

**SUGAR**  
Cane 4.61c lb. \$92.20 ton.  
Beet 14s. 9 3/4 d. cwt. \$103.20 per ton.

# HAWAIIAN STAR.

**WEATHER**  
Ther. min. 72.  
Bar. 30.02.  
Wind. 12m. 12 N.W.  
Rain. 24h. 8 a. m. .00.

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## THE COURT WILLING TO ABDICATE

### TWO YEARS FOR STEALING POSTAL FUNDS

Two years' imprisonment is the punishment meted out to Denis H. Keoho, the postoffice clerk who proved unfaithful to the trust placed in him by the government and the people and appropriated to his own use money that passed through the Honolulu office.

Keoho appeared before Judge Clemons this morning and confessed his guilt, stating, through his lawyer, Frank Thompson, that he had stolen one hundred dollars. Deputy United States District Attorney C. C. Bitting represented the government and asked that a sentence commensurate with the gravity of the crime be imposed. Frank Thompson made a plea for judicial clemency. He stated that there are two kinds of criminals; the kind that commit crime for the sake of the crime itself, and the kind that is merely lacking in moral fiber sufficient to withstand temptation. He contended that Keoho belongs to the latter class.

The man, he said, had been in the postoffice for six years, and up to the time of his recent peculations had borne an excellent record for faithful and loyal service. But he belonged to a race that is too often lacking in strength of character to withstand temptation. He was not bad but only

weak. He was not of a high degree of intelligence, and when temptation came his way he fell. Besides, there were extenuating circumstances. The man had three children, and also his mother-in-law and the son of one of his brothers was living with him and being supported by him. Keoho found that he could not support them all on his meager salary of \$100 a month, so he fell to the temptation to take money that was not his own. Thompson asked that a light sentence be imposed in view of all the circumstances.

Judge Clemons had great difficulty in making up his mind. For many minutes he turned the pages of law books, thought deeply, and meantime the prisoner, a rather robust youth with a kindly, good natured face, obviously lacking in strength, stood with his arms folded and awaited the sentence of the court. At last the judge suggested that perhaps the prisoner might wish to speak to him in private and tell him things he would not tell in open court.

The prisoner would, so he and the judge retired to Judge Clemons' chambers, where they held a lengthy conference, one of the prisoner's brothers being called in also.

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### Parade of Fleet Sailors is Planned For Friday Next

Tentative arrangements for a parade of sailors and marines from the fleet were made this morning. Nothing definite had been made up, it was reported on the California, even the date—next Friday—was not definite, as something might turn up by which it would be deemed necessary to postpone or abandon the parade.

Captain Halstead will have command, and there will be something over a thousand men in line. There will be one battalion of sailors from

each ship and a battalion of marines. The naval officials were in close consultation with Captain Carter this morning for a long time. Captain Carter gave the officers the value of his topographical knowledge, and they left for the flagship, where the plans, as to the line of march and other details, are to be matured.

The sight of over a thousand men marching should be a great one, and will be something that Honolulu has not seen for a long time. The naval

bands will head the procession.

Beyond the foregoing news, matters are quiet with the fleet. The flagship California, the West Virginia and the Colorado are in port, and the South Dakota and the Maryland are at anchor outside. The Colorado is to leave her berth on the Ewa side of Alakea wharf, and proceed to the new wharf at the foot of Richards street.

The Colorado this morning formed an object lesson to about fifty school (Continued on Page Eight)

### PRINCES TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE

(Associated Press Cables to The Star.)

PEKIN, December 27.—The Empress Dowager has summoned the princes of the imperial clan to meet the premier, Yuan Shih Kai and discuss the Shanghai proposal. The representatives of the court will announce its willingness to abdicate in the hope of getting better terms.

### Sun Yat Sen for President

SHANGHAI, December 27.—It is reported that delegates from the provinces will meet at Nanking tomorrow to elect Sun Yat Sen president.

### Retaliatory Threats

ST. PETERSBURG, December 27.—Measures have been introduced in the Duma excluding American Jews from Russia and raising the customs duties on American imports one hundred per cent.

WASHINGTON, December 27.—A movement is growing in Russia to boycott American machinery.

### British Consul Disappears

TABRIZ, Persia, December 27.—The reactionaries have destroyed the Constitutional club building at Shiraz, British Consul Short disappeared during a fight between his Indian escort and the Persians.

### Dynamite Inquiry

LOS ANGELES, December 27.—The grand jury has resumed the dynamite investigation. Franklin has been committed or trial on the charge of bribing Bain.

### Many Poisoned in Berlin

BERLIN, December 27.—Eighteen inmates of the municipal shelter have been poisoned by eating their own spoiled food. Some others are dying.

### The First Cold Wave

SAN FRANCISCO, December 27.—A cold wave is sweeping over the middle west. There is heavy snow in northern California.

### La Follette in Ohio

YOUNGSTOWN, O., December 27.—Senator La Follette is here starting the progressive Republican campaign in Ohio.

(Morning Cable Report on Page Two.)

### JIMMY BOYD ENFORCES LAW

The first arrests under the mullet law were made this morning, Joe Castro and Mrs. Castro being gathered in at the instance of Market Inspector Boyd for having mullet in their possession at the fishmarket with evident intention to sell.

Castro is the ex-prizefighter. He has been ill for a long time and has, for weeks past, been put to it to eke out a living for his family which will shortly be increased.

All during the holidays the fishmarket Chinese vendors sold mullet with impunity notwithstanding that the law took effect on December 1. These well-to-do individuals were winked at, however, and poor old Castro and his wife have been put in jail for an offense which they have committed with impunity for the best part of a month and which they are committing today.

### WATER SURVEY MEN TO COME

Engineer Martin, of the water survey department, has completed his field work for the year, and he and the members of his staff will now settle down to the job of compiling the data collected on all the islands.

C. H. Pierce will be in town from Hawaii on Saturday morning, after which he will get to work on the reports of the department. J. B. Stewart, who spent Christmas in Honolulu, will, after a couple of weeks' sojourn on Maui, come to town again for office work. One other member of the staff, W. B. Hardy, of Kaula, will probably be summoned to the city office, as there is a lot of work to be done.

About the middle of February, Chief Martin will sail for the mainland where he will remain for three or four months.

Last night the lava started to rise again and the volcano is exceedingly active.

Later.—After subsiding twenty feet yesterday, Halemaunna has now risen fifty feet. The lava is now within thirty-five feet of the rim on the Volcano House side, throwing chunks high enough to be seen from the Volcano House.

Sudden breaks occur in the lava, illuminating the sky like lightning flashes.

The Elks will hold a special meeting tomorrow at eight o'clock for initiation.

### VOLCANO ACTIVE; THREE QUAKES

(Special Wireless to The Star.)

HILO, December 27.—The report of the burning of Perret's observatory on the brink of the volcano by the recent rise of lava was untrue.

At one p. m. yesterday three heavy shocks of earthquake were felt in the vicinity of the crater, followed by a twenty-foot fall of the lava in the pit.

### PEARL HARBOR DRYDOCK WORK

Work on the drydock at Pearl Harbor is proceeding at a great rate, and Lieutenant Gayler, who is closely connected with it, is looking forward to the completion of the first section by the end of this week.

He said this morning that he confidently expected that the work of pouring the concrete on to the bottom of the first section would be finished by the end of this week. As soon as this is all through, another attempt will be made to pump the water out. This, of course, will be done very slowly and watched closely. When the water is out, the bottom will be exposed for about three weeks in order that the concrete may harden properly. After that there will be another layer of concrete poured on to the present bottom, which is composed of piles and concrete.

He feels certain that the work will be satisfactory this time, and there will be no hitch to mar the completion (Continued on page five.)

### PEDDLER BRAY UP AGAINST IT

H. J. Bray, the white-haired old gentleman who peddles soap and cheap jewelry round town, and who has come to be regarded as one of Honolulu's characters, was charged in the police court this morning with peddling without having first taken out a \$50 license.

Defendant said that he had never been able to get together so much money.

Prosecuting Officer Brown asked for a heavy penalty, stating that, in justice to and in protection of those who paid their licenses, defendant should either be compelled to make out a license or pay the penalty.

Attorney Straus stated that he represented the defendant out of charity and that it was a case either of his client being allowed to peddle or becoming a public charge.

"He has done his best to make a living," said Straus, "rather than appeal to the Associated Charities. He is too old for hard work and he is too much of an American to accept the charity of others. If he isn't allowed to make his living as he has been doing the town will have to take care of him."

The case was continued, bail being fixed at the large sum of \$50.

Straus asked for a reduction of bail to \$25, but in vain. Bray was released for twenty-four hours, however, in order to enable him to raise the bail money.

### ANOTHER DEATH.

There was another death from smallpox among the immigrants on quarantine island. The victim was a child and died last night. That was the only development yesterday or this morning.

This makes the sixth death from smallpox, out of thirty-seven cases.

### GERMAN STEAMER DISTRESSED THROUGH BAD COAL IN BUNKERS

The German steamer Wotan bound from Eureka to Fremantle, West Australia, via Newcastle, N. S. W., created a little interest this morning by appearing off port, when she was not expected. She is here to replenish her coal bunkers and her water tanks. When she was at port this morning, it was thought that she wished merely to be refueled all well, but she hung around, and the pilot went out. He learned that she had a bad lot of coal, and that it was totally unsuitable for steaming purposes. The master of the Wotan—Captain Lorenzen—wanted to come in and get a fresh supply, so pilot Lorenzen brought her up and berthed at the Alakea wharf, where she will take on the necessary coal and water.

The situation is apparently a peculiar one, but, with that usual secretiveness affected by sailors, nothing much would be said. The skipper pointed to the coal bunkers with contempt and said something about the quality of the coal. There looked to be no quality at all to the coal, for it seemed to be a small admixture of coal with a large amount of coal dust and dirt. Whether they will pull this stuff out and put the fresh in its place, or whether they have room for the new coal, was not plain, and no one on board would say. Judging by a remark that matters had to be settled first, it would seem that there will be a claim on the suppliers of the material, and that this will have to be kept as evidence.

The Wotan is what is called a turret deck ship. She is about as graceful as a huge box, and looks more like a patent silt with a funnel and a lot of superstructure. She has on her sides a large cargo of redwood and pine for Fremantle. Her holds, too, are stacked with this wood, making about three million feet altogether. Her speed is not at all phenomenal. From Eureka to Honolulu she took sixteen days, and even with a few days of rough weather, which she encountered shortly after leaving port, this is a long trip.

Everything was all right on board this morning, and the vessel weathered the gales in fine shape. When she will leave, of course, can not yet be said, but she will take her departure as soon as possible. There are about three hundred tons of coal to be shipped, but how soon this can be put on will depend entirely on whether the other alleged coal will have to be taken out or not.

From here she will go to Newcastle, N. S. W., to reload, and will then proceed to Fremantle, West Australia, to discharge her lumber. Judging by her speed so far, it would not seem to be of any use sending mail to Newcastle by her, as she will not arrive until long after the Mauna has got there. The Wotan is lying at the Waikiki side of Alakea dock.

### JUDGE REVOKES TWO SENTENCES

In the police court this morning Hoie and Horio, two Japanese, were charged with fishing in the waters of the harbor with a throw-net contrary to the law. Their catch consisted of papiopeo or baby alua.

Judge Monarrat fined them \$15 and costs each and later on at the request of Prosecuting Officer Brown, revoked the sentences and fined them \$5 each.

Brown stated that the defendants had put up \$10 bail each and had pleaded guilty on the understanding that a fine of \$5 would be imposed.

He thought that the spirit of the anti-harbor-netting law was to prevent the stretching of long nets across the harbor to the interference with the propellers of steamers. He didn't think that the use of a throw-net came within the spirit and intent of the law.

Next Monday will be a holiday, and the offices at the executive building will be all closed for the day.

### SAILORS WILL SALUTE GOVERNOR

Governor Frear has had no word from Washington regarding the governorship, and he does not expect to hear till next week sometime. The chief executive is receiving a deputation from the mosquito committee of the citizens' clean-up organization this afternoon, and some important matters concerning the enforcement of the law against the carrying on of a nuisance will be discussed with the attorney general.

Captain Carter, chief of staff, was a caller on the governor this morning, and the plans for the great sailor demonstration on Friday next were spoken of. It is intended to have a reviewing stand erected at the corner of Richards and King streets, and to make that the saluting base.

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### MYSTERY SHIP IS THE BUFFALO

The United States naval transport Buffalo is a mystery ship to many waterfronters. Officially she left early this morning for Shanghai with her helms for the Asiatic squadron, but some of those along the front were told that she headed back to San Francisco, because she took the Molokai channel, instead of proceeding toward Kaula.

That the Buffalo has gone to Shanghai is the official information, and no doubt the captain has gone around the island, preferring that way to going near Kaula. There is nothing ulterior about the course.

### WITHDRAWAL OF ARMY MEN IS EMBARRASSING; MAKE OWNERS PAY FOR WORK

There was a meeting of the mosquito committee of the citizens' clean-up organization this morning in Dr. McCoy's office. At the meeting were Chairman Walter Dillingham, Frank E. Thompson, Senator A. F. Juda, J. R. Galt, Dr. Smith, Dr. Pratt and Dr. McCoy.

The first matter taken up was the scheme to retain, if possible, all the military overseers and inspectors who are at present working on the mosquito campaign. It was announced that further furlough for the soldiers was impossible to obtain.

The committee, however, decided to make a gallant attempt to retain the men who know the work now, and who could not be replaced except by green men. A deputation will call on General Macomb and see what can be done in the matter. Failing the securing of extended furloughs for the present staff, efforts will be made to enlist civilians of good character and standing on the work.

Dr. McCoy stated that the expense for running the campaign in future would be about \$12,000 per month. The

weekly payroll would come to \$2500, and the money would be distributed by the office staff in future.

J. R. Galt spoke about the work that the committee is doing, saying that the property owners should be made to pay for it, after the first cleaning.

There was an informal discussion about the best means of bringing about that desirable state of affairs when the public would not have to pay for the cleaning of the premises of wealthy corporations and private individuals.

Finally, it was decided that the mosquito committee call on Governor Frear and ask that the attorney general be also present at a conference at which the points of law involved would be discussed.

Frank Thompson reported to the meeting that he had arranged for a committee, consisting of Senator Quinn, John Craig and J. L. Young, to take up the work of inspection as regards the gutter proposition. The committee is not yet complete, but it is expected that, after the holidays are ended, the full list will be made public.

### IF DIRTY FOOD IS WANTED JUST FIGHT THE ORDINANCE

Dr. Pratt, president of the board of health, in speaking of the police court cases which were tried yesterday, said that if the people wanted dirty provisions it was up to them to fight the county ordinance.

"It is not only to protect the provisions from flies that the screening is needed," said Dr. Pratt, "the indiscriminate handling of food is a menace to the general health. Who knows what disease may be lying dormant in a man or woman's system when he or she paws over a joint of beef or some fish, or anything else? It is very discouraging, and it seems as if some sections of the public need educating a lot regarding the proper care of food supplies."

Chief Sanitary Inspector T. J. Veneu

of Maui has written President Pratt to the effect that the scarlet fever outbreak at Lahaina is about finished, and that conditions are back to normal.

Tomorrow afternoon at three-thirty o'clock there will be a meeting of the board of health in Dr. Pratt's office. Routine matters will be taken up, and some low-lying lands may be dealt with.

J. D. McVeigh, superintendent of the Lepor Settlement, is hard at work in his office at the board of health building. He will be returning to Molokai after the New Year.

The chief inspector, "Chip" Charlock, is still with Dr. McCoy, and he has been a very busy man for some weeks past.