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BRITISH STEAMER ON FIRE AT SEA

FLORAL PARADE DETAILS ARE SHAPING WELL

With the 1912 Floral Parade but a few weeks away, Director General A. F. Wall and his assistants are tightening their belts and getting down to the hardest kind of work. There are a thousand and one details to be attended to, and as the program this year has more than three times as many features as any previously attempted, the director general and his assistants are busy every minute of the time.

Miss Rose Davison, chairman of the Princess section, reports that all of the five islands will send princesses again this year, and that the names of the princesses from all of the islands will be sent in.

For Oahu Miss Irma Wodehouse will ride and her advent is looked forward to with much interest. Miss Wodehouse is said to be one of the best riders in the territory.

Belt Road Bids Greatly Exceed The Estimates

Contracts awarded as follows:
Belt road—Lord-Young Engineering Company.
Hauling rock—O. R. & L. Co.
Lillooalani schoolhouse—A. P. McDonald.
Pohukaina school—No bids.

In an open meeting, held today at noon in Mayor Fern's office, the loan fund commission received bids upon two schoolhouses, the construction of that section of the belt road which begins in the Waihana district and extends ten miles to Kipapa Bulch, and the hauling of rock for the same.

The contractors who presented proposals for the belt road work and their respective bids were:
The Lord-Young Engineering Company, \$98,500; A. Wilson, \$105,297; John H. Wilson, \$119,358, and the Honolulu Construction and Draying Company, \$131,216.

Upon the hauling of the rock the Oahu Railway Company was the only bidder, this company proposing to haul the 14,000 cubic yards of rock at a charge of 75 cents a yard, making a total of about \$10,500.

The bids in this form were much higher than any of the commission had expected and, allowing a 10 per cent profit on the work, the lowest was still \$15,000 above the engineer's estimate and considerably above the amount which the commission had set aside for the work.

In the discussion which followed it was variously proposed to cut the width of the road down from fifteen to twelve feet in the specifications, to draw up new specifications in which the contractor should

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CONSOLA IN PERIL OFF THE EAST COAST

(Associated Press Cables to the Star.)
NORFOLK, February 3.—The British steamer Consola, from Galveston to Hamburg, has wireless that she is on fire off the Virginia coast.

WHOLE FAMILY KILLED.

APPLETON, Wis., February 3.—William Mathland killed his father, sister and brother today and committed suicide on account of all having the tuberculosis.

A TONG WAR.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 3.—War between five tongs is spreading on the coast. A street duel between members of these organizations occurred today.

INDIAN WINS MARATHON.

EDINBURGH, February 3.—Long boat, the Indian runner, defeated Koolmaiten, the Finn and world's champion marathon runner, today in a 15-mile race.

INVITATIONS TO FAIR.

WASHINGTON, February 3.—President Taft has issued his proclamation inviting all nations to exhibit at the Panama Exposition.

NO CURRENCY BILL.

WASHINGTON, February 3.—On account of political complications the currency bill will not be pressed in the present Congress.

THE LABOR ARRESTS.

INDIANAPOLIS, February 3.—Action is expected in nineteen cities on account of the labor union indictments returned yesterday.

WESTERN COLD WAVE.

CHICAGO, February 3.—A cold wave is sweeping through the Middle West and traffic has been delayed by the storm.

WARNING TO MEXICO.

WASHINGTON, February 3.—The government has warned Mexicans to stop shooting across the American line.

AN OUTPOST FIGHT.

SUTSIEN, February 3.—The revolutionists lost sixty men today in an affair of outpost.

DARROW PLEADS.

LOS ANGELES, February 3.—Attorney Darrow pleads not guilty of the bribery charge.

CORPORATION LAW CONSTRUED IN KUKAIUA CASE DECISION

An important decision of the Supreme Court, written by Chief Justice Robertson, was rendered yesterday in the Kukaiua plantation case—"In the matter of the application of Robert & Horner for a writ of mandamus against Kukaiua Plantation Company, Limited, a Hawaiian corporation, and Albert Horner, president of said corporation." It was on an appeal from Circuit Judge Cooper's order granting a motion to quash the return of the respondents, the corporation mentioned, and its president.

"The motion to quash the return was improperly granted," the court called the annual meeting of the company forthwith, the time for such preliminary set aside and the case remanded to the circuit judge for further proceedings conformable hereto."

A. L. Castle and C. H. Olson appeared for Robert Horner, with Castle & Withington and Holmes, Stanley & Olson on the brief. A. A. Wilder and C. S. Carlsmith were attorneys for the company and Albert Horner, with Thompson, Wilder, Watson & Lymer and C. S. Carlsmith on the brief.

It is an important decision in that it construes for the first time here certain phases of corporation law. The writ of mandamus as already reported, was to compel Albert Horner to call the annual meeting of the company forthwith, the time for such preliminary set aside and the case remanded to the circuit judge for further proceedings conformable hereto."

THREE FEDERAL SENTENCES TODAY

Three sentences were passed out in the United States District Court by Judge Dole this morning. David Lomaha, the Hawaiian convicted of having maintained immoral relations with one of his stepdaughters, got the heaviest, being sentenced to three months in jail and to pay the costs of court.

William Lofka, who pleaded guilty to adultery, got off with a month. Frank Kalani, who confessed that he had committed fornication, got an even lighter sentence, being given one day in jail without costs.

The bankruptcy case of the Francis Levy Outfitting Company, that was set for this morning, was continued to February 6 to permit of the attorneys filing briefs.

Marcus H. Sander, who was recently adjudged a bankrupt, was allowed his discharge.

The petition of Anders Olaf Pearson, who last week was made a citizen of the United States, to change his name to Andrew Olaf Pearson, was granted.

Last Payment Made On the \$3,296,000 Dredging Contract

Today in Washington the last installment of the \$3,296,000 due the Hawaiian Dredging Company, Ltd., for deepening Pearl Harbor and its channel was paid. Walter F. Dillingham, president of the company, received cable advice of this happy consummation of his bargain with the United States government.

The final payment was made on the recommendation of Rear Admiral W. C. Cowles, commandant of the Honolulu naval station, who, with Ernest Gayler, civil engineer in charge of the work, had accepted it as completed. Rear Admiral Cowles cabling that fact to Washington. As the final touch was given to the contract only yesterday, such prompt action on the part of the government is an absolute abandonment of proverbial red tape methods in official business. It is also a striking testimony to the confidence the contractor has earned in Washington.

S. G. Hinds, vice president, and R. W. Atkinson, secretary of the Hawaiian Dredging Company, signed the final papers on behalf of that corporation at the capital.

Operations on this great contract began March 2, 1909, and the final stroke was made on it at 6 o'clock in the afternoon of yesterday, February 2, 1912, so that the entire work was done in two years and eleven months.

"While in one respect the work developed a series of mishaps, something always looked for in a large dredging contract," said President Dillingham this morning, "we were very fortunate in not losing a machine.

"The dredges are all tied up at Pearl Harbor undergoing repairs. One of them is being overhauled to dredge Kahului harbor for the army engineer. This work will start about April 1."

Local Swimmers May Miss Olympic Try Outs

Word relative to the swimming championships was received from the A. A. U. by the Hawaiian branch of that organization this afternoon.

The cable was in response to one sent a week or so ago asking for the place and date of the Olympic try-outs.

Today's cable reads:
"Swimming dates, St. Louis, February 17, plunger for distance, Pittsburgh, February 22, 250, 500 yards, Chicago, February 28, 50, 100 yards, and back and breast strokes. New York, March 2, relay. New York, March 9, diving."

The local A. A. U. officials are now without the knowledge desired, for it looks very much as if the dates forwarded are those of the annual A. A. U. swimming championships and not what was asked for.

If this is so and the Olympic trials are to be combined with the annual A. A. U. championships, it means that Kahanamoku and Genoves will have to forego the Pittsburgh date and take chances on getting to Chicago in time to enter for the sprints on the 28th entry for which, according to the A. A. U. rules, must be made a week before the championships take place.

The following cable has been sent to the A. A. U. in New York from this end:
"Are dates cabled Olympic trials? If not, state when latter occur and if we have time to enter."
An answer will be received on Monday, but plans for the departure of the local boys will go ahead meanwhile.

If the Olympic trials are at the places and on the dates indicated in today's cables, then it will mean that in order for Kahanamoku and Genoves to have a look-in at all they will have to leave by the S. S. Sierra sailing from here next Tuesday.

This will necessitate a great rush and it may be impossible for Mr. Rawlins to get his affairs in shape in time to allow him to accompany the swimmers to the mainland.

It looks, however, as if the dates sent are those of the annual A. A. U. championships. Indeed, it is a safe bet that this is the case.

The local branch of the A. A. U. feel that they cannot afford to take any chances in the matter and have therefore cabled to make sure and are preparing to send the local representatives on Tuesday if necessary.

THE GOVERNOR SAYS HE IS NOT FIGHTING WINDMILLS

The Bulletin made a characteristic effort yesterday to hold the Governor responsible for a phrase which appeared in a Star editorial, the responsibility for which rested solely with the editor of this paper. This morning the Governor, of his own motion, handed the press duplicate copies of the following reply:

"I shall let the Bulletin's attitude, as expressed by its news item and editorial, stand for itself. I stand on my record for clean, honest, efficient government, without fear of, or favor to, anyone, high or low, whatever his race may be. I am not fighting windmills in this matter. Hawaii needs honesty. It needs progressive government. Above all it needs impartiality and fair dealing. I shall continue to see to that, however much my motives may be misrepresented or misconstrued. In this purpose I am governed by more important considerations than the setting up and knocking down of straw men by newspaper partisans."

BONA FIDE HOMESTEADERS ARE WANTED, SAYS GOVERNOR

"We want to get good bona fide homesteaders," declared Governor Fear this morning. "We do not know, at present, who is to act in good faith and who will not. We have to open up the Haiku lands, and the aftermath will determine everything. We suppose, however, that the Haiku lots are all taken by good homesteaders.

In answer to a question as to whether government officials could take up land and still remain in the employ of the government, the governor spoke as follows:

"We don't think that, because a man is a good government official, he should be disqualified as a homesteader. It is certainly no disqualification to be a professor in an agricultural college. It would be an advantage as a homesteader, one would think.

"If a government official keeps his real home on his homestead, and his family resides there, it should be all right. Permanency is the main thing. It is a very important element. I have been struck with the prevalence of the idea that a person may be a homesteader in good faith only technically. He carries out the law, and then sell or leases the property. We don't look upon the regulations of residence and cultivation as some of the tests of good faith.

"They look upon these as artificial requests in the nature of a consideration for the land. As if it is more for the public benefit for persons to get land at one-third of its real value, by sleeping for two years on it, with no intention of making a home, than making a home."

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JOB SEEKER TELLS THINGS

An official of one of the territorial departments is in receipt of a letter from an applicant for a position, who has previously been employed in some of the city and county departments. The postscript gives much food for reflection as to how some government work is conducted. After stating his qualifications and making application for a position, the ingenious writer adds:

"P. S. I am willing to donate three dollars in advance and two dollars every month for jobs as an overseer, if there is any vacancy. I have my continuous service certificate with me."

When the applicant was asked what he meant by this, he stated that it was the custom in the departments in which he had been employed to make donations for appointments.

REPORT OF VISIT TO HAWAII TO SEE ARMSTRONG'S BIRTHPLACE

(Special Correspondence of the Star.)
WAILUKU, February 2.—The January number of The Southern Workman, a little pamphlet published by the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute of Hampton, Va., has been received. It contains a number of interesting articles, but one that particularly attracts the writer's attention is entitled "A Visit to Hawaii," written by Miss Harriette W. Howe, describing the trip that she in company with six others from Hampton recently made to the islands. The writer was fortunate enough to meet that delightful party, consisting of Albert Howe, a life-long friend of General Armstrong, and connected with Hampton since its foundation; his daughter, the writer of the article; his son, H. D. Howe, M. D., and wife; F. W. Darling, his wife and son. Mr. Darling is a trustee of Hampton and very much interested in that institution.

The party visited Honolulu, Maui and Hawaii in July last year. Their real reason for making the trip, so the article states, was to see the birthplace of General Samuel Chapman Armstrong, who was born in Wailuku, in the present William and Mary Alexander parsonage. His father was a missionary to the Hawaiians in West Maui before he undertook the educational work for the Kingdom of Hawaii.

The article by Miss Howe is admirably written, the pictures clear and mostly the careful work of her own camera while on 'his trip.

The various strange customs and experiences of the islands, so common to us all, are graphically described. The trips by ocean and automobile, the rather dangerous method of embarking at the different landings, greatly impressed the writer. She describes Wailuku and the experiences of the party in visiting the places of interest in the general's life, the present aspect of his old home, the gar-

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DICKENS MEMORIAL EVENING TO BE OBSERVED FEB. 7TH

The centenary of the birth of Charles Dickens will be observed at the Davis Memorial Hall on the evening of February 7th.

The program promises to be very interesting. Bishop Reestrick will speak on "What Dickens has done for Children;" Miss Foster and Mr. Horne will talk on other phases of Dickens' influence, Mr. Horne illustrating his talk with the reflectoscope. A sketch from Old Curiosity Shop, Dick Snivel and the Marchioness will be presented by Miss Gesell and her brother.

The music for the program will be supplied by Miss Collais. This observance is the result of a public meeting held in the rooms of the Public Service Association. All cordially invited to be present. No admission fee will be charged.

A committee has been appointed with a view of placing a permanent memorial in the form of a tablet or bust in the public library or some suitable place.

TWO LAND SALES

Mr. Schwarzberg, at Morgan's office today, held judicial sales of real estate for two guardians.

For Agnes Robiero, guardian of the Robiero minors, 5035 square feet of land at Kalihi was sold to Theo. Grace for \$300, the upset price.

For H. H. Williams, guardian of the Medeiros minors, 6055 square feet of land on Kalia street, Honolulu, was sold to H. M. Kaniho for \$300, the upset price.

TRANSPORT THOMAS ARRIVES ON VOYAGE TO MONTEREY

The U. S. A. T. Thomas arrived from Manila this morning via Nagasaki, Japan. From here she will proceed direct to Monterey instead of to San Francisco, as originally intended. The change of destination has been made in order that the Twelfth Infantry might be landed right at its station. The transport will not carry mail from here.

At Nagasaki word was received by cablegram to have the ship headed direct for Monterey from here. This will facilitate the arrival of the Infantry, which is on board, arriving at its station. It would mean that the mails would be delayed if they were taken on by the Thomas, so they were all taken off here and the Sierra will take them on Tuesday morning. In this way no time will be lost; in fact, the postal officials feel that there will be a saving, as there might be

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