

STEAMER ASIA TOTAL WRECK NEAR SHANGHAI

(Associated Press Cable to the Star.)
TOKIO, April 24—The S. S. Asia struck Finger Rock in a fog Sunday and is a total loss. The steamer Cohang Sin saved all on board.
Steamer Is Sunk.
TOKIO, April 24—The Asia was feeling her way towards Shanghai at the time of the accident. Her wireless signals of distress reached the America Maru, bound for Hongkong, and she responded and reached the scene in the afternoon but was unable to penetrate the fog. When the fog lifted the America Maru found the passengers, crew and mails on board the Cohang Sin, which proceeded to Shanghai, the America taking the crew to Hongkong. The Asia is reported sunk.

The startling news was received in shipping circles this morning that the well-known Pacific Mail liner Asia had been wrecked off Finger Island, near Shanghai, yesterday. The crew and the passengers were all saved.
The information was contained in a telegram to the Merchants' Exchange, which read: "Asia sunk off Finger Island. Total loss. Passengers and crew saved."
It was assumed that the China was near Shanghai when she was wrecked, for she was due there today from Hongkong en route to San Francisco, via Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu, her date of arrival here being May 12. Further information concerning the disaster that has overtaken the popular little ship will no doubt come in later messages. The Asia was a favorite interme-

THE SENATOR ARRIVES AT SAN FRANCISCO AND SUPPLIES MORE MUSIC THAN LABOR

Beneath a large picture of Hawaiian laborers with banjos and mandolins, "singing a Hawaiian love song in celebration of their release from shipboard" the San Francisco Chronicle of April 18 has the following:
One hundred and twenty-five boyish-looking brown men from the Hawaiian islands poured down the gangway of the steamer Senator yesterday afternoon singing "Aloha Nui," the Hawaiian "Juanita," and with their disappearance like a scattering flock of sheep into the streets of the city the second labor-gathering fiasco of the Alaska Packers' Association was brought to an end.
This second failure to enlist men from the Hawaiian islands to work in the Alaskan salmon canneries for the season just beginning has cost the Alaska Packers' Association from \$20,000 to \$40,000, although local agents of the company claim to know nothing of the chartering of the Senator to bring laborers from Honolulu.
The first fiasco was the jumping of their contracts by 275 Filipinos, Porto Ricans and Hawaiians, recruited at Honolulu by agents of the Alaska Packers' Association, when they arrived here on the steamer Korea.
Not Allowed to Land.
The Senator arrived in the bay Sun-

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WOODRUFF'S HAWAII RECORD COST HIM AN APPOINTMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 13. — George W. Woodruff, at present an attorney for the Pocahontas Coal Company, of West Virginia, and formerly one of the United States Judges for the District of Hawaii, is an applicant for the position of Assistant Attorney General for the Interior Department, a position he held during the administration of Secretary Garfield, and prior to his appointment to the Hawaiian Judgeship. The new Secretary of the Interior, Walter L. Fisher, is reported as having favored Mr. Woodruff's candidacy until he consulted with Attorney General Wickersham concerning the matter. The Attorney General, it is understood, discouraged the Secretary of the Interior in his advocacy of Mr. Woodruff's application. It is stated he called the attention of the Sec-

retary to the very active opposition of the Senate Committee on Judiciary to Mr. Woodruff's nomination as Federal Judge for Hawaii, based, not upon any personal or political grounds, but upon the belief that he was not qualified as a lawyer to successfully fill the position. He also, it is said, called the attention of the Secretary to the fact that after protracted opposition Mr. Woodruff's nomination was confirmed, but that he held the Judgeship for but two or three months only, seriously inconveniencing the Department of Justice by accepting the place and resigning in so short a time.
In view of the representations made by the Attorney General it is now stated that Mr. Woodruff will not be appointed Assistant Attorney General for the Interior Department.

SENSATIONAL ROAST IN PUBLIC OF THE LAND COMMISSIONER

A hundred or more Representatives, Senators, prospective land purchasers and spectators on the steps of the capitol at noon today were participants in or witnesses to an emphatic denunciation of Land Commissioner Marston Campbell.
The occasion was the advertised sale of some twenty and odd beach lots at Kawailoa on the windward side of this island.
Josh Tucker, Campbell's right hand man in office work, read the notice of sale and then announced that "by order of the land commissioner the sale was postponed until May 1."
Attorney Wade Warren Thayer stepped forward and said: "I wish at this time to enter an emphatic protest against the postponement of this sale. It has been duly advertised for today after a delay of about nine months and then the land commissioner, without any excuse, announces a postponement for the purpose, probably, of allowing some of his friends to go over and take a look at the lands. It is a dirty, rotten deal. It is a damned outrage, and I want you to make a note of this protest."
Another prospective purchaser spoke up and said: "Yes, Campbell has gone away and left Tucker to do the dirty work for him."
Tucker smiled in an embarrassed manner, saying he was obeying orders, whereupon bystanders patted him on the back and said they knew he was not to blame.
Thayer represented four clients. Judge Andrade, a member of the land board, was among the crowd, but whether as a spectator or a purchaser did not appear.
Charles Frazier and a string of men who months ago asked for the lands at Kawailoa were in attendance.
Thayer remarked aloud that he hoped there were legislators present who could hear the protest against the postponement of the sale. There were.

FREAR VETOES THE JOHN CUMMINS BILL

Gov. Frear today vetoed the John A. Cummins relief bill, in a message reading as follows:
"The object of this bill is to pay to John A. Cummins the amount of a fine of \$5,000 which he paid sixteen years ago under a sentence based on a plea of guilty.
"There is much in this case to appeal to sentiment and sympathy, and for that reason it is both difficult and unpleasant to consider the bill upon its merits. It is unfortunate that this matter, recalling, as it does, the circumstances out of which this case arose, should be reopened. Looking at the matter from the standpoint of broad policy, the repayment of the fine in question would tend to serve as an embarrassing precedent in other cases that might appeal to sentiment, and especially in the other cases which arose out of the same circumstances. Mr. Cummins was the only one out of about one hundred and ninety who escaped imprisonment by paying a fine. A recognition of his claim might well be regarded as a recognition of the claims of the others, and there would be as much logic in compensating the others for their several periods of imprisonment as in compensating him for the fine which he paid.
"Be that as it may, there seems to be an insuperable legal objection to this bill. The fine, when paid, became public money. That particular money was expended long ago by the Republic of Hawaii, but, whether it was or not, and even if it had been paid to the Territory of Hawaii, its payment to a private individual, or the payment of a like sum out of other public moneys, would come within the constitutional inhibition against the use of public moneys for private purposes. A bill of this kind is not an exercise of the pardoning power, for that is vested solely in the executive, and even the executive could not exercise that power in such a way as to remit a fine already paid under a legal judgment. This case is not one of those in which a legislative body may authorize the repayment of moneys paid under a mistake of fact or even moneys paid under a mistake of law. In such cases the question is merely one of policy. The money is the people's, for the people; that is, for public purposes and cannot lawfully be diverted to private purposes."

Sunday Theaters Bill Killed By Very Big Vote

Senator Quinn's bill to permit the opening of theaters on Sunday was wiped off the legislative slate this morning when the House by a record vote of twenty-five to four sustained a majority report of the health and police committee against the bill.
The committee's majority consisted of all its members except the chairman, Coney, who merely appended his non-concurrence with the recommendation that the bill be tabled. Immediately on presenting the report the chairman moved that it be laid on the table. This motion was lost on the following vote, and then the majority report was adopted, which tabled the bill:
Ayes—Afonso, Coney, Long, Watkins—44.
Noes—Archer, Castle, Cockett, Cooke, Correa, Hale, Holstein, Huddy, Kamanoulu, Kaneko, Kawaakoa, Kawewehi, Kellinui, Mahoe, Makekai, Marcellino, Moanauili, Rice, Rickard, Sheldon, Tavares, Towse, Waihalo, Williamson, Yates—25.
Paolo Water.
A report of the finance committee was adopted which carried on second reading the bill to provide for acquiring Paolo water rights.
Railroad Trespass Bill.
A conference report on the railroad trespass bill, favoring its pas-

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LABOR UNIONS ACCUSE BURNS OF CONSPIRACY

(Associated Press Cable to the Star.)
INDIANAPOLIS, April 24—The grand jury is investigating the labor officials here who declare that a conspiracy is under way to injure labor unionism. The prisoners are en route to Los Angeles. Detective Burns is securing evidence in various places.

THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

EL PASO, April 24—The negotiations for peace are proceeding.

FOR DIPLOMATIC POSTS.

WASHINGTON, April 24—The President has nominated Henry S. Bontell for minister to Switzerland, Edwin V. Morgan for minister to Portugal and Maurice Swanson for Minister to Norway.

THE BASEBALL RECORDS.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—American: New York 5, Washington 3; Chicago 2, Cleveland 5; Boston 1; Philadelphia 5; Detroit 7; St. Louis 6. National: Brooklyn 0, Boston 3; Philadelphia 4, New York 1; Cincinnati 7; Chicago 4; St. Louis 6; Pittsburg 5, eleven innings.

(MORNING CABLE REPORT.)

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23.—After months of quiet work, Detective William Burns arrested in this city yesterday John J. McNamara, secretary of the International Structural Iron Workers' Association, on a charge of being accessory to the blowing up of the Times building in Los Angeles, October 1 last.

Ninety-four sticks of dynamite of the same brand as that which was used to blow up the Times building and five hundred caps were found in

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HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER ADDS TO SCANDALOUS ATMOSPHERE OF HILO'S PEDAGOGUES' QUARREL

The inquiry into the Hilo High School scandal was continued this morning, when the Board of Education listened to explanations, charges and denials by both Principal Richmond and Mrs. Compton, the leading figures in this matter. The attempts of Richmond to open up two matters referred to by Mrs. Compton, but kept veiled, were promptly combated by Mr. Aiken and Judge Stanley, who thought they were best left alone for the time being.
Messrs. Pope, Gibson, Rice, Aiken, Moir, Judge Stanley, and Mrs. Wilcox were present, Miss Paris being absent.
One of the few developments of the morning was the denial by Richmond of his rumored marriage to Miss Sandry.

No Hula-Hula Dancing.

Mrs. Compton referred to the alleged hula-hula dance at Mrs. Andrews' house, stating that the boys had been playing in a school play, "The Merchant of Venice," and had assembled in front of Mrs. Andrews' house to serenade her. She did not invite them there and it was only after asking Mrs. Widdemore, who was in charge of the house, for permission that she invited the boys to come on to the porch and play. The boys played and sang but did not dance. There were several other people in the house at the time but the boys did not enter the house.

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THE HOUSE RECONSIDERS AND PASSES THE PAUOA PURCHASE

The House this afternoon took up the Pauoa water bill, which was tabled this morning, and it passed the third reading.
The reapportionment bill has been deferred.
House bill for the extension of Bishop street was laid on the table with short ceremony in the House this morning.
Rice thought it purely a county matter. Let the counties stand on their own footing. If any of them wish to extend a road let it condemn the required property.
Sheldon said there was a strong petition against the closing of Union street, and that was one of the things the bill proposed. Some property owners having interests in Union street land had not received any offer under the arrangement. He moved that the bill be tabled, which on a show of hands carried by a close vote.
Municipal Eminent Domain.
House bill to amend the law of 1907 giving the powers of eminent domain to the counties so as to include the City and County of Honolulu, passed third reading unanimously.
Paoua Water Rejected.
There was a contest over House bill to direct the Superintendent of Public Works to acquire the Booth water rights in Paoua for not to exceed \$100,000, ending in its defeat.
Castle said it was objectionable in

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