

# WILHELM DIDS ENVOY GERARD TO AUDIENCE IN THE FIELD

Ambassador To Berlin To Visit Kaiser At His Eastern Headquarters, Presumably With Reference To Neutral Shipping

## FOLDING UP CONSULAR LETTERS ALSO SUBJECT

American Note of Warning Which Aroused Hostile Comment In Empire May Have Inspired Emperor To Arrange Meeting

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

LONDON, February 15.—Kaiser Wilhelm, according to advice received through The Hague, has invited the American ambassador at Berlin, James W. Gerard, to visit him at the eastern headquarters of the army for a conference.

Nothing is known as to the nature of the conference desired by the Kaiser, but it is surmised that the German Emperor wishes to take up the American note sent in regard to the German declaration to neutral shipping, which has aroused hostile comment throughout Germany, and the protest sent by the American minister at The Hague at the refusal of the German military authorities to allow the transmission of direct letters bearing the seal of the American consular service and the American department of state to and from the Grand Duke of Luxembourg, now occupied by the German forces.

## WASHINGTON INTERESTED

WASHINGTON, February 15.—The press reports announcing that the Kaiser has invited Ambassador Gerard to a conference at the battlefield are read here with the keenest interest by the government officials.

Aside from the fact that the invitation to the ambassador is an indication that the American note of warning, stating that the sinking of any American ship would result in grave complications, has produced an impression of supreme importance in Germany, it is thought that the Kaiser has decided upon having an immediate audience with the American representative because only three days remain before the going into effect of the German ultimatum's proclamation of the inauguration of a submarine campaign upon all British shipping, irrespective of its classification.

It is believed here that the ambassador will explain at length the American viewpoint and justify the text of the state department notes to Germany and to Great Britain.

## RECOMMEND IMMEDIATE EMBARGO ON WHEAT

NEW YORK, February 15.—An immediate embargo by the government on the exportation of wheat, as a preventative of a further increase in the price of bread, is recommended for the consideration of the federal government in the report just made by Mayor Mitchell's food committee, which has been investigating the causes in the high cost of living in this city.

## European Delegates In London Declare Against Prussian Militarism

LONDON, February 15.—Delegates from the Socialist organizations of Great Britain, France, Belgium and Russia, who have been in conference here for the discussion of international questions arising out of the war, adopted resolutions declaring that while the Socialists are resolved to fight under their respective governments until the military of Prussia is crushed and victory for the Allied Powers is secured, they are also resolved to resist any attempt on the part of their governments to make of the war one of conquest and not of defense.

# Aero Battle Thrills Men In Trenches

Three French Machines Rise To Meet Great Zeppelin and Startling Fray Ensues

After Terrific Bombardment Of Forty Minutes German Dirigible Takes Flight

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

—A thrilling aerial battle between a modern Zeppelin and three French aeroplanes was fought on yesterday before the eyes of thousands of German and French troops, in the trenches south of Arras, in Upper Alsace. During the battle in the air the firing in the trenches came to a practical stop, the men of both sides eagerly watching the outcome of the fight between the air dreadnought and the mosquito fighters.

## ZEPPELIN AIRMEN ATTACK

The Zeppelin appeared over the lines from the direction of the Black Forest flying towards Arras. Immediately it was sighted, three aeroplanes rose from behind the French positions to meet it. The aeroplanes were below the German aeroplanes when the fight began, the small jets maneuvering so as to bring their rapid fire guns into play against the Zeppelin car, from which a hail of lead from rapid fires and many sharpshooters were directed against the aeroplanes.

## ZEPPELIN DRIVEN OFF

The battle lasted for forty minutes, the aeroplanes drawing closer and closer to the Zeppelin, the fire on both sides being continuous. Finally the Zeppelin was swung around, pointed north and driven away from the scene of hostilities at great speed. The aeroplanes, which took up a pursuit, were distinguished and swung back, settling down in the direction from which they first sprang. Then the battle in the trenches recommenced.

# NEVADA MAN SAYS ROOSEVELT IN 1916

Former Federal Attorney Warns Territories To Prepare For Free Sugar Next May

No matter what turns events take within the next year, Theodore Roosevelt will be the next President of the United States, and he will be elected by the Republican party.

This definite statement was made by Sardin W. Summerfield, one of the foremost Republican leaders of the West, who arrived in Honolulu on the steamer Sibira, yesterday.

Mr. Summerfield for eight years or more was United States attorney for Nevada and recognized as the spokesman for the McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft administrations in that State, and he is in direct touch with the big national questions. In the recent division of the Republican party he allied with Roosevelt and was the Roosevelt party candidate for United States senator from Nevada two years ago. His candidacy resulted in the defeat of the regular Republican candidate and the election of Key Pittman, Democratic aspirant for that high honor.

"I had pledged myself to Roosevelt to support the new Progressive party, and that explains why I stood to run for United States senator from Nevada," said Mr. Summerfield. "Despite all that has taken place I maintain Roosevelt to be the strongest man before the American public, and I believe he will be the next Republican candidate for President and that he will be the next President of the United States.

## ENGLAND ALLOWS BELGIAN DOCTORS TO PRACTICE FREE

LONDON, February 15.—Special legislation is announced, admitting Belgian medical men to practice in this country without going through the usual examinations and investigation. The customary fee of £25 is also remitted.

# G. B. CARTER SAYS HAWAII BENEFITED BY EUROPEAN WAR

Former Governor of Hawaii Tells New Yorkers Big Commitment Saved Planters

## NEW VARIETY OF CANE HAS VERY LARGE YIELD

Relations Between British and German Residents Strained Because of National Strife

The European war has saved the sugar planters of Hawaii, according to Former Governor George R. Carter of Honolulu, who has arrived at the Biltmore, New York City, recently, according to the New York Times. And if the report proves true that the Administration intends postponing the operation of the free sugar provision of the Tariff Bill for five years, Mr. Carter says that will be the most sensible thing the Democrats have ever done.

"In Hawaii," said Mr. Carter, "our attitude has been one of endurance. We are waiting to see not only the results of the war, but what the Administration is going to do next. Of course, the high price of sugar is due absolutely to the war. In fact, the European war has made the last twelve months the most phenomenal year in the history of sugar-growing. In April we got the lowest price for sugar in twenty years, and there was the worst depression in the industry, due entirely to the fact that congress had adopted free sugar legislation, and practically stopped every sugar plantation in the United States and its territories. In September sugar reached the highest price it has ever attained in the forty years I have known anything about sugar prices. This irregularity is a little surprising."

## NEW VARIETY OF CANE

Hawaiian planters are building great hopes upon a new variety of cane that has been developed by the agricultural bureau maintained by the government of Hawaii. It is known only by a number as yet, but thousands of seedlings have been put out. It is a small cane, and grows more like grass than the ordinary varieties. The yield is large, and where you now have to pull you get a dozen and the cut-over sugar ration as well.

"This war has been brought home to Hawaii in one or two incidents. One of the most serious was the coal and beef situation. We depend entirely upon Australia for coal and beef, and when England put an embargo upon the exportation of these commodities it looked serious for us. However, at the request of our government the English government made an exemption or exports to Hawaii. This had hardly gone into effect when the German cruiser Nürnberg appeared at Honolulu, and demanded coal and beef. That case was settling an acute situation in Honolulu.

## Admiral Moore Sustained

"There we have a great many English residents, who are wealthy and prominent, and who have many German friends. The English residents maintained that to furnish food and fuel to the Nürnberg would be favoring England's enemy, and the German residents argued that if we did not do so it would constitute a breach of neutrality. Both sides announced their intention of calling their respective governments, and when Admiral Moore permitted the German ship to take on coal and food, the English in Honolulu sent a cable to Downing street, asking the cabinet their complaint would be sustained, but on the contrary, word came back that Admiral Moore's action was within the law.

## Social Relations Strained

"In a community like the one of Honolulu, where everybody knows everybody else, it may be imagined that social relations have become somewhat strained, in some gatherings, the Englishmen look to one side of the room and the Germans to the other. There have been many intermarriages, and as a result, family relations in some cases have been out of joint by the war. In one family where a German is married to an Englishwoman, the two have taken opposite sides, and do not speak to each other. Two English families of wealth, who had estates in England, have gone home and turned their country houses into hospitals.

## Japanese Are No Menace

"I feared something in California that threatens to reopen the Japanese question very actively, and that is that every candidate who was elected to the new legislature had answered affirmatively one of the twenty-two questions propounded by the labor leaders, and that was whether they were in favor of further restrictions on the holding of property. It seems to me that we would do as far as we could go with the Japanese when he persuaded them that the holding of real estate is a matter for internal regulation. If anything further is done by the California legislature it will be interesting to see what the other forty-seven States can do about it. In Hawaii, the Japanese are not considered a menace. We have always found a way of getting over difficulties."

## SUFFRAGIST RED CROSS UNIT REACHES SERBIA

LONDON, February 15.—The Suffragist Red Cross Unit sent from England has arrived at Serbia and is installed at Kragujevac. It consists of four sergeants and twenty-five nurses.

# LEGISLATOR WILL REFORM FIRE AND POLICE SYSTEMS

Representative Brown Has Bill To Take Departments Entirely Out of Politics

## MEASURE WOULD PUT CIVIL SERVICE BOARD IN CONTROL

Sheriff To Be Elected and All Municipal Officials Subject To Recall

Representative C. H. Brown, who will sit in the coming legislature as a member from the fourth district, has a new bill in his grip which he will hurl into the lower house during the coming session. Brown admits he has prepared the bill, and also admits that he has trained his right arm and his throat for their proper promulgation.

Brown wants a real police and fire commission. He wants a real chief of police. He wants a real chief of the fire department. He wants a sheriff but he does not want that sheriff to be the sheriff, the chief of police, the police commission and the whole "shebang," to use the vernacular of the streets.

## Bill To Remedy Defects

In other words Brown has a bill in his pocket whereby there would be created a police system and a fire system, like that which has been proved to be successful in mainland cities. He would first have a joint police and fire commission to take the place of the present civil service commission. Civil service would not be destroyed but would be improved on. He would disassociate the jobs of sheriff and chief of police. The sheriff would be an elective official, the mayor as on the mainland, and would perform the functions of the sheriff's office.

This chief of police would be an appointive office with appointment or dismissal at the wish of the board. Other police officials, from captain down to the lowest patrolman recruit, would be subject to civil service rules with dismissal possible only for proven cause. The same would pertain to the fire department.

## Gov. Says For Board

Mr. Brown would like the term of office of the police and fire commissioners as four years and with the chance for removal except for cause. They would have absolute power, to hire and fire, to fire if cause justifying such action was shown. In other words Honolulu would be given the same system of police and fire control which is being followed in practically all the mainland cities and which takes the police and fire systems out of politics and places them on the merit system.

## This is not all Mr. Brown has folded up in his pocket

He would have supervisors elected for four years instead of two years as at present. He would make their salaries \$100 per month. He would make the salary of the mayor \$2500 per year. He would also have a recall law whereby by petition of twenty-five per cent of the qualified voters the mayor or any member of the board of supervisors could be cited and compelled to defend himself at a special election why he should not be ousted from his office and a successor named.

## World's Fair Expenditures

Mr. Brown also is determined to investigate just how the \$100,000, which was appropriated by the Territory for the Hawaii exhibit at the San Francisco exposition has been expended. He wants facts and figures as to where every dollar has gone and what returns have been made to the Territory as a result of the expenditure of this money. Brown declared yesterday that if necessary to secure this information he will cause the return to Honolulu of H. J. Wood, who is now in San Francisco as resident commissioner of the Hawaiian exhibit.

# MINES ARE NUMEROUS ALONG BELGIAN COAST

AMSTERDAM, February 15.—Mines along the Belgian coast near the Dutch frontier are so numerous that explosions on the rocks in the surf are of almost hourly occurrence. A correspondent says that he recently counted over a hundred mines. They were like large kettles or tire extinguishers, he says, "with a number of copper points sticking out of them. They are so plentiful as to lead one to believe that the entire coast waters must have been filled with them in expectation of an attempted landing by the Allies. Soldiers at Zeebrugge, Heyn and Knockers are kept busy exploding the mines that are thrown up on the beach. The explosions are sometimes very violent, making the ground shake for a great distance in all directions."

Owing to the heavy weather prevailing at Kahului, the steamer Lurline was obliged to leave that port last Saturday and anchor outside the breakwater.

# NEW YORK BOND OWNERS TAKE A BIG CUT OF TERRITORIAL BONDS

Brokers Agree To Purchase \$400,000 Worth of Local Securities Above Par

## ASK FIRST CHANCE FOR BALANCE ON HAND

Delivery Subject To Removal of Cloud, Pointed In The Advertiser, By Legislature

"Accept \$400,000 bonds, delivery March 5, subject to Dillon's unqualified opinion. What New York bank will deliver? Understand these all bonds sale now. Wish you offer us first any additional. Take sixty denominations \$500 city denomination \$100, balance \$1000."

With this cable message received by Territorial Treasurer McCarthy yesterday, Ots & Co., well-known banking brokers of Cleveland, Ohio, have accepted the purchase of \$400,000 worth of the last issue of bonds authorized by the territorial legislature. The sale is conditional on the passage by the coming legislature of the bill legalizing the bonds. The firm also offers to be allowed to purchase the balance of the bond issue now available for sale. The total authorized issue was \$1,400,000, of which \$750,000 was set aside for immediate disposition, \$650,000 being held in reserve. Sales to date, all made in Honolulu, amount to \$51,000, thus leaving undisposed of, after Ots & Co. takes the \$400,000, \$909,000 of the \$1,400,000 not set aside for immediate sale. The bonds purchased locally were held at par.

## Treasurer Attends to Details

Registered mail there will be forwarded today by Treasurer McCarthy in the steamer Sierra \$50,000 of the bonds held in the local treasury, of which ninety will be of the \$500 denomination and fifty of \$100. An order will also be forwarded to the United States Mortgage and Trust company, the local agents of the Territory in New York, by the treasurer for the turning over of \$50 bonds of the \$1000 denomination now in the possession of the New York bankers. This amount, with the \$50,000 worth being sent today in the Sierra, will complete the amount contracted to be taken by Ots & Co. While Ots & Co. have agreed to take delivery in New York March 5, Treasurer McCarthy is making the delivery date March 15, thus allowing of ample time to insure the passage in the legislature of the law legalizing the sale of bonds, which legislation is to meet the objection raised in the opinion given by Dillon, Thompson & Clay.

## No Explanation by Governor

Considering the readiness of Ots & Co. to purchase the remaining \$909,000 of the \$750,000 set aside for immediate sale and the fact that all of this money has been needed for a year past by the harbor board for wharf improvements throughout Hawaii and more particularly in Honolulu and Hilo, no explanation is forthcoming by the Governor as to his reasons for withholding the further sale. Treasurer McCarthy said yesterday that he was not aware why the Governor withheld his sanction.

## The Governor has held throughout

that the bonds could be sold without the legislation required to be passed before Ots & Co. or other bond purchasers take delivery of the bonds, while Dillon, Thompson & Clay, former Treasurer and The Advertiser have held otherwise. Apparently the Governor does not win out in the contention, and considering his approval of the sale on the terms offered by Ots & Co. he has finally come around to the viewpoint held by others.

## HILLO LODGE OF MASONS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

Kilauea Lodge No. 330, Free and Accepted Masons, of Hilo, recently installed officers. The ceremonies were conducted by William Wright, retiring worshipful master, who was assisted by John T. Mori, M. P., acting as master of ceremonies. The officers installed were: Frank Arthur Medford, P. M., worshipful master; August Wilhelm Ludwig Divil, senior warden; Robert M. Lindsay, junior warden; Adam Lindley, treasurer; James E. Yensen, secretary; George H. Williams, P. M., chaplain; Hermann William Ludloff, P. M., senior deacon; Charles R. Keeney, junior deacon; Donald Scott Bowman, marshal; Samuel Mahuka Spencer, senior steward; Thomas Forbes Jr., junior steward; William John Bell, Tyler.

## (Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

WASHINGTON, February 14.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo yesterday revoked his order issued last October prohibiting collectors of customs from giving out any information concerning the character and destination of the cargo of vessels outbound from the United States.

## Secretary McAdoo gave as his reason

for the revocation of the order that conditions which existed at the time the original order had been made had passed. As a result of the revocation there will now be no secrecy as to where ships are bound when they leave "United States" ports or what is included in their manifests.

# Albania Joins Turks in War Against Serbs

Large Force, Led by Ottomans, Advances Upon King Peter and Italy May Act

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

LONDON, February 15.—A fresh complication in the Balkans has arisen by the entry of Albania into the war as an ally of the Alliance, coming out as the ally of Turkey.

## YORKS LED ALBANIANS

The Albanians, who are led by Turkey, are advancing still further in Serbia, meeting with small opposition. This action may drive the hand of Italy, whose interest it is to preserve the autonomy of the kingdom set up by the Powers at the international conference which dictated the terms of the Treaty of Bucharest and the Albanian kingdom, as outlined at the London ambassadorial conference, was finally recognized.

## COMMISSION IS DENIED

The international commission of control, which was to act as an advisory board for the Mprat, William I, formerly Prince of Wied, has been denied for some time by the Albanians, and Italian marines have been landed at Avlona, on the Adriatic, to protect the city from the Albanian revolutionists.

## ITALY EXPECTED TO ACT

Italy has complained that Austria has been landing arms in Albania, while the Italian occupation of Avlona has been the subject of a pointed diplomatic discussion between Vienna and Rome. The active participation of the new kingdom in the war may hasten Italian action.

## Albania has a population of between

200,000 and 250,000 people.

# OPIMUM SMUGGLER LIGHTLY PUNISHED

Many Arraignments of People Indicted, Before Judge Dole in Federal Court

Ten men and women indicted by the federal grand jury were before Judge Dole in the United States district court Saturday morning for arraignment. Five pleaded guilty, following their arraignment, while five had their pleas reserved until a later date. Three of those pleading guilty were charged with opium smuggling, one with stealing army whips, the fifth being accused of highway robbery.

The following sentences were handed out by Judge Dole: M. Prentiss, opium, one month, \$100 fine and costs of court; John Rooney, opium, one month, \$200 fine and costs; Domingo Torres, opium, two months, \$100 fine and costs; Francisco Priddy, stealing army whips valued at \$12.50, six months, \$100 fine and costs; Gohs Apio, alias James Apio, highway robbery, one year, \$100 fine and costs.

## Richard's Pits Reserved

Indictments in the other cases were disposed of, for the time being, as follows: Lee, alias Barney Turner, statutory offense, the indictment mentioning the name of Mrs. Evelyn Roe, a widow and nurse, continued to ten o'clock tomorrow morning for arraignment and plea, bond fixed in the sum of \$1000, which was furnished; Mikash Khatkhatani of Lale and Mary Huakini of Kahuku, this island, statutory offense, arraigned and plea reserved to February 23 at ten o'clock in the morning, the man's bond being fixed in the sum of \$250 and the woman allowed to go on her own recognizance.

## Efficient Officials Complimented

Albert E. Harris and Otto F. Heine, United States deputy marshals, worked hard and diligently since the return of the indictments and up to the appearance of the defendants in court in connection with the preparation of the many details necessary in the service of warrants on the defendants. They were highly complimented, as were A. E. Murphy, clerk of the federal court, and his deputies, Foster L. Davis and William L. Ross.

## A LIFE SAVER

It is safe to say that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has saved the lives of more people and relieved more suffering than any other remedy in existence. It is known all over the civilized world for its speedy cures of cramps in the stomach, diarrhoea and all intestinal pains. For sale by all Dealers, Benson, Smith & Co., 144-146 Agents for Hawaii.

# TWO MONSTER BATTLES ARE BEING FOUGHT IN EAST ZONE

Von Hindenburg, Defeated in Central Poland, Marshals His Forces To Attack Muscovites, In the Province of Suwalki

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

LONDON, February 15.—Two big battles are now under way on the Russian front, it is believed here, or if the armies have not come together already they must within the next twenty-four hours. The defeat of von Hindenburg in Central Poland and the readjustment of his forces for an offensive campaign against the Province of Suwalki and Poland, north of Warsaw, has caused a general readjustment of the Russian forces, now in position along the new line, while the Austro-German advance into Bukovina has advanced to the defensive positions taken up by the Russian army operating there.

## SCENES OF BIG BATTLES

The battle in the north will be fought on Russian soil, close to the East Prussian border, while the battle of the south will be determined in Bukovina, along the River Strah.

## The Russians have withdrawn from

East Prussia, except for the small force operating in the vicinity of Pilske, on the extreme north, before the strong offensive of the Prussians, so as to be able to concentrate the western troops which have been invading East Prussia from a number of points and in order to bring these troops in close touch with their lines of communication.

## Lines of Conflict Laid

The official reports made only the briefest mention of these big developments on the eastern front, but they say enough to indicate that the Russians, on each end of their twelve hundred mile front, have touched the lines upon which the Grand Duke Nicholas has decided to give battle.

## RUSSIAN FIELD STAFF TAKEN

BERLIN, February 15.—A surprise attack made by an Austro-Hungarian force against the city of Madunin, in Central Bukovina, where the field headquarters of the Russian army of invasion had been established, resulted in the capture of the entire Russian staff. The Austro-Hungarians took the Russians completely by surprise and the commanding general was promptly apprised of the presence of the attackers before his headquarters was surrounded and he heard the demands for his surrender.

## Seeing that his capture was inevitable,

the commanding general committed suicide, while his staff officers handed over their swords.

## Rodasts is about midway between the

Hungarian and the Roumanian border.

## SLAVS CONTROL GALICIA

Associated Press by Federal Wireless. PETROGRAD, February 15.—The Russian general staff asserts that the reoccupation of the Crown-Prince of Bukovina by the Austro-Germans does not constitute any menace to the Russian left flank in Galicia, nor threaten the hold that Russia has upon the Galician capital of Lemberg.

## This is due, the Russian strategists

point out, to the fact that to the north and south are mountain ranges that isolate the Austro-German force and render it inoperative against the Galician positions.

## SUNDRY CIVIL BILL PASSED IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, February 14.—The house of representatives today passed the Sundry Civil Bill, carrying an appropriation of \$128,000,000. This is an increase of approximately \$19,000,000 over the 1914 appropriation, which was \$106,749,532.01. Only once in the 99th nine years has the Sundry Civil Bill carried a larger appropriation than the present bill and that was in 1912, when the appropriation was \$135,241,935.34.