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THURSDAY .... APRIL 23, 1908

Harry T. Mills has joined the force of martyrs. He apparently goes to jail to work out a principle.

Should Cooper drop out of the list of Mayoralty candidates, it will leave Jolly Jack Lucas with a clear field. Yes?

Prohibition of the liquor traffic has never been anything but a peculiar form of local option, and a mighty poor one at that.

We trust that the Japanese immigration matter is indeed settled. A new rumor every three months does not help either Japan or America.

There is no cause to argue the superior advantage of a regiment of cavalry on the Leilehua lands. The campaign to turn these lands back to the Territory has gone glimmering.

President Roosevelt is ready to take all the responsibility for the large naval appropriation needed for four battleships. Congress should gain wisdom and vote him the privilege.

Beet-sugar people have won their fight against Hawaii. Presumably they will reward the enemies of the Territory in this city who assisted their effort to discredit European immigrants.

What the Republican party most needs is work in the precincts in order that desirable candidates may be given proper support. The party has never lacked for a strong numerical force of candidates.

If the business interests of Hawaii were honestly in favor of the European immigration amendment, the record is very clear on who, in Hawaii, rendered assistance to the beet-sugar men who beat the amendment.

No one has yet arisen with a good reason why Hawaii's delegates to the National Republican Convention should not support Taft for President. Taft is in the "big-American" class, and big Americans are the salvation of the country in the Pacific.

Just what value Prohibition has to Hawaii except as a bludgeon in the hands of a few individuals is not apparent. Not one per cent. of the population of the Islands want Prohibition, and half of that one per cent. don't know what they are talking about.

L. L. McCandless says that the pineapple industry will soon outstrip sugar in importance to Hawaii. This will be true if the protective tariff is not changed. And thus is an opportunity presented the Democrats of declaring against tariff revision and not repeating the error of the revisional plank in the Republican platform.

JAPANESE AND AMERICA'S POLICY IN THE ORIENT.

The American policy in the Orient and the meaning of the tour of the Fleet to these waters is treated to a new explanation every day. Our Government says little or nothing. The people of our own and of other nations furnish the variety of reasons for what the Government is doing.

These explanations and opinions are deeply interesting as they evidence the impression our policies are creating abroad. And in consequence of Japan being credited by practically all Europe as the center of all the trouble, the viewpoint of Japan's molders of opinion is particularly watched.

In this connection the Japan Gazette publishes an editorial on the present "military expansion" of America, which is a well-tempered statement of fact with reasonable conclusions. The Gazette, after noting the increased appropriations for war purposes passed by Congress, says:

"Similarly, to all appearance, the United States desires nothing but a peaceful foreign policy and a legitimate expansion of commerce by means of ordinary commercial transactions. But in order that such transactions may be undertaken securely or, in other words, that the recognized rules for fair treatment of those engaged in those transactions may be susceptible of enforcement, if necessary, American and other States realize that it is necessary to be able to impose those rules if they be defied. This is the explanation of increased armaments all the world over. The various nations are unfortunately not at the same stage of development. If they were, it may be freely asserted that all would agree upon a foreign policy which would preclude the necessity of the reservation of a gigantic military "gold reserve." But it happens that nations, as communities and individuals, advance in 'echelon' or one in advance or in the rear of the other, so that the obligation is laid upon the strongest morally, to make provision against the possible attacks of the weakest.

"It is probably to the credit of Mr. Theodore Roosevelt that the United States has somewhat tardily realized this obligation. The fact is apparently the explanation and the justification of the rather dramatic cruise of the great U. S. Atlantic Fleet around through the Straits of Magellan to the Pacific and its forthcoming cruise through the Pacific to Japan, Manila and Australia, thence (some of it) homewards. Hence, too, we obtain an explanation and justification of this increased military vote and the news that special legislation empowers an increase in the number of American sailors to be recruited, in addition to the recurrent information as to the new defence works being authorized on American coasts in various directions and the supply of defensive material to Manila and other points.

"America is thereby merely strengthening its military 'gold reserve' for the preservation of peace and the due execution of internationally recognized commercial rules.

"There are always black sheep in every flock—in America as well as other nations—who might, unless kept in line by the fear of consequences, lead their fellows astray. It is for the benefit of such inevitable outlaws that this American 'gold reserve' of military strength is apparently being maintained. The various foreign Governments in themselves do not require the up-setting of any such system of 'watch-dogs,' but they all recognize the existence in their midst of elements which may be caused by greed or ignorance at any time to transcend proper national limits, so that all are reluctantly bound to uphold this expensive international police system.

"The points to be observed are that Western nations (and Japan so far as known) recognize the obligation of certain international rules of fair intercourse. These are roughly formulated in various international treaties and agreements. But occasionally national exigencies of need, as against weakness, cause the obscuring of national realization of such international obligations. In those cases, frequently, the most broad-minded Government has been forced to give way before a short-sighted popular or sectional military view, with the result that the world's peace has been disastrously broken.

"We deem the present American military attitude to be a warning to all foreign States, in which the United States has a commercial interest, against any attempt to violate the recognized rules of the great international game.

"Such an attitude cannot be justly construed as a threat.

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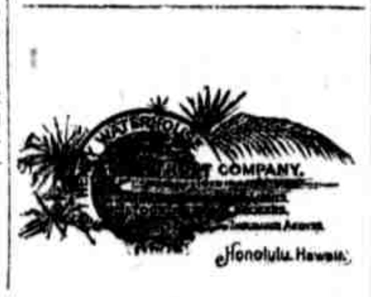

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HONOLULU WEATHER

Thursday, April 23.

Temperatures—6 a. m., 67; 8 a. m., 73; 10 a. m., 71, noon, 76; morning minimum, 66.

Barometer, 8 a. m., 30.04; absolute humidity, 8 a. m., 6.235 grains per cubic foot; relative humidity, 8 a. m., 71 per cent; dew point, 8 a. m., 63.

Wind—6 a. m., velocity 1, direction N. E.; 8 a. m., calm; 10 a. m., velocity 8, direction S. W.; noon, velocity 10, direction S.

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"Captain Rees, I congratulate you on having fallen on a splendid command —this naval station," said Rear Admiral Samuel W. Very, U. S. N., at the lowering of his flag and the raising of the pennant of the new commandant at the naval station today noon.

The ceremony, conducted exactly at high noon, went off with military precision and suitable red tape. Captain Rees is now bona fide commandant; Admiral Very leaves on the Korea for the States, retired.

The Royal Hawaiian Band was present, and played "Aloha Oe" as the salute-gun boomed and the Admiral's flag dropped at the conclusion of the salute—13 guns. Then the band broke into the rattling air of "Dixie" as Rees' blue pennant went aloft, concluding with "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Admiral Very, after the salute, shook hands with his staff, consisting of Lieutenant Commander J. F. Carter, U. S. N., Past Assistant Surgeon Dr. C. G. Smith, U. S. N., Assistant Paymaster B. H. Brooks, U. S. N., Pay Clerk Thos. Dunn, Boatswain P. J. Kenny and Lieutenant W. G. Fay, U. S. M. C.

Lieutenant Commander Carter was in charge of the salute.

British Consul Ralph G. E. Forster was present and shook hands with Admiral Very.

From the naval station Admiral Very, accompanied by Captain Rees, drove out in his carriage.

Marines, in charge of Lieut. W. G. Fay, were stationed on Ena gate with the Hawaiian band.

GARTLEY TO SHIP

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land to be used under this water. This is very excellent land and the yield should be very large, and, while the Kekaha Sugar Company have but a short time before their lease expires, two years' operation should be sufficient to pay for this installation, especially if the present high price of sugar maintains.

The water wheel is being built by the Pelton Water Wheel Company of San Francisco; all of the electric machinery will be built by the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company; the centrifugal pumps by the Byron Jackson Company of California; the Honolulu Iron Works Company have contracts for all the pipe line and pipe connections, and the Hawaiian Electric Company have the contract for all of this machinery and the complete installation and erection of the plant.

PINE COLONY

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render it, it is said, unless the proposition of letting it out for pineapple purposes, rests in the main with Mr. Van Dine and associates. The tract under consideration is 284 acres in the Halekou district.

However, Mr. Van Dine says that he does not wish to enter into any proposition which may bind him too closely, and Acting Governor Mott-Smith this morning stated that there also was a possibility of the lands being disposed of under the new conditional sales proposition. Among those who are supposed to be associates of Mr. Van Dine in this matter is Jack Bergstrom.

Nothing definite whatsoever has been done about the lands although the Acting Governor and the lessees of the land are trying to work out a solution. There will be a conference between J. B. Castle and Governor Mott-Smith tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

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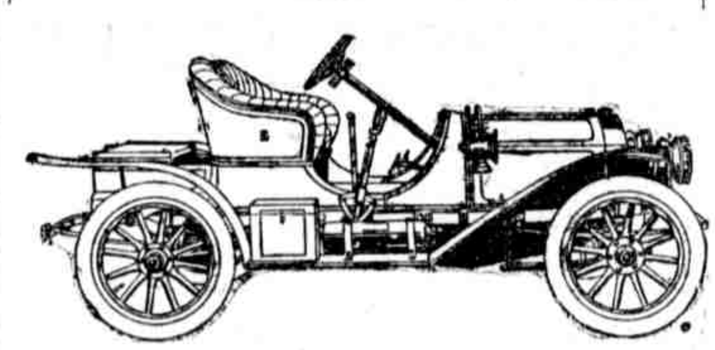

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