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FIND CONCRETE FOR DRYDOCK AT LAST

Engineers Solve Problem in the Nick of Time.

WORK NEAR HALT

Final Difficulty Is Now Thought to Have Vanished.

On the verge of a halt in the work on the great naval drydock at Pearl Harbor, the engineers at the local naval station here discovered the long sought for blend of concrete, lack of which threatened the completion of the tremendous job. It was announced yesterday that but for this discovery and the accompanying solution of the perplexing problem, the men at work on the dock would have been called off yesterday afternoon, indefinitely. As it is, the work will proceed.

Few in Honolulu have realized how near to serious hitch the work on the big dock has been. The fact that the bottom, piled high though it was with concrete, was leaking from the innumerable springs that gush through the coral there, has been published, but not what it meant. With this knowledge the engineers in charge of the work found themselves face to face with a problem which seemed to be unsolvable and which threatened the entire task. With the sudden departure of Engineer Francis B. Smith of the San Francisco Bridge Company for the Coast, arose a rumor that the engineers had found the work hopeless, and that it might be shut down permanently, and a new location sought for the dock. Yesterday's discovery means that the \$2,500,000 dock will probably be finished on the present site. Had a concrete mixture capable of withstanding the action of the water not been found, a new site would have been selected, and failing in that the drydock at Pearl Harbor might have been abandoned and the proposed naval base planned to be the greatest under the American flag forgotten. In the absence of any knowledge of a concrete mixture which would hermetically cap the bottom the engineers for the contracting company came to the conclusion that it would be wise to suspend all operations until a satisfactory mixture could be found.

In Nick of Time.

W. F. Dillingham, president of the Hawaiian Dredging Company, which is interested in the San Francisco Bridge Company's dock contract, stated yesterday that all the employees would have been paid off yesterday afternoon at the close of the day's work, but for the welcome news from the naval station authorities that the long-sought-for mixture of concrete had been found. Naval Engineer Roy Francis Smith, who has been in direct charge of work on the Pearl Harbor naval reservation, under Engineer Gayler, U. S. N., completed his tests yesterday and received identical information of duplicate tests carried on at the College of Hawaii, where concrete blocks have been tested out for some time.

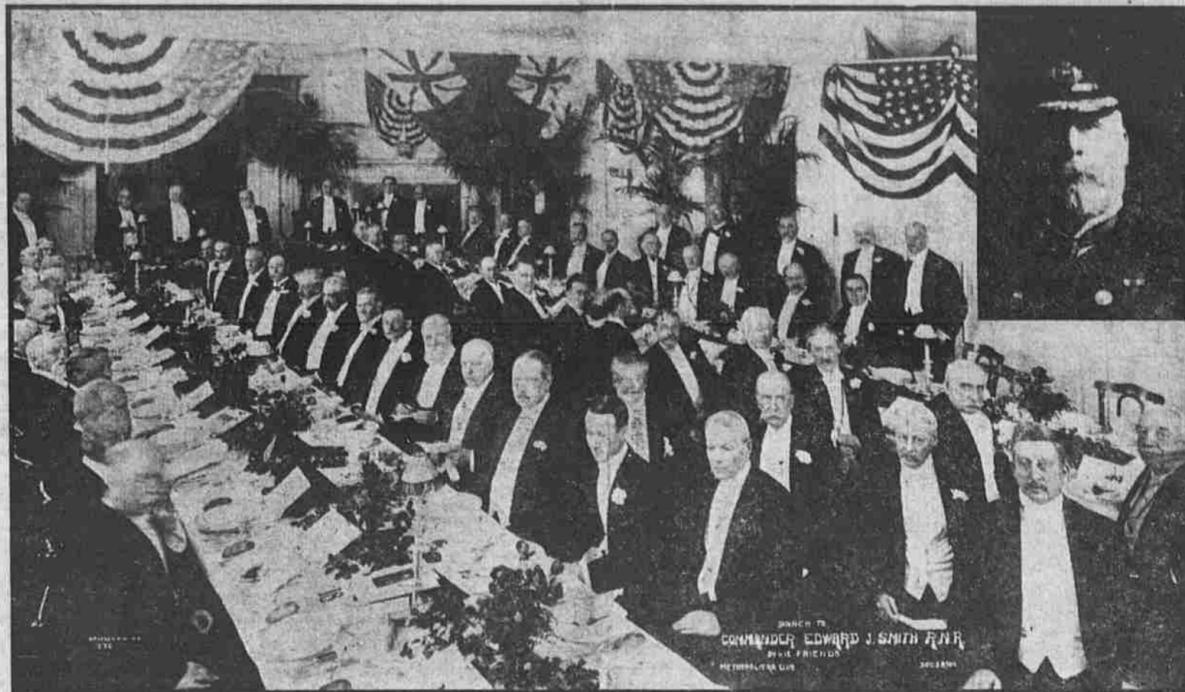
"We poured a block six feet thick, six feet long and six feet wide, composed of 1, 2, and 3-1-2 grade of rock, with Puget Sound sand," said Engineer Smith yesterday. "and the result exceeded all our expectations. The class of mixture we had been seeking for weeks was found at last, and it is a mixture which will compose well in the water of Pearl Harbor. The method has now been perfected whereby the bottom of the basin may be capped."

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HON. SANFORD B. DOLE
Born in Honolulu, April 23, 1844.

CAPTAIN E. J. SMITH, OF THE WRECKED TITANIC, AND SOME OF NEW YORK'S MILLIONAIRES WHO HONORED HIM



In the picture Captain Smith, hero of the greatest wreck of modern times, is standing at the head of the table between two old friends, under the folds of the American flag. At the tables are some of the most notable men in New York's financial life. Among them is Chauncey M. Depew, for years senator from the Empire State and one of the most famous after-dinner speakers in the country. J. Pierpont Morgan is a member of the Metropolitan Club, where this dinner pictured above was given. As printed in The Advertiser yesterday morning the affair was one in honor of Captain Smith, who had just been cleared of all blame in the accident which the ship he then commanded, the Olympic, had figured. The kings of finance gathered at the tables raised \$5000 as a testimonial to the seaman they all loved. In the upper right hand corner is a photograph of Captain Smith in the uniform he wore on the bridge of the Titanic.

REPORT PEST ON MAUI AND HAWAII

H. B. GIFFARD NOW INVESTIGATING SPECIMENS FOUND ON THE SMALLER ISLAND.

Reports from Maui indicate the presence there of the Mediterranean fruit fly among Chinese oranges. Simultaneous reports from Hawaii announce that the fruit fly's appearance on the Kona coffee plantations is not regarded as particularly serious.

H. B. Giffard, agricultural commissioner, said yesterday that he is making an investigation of the report from Maui and that there is not yet any definite proof that the flies found there are the Mediterranean pest.

J. N. S. Williams, one of the committeemen in charge of the campaign against the fruit fly, has sent to Mr. Giffard a collection of maggots found in the infested district of Maui.

"Until these maggots are hatched," said Mr. Giffard, "there is no positive means of determining whether the Chinese orange pest is the fruit fly. The investigations of Mr. Williams and the general character of the fly invasion cast a bit of suspicion over the matter, but there is no reason for serious alarm."

As to the presence of the fly in Kona Mr. Giffard said that its numbers are not large and everything is being done to prevent it from becoming destructive.

Kona people say that they have found the fly, which they have been told is the Mediterranean pest, is an old inhabitant of Kona, and has been living in the coffee plantations for years past. Mr. Giffard laughs at this and says the fly has not been there two months. Maui's first intimation of the presence of the fruit fly came last week when J. L. Cornwell of Wailuku noticed that the ground under some Chinese orange trees at the residence of Patrick Cockett of Wailuku, was covered with fallen fruit. He gathered some of this fruit and breaking it open noticed that it was infested with maggots. These were taken to the sheriff's office at Wailuku and J. N. S. Williams, of the anti-fruit fly committee, examined the specimens.

Fruit in the infested district was destroyed, and precautions taken to prevent the spread of the insect pending more thorough examination.

PAYS VISIT TO PEARL HARBOR NAVY STATION.

Captain Charles M. Knepper, United States Navy, who is homeward bound on the Korea after service on the Asiatic station, made a visit to Pearl Harbor yesterday in company with Paymaster Stevens of this city.

Captain Knepper was a member of the original board which surveyed the Pearl Harbor channel and bar in 1894, and the reports of this board were the ones which decided the government to undertake the big project of a naval base at Pearl Harbor. Captain Knepper is slated for duty at the war college upon his arrival at Washington.

LINK MAY OFFER TERMS TO SHERIFF, SAY POLITICIANS

Politicians are now studying two possibilities in the Democratic party, one of which that McCandless will offer Sheriff Jarrett and Deputy Sheriff Rose the support of the machine for renomination and election on condition that they agree to place the police departments at the disposal of the machine. The other possibility is that the offer has already been made.

While nothing is more to be expected than this offer, which has actually been formulated in the Democratic camp, or rather, in the McCandless camp, few thought that the "Grand Old Bourbon" would offer such a scheme to the sheriff, or think that he was the kind of a man who would accept it.

The sheriff has not yet made any statement regarding the offer. If he accepts, it will be to acknowledge the rule of the ring composed of Juen, Gumpfer and others which he smashed a year ago when it tried to saddle the police department with its authority after it had formed itself into the Democratic County Committee.

The first man to go if the sheriff accepts, which all the chances are against, will be Chief McDuffie, who is a Republican when he is anything in politics, and who has been a target for Harry Juen for two years. Juen has demanded the office of chief of detectives for himself.

NEW YORK WOMAN TO BUY FAMOUS BOOK COLLECTION

A deal is about to be closed for the purchase of Mark Robinson's library, the buyer being a New York woman, and the price in the neighborhood of \$100,000. The deal was opened more than a year ago when Mr. Robinson was informed of two possible purchasers for his library, but only the New York woman came here to inspect the collection.

In the Robinson library is a special set of Roosevelt's works one of five such sets issued. Handpainted illustrations, with the personal autograph of Colonel Roosevelt, have combined to make this edition a rare one, and now much sought for. Three hundred dollars a volume was the price paid for these books and the value of the entire set has now advanced to the neighborhood of \$30,000.

There are a number of other rare volumes. Mr. Robinson expects the deal to be closed in the near future.

EXPLOSION FATAL

ELKO, Nevada, April 23.—Three men were instantly killed and several injured when the boiler of a freight engine standing on a siding here exploded yesterday afternoon. All were trainmen.

GOVERNOR FORBES REPORTED SICK

NOT LIKELY TO RETURN TO POST IN MANILA UNTIL AFTER ELECTION.

"Governor Forbes was a sick man before leaving the Philippines and it is not likely that he will return to the islands until after the coming presidential election," said Conrad P. Hatheway on board the Korea yesterday. Mr. Hatheway has been with Mr. Forbes for the past fourteen years, long before he went to the Philippines, and since he has been chief executive of the islands Mr. Hatheway has been his private secretary.

Accompanied by his wife and small daughter, Mr. Hatheway is going home for a vacation of several months, and will meet his chief in Boston as the governor general went home by way of the transiberian railway and the Atlantic.

"It was just a chance that Governor Forbes was not a passenger on the Titanic," said Mr. Hatheway yesterday. "The Manila agents of the White Star line worked hard to get the Governor to book on this first trip of the Titanic, and at one time he had about decided to do so. In the end, however, he decided to stay longer in Europe before sailing for home, and so was not among the unlucky number to be on the ill-fated ship."

For several months Mr. Forbes has been in ill health and his physicians recommended that he go home before the first of the year. He did not like to leave at that time and so hung on for several weeks. When he went North he was feeling better and by the time he left Shanghai he was in much better shape," said Hatheway.

In speaking of the general conditions in the Philippines Mr. Hatheway stated yesterday that everything is booming and there seems to be no end to the prosperity which the islands are entering upon at the present time. Good roads are one of the hobbies of the present Governor-General and he has done a lot toward inaugurating a good roads movement in the islands.

"The Governor-General will spend the most of his vacation in New England, but may go out to Wyoming on his ranch for a time later in the year," said Mr. Hatheway. "He expects to be back in Manila before the first of the new year, at the latest."

FREAR ATTENDS POLITICAL CONFAB

An important conference of the Taft League was held yesterday afternoon concerning the delegation which will leave in a few weeks to attend the Republican national convention at Chicago. Chairman J. P. Cooke presided, and others present besides those of the league were Governor Frear, Secretary of the Territory E. A. Mott-Smith, W. F. Dillingham, William Thompson, Chairman A. D. Cooper of the Republican Central Committee.

TORNADO DEATH LIST MOUNTING

SEVENTY-TWO REPORTED SLAIN BY WIND—DAMAGE AMOUNTS TO MILLION DOLLARS.

CHICAGO, Illinois, April 23.—As fuller reports from the areas visited Sunday by tornadoes keep coming in the toll of dead and injured continues to mount. Last night the death list had reached seventy-two and there was every probability that it would go still higher. The number of injured is now reported at more than 250 and still growing.

In cost the tornadoes did vast damage. The figures given last night were past the million dollars mark and mounting with the fatalities.

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama, April 23.—Two tornadoes, going in opposite directions are reported to have met at Bush, Alabama, a little town in Barbour county. The resultant wind is declared to have killed eighteen and injured more than one hundred. Adamsville, Jefferson county, also suffered considerably, but contrary to the first report, no one killed there.

TO APPEAL AGAINST THE TOBACCO TRUST PLANS

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The senate committee today approved the Cummins bill providing for an appeal to the Supreme Court against the proposed plan of reorganization of the American Tobacco Company.

OFFER SERVICES AS STRIKE ARBITRATORS

NEW YORK, April 23.—Justice Knapp and Commissioner of Labor Niell last night offered their services as arbitrators in the impending strike of the engineers. No action was taken upon the offer by either side.

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND ARE VICTIMS OF FLOODS.

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana, April 23.—One hundred thousand flood refugees of three States are gathered in state government camps, their homes being destroyed.

LA FOLLETTE IS READY.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—The state managers for Senator La Follette announced here last night that Senator La Follette will open his campaign in California at Fresno, Thursday. The home of the former president of the La Follette League, Chester Rowell, editor of the Fresno Republican, was chosen, they say, because of its "central location."

ROOSEVELT SCORED.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Representative Philip P. Campbell of Kansas today made a bitter attack upon Colonel Roosevelt.

SHIP IGNORED TITANIC'S CALL

Unidentified Vessel Was Five Miles From Disaster.

OFFICER'S STORY

Ismay's Wireless to the Cedric Read at Probe.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Another sensation came yesterday afternoon when the fourth officer of the wrecked Titanic appeared before the senate committee which is probing the disaster, in which 1600 men and women lost their lives. Mr. Boxhall, who was assigned by Captain Smith to the command of one of the boats, gave a vivid description of the wreck and the events that led up to it and followed.

He said that, shortly after the Titanic struck the iceberg, and just about the time she began her signals for aid, an unidentified steamer passed them, about five miles away. Her fog horn could be heard plainly, and although the siren of the Titanic called and called the passing ship kept on her way through the fog and paid no attention to the well known international signal of distress. Mr. Boxhall said he could give no hint of the vessel's identity.

Ismay's Message Read.

Another sensation was the production and reading before the committee of the wireless message sent by J. Bruce Ismay, chairman of the White Star board of directors, to the captain of the line's steamer Cedric, instructing him to meet the Carpathia and take the passengers and crew, who had survived the wreck from the Cunard liner, so as to avoid having them called before any investigation which might be ordered.

Earlier Senator Martin of New Jersey introduced a resolution calling for the sending of a revenue cutter to the scene of the Titanic wreck to search for bodies, the vessel to remain a month.

"Baseless Reassurance."

Vice-President Franklin of the International Mercantile Marine, admitted today before the senate committee investigating the Titanic disaster, now sitting here, that he had issued baseless reassurances after the disaster was first reported, attempting to minimize its seriousness. He admitted that he had attempted to suppress the earlier reports "to avoid alarm." He denied that an effort had been made to isolate the crew and thus prevent the crew from being drawn into the investigation.

The cableship Mackay-Bennett, which wireless that she had picked up sixty-four bodies believed to have been victims of the wreck, has sent another wireless stating that she has twenty-seven bodies, some being buried at sea.

A bill was introduced in the house of representatives yesterday afternoon, providing for a special congressional decoration of the crew of the Cunard liner Carpathia, which rescued so many of the Titanic's passengers, and which cruised backward and forward over the spot where the others had gone down. It will probably pass.

London To Probe.

LONDON, April 23.—It was announced here yesterday that a wreck commission will probe the wreck of the Titanic. The feeling against J. Bruce Ismay, chairman of the White Star Line, is most bitter.

TORPEDO BOATS OFF FOR MEXICO

LOS ANGELES, April 23.—It is reported here that orders have been received by the officer commanding the second flotilla of torpedo destroyers at San Pedro, directing him to proceed with all possible haste to the west coast of Mexico and there assist in guarding American interests.

TEDDY WILL TRY TO BREAK SOLID SOUTH.

GREENSBORO, North Carolina, April 23.—In an address made here last night Theodore Roosevelt declared that, if he is nominated, he is going to make an effort to break through the sectional wall, and carry the Solid South. The remark was hailed with cheers.