure is not likely to help in ameliorating her financial situation. Lastly Japan has no money, and the Mikado will certainly take note of the warning given him by the fall in Japanese funds on the London Exchange. There is, therefore, no reason to fear the great outbreak, at least at present, precisely because everybody dreads it. Japan will not attack America, and the United States has not the least desire to attack Japan. Showing one's force is still the best means of avoiding the necessity of employing it. This is what America thinks; and she acts wisely.

In a long article headed "The United States Army," evidently from the pen of an expert, the Berlin Post says the political barometer for the past summer has indicated to the world the forthcoming struggle between the United States and Japan for the political and commercial supremacy of the Pacific Ocean. Mr. Roosevelt's cleverness rendered possible a temporary postponement of the question, but meanwhile an imposing fleet has sailed for the Far East to demonstrate that the United States is not defenseless and will on no account voluntarily submit to Japan's demands.

After citing the details of America's 1908 ship building program, making her the second maritime power in the world, the "Post" continues: "The dilatory diplomatic negotiations of the points of differences between Japan and America are not only intended to admit the carrying through of the naval programme upon extensive lines, but also to develop the strength of the land forces. A strong army is a necessity upon which Mr. Roosevelt's last Message lays stress."

After reviewing the development of the American army since the Spanish

America, again, is still staggering

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## NEWS MAKES HAWAII WONDER

One of the main topics of discussion in Honolulu today is the cable from Tokio stating that Japanese warships are being hurriedly loaded with coal and supplies and that Japan "is undoubtedly preparing for war."

Such a statement from the Associated Press, a conservative and accurate news agency, is full of possible significance to these islands. "The next few days will be full of the deepest possible influence on our island destiny for years to come," said a Honolulu man who is about as familiar with the situation here and in Washington as anyone in the islands.

As China is without a navy, the rush of preparations in the Japanese navy is regarded as scarcely to be considered as for China alone. And if it is meant for the United States, the Japanese fleet might soon be on its way here. Here is the way the matter is figured out in well informed military and naval circles:

"If Japan is to war with the United States, the time to begin is when the American fleet is on the last part of its way to Magdalena Bay. That is now. The American fleet is now at its worst. The vessels have dirty bottoms and the supplies and coal are about as low as they ever will be. Give the fleet a bit more time and it will be cleaned, re-supplied and at its full strength.

"If there is to be war, Japan will strike her first blow at Hawaii. Using Hawaii as a base she can attack the entire Pacific coast of America, choosing her own place. So if there is to be a war, Hawaii may expect to be quickly 'occupied.'"

This is the sort of "dope" the strategists in town were giving out today. It is all the speculation caused by Japan's preparations.

As far as local conditions are concerned, no serious difficulty is anticipated. There is more than ample force here to preserve the peace should it be threatened.

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## DAVIS RESIGNS

DOES NOT WANT TO BE COMMISSIONER AND COMPLAINS OF HATCH APPOINTMENT.

George A. Davis has written the following letter:

To the Honorable Sanford B. Dole, Judge of the United States District Court in and for the District and Territory of Hawaii.

"May it please your Honor:—In the month of August, A. D. 1906, you were pleased to appoint me United States Commissioner for the District and Territory of Hawaii, and fully appreciating the high honor conferred upon me, as well as the grave responsibility the duties of the office imposed, and being fully aware of the serious nature of the acts of committing for trial persons accused of crime, I endeavored, and it has been my constant aim to be guided by the law and the evidence, and I do not think I have committed anyone through envy, hatred or malice, neither have I refused to commit any person by or through fear, favor, affection, gain, reward or the hope thereof.

"My accounts have nearly all been examined by the Auditor of the Department of Justice and found correct. The few items that remain unaudited, I am satisfied will be found in the same condition.

"Most of the duties as well as the fees of the office have been transferred and given to the clerk of this court, who was also appointed a Commissioner under earnest request of the U. S. District Attorney, and a few weeks after I entered upon my duties. The clerk of this court with the fixed salary of \$2000 per annum, in my opinion should not hold the office of United States Commissioner, as the duties are of a judicial character, and he is constantly called upon to perform duties as clerk and as commissioner which are inconsistent and sometimes conflict.

"Under all the circumstances I feel that I am compelled to tender this resignation as United States Commissioner to take effect forthwith, and in parting from you officially, permit me to express my sincere appreciation for your uniform kindness during the eighteen months I have held the office, and I also feel that your confidence in me as an officer of this court remains unshaken. I also desire to thank the United States Marshal and his Deputy, for the assistance they have always cheerfully lent me in the performance of my duties. I have the honor to be, Honorable Sir, yours sincerely,

"GEORGE A. DAVIS."

TEACHING GEOGRAPHY. The battleship fleet is nearing Punta Arenas and teaching people geography simultaneously. —Kansas City Star.

HOW TO BECOME FAMOUS. One sure way of making people talk about you is to keep your mouth shut. Philadelphia Telegraph.

A woman can shop all day on the money that wouldn't take a man any farther than the first saloon. —Philadelphia Telegraph.

One of the secrets a woman can keep is her private opinion of her husband. When the wish is father to the thought it is up to the parent to support the child.

Some men acquire dollars by marriage and some others remain without sense all their days.

AN ENTERPRISING MERCHANT. K. Yamamoto is the biggest importer of Japanese goods in Hawaii. Eve y steamer from the Orient (tramp or passenger) brings him the largest shipment consigned to one firm. By getting his goods in large quantities the freight and other charges are greatly reduced which enables him to undersell all competitors.

LILJOLALU. O Liljoolalu Olu. The dear girl is nui huhu. She transferred her baggage and was handed a "package" O Liljoolalu, Olu. In future she'll call for Love Olu By ringing up 152 Who gives satisfaction and also quick action The CITY TRANSFER for you.

Arrived Monday, Alligretti's chocolate creams at Benson Smith & Co. Ltd.

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## SCHMITZ WINS HIS APPEAL

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—The Supreme Court has sustained the decision of the appellate court of San Francisco, in favor of ex-Mayor Schmitz.

This decision was on an appeal by the prosecution, to the Supreme Court of the state of California. The prosecution has finally lost its case, and with it may also fall the case in which Ruel pleaded guilty. The decision appealed from declared the indictments defective and also declared that there were numerous errors during the Schmitz trial.

## MORMON CASE HAS NO WIRELESS

The trial of Melvin M. Harmon, President of the Mormon Church in the Territory, for subornation of perjury in connection with the Kekoaaha Kalehua adultery case which was decided on during the last term of the United States District Court, was on this morning before Judge Dole and a jury, a number of witnesses being called to testify, among them being Dr. Emerson, who was called as an expert for the prosecution. The case will probably last the rest of this week, as a number of witnesses still have to be examined. A large number of the Mormon followers are constantly in the court or around the building.

## MOTION TO DISMISS AMERICA MARU

Castle and Withington attorneys for certain defendants in the W. J. Lowrie vs. Henry P. Baldwin, J. B. Castle et al suit for damages, filed papers this afternoon in the Circuit Court asking that the case be dismissed for reason of the plaintiffs failure to give security for costs. The motion will be heard on Wednesday morning before Judge De Bolt.

AMERICA MARU SIGHTED. Toyo Kisen Kaisha America Maru, from San Francisco with three days later mail, was reported off Koko Head at noon today.

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