

FINANCIERS OF AMERICA REACH FOR SLAV TRADE

Mission From National City Bank of New York Passing Through On Way To Russia

WALL STREET INSTITUTION PLANS A MOSCOW BRANCH

Will Be Parent Organization of Vast Network of Similar Banks in New Republic

One of the first financial tentacles which the United States is stretching out for the gigantic trade of Russia reached Honolulu yesterday in the form of a mission from the National City Bank of New York. This mission is headed by Harold A. Dreher. With Mr. Dreher on board the S. S. Venezuela, are B. C. Hart and H. A. Koelsch, and they are all on their way to Moscow, where they are going to open up the first branch of their great institution in Russia.

But lack of the financial aspect of this movement of American capital is the certainty that the shrewd Wall Street financiers are satisfied that Russia as a Republic has come to stay, is certainly not a fly by night government, but staunch enough to warrant good American dollars being loaned to assist in the phenomenal development that will assuredly follow the close of the Great War and the opening of the flood gates of trade once more. In the meantime Wall Street is getting in on the ground floor, which is one of the salient characteristics of all successful inhabitants of Wall Street.

Financial Early Bird

The National City Bank is making a powerful bid for this business and making it betimes. It wants a hand in the making of the largest Republic in the world, Russia, and it is going to have a hand if gold judiciously mingled with brains can do the trick. Mr. Dreher is the special commissioner for the bank, and last night he said that the plans are fully matured for a steady increase in the power and prestige of the bank as soon as conditions warranted. Arrangements will be made with the Bankers' Guild, one of the most powerful in Russia, for obtaining well informed Russian officials and employees of the new institution as soon as the preliminary details are settled definitely.

From the parent branch, which is to be established in Moscow, the sentimental, religious and commercial offices of all things Russian, the American financiers are planning to extend their organization until every worth while city in the new Republic has a representative there at work for America and Russia.

Content of Future

"We would not be going unless we were convinced of Russia's future. I am not at liberty to say what assurances the National City Bank and the government have that Russia's future is safe, but I may state that we are highly optimistic in regard to the political and economic situation. I draw attention to the fact, however, that we intend to locate our bank at Moscow—the industrial, financial and sentimental heart of all Russia. Also, Moscow is the great railroad center and terminal. We fully expect that within the next few years the development of Russia will duplicate the great development history of our own country. The 1870-1890 period of the United States' economical growth is about to be repeated in Russia.

"Our ambition will be to serve Russia as well as the United States. Our new enterprise must be of special interest to Honolulu. If you people here work things correctly you will make of your city the great front door into Russia for trade between the United States and Russia."

Dreher formerly was cashier of the National City Bank in New York. He will be manager of the Moscow Bank, and it is stated that he will have authority to exercise his judgment in regard to the operations of the National City Bank's branch in Petrograd. The Moscow Bank will be the principal bank.

Dreher is about thirty-five years of age.

ASSESSOR GIVES FIGURES ON AVAILABLE FUNDS

From the general fund the city and county of Honolulu has \$390,572.78 available for the last half of the year. Tax Assessor Wilder has filed figures with the city auditor which show this among other things.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT SITS IN HILO MONDAY

HILO, July 6.—Judge Horace W. Vaughan, of the U. S. District Court for the Territory, is in town and will open court on Monday next, when the grand jury will be in session. The judge spent this forenoon in company with Judge Clement K. Quinn, of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, and with Judge J. W. Thompson, of the Third Judicial Circuit.

CITY'S SCRAMPED BY HIGH PRICES

Soaring Cost of Building Materials Hinders Municipal Construction Work

Oil, lumber, cement and other commodities used by municipal departments in construction or maintenance work have started soaring skyward in price and the city and county government is feeling the full effects of an attack of high cost of living that is traceable to the scarcity of materials and similar high prices on the Pacific Coast whence these supplies come.

Explanation of the recent pilikia encountered by the city in trying to renew its contract for fuel oil supplies is found in the shortage of this commodity, which exists on the Pacific Coast, which is attributed to lack of sufficient shipping facilities.

When the bids for supplying the city with fuel oil were opened it was found that only one of three companies in Honolulu had submitted tenders and then only at price current on the day of delivery.

The oil company officials state that they have received advices from the mainland not to make bids at contract prices because of the uncertainty of the prices and the chaotic freight conditions.

In the latter factor is found the explanation of the fuel oil situation which has resulted in a shortage on the Pacific Coast and a consequent lack of certain supply here.

Mail advices received yesterday from San Francisco stated that lack of sufficient number of purely cargo bottoms, and the supposed misunderstanding in the East of western conditions, were the two elements that have created an oil shortage in the West, according to all experts in San Francisco.

The oil experts make this explanation as their view of the real reasons for the threatened crippling of western industries due to a lack of fuel oil.

The bottom, they declare, are needed to bring the oil out of Mexico, for that country in their opinion can supply the oil needs of all Europe and a good part of this country indefinitely. To bring this oil out of Mexico by rail is prohibitive, they say. Ships are the only salvation, and there are not enough ships to supply the European demand alone.

There is a scarcity of supply, but not shortage, of these oil men contend. And they believe that if congress opened to development, the state's oil reserve, which has shrunk from over 60,000,000 barrels to approximately 30,000,000 in three years, will be entirely wiped out in a few more years, and there will be a general influenza purgals, despite the fact that the condition of thousands of acres of proven but undeveloped oil lands will still obtain.

The Southern Pacific Company had announced that it is facing a crisis, not because of any real oil shortage, but because its 160,000 acre oil lands in the Midway district are tied up from complete development by litigation. The company is supplying it self only from the wells it is allowed to operate in this district.

So far as is known there are no laws that will allow for the issuing of patents on these lands. In brief, the government, now that it has these lands in its possession, has no machinery to bestow them upon prospective operators, as the old Placer mining laws under which they were first located are now inoperative.

The question will be solved, these oil men contend, when congress sees the necessity of passing laws opening these lands to development.

Lumber Also Jumps Yesterday the city found that lumber had joined the aviation corps when bids were opened for supplies for building work. The prices submitted to the city show an increase averaging from fifteen to twenty-five per cent.

Revised bids are up from \$47 to \$55, clear Northwest from \$39 to \$49 while other grades show an advance of seven or eight dollars.

Henry Freitas, building inspector, stated that he would recommend that the bids be rejected. He says that the school and the park departments plan the erection of twelve buildings this year but that the prices at present for materials would bankrupt the departments, because they were half through their building programs.

The cement prices also show an increase. The bids of H. Hackfeld & Co. and Theo. H. Davies & Co., were each \$3.25 a barrel, which is ten cents more than the price of \$3.15 a barrel six months ago.

MAY GIVE KALIHU FIRE PROTECTION

Whether Kalihū shall have fire protection or not will be decided jointly by the Oahu Loan Fund Commission and the board of supervisors when bids have been opened on July 25 for a new steam turbine-driven centrifugal pump. At present the district is dependent on the big pump in the Kalihū station. If it should break down there is no emergency equipment.

The loan fund commission doesn't know whether or not it has money enough to buy a pump and asked the city to make up whatever the difference might be when bids are opened. Last night the supervisors deferred action on this request until they, too, should know what this difference, if any, might amount to.

APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED

(By The Associated Press) TOKIO, June 29.—Marquis Masayoshi Matsukata, one of the genre or elder statesmen, has been appointed Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal as successor to the late Prince Oyama, since whose death the post has been vacant.

LIONEL HART UNDER ARREST ON COAST

Amount Embezzled Various Estimated At From Thirty To One Hundred Thousand Dollars

Two years ago, when Lionel Hart was quietly requested to vacate the offices he occupied above those of the C. M. Cooke Estate, Ltd. The advertiser informed the public that the next thieving bank clerk who wanted to gamble in stocks would have to look for him in new quarters.

Then there came a time when many, many customers looked for him in many, many quarters, and found him nowhere. He is receiving visitors today in jail, at San Francisco. Yesterday the wireless brought news of his arrest.

Just how much money he lost in his own speculations on the New York market and how much he transferred to the account of his traveling expenses when he closed his office here and still a matter of surprise to all except those who straggled out his books for Charles A. Stoneham & Co., of New York, the brokerage house he represented. The city attorney is reported yesterday to have asked the grand jury for an indictment charging him with embezzlement of approximately \$10,000.

On the street, the amount has been variously estimated as ranging from thirty to one hundred thousand dollars. Shortly before Hart disappeared, he married Miss Juanita Beckley. They left together for the China coast. Earlier in the week Mrs. Hart passed through Honolulu, bound for San Francisco, on the Nippon Maru. Questioned by the police she asserted that she did not know her husband's whereabouts. He is supposed to have steamed for Vancouver by the Canadian Pacific route from Yokohama, and from Vancouver to have gone south to San Francisco to meet his wife. She is still at sea.

The audacity and steady nerve of Hart long have been the wonder of the town. In the days when all kerosene, gasoline and other inflammable liquids were stored in the government warehouse, Hart was the keeper. He sold large quantities of the stock at cut rate prices to Oriental merchants and transferred the cash to his own pocket. When exposure became inevitable, he drove down to the warehouse in broad day light, and set the place on fire, after having prepared sham evidence to make it appear that burglary had been committed.

If his preparations had been as careful as they were bold, and both his books and the entire stock of inflammables had gone up in smoke, it would have been impossible to have convicted him of an embezzlement. He was as hasty, however, as he was desperate; the fire didn't take hold as it should have done; he was arrested, convicted of arson, sentenced to jail and served his time.

A free man again, he dug up enough hidden cash to establish himself with very little delay as a broker in wild cat stocks and, to the unending astonishment of the town, he found customers and kept getting more of them. At the time when he went under he was doing a roaring business.

Nothing disturbed Hart's outward serenity or shook his nerve. At the time of his ejection by the Cooke Estate, a humiliation that would have driven another man out of business, he came back the next morning with a full page advertisement accusing a hiring press of attempting to twist the facts to his discredit and affirming that he had just as good right to do speculative business with a bank teller as anybody else.

Within forty-eight hours he had larger offices, with flowers in the windows and a string of waiting customers outside the door.

COURT FIGHT STARTED FOR OFFICE IN MAUI

Primary Election Results In Legal Proceedings

(Mail Correspondence) WAILUKU, July 6.—Papers in quo warranto proceedings were served upon Supervisor J. N. Uihuniu shortly after noon on Monday. The writ sets forth that J. N. Uihuniu did not receive a majority of the votes of the registered voters voting at the primary election, and that he is therefore not entitled to act as supervisor and to receive the privileges, rights and emoluments of the office, but should be ousted and altogether excluded from it. The petitioner claims he was entitled to have his name printed on the official ballot for the general election to be held June 12, 1917, and made a demand upon County Clerk W. F. Kane to have his name placed upon the official ballot, which demand Kane refused.

Supervisor Uihuniu filed an answer, claiming that he was duly and lawfully elected as a member of the board of supervisors for the county of Maui, and that County Clerk Kane had issued a certificate to that effect. He asks that the petition for a writ of quo warranto may be dismissed.

CRAMP COLIC. No need of suffering from cramps in the stomach, or intestinal pains. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy never fails to relieve the most severe cases. Get it today. It will be so time to need for it. For the attack comes on. For sale by All Dealers, Benson, Smith & Co., Agents for Hawaii.

RECRUITING OF BRITISH HERE TO BEGIN SOON

Agent of English Government is Coming to Enlist Men For Great War

HUNDRED OR MORE EXPECTED TO VOLUNTEER

Local Committee is Cooperating With Consul in Making Preliminary Plans

British subjects living in Hawaii are being quietly registered in expectation of the arrival of a recruiting agent of their government who may now, under American laws, seek recruits for the British army in this country.

From remarks made yesterday it appears that such an official is now on his way and that the expectations are for a hundred or more men for the forces will be secured from the British colony in Hawaii. A committee from the British club is cooperating with the British consul, E. L. S. Gordon, and all necessary preliminary plans for a recruiting campaign are being laid.

The call to British subjects, though voluntary as to response, is to be made, as the campaign of recruiting unfolds, with all the seriousness, determination, and high purpose that experience on the fighting front in France has taught the men in charge of the work—voluntary, but those who refuse to offer their services, after due and repeated opportunity, may find themselves men without a country. Brig. Gen. W. A. White, head of the British recruiting commission for this country, in outlining the work and aims of the commission for the New York Times, recently said:

"In my opinion—my personal opinion, understand—those British subjects who, after ample opportunity to report, seek to evade their responsibility to serve their country in this time of need, are not only deserting the British government but they are deserting their own rights, a forfeiture which I feel no British subject desires to contemplate. Action of this kind by our government would only be following the example set by continental nations.

Leaving no doubt that it is not meant to cast any reflection on the patriotism and loyalty of the British subjects living in this country. As a whole I believe their loyalty to be strong, unswerving, ready to make any personal sacrifice, and I think the reason of the country will show this to be so. It is not fair to use the word 'slacker' in reference to a British subject living in this country and who is of our military age, from eighteen to forty-five.

Owing to the fact that heretofore, prior to the entry of the United States into the war, it was a penal offense to carry on foreign enlistment here, British subjects have now for the first time the opportunity to enlist openly in this country, and to be taken care of from the time of enlistment until they actually join a unit in the trenches in France. By taken care of I mean expenses paid until they get into the fighting line. Heretofore a British subject had to undergo considerable expense in offering his services. He had to travel to England or to Canada and there run the risk of being medically rejected and his services refused.

Now he will receive his medical examination at once and will know, probably the day he offers himself, whether he is physically fit to service. If he is rejected a certificate will be given to him showing that he offered himself.

Our appeal will be addressed to all the subjects of the British Empire living in this country, whether English, Scotch, Irish, Canadian, Australian, South African, or from whatever country under the British flag. We make our appeal on the ground that Great Britain needs all her sons of military age to help in the great cause for which we are fighting.

"This makes a special opportunity at this time for the British subjects in this country to help. Those who come forward now can be in the field before the American troops are expected to arrive in large force. In six weeks every British subject here of military age ought to be able to wind up his affairs in preparation for an enlistment, and at the end of that time it will be up to him and his conscience whether or not he is a 'slacker.'"

General White has had previous experience in recruiting on a large scale. He was taken from the British front in France and made assistant director of recruiting at the war office. At the outbreak of the war he was stationed in Canada and helped to raise the first expedition there and accompanied it to France.

"Have you any last word you wish to emphasize?" General White was asked. "Only this," he said, a sudden seriousness showing on his pleasant, rosy face. "Great Britain is now beckoning to her sons here; they are needed. Many Britons have already responded, willingly, gladly, but she needs every one of her sons able to serve to help those who are now fighting, many of whom are shedding their blood in behalf of justice, liberty and honorable peace."

In 1909 the value of sugar beets per acre was exceeded by four other crops—hops, tobacco, sugar cane, and sweet potatoes. The acre value of beets was nearly four times the value of corn or wheat, and more than four times the average acre value of all cereals.

ONOMEA DECLARES EXTRA DIVIDEND OF THREE PER CENT

Directors of Onomea Sugar Company announced an extra dividend payment of three per cent. The dividend is payable July 20, when the regular monthly dividend payment of two per cent will be made. The three per cent dividend amounts to \$45,000 on Onomea's capitalization of \$1,500,000, while the regular dividend would be \$30,000, making a total distribution by the company of \$75,000. Last year Onomea paid regular dividends amounting to \$825,000, or fifty-five per cent.

MORE MONEY FOR FRENCH

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service) WASHINGTON, July 6.—The treasury department today loaned France \$100,000,000.

Honolulu Wholesale Produce Market

ISSUED BY THE TERRITORIAL MARKETING DIVISION July 6, 1917.

SMALL CONSUMERS CANNOT BUY AT THESE PRICES

VEGETABLES AND PRODUCE

Island butter, lb. cartons	40	Hens, lb.	33 to 35
Eggs, select, doz.	44	Turkeys, lb.	40 to 45
Eggs, No. 1, doz.	42	Ducks, Musc., lb.	30 to 33
Eggs, Duck, doz.	42	Ducks, Pekin, lb.	28 to 30
Young roosters, lb.	43 to 45	Ducks, Haw., doz.	6.75

Beans, string, green	04	Peanuts, sm., lb.	10 to 11
Beans, string, wax, green	05	Peanuts, lb. lg.	None
Beans, Lima in pod	03 1/2	Green peppers, bell	05
Beans, Mani red	12.00	Green peppers, chili	10 to 15
Beans, Calico, cwt.	11.00	Potatoes, lb. I	4.00 to 4.25
Beans, Small white	None	Potatoes, sweet, cwt.	1.75
Peas, dry, lb. cwt.	None	Potatoes, sweet red, cwt.	2.00
Beets, doz. bunches	30	Taro, cwt.	1.00 to 1.50
Carrots, doz. bunches	40	Taro, bunch	1.50
Cabbage, cwt.	2.50 to 3.00	Tomatoes	04
Corn, sweet 100 ears	None	Green peas, lb.	None
Corn, Haw., sm. yel.	None	Cucumbers, doz.	20 to 25
Rice, Jap. seed, cwt.	6.75	Pumpkins, lb.	01 1/2
Rice, Haw. seed, cwt.	6.50		

FRUIT

Bananas, Chinese, bu.	20 to 40	Limes, 100	75 to 1.00
Bananas, Cooking, bu.	1.00 to 1.25	Pineapples, cwt.	1.50
Guavas, 100	1.00	Papayas, lb.	02
Grapes, Isabella, lb.	09	Strawberries	25

LIVESTOCK

Cattle and sheep are not bought at live weight. They are slaughtered and paid for on a dressed weight basis.	Hogs, up to 150 lb.	14 to 16
	Hogs, 150 and over	14 to 16

DRESSED MEATS

Beef, lb.	13 1/2 to 14	Mutton, lb.	18 to 19
Pork, lb.	14	Pork, lb.	18 to 20

HIDES, WET SALTED

Steer, No. 1, lb.	20	Kips, lb.	30
Steer, No. 2, lb.	18	Goat, white	20 to 30
Steer, hair slip	18		

FEED

The following are quotations on feed, f. o. b. Honolulu:

Corn, sm. yel. ton	None	Oats, ton	56.00 to 60.00
Corn, lg. yel. ton	80.00 to 85.00	Wheat, ton	90.00 to 105.00
Corn, cracked, ton	82.00 to 86.00	Middling, ton	60.00 to 65.00
Barley, ton	44.00 to 48.00	Hay, Wheat	35.00 to 40.00
Scratch food, ton	52.50 to 56.00	Hay, Alfalfa	38.00 to 40.00
	55.00 to 57.50		

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER

Island eggs are getting very scarce and are selling for 64 cents a dozen, 17 cents a dozen more than at this time last year. A great many people have disposed of their chickens and are buying imported eggs.

The demand for poultry has not been very brisk during the past few weeks although the market has been well supplied.

A few bags of beans have been received from Maui and are being sold at twelve cents a pound, the record price. Four years ago, the same beans were sold in Honolulu for as low as \$2.50 a bag. It should not be necessary to export a single bag to the mainland this year.

It is reported that the Maui corn will begin to come in next week in large quantities. This should relieve the present condition of the local market.

The new rice crop is beginning to come on the market but with the increased freight rate from Japan, it is more likely to advance.

Irish potatoes are much cheaper on the mainland but as yet the local price has not dropped very much. A big drop in the price can be expected shortly. Sweet potatoes are coming in more plentifully now and the price will drop to normal before long.

There has been no change in the meat prices during the week.

The books of the Division have just been closed, preparatory to the transfer to the Board of Agriculture and Forestry, and show the past year to be the most successful since it was put under the supervision of the U. S. Experiment Station in 1912. Twenty-five hundred and thirty-eight consignments of 60 different kinds of island products were sold for 474 producers for a total of \$121,512.90, an increase of \$54,534.94 over 1915-1916. In addition to contract sales, seeds, crates, and merchandise to the amount of \$18,006.15 were sold to producers and others. The cost of handling the business was \$11.25 per cent on the dollar, or a decrease of 1.13 per cent from 1915-1916. A. T. LONGLEY, Superintendent.

GOVERNOR SEEKING TO INJECT "PEP" IN FOOD COMMISSION

Said To Be Contemplating Appointment of "Virile Democrats" To the Body

PACHECO AND M'CANDESS NAMED FOR THE NEW POSTS

Dame Rumor Busy Around Capitol With Reports of Coming of Big Shake Up

Governor Pinkham is not satisfied with the Territorial Food Commission, although he himself appointed the members, with the exception of Doctor Dean, the executive officer of the organization.

Furthermore, if certain statements that are being made in circles of the Capitol official family can be taken at their face value, the Governor, far from resting dissatisfied, intends to deal the commission a wallop that will make it sit up and beg.

This is the little scheme which Mr. Pinkham is said to have in mind for injecting "pep" into what he considers the highbrow atmosphere that broods over the such academic calm over the headquarters on Fort Street.

He is going to name as the remaining members of the board three of the "most virile Democrats in the Territory," and there are hints that Manuel Pacheco and Jesse Uihui, and possibly L. L. McCandless, the last just to add a fillip of real zest to the drabness of the board, may be the three.

Of course, says the report, every one knows that the Governor and Lieke are not as thick as ordinary Democratic leaders might be supposed to be, but the Territory's chief executive is said to be willing to overlook that in his wish to get a man who answers the requirements he has in mind, which, so say other unkind persons, are more or less diametrically opposite to those which are possessed by the men already members of the commission.

There is a story that is running about on all fours in the halls of the Capitol to the effect that the Governor was disappointed at some of the appointments made by the commission after he had resigned, and would gladly see changes made, but the law would not permit his enforcing it as he would. Also there are, so far as any one knows, no undated resignations in his hands from any of the commissioners.

The Governor has other strings to his bow beside the undated resignations, which was a measure adopted when he was new to his present office, and one which has not worked as satisfactorily as might have been expected. One of these strings, or to change the metaphor a bit, the particular club which His Excellency is now holding over the head of the commission, is said to be withdrawing from the minds of the commissioners from the other islands, and the intimation that comes from many quarters, that when the appointments are made they will not be to the liking of those already members of the body.

Just a little thing to show the way the gubernatorial wind is setting happened the other day when the Governor made his sole visit to the headquarters of the commission. He was accompanied by his stenographer and he was loaded for bear. Unfortunately there was no one upon whom he could expend the ammunition he carried, so he contented himself with having his stenographer copy the minutes of the commission's past meetings, and with leaving word that for the future he wanted to be supplied with these minute testimonials of the activities of the body.

It was announced by James Dole, chairman of the commission, yesterday that today, or some time next week, the commission would appoint a committee of women to take up the economy campaign among the housekeepers, which has been the aim, or one of the aims of the body ever since its appointment.

HILO IS TO ORGANIZE RED CROSS COMMITTEE

(Mail Correspondence) HILO, July 6.—When the meeting of the American Red Cross Society is held in the Masonic Hall on Sunday evening here should be a crowded house to hear the speakers, for some of the most brilliant orators of these islands will address the audience.

Judge Naughton and United States District Attorney Huber will be two of the speakers and there will be several others. The orators will each present some feature of the Red Cross work and it is intended to make the meeting one of the most inspiring ever held in this city.

The American Red Cross Society is now devoting all its attention to the soldiers of our country and to getting ready for the big work that is ahead of the organization. The United States is now at war and American troops are in France, ready to proceed to the first line of trenches, there to shed their blood for the principles of democracy, which principles the Teutonic Powers are trying to overthrow in favor of autocracy.

The meeting on Sunday evening is free to everybody and the addresses will begin at half past seven o'clock.

YANKEE WARSHIPS HUNTING DIVERS

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service) FORTRESS MONROE, July 6.—United States naval patrols are today searching for reported enemy submarines in Atlantic waters.

COUNTY EMPLOYEES ARE ALL CONFIRMED

HILO, July 7.—The appointment of E. Verris as deputy county treasurer, of Harry K. Brown as deputy county auditor and Harry Spencer as county clerk in the county auditor's office were confirmed by the board of supervisors yesterday.