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PEARL HARBOR OF NO VALUE.
Admiral Evans Says That Approaches Must be Straightened.

Honolulu, Dec. 25.—"Pearl Harbor in its present condition is of no value for a naval station" said Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans yesterday. "Until the approaches to the lochs are straightened out no battle ship or cruiser of the size now in port can enter the harbor. It will cost millions of dollars to make the lochs available."

Admiral Evans visited Pearl Harbor with a party of officers and town people in the Iroquois on Wednesday. Prior to that time he was of the opinion that there would be no difficulty in making use of Pearl Harbor. He told an Advertiser reporter shortly after his arrival that the entire fleet could be taken in, if he found it necessary, but his visit to the place has changed this opinion.

"As far as the approaches to the lochs are concerned," the Admiral continued, "it is not available to the battleships and will not be until the government spends a good many millions of dollars in straightening it out. It is so crooked now that it wouldn't be practicable to take even the cruisers in port now. They are too long and could not turn in there. It might be possible to take the cruisers in with the assistance of tugs, but even that is doubtful."

"In its present condition Pearl Harbor is of no value as a naval station and it would hardly be worth while to build machine shops or docks there at this time. The first thing to be done is to make the channel available. I don't know what the plans of the Department are in regard to the matter."

Admiral Terry was reported some weeks ago as having said that Pearl Harbor was not what the navy wanted, but on inquiry he declined to be interviewed.

Hilo Federal Jurors.
Grand and petit jurors for the Hilo term of Federal Court, drawn in the United States District Court at Honolulu last week, are as follows:

Grand Jury—W. A. Hadden, Wm. G. Brasch, A. Gartenberg, N. F. Burgess, C. J. Campbell, Chas. Girdler, Frank Davey, W. B. Hopkins, Thomas Honan, Sr., Samuel Decker, Honolulu; H. L. Shaw, Isaac Erickson, B. L. Jones, J. P. Fernandez, Jr., J. S. Pereira, Hilo; David Forbes, Kukuiahae, Hamakua; Wallace Anderson, Kahului, Maui; Isaac D. Iaea, Waiailua, Oahu.

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Returnable last Thursday in January at 10 a.m., January 28, 1904.

Wilder's New Service.
On January 1, 1904, the Wilder Steamship Company will despatch the steamer Maui for Mahukona, Kawaihae and Hamakua ports, to connect with the steamer Alameda sailing on the date of her arrival at noon, carrying United States mail, passengers and freight. The Maui has recently undergone many changes and is provided with large, well-ventilated deckrooms and modern accommodations.

Cable Ship Coming.
Seattle, Dec. 25.—The cableship Burnside has been ordered to the Philippines via Houolulu. The cableship Burnside is an American vessel and has recently been fitting out at Puget Sound ports to go to the Philippines and probably inaugurate the work of laying the cables between the islands there for the government. She is a vessel of 1465 tons and is commanded by Captain Laffin.

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THE OAHU BOARD.
Assessor Elect May Refuse to Accept His Office.

Honolulu, Dec. 22.—At its meeting yesterday afternoon the Board of Supervisors of Oahu county, by a majority of one, fixed the amount of the bond to be furnished by the County Assessor and the County Assessor each at three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.)

It is reported that Curtis P. Iaukea, the Assessor and Collector elect, has declared that he could not give a bond in that amount. In the event of his failure to do so then the Board of Supervisors will have to elect an Assessor and Collector to take his place.

Section 59 of Chapter 13 of the County Act, relating to bonds, says: "Every county and district officer shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, furnish a bond to the Territory in the amount required by law, conditioned to faithfully perform all the duties of his office as prescribed by law," etc.

Section 66 says: "If at any time any surety on any official bond shall die, remove from the Territory, become insolvent, or from any other cause cease to possess the qualifications required in this title, the Board of Supervisors shall require the officer giving such bond to give a new bond, with such sureties as are required in this title. On failure to give such bond in thirty days from demand such office shall become vacant."

According to the first quotation above the office is vacant until the required bond is given, and how any such vacancy is to be filled is prescribed in paragraph 15, Section 22, Chapter 8, of "General Permanent Powers and duties of the Board of Supervisors," thus:

"15—To fill by appointment all vacancies that occur in any office filled by the Board of Supervisors and elective county or district officers, except that of Supervisor, the appointee to hold office for the unexpired term or until the next general election."

Another important matter decided was the choice of county office accommodation. On motion of Frank Harvey it was voted to take steps to secure rooms for county offices in the Alexander Young building.

The meeting adjourned until 1:30 p. m. next Tuesday. At that meeting it is appointed that the various heads of departments will be asked to submit a statement of their requirements for office assistance and furnishings.

All of the Supervisors were present, viz: Messrs. Gilman presiding; Robinson, Lucas, Hocking, Harvey, Mahoe and Kealoha. Mr. Lucas acted as interpreter, Supervisor Mahoe being ignorant of English.

China's Peril.
Peking, Dec. 23.—Wu Ting Fang, formerly Chinese Minister to Washington, is urging the United States Legation to impress the Dowager Empress with China's peril and its need of a strong army, especially in view of the danger of partition as an outcome of a war between Russia and Japan. In such a conflict China would, he says, endeavor to be neutral, but could not protect her territorial integrity from either belligerent.

Kobe, Dec. 23.—Japan is reported to be chartering steamers for transports.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—It is stated that Russia is sounding bankers here for a loan of \$125,000,000.

Russia Concedes Japan's Request.
Berlin, Dec. 24.—The Japanese legation at Berlin has received an intimation that Russia will concede to the requests made by Japan. Should this be confirmed and there is every reason to believe it authentic, the tension over the Far Eastern problem will be greatly relieved. Japan, while not absolutely refusing Russia's proposals, requested a further conference.

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