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CANADIANS AFTER KONA BANANA LAND

Information has just been disclosed to The Star which indicates that the eyes of outside capitalists are being directed to Hawaii as an inviting field for tropical fruit growing upon a large scale. Within the past few weeks J. E. Higgins, horticulturist of the Hawaii Experiment Station, has received inquiries by mail regarding the possibility of obtaining large tracts of land in these islands for the raising of tropical fruits.

One of the communications is from a Canadian company or syndicate which owns large fruit raising interests in the West Indies. Three or four thousand acres is mentioned as the amount of area desired. Perhaps the prospect of reciprocity is the instigation of the inquiry.

American capital is behind the second inquiry. This is less definite in its statements than the other, yet appears to be not less in earnest.

There is nothing in either case to indicate that the move was other than purely voluntary, or that it was the result of public or private solicitation from Hawaii.

Mr. Higgins has informed certain large holders of land of the inquiries in question, and while the action they may take has not yet been divulged, there is a fair probability that important developments in the matter are not far away. In certain circumstances, of which only an inkling has yet been revealed, the outcome of the negotiations, set on foot may include a hastening of railway extension such as will open up large areas in addition to such tracts as the seeking capitalists may acquire.

The Canadians have their eyes on a large tract of land in Kona.



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The most potent force in German journalism. His editorials in the *Zukunft* have helped to make and unmake the most powerful.

PRESIDENT TO SPEND TWO DAYS IN SAN FRANCISCO

(Associated Press Cables to The Star.)
SAN FRANCISCO, August 31.—President Taft will be here from October 13 to 15 and will break ground for the exposition on the 14th.

THE UTAH'S FLAG RAISED.

PHILADELPHIA, August 31.—The battleship—Utah has been commissioned.

A DAMAGING RAINSTORM.

PHILADELPHIA, August 31.—A terrific rainstorm has occurred here and done much damage.

NEW LAW PRESIDENT.

BOSTON, August 31.—Stephen Gregory of Illinois has been elected president of the American Bar Association.

SAIONJI'S POLICY.

TOKIO, August 31.—Premier Saionji says the policy of friendship with all nations and the development of Japan will remain unchanged.

O'BRIEN FOR ITALY.

TOKIO, August 31.—Ambassador O'Brien has sailed for Italy.

SUGAR'S STEADY ADVANCE.

NEW YORK, August 31.—Granulated sugar has advanced five cents and other grades ten cents.

MADERO AND ONE TERM.

CITY OF MEXICO, August 31.—General Madero has endorsed the Progressive platform and pledged himself to one term.

STANDARD DISSOLVES.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey has been dissolved in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court apportioning the stock of the subsidiary companies which will operate independently.

(Morning Cable Report on Page 11.)

BRITISH STEAMER HERE WITH SULPHUR HAD "ZOO" ABOARD

The British steamer *Strathlyon* arrived here last night from Hakodate, Japan, after a voyage of fifteen days that was without incident, as the weather was fair throughout.

She brings here 1250 tons of sulphur and 150 tons of general cargo, consigned to H. Hackfeld & Co. She will leave, it is expected, on Saturday some time for Portland, Oregon, for which port she has cargo and mail from Japan.

This is the *Strathlyon's* first visit to this port, and the engineers were able to furnish some amusement for some of the local water-fronters. That it was unconscious detracted from it in no way. For instance, one of them had placed in his hands an enterprising Chinese laundryman a list of rates for washing. Looking down this, he ascertained the prices of the goods to be laundered. Through some oversight he glanced down the side devoted to ladies' apparel. He passed over some of them without noticing, but suddenly he turned to one whom he called "Jock," and calmly told him how much it would cost to have his holokus washed. The pronunciation of holoku with a strong Scottish accent nearly set Captain Kelly into an epileptic fit.

On one part of the journey the ship seems to have had a lot of trouble with pets. For instance, one of the officers had eight monkeys. They were trained to a high degree, and did all sorts of tricks. One of them was running up the masts. One day they tried to increase this by climbing along the back stay from the forward to the aftermast. By some accident or another, the first one fell off and went clean down the funnel. The other five that were following him, with the usual lack of originality characteristic of monkeys followed suit and slipped into the rapacious maws. Only two of them were saved from a fiery death.

That was not all the trouble, for

the steward bought some canaries in Japan, having an idea that he would be able to trade them at a liberal increase on the original figure. Each night on the way across the Pacific he would put the birds into the cabin, but in spite of all the care that he took of his feathered pets, one by one they sickened and died. It seemed uncanny to him that they should be all right during the day and then suddenly become mopy at night and die before the morning. He was puzzled and worried over it. He looked into the matter to see what the solution of the seeming mystery was. He soon learnt it, and it was so simple that he wonders now why he did not discover it before.

It was winter time when he made the purchase, and a charcoal stove had been placed in the cabin for the purpose of radiating some warmth. The fumes from the stove were suffocating the birds, and the steward did not discover it till too late. He said this morning, "never again," for him.

His last venture was with little kittens, and they too, died. Somebody made the ship a present of a pair of kittens that were too young to eat. He discovered that the only way to keep them alive was to feed them with liquid food from a syringe. Now and again he was too busy to do this, so he threw them some meat. Invariably he had to administer first aid to the injured, but one day he was not about when spasms overtook them, so they were accorded a burial at sea.

The *Strathlyon* is one of a fleet of thirty-four ships. These vessels usually sail out of Scottish ports. They visit every part of the world, calling at United States ports in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, China, Hongkong, Japan, Australia, Java, in fact practically everywhere. They are usually away from their home ports for about sixteen months. The *Strathlyon* is only about three years old.

Tunnel Scheme Is Raising Many Questions Regarding Water Rights

There promise to be some interesting developments in connection with the application of the Oahu Sugar Company for right of way to build a tunnel through government land in the backbone of the Koolau range for the purpose of bringing water from the north side into its fields for irrigation purposes, according to Governor Freat, who commented at some length on the matter at noon today.

It even looks as though the matter may have to be taken into the courts for settlement—in fact according to the Governor there is now supposed to be an injunction suit brought against Link McCandless by the Territory during Governor Carter's administration, still pending, which has to do with the ownership of the water of this section.

The Governor stated that a considerable portion of the water desired by the Company originates on government land. The Company, he understands, claims to hold its right to this water, through claims of McCandless to it. A portion of this water undoubtedly belongs to the land lower down the valley. Just how these are divided, and how much could be diverted, the Territory is not sure, and the matter will now be gone into very thoroughly.

Governor Freat stated that McCandless claimed the water some years ago under the mainland prior appropriation law, which has never been recognized in this territory. Injunction proceedings were instituted, and the case has never been pushed, probably for the reason that it is pretty hard to enjoin a man from making claim to any particular thing he wishes to, so long as he takes no more positive action.

It seems likely that McCandless' claim will have to be determined definitely, and also the matter of how much water may be diverted from the windward side in any event.

Proposition Investigated Before.

A good many years ago the matter of using this water to develop electric power for Honolulu was investigated by the Department of Public Works, then in charge of W. E. Rowell, a report of which project is still on file in the Public Works office.

The Governor stated that the Territory has been intending to take up the matter of water ownership in this particular section for a year or more, for the purpose of definitely establishing its status, but that the matter has been pushed aside by more pressing matters until the present time. The investigations will now be carried out very thoroughly.

The Territorial land office and the attorney general's office are looking into the application of the Oahu Sugar Company for a right of way through government land, for its proposed big irrigation tunnel on this island. Land Commissioner Judd says he doesn't know yet how the interests of the Territory may be involved, but that the investigation now being made is designed to clear up the situation.

Wm. Potentbauer, vice president of H. Hackfeld & Co., agents for the plantation, stated this morning that it is simply a matter of a right of way across government land that is being asked; that there is nothing definite concerning the tunnel proposition that the directors wish to make public at the present time; and that a full

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TWO JAPANESE DOCTORS PASS M.S. GRINBAUM'S ESTATE IN HAWAII

Two Japanese applicants for licenses to practice medicine passed the board of examiners this week, both with high records. In the case of one of them the board abandoned the rule made several years ago that examinations must be in English. There was a lively controversy over this rule, and it was pointed out that some of the most famous doctors on earth couldn't get a license to practice in Hawaii if it were enforced.

The two doctors admitted are D. Yanagi, who secured a certificate in Japan and then spent three years in a Berlin university. He was examined through S. Sheba as interpreter, and made a brilliant showing. Dr. Ochiai, a graduate of Columbia University, also passed with great credit, taking his examination in English.

Property in this jurisdiction comprises the lot with building at Queen and Kaahumanu streets, under lease to Theo. H. Davies & Co., Ltd., for ten years from January 1, 1910, at the annual rental of \$4800; lot with warehouse on Mission lane, Honolulu, occupied by the corporation just named, as tenant at will, at the rent of \$75 a month, and lands and interests in lands in the district of Hana, Maui, under lease to Kaaleku Sugar Co. for twenty-one years from March 15, 1907. Of these Hana lands the deceased owned 1188.32 acres of forty-five patents and awards for which the areas are given, besides a strip twenty feet wide of another patent and land at Kawaipapa, area not given.

JUNKET DAY FOR OFFICIALS

Today seems to be junket day in Territorial official circles.

The governor is still in his office putting the finishing touches on his annual report, while Land Commissioner Judd, Superintendent of Schools Pope and Auditor Fisher were also to be found at their desks this morning, but the rest are enjoying a beautiful day in the country.

Secretary Mott-Smith is entertaining Dr. McCormack with an auto ride around the island.

Superintendent of Public Works Marston Campbell and the other members of the Harbor Commission are on the other side of the island looking into the possibilities and need for landings along that coast.

President Pratt of the Board of Health, Attorney General Lindsay and other members of the health department started early this morning for Walaie, the site of the Boys' Industrial School, where they expected to take steps towards segregating several cases of tuberculosis which have developed there recently. They will be back in time to attend the regular meeting of the board at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Dr. Victor S. Clark, head of the Department of Immigration, is around at Kahuku on business connected with his department.

FLYING FISH PLENTIFUL NOW

Each morning now, there are to be seen at the Mauna Kea wharf a great many outriggers. The Hawaiians report that the flying fish season is now in full swing, and every boat is laden with the little delicacies. They say that they are very plentiful now. They are caught at night, by the simple method of placing a light in the boat to attract the fish towards them.

MOLLIE FIGHTS CONVICTION.
Mollie Nash has appealed from District Magistrate Hookano of Ewa, who fined her \$100 and costs for selling beer without a license.

CASE DROPPED.
Ester K. Borras, with the allowance of Judge Whitney, has discontinued her action to quiet title against John K. Apio.

LAND MATTERS UP THIS AFTERNOON

At the meeting of the Territorial Board of Land Commissioners this afternoon, a good deal of routine business is on the calendar.

Reports are due from Commissioner Carter regarding certain land at Kakaia, desired by H. Hackfeld & Co., and from Commissioner Williams on the matter of certain camp sites at Wainikea and at Laupahoehoe.

Under the head of new business the following matters are on the slate:

Application of the Hutchinson Sugar Planting Company to lease lands of Mauka.

Application of the Hawaiian Agricultural Company to lease the lands of Moaula and Palms.

Application for exchange of land at College Hill by J. B. Atherton Estate.

Application of the Hui Kaahumanu for the purchase of 12,825 square feet of land at Waiman for the site of a club building.

Application of Robert Hind to lease land of Pauonahulu in North Kona, Hawaii.

The Board of Harbor Commissioners is spending the day on the other side of the island, looking into the possibilities of establishing or improving various landings at Waikane, Kaneohe, and possibly other points. The members went to Heela by auto, and at that point were to be taken by power boat on a cruise of the Koolau waters by Supervisor Eben Low.

LOOKING AFTER HAWAII'S END OF THE GREAT EXPOSITION

H. P. Wood, chairman of the Hawaii Board of Commissioners for the Panama-Pacific Exposition, to be held in San Francisco in 1915, expects to make a trip to the Coast about the middle of September to look after Hawaii's interests in this great undertaking.

Since the site matter has been settled, the San Francisco committee has perfected its organization and is getting vigorously to work to spend the millions of dollars which have been pledged for the big show. Mr. Wood wishes, especially at this time, to get in touch with the publicity committee of the exposition in order that Hawaii may profit by all of the great volume of advertising which will soon be flooding the country from the Golden Gate city. The fact that Hawaii can be offered as a side trip inducement to visit the exposition should make good advertising material both to San Francisco and the islands.

Mr. Wood expects to visit all the principal ports along the Coast during his trip, in the interests of the Hawaii Promotion Committee. He hopes to be able to arouse interest in one or more excursions by special steamer to the islands during the coming winter, but the fact that vessels adapted to the purpose are scarcer than ever now, owing to the heavy increase in coastwise traffic, makes the old obstacle more acute than ever.