

# HARBOR BOARD TO HASTEN WORK OF CLEARING BEACH

### Effort To Be Made To Put End To Illegal Obstructions On Waikiki Waterfront

## SEASIDE HOSTELRY MUST MOVE BARB WIRE STRIP

### Beach Walk Residents Threaten To Tear Down Fence Alongside Lewers' Property

The whole matter of obstructions along Waikiki beach which prevent the passage of pedestrians is to be taken up by the board of harbor commissioners and an effort is to be made to open up the beach and put an end to its illegal closing.

A decision to this effect was reached by the board at its meeting yesterday afternoon. The commissioners announced that they would, as a body, visit Waikiki beach and see for themselves just what the situation is and what can be done to remedy it.

Captain Foster, the harbor master, reporting in compliance with instructions given by the board at its last meeting, said that he had made an examination of the Waikiki waterfront. In regard to the Seaside hotel, he wrote that he found barbed wire had been strung at half tide, under the bath houses, thus preventing pedestrians from passing. The manager, he said, had told him that this was done to keep inquisitive persons from peeping, but he promised to remove it.

The removal of the barbed wire, however, will not permit dryshod passage at high tide. The bathhouse itself, and a cottage, project out over the water.

In regard to the fence along the Lewers' property, occupied as the Hale Kulani hotel, Captain Foster said he had seen Robert Lewers and Mr. Lewers had told him he would refer the matter to his attorney.

Later a letter from Robert Lewers was read, in which Mr. Lewers contended that the fence was within the law and did not inconvenience anybody. In this connection it may be stated that last Sunday residents of Beach Walk, who use the right of way alongside the Lewers' property to reach the beach and who have to scramble along the edge of the wall, clinging perilously to the objectionable fence, threatened to tear the obstruction down themselves if it were not done by the owner or by constituted authority.

## Way Still Barred

The territorial authorities, including the attorney general's department and the board of harbor commissioners, have at last decided that the question, which has been agitated for many years, must be settled and the public protected in its rights.

## HAWAII TUNA CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

George P. Cooke, President and H. Gooding Field Secretary

Members of the Hawaii Tuna Club met last night in annual session at a smoker in the club quarters, Merchant and Alakea streets, elected officers, heard the annual report of H. Gooding Field, secretary, and held an informal discussion of the game-fishing situation in Island waters.

Officers elected were George P. Cooke, president; Richard Ivers, first vice-president; J. P. Cooke, second vice-president; H. Gooding Field, secretary; J. A. Balch, treasurer. These, with Gerrit P. Wilder, H. A. Baldwin, W. G. Deering and Harold W. Rice, will form the board of directors.

Mr. Field, in his reports, reviews the encouraging progress made by the club during the year, and details the advertising and publicity that Hawaii is getting throughout the world among sportsmen for its superior fishing grounds. His report shows the importance of the club as a factor in promotion work.

## MONEY FOR ROADS

Supervisor Arnold introduced a resolution at the Tuesday meeting of the supervisors appropriating \$750 a month for road maintenance in Waianae district. He declared that the \$4500 set aside for Waianae and Ewa district roads was only sufficient for Ewa. The resolution was referred to the finance committee.

# NORMAN B. WATKINS DECLINES PROFFER

### Refuses To Leave Fertilizer Company To Accept Position With Mineral Products

Norman B. Watkins, manager for the Hawaiian Fertilizer Company was offered the position of business manager of the mine of Mineral Products Company yesterday by the board of directors of the mining concern. Mr. Watkins, out of loyalty to his present employers, with whom he has been eighteen years, declined the offer.

This statement of facts was given out last night by C. G. Bockus of Mineral Products Company after a meeting of the directors of the concern. Reports had been current in the street all day yesterday of the approaching appointment of a business manager for the mine.

"To set at rest any erroneous reports," said Mr. Bockus last night, "we are making public what happened. Mr. Watkins remains at the mine as a general manager. We are hunting for a good business manager who will work with Mr. Guinness. We offered the position to Mr. Watkins. He decided to take it and was ready to tell us so when he changed his mind and decided to stick with the Hawaiian Fertilizer Company, with whom he had been eighteen years yesterday. He said it was as much old associations as loyalty to his present employer that persuaded him to reject our offer."

In addition, Mr. Watkins explained that Mr. C. G. Owen of the fertilizer company will soon leave for San Francisco to take charge of their office on the Coast and his acceptance of the offer of Mineral Products would leave his old firm in the lurch without an experienced man to look after the trade.

# BOARD BOOSTS PAY OF CANAL WORKERS

### Revises Wages and Conditions of Labor On Big Ditch

PANAMA, January 10.—The board appointed by Acting Governor Harding to consider a revision of wages and conditions of employment of alien canal laborers, mostly negroes, has granted an increase of about twenty per cent in pay to the lowest paid laborers, making the minimum wage twelve instead of ten cents an hour. Minor increases are given for the more skilled labor, and those on hazardous jobs. The new wage scale went into effect January 1. The board went on record as recognizing the obligation of the government to pay its men a wage sufficient to maintain them in reasonable comfort and decency, and stated that the higher standard to which the West Indians had become accustomed was a reason for maintaining improved conditions.

The desirability of housing the employes on the Canal Zone was stated, and Acting Governor Harding has recommended an additional appropriation to take care of this. This feature has military aspects, as during the recent strike it was brought out that inimical interests operating in Panama might prevent many of the laborers from going from their houses to work and thus cripple the operation of the operation of the Canal.

# SUES ARCHITECTS FOR \$25,000 DAMAGES

### Mrs. Alice K. Macfarlane Declares Her House Has Settled

Suit for \$25,000 damages, together with costs and other trimmings, has been filed in the circuit court by Alice K. Macfarlane against C. B. Blyple, A. Reynolds and L. E. Lewis, members of a firm of architects. In her complaint Mrs. Macfarlane charges that she engaged the architects to draw plans and specifications for and to oversee the construction of a residence for her.

Through negligence and unskillful workmanship, however, she says, the cellar was damp, thereby causing the supports of the house to rot and the building itself to settle. The damage and cost of correcting the trouble, the complainant says, amounted to \$25,000.

# HOME TUMBLES DOWN BUT OLD MAN ESCAPES HARM

In the storm Tuesday night the home of Nabuina, seventy years old, was wrecked and the old man was pinned beneath the timbers. He was found yesterday morning, but had not been seriously injured by being pinned in the wreckage of the shack. He lived in Papakolea, back of Punchbowl.

# OBORNE-WALLACE

Charles P. Osborne and Miss Winona H. Wallace daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. G. Wallace Sr., of 1814 Beckley Street, Kalahehi, were married at eight-thirty yesterday morning at the home of the parents of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Henry Pratt Judd, secretary of the Board of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association. The witnesses were Harry H. Holt and K. R. G. Wallace. Mr. and Mrs. Osborne left in the Matsonia an hour and a half later for San Francisco, where they will spend their honeymoon. On their return to Honolulu they will make their home in this city.

# DOMESTIC SHIPPING HEAVY LAST MONTH

### Foreign Cargoes Drop Off According To Summary Prepared By Customs

Ships calling at the port in December showed a majority traveling East to West, resulting in heavy shipping from domestic ports and a decrease in foreign cargoes, passengers and mails. The report just prepared by Boarding Officer L. B. Reeves of the customs service, indicates that the Oriental boats spent December in getting back home, having gone eastward the previous month.

A total of forty-five vessels entered the port during December, says this report, of which only twelve were from foreign ports. The greater number of the eleven vessels calling here for bunkers that month are included in that twelve which further cuts down the number of mail liners eastward bound.

Two American steamers arrived from foreign ports, one American sailing craft, five British steamers and four Japanese steamers.

From domestic ports there came fifty American steamers, nine American sailing craft, four British steamers and four Japanese steamers and one Danish steamer.

General cargo from foreign ports in December amounted to 4200 tons against 9188 tons, but from domestic ports there were 49,876 tons received, of which eight thousand more than in November. In addition to the general foreign cargo, there were received 4500 tons of aldrates and 2559 packages in transit.

Lumber arrivals were heavy, 3,630,261 feet being entered. In bulk oil, 157,000 barrels were received. The most striking increase over November's figures was in the mail received, which amounted during December to 2800 bags, Christmas was responsible. Of the other hand only 250 bags of mail were received from foreign ports.

Passengers show the same difference as do the mails. From the Coast came 1594 persons against the 1008 who came the month previous. From foreign ports came persons against 898 the month previous.

# WASHINGTON IS TO INVESTIGATE BUNKER COALING QUESTION

An investigation of South American markets for coal will be undertaken at once by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce of the department of commerce. It is held that South America is the most logical market in the world for American coal, and that a thriving business in that commodity will be an important factor in building up a merchant marine, says an official announcement received yesterday.

British economists are agreed that much of England's success in merchant shipping is due to the fact that Welsh coal has always been available for return cargoes. The need of such a return cargo has often been felt in our South American trade.

Latin America is a promising market for coal, because it has very limited supplies of its own. Chile, Peru and Bolivia in particular need coal, and have an abundance of minerals to ship in return. Nitrates and iron, copper and tin ore can be brought to this country more cheaply if full cargoes of coal can be taken back on the return voyage.

The investigation will be undertaken by Special Agent Inspector M. Jones, who has written several important reports for the bureau on shipping problems. Mr. Jones has been engaged for some time on preliminary work, and will start for South America about the middle of January.

# HARBOR BOARD INSISTS ON PERMANENT REPAIRS

The harbor board at its meeting yesterday reiterated its previous stand that where extensive repairs to any of the Honolulu wharves are necessary, the work shall be done permanently, and where possible, in concrete.

The matter came up in connection with the discussion of repair work needed on Pier 7. A report had been filed stating that about 2500 feet of the flooring needed relaying. The board decided that only absolutely essential repairs should be made now, and that the rest of the work should wait until the next appropriations by the legislature go into effect, when concrete flooring should be laid.

The attention of the board was called to the construction by Honolulu plantation of a trestle at Pearl Harbor for the plantation's molasses line. The commissioners held that the plantation had no right to do the work without a permit from the board. The secretary was instructed to write to the plantation, telling it to file an application to do the work, which is already practically completed.

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# NEILSEN REFUSED CHANGE TO FIGHT

### "Turned Down" By Australian Recruiters As Too Valuable For Cannon Fodder

Returning from important personal and official business in Australia, the Hon. Neil Neilson, trade commissioner of Australia to the United States in the Sonoma, which left yesterday for San Francisco, en route from Sydney.

While in Australia he sought the opportunity for military service at the front which he already has two sons. Though found physically and in every other way fit, the government refused his services at the front in order that it might retain him in his present position during the uncertain conditions of the war, and that it might have the benefit of his ability and experience in meeting the problems expected to arise after the war.

Mr. Neilson was for many years a member of the New South Wales parliament, devoting himself particularly to land legislation and administration. He was minister for lands in the New South Wales government and during his administration of that department reclaimed for the people and the public use extensive portions of the shores of Sydney's wonderful harbor, which had been improvidently alienated earlier in the history of the province.

Mr. Neilson had, among other objects in going to Australia at this time, a plan for establishing a line of twenty motor steamers between Sydney and San Francisco, to be subsidized by the Australian government if not otherwise financially possible. He did not report upon his measure of success yesterday.

The trade commissioner reports a great deal of comment in Australia against the United States and recent actions of the President, but adds that it is becoming more and more overbalanced by the feeling that America has, after all, been of invaluable aid to the Allies, and will be as a neutral mediator, the greatest force at the conclusion of the war.

# SMALL SHIPMENTS RUSHED FROM EAST HERE IN ONE MONTH

Satisfactory indications that the transcontinental freight congestion and particularly the congestion on the wharves in San Francisco, is practically at an end, are noted by Henry E. Vernon, local agent of the Santa Fe railroad. Mr. Vernon quoted yesterday from shipping sheets received on the Lurline Tuesday to show that less than carload shipments had reached here from the East Coast in a month, something that would have been impossible a month ago.

Bills have been received by him on freight which left such Atlantic cities as New York and Philadelphia as late as December 8, and which arrived here on the Lurline on January 9. The possibility that the rush of clearing up accumulated freight in San Francisco has sent some shipments indiscriminately ahead of others, is reserved, but does not weigh much at present.

Heavy cargoes are still en route from the Coast, and probably will continue so, particularly in Matson vessels, which are feeling the gap left by the withdrawal of the greater part of the American-Hawaiian fleet. As evidence of the rush of clearing up, the present voyage from San Francisco, the Oceanic line's local freights are also increasing.

# REGULAR GUESTS ONLY GET BEER IN SAXONY

(By The Associated Press.)

BERLIN, January 6.—If the beer shortage gets any worse, Berlin may decide to adopt the plan already in force in a number of Saxon and Thuringian cities, where only a small percentage of the peace time quantum now gets to the civilian drinkers.

The Saxon plan is to serve beer only to so-called "Stamm" guests—guests who always eat and always drink at one restaurant.

# EX-PREMIER OF NEW SOUTH WALES IS AFTER BIG FISH

Charles G. Wade, former premier of New South Wales, who is visiting here with his family, is going to put in several days at the sport of game fishing with a view to inaugurating the sport on a large scale in his home waters. Game fishing in New South Wales, he said, is in its infancy, and he hopes to take back some good ideas from local anglers. Mr. Wade will be accompanied by his fishing expedition by H. Gooding Field, secretary of the Hawaii Tuna Club. They will spend most of next week at the Kihiki fishing grounds of the club.

# VICARS ELECTED HEAD OF HILO'S BOARD OF TRADE

The Board of Trade held its annual election yesterday, a very lively contest with the largest crowd on record present. George H. Vicars was elected president, E. N. Deyo vice-president, and V. L. Stevenson, secretary according to wireless messages to this city yesterday afternoon.

# SPORTS

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FAVORS 1918 OLYMPIAD

The board of directors of the Honolulu chamber of commerce at a meeting held yesterday authorized the secretary of the chamber, R. C. Brown, to use his best endeavors in the name of the organization to promote and bring about a big sport Olympiad in Honolulu during the summer of next year.

Mr. Brown will communicate with all the visiting preparatory schools in the mainland to the end that each of them send a representative team to Honolulu to compete with local educational institutions in the realms of sport. This move has been suggested and very much brought to the fore since the arrival here last month of the Stockton (California) High School team of athletes.

In all branches of athletics it is believed that the Stockton team has competed against local schools. The Honolulu students triumphed. It is now proposed that all mainland high schools should follow the example set by Stockton and send a team to Honolulu during the summer of 1918 athletic teams for a great sport centennial. The plan has received official sanction and the moral support of the Honolulu chamber of commerce.

Secretary Brown will now get busy and, in addition to inviting mainland organizations, will begin the preparation of a comprehensive plan which is to be carried out.

## INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE SETTLES ON TRACK DATES

Dates for the various meets which will be held this spring under the auspices of the interscholastic league were fixed by the representatives of the league at the meeting on Tuesday, March 17, at the Y. M. C. A. Although not quite decided, the A. A. U. meet will be held on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. As now proposed, the various meet days are as follows:

Cross-country run, February 24.  
Cornell relay games, March 10.  
American Amateur Union meet, March 17.  
Interscholastic meet, March 24.

## Line O'Sport

Vernon Ayau, the nifty shortstop of the Traveling Chinese, expects to leave in March to report to the Seattle baseball team of the Northwestern League. Vernon will be sadly missed in Honolulu ball circles.

"Tony" Medeiros is taking the advice of a friend and is beginning to limber up and get his arm in shape. He may be seen on the mound in the coming series of the Oahu League, for "Tony" still has it in him to come back. He needs, however, considerable work and then more to keep him in shape.

Senator Chillingworth, former president of the Oahu League, says that he has secured jobs for two well Maui ball players with the Lord Young Engineering Company. He says that the young fellows are dark horses and refused to divulge their names. "If necessary," he said yesterday, "I'll use them as the nucleus of a baseball team. I have been thinking of forming."

George J. Dunn, a former St. Louis College and Oahu League pitcher, has gone from the Mutual Telephone Company to Hind, Rolph & Co., and considering that he now will have better hours, he may get back into the game again. Like most of the "boys," Dunn believes that better days are ahead for the great national pastime in Honolulu.

Nothing further has been heard about that proposed first of the two-out-of-three series ball game to decide the dispute between the St. Louis College and Braves teams. Prospects have been held out for an encounter next Sunday, but nothing definite has been settled in this regard.

Frank E. Richardson, president of the Oahu League, is said to be considering calling a meeting of the organization for a date not altogether too distant. Bert Hushaw, the secretary, may receive summons shortly to get busy with notifications.

Dave Deala, all-round athlete, is said to have written to his brothers and cousins, wherever they may be found at present, inviting them to a family reunion, the first business of which will be the formation of a baseball team to meet all local takers.

An inter-island baseball series would be a drawing card for the coming Carnival week. With Hilo, Wailuku and Lihue sending teams to Honolulu to stack up against our own near-giants a fine series would certainly be the result. Carnival officials should take this under consideration, for it would mean the bringing here of a goodly crowd of real sports for the big week of festivities.

Bert Hushaw has made a wager that Jack Barry, the great second baseman of the Red Sox will manage the Boston Braves during the coming season. Bert is some guesser when it comes to diamond stuff.

If Barney Joy goes into baseball again this year he will do so only, he said yesterday, to get into shape to play football when the pigskin season opens the latter part of the year. Barney was a one time star and he believes that, as he has done in baseball often before, he can still come back in the gridiron game.

## MAINLAND SWIMMERS TO BE EARLY ARRIVALS

With the big Carnival swim-ming meet still a month and a half away, already much interest is being taken locally as to what mainland talent will come to Honolulu to endeavor to snatch swimming laurels from the Hawaiian swimmers, both male and female.

Among those of the sterner species who are sure to come are Perry McGillivray, the hundred-yard national champion, and Norman Ross, claimed recently to have broken the twenty-yard world's record in the Olympic Club tank in San Francisco.

Sure to come, also, are two women swimmers of world note—Miss Dorothy Burns and Miss Aileen Allen, both of San Francisco. Both are expected to leave San Francisco on February 7, arriving here on February 13 in the Wilhelmina.

Perry McGillivray, it was announced yesterday, will leave Chicago on February 3 and will arrive here in the Wilhelmina the same day with the two girl swimmers, while Norman Ross is expected in Honolulu in the Matsonia on January 30.

## Women Rise In Wrath Over A. A. U. Ruling

NEW YORK, December 27.—Giggles that have gone from one end of the United States to the other were started when the Amateur Athletic Union meeting in New York, decided to keep women swimmers from competing with the male of the species, and as a side issue decreed that there must be a change in the garb worn by the mermaids.

The A. A. U. ordained it to this effect: "All women contestants in swimming events must wear bathing suits of a black texture that cover their bodies from shoulder to toes."

The mermaids refused to get excited over the advice and announced that henceforth, just the same as heretofore they will follow their own inclination and wear the popular one-piece kind of decolette suits.

Several of these sprites declared with a grin that to insist on women wearing stockings in swimming events is the funniest thing they ever heard suggested.

"I'd like to take some of those men, hang long stockings on them and make them swim in rough water," one remarked.

The women are united in declaring that the stockings quickly become water bags, retarding the swimmer and making it almost impossible to race.

Another remarked: "No girl would be able to achieve good time in a suit such as the officials prescribe. The knee and foot must be free. Neither man nor woman in the water feels at home with any fabric clogging the feet and legs. If the costume is insisted upon, it will simply put an end to women's racing."

One woman well known as a swimmer wants to know why the A. A. U. officials didn't suggest that the women wear hats and shoes, too.

## SHARK HUNTERS GET LIVE NINE-FOOTER

### Will Kerr and Party Make Afternoon of It

This is a shark hunt, not a fish story. Will E. Kerr, assisted by "Buck" Kabele are personally responsible for it.

Leaving the harbor at one-fifteen Tuesday afternoon, a party of mainland tourists went out on a shark hunt and when they returned to port a young man eater, eight feet and eight inches long, was evidence of the fact that the trip had not been a failure. Sharks are scarce at this time of the year hereabout, for the cold weather drives them to more southern and warmer climes.

A mile off shore, between Sand and Quarantine Islands, the party got their first glimpse of a man-eater at two-fifty-five, but he was coy and it took a lot of coaxing to bring him near the good-old horse boat. A second submarine was seen later. About four o'clock one got near enough to be harpooned and then the great fight began. At one stage of the proceedings the young chap tried to get out of his element and into the boat. He was finally made secure, his tail being tied with a rope.

The near nine-footer was towed into the harbor, but struggled, as sharks will do, all the way. Although a small specimen of the species, the captured one gave the malhins all the sport they went out for.

Besides the members of the crew, there were in the party John B. Blodgett, of Lead, South Dakota; Robert John Gaffney, of Los Angeles, and his son, John Wyman Gaffney, of Stanford University; Webster Withers, of Liberty, Maine, two photographers and another Honolulu man.

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