

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER
U. S. WEATHER BUREAU,
August 2, 1917—Last twenty-
four hours' rainfall, 1 inch;
Temperature; Min. 74; Max.
81. Weather, clear.

Hawaiian Gazette

| LATEST CABLED SUGAR QUOTATIONS | |
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| Cents | Dollars |
| 96° Centrifugal N. Y. per lb. per ton | 6.977 \$139.64 |
| Price, Hawaiian basis | 6.977 \$139.64 |
| Last previous quotation | 6.77 \$135.40 |

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SPECULATION IN SUGAR TO BE CHECKED BY TAX LEVY

Clause Is Written Into War Revenue Bill Designed To Prevent Accumulations of Large Stocks of Sugar and of Coffee

DEALERS TO BE HELD TO NORMAL SUPPLIES

Excess Profits Provisions Will Be Held To Apply To Farmers As Well As To Other Business Men and To Large Corporations

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

WASHINGTON, August 3.—In order to forestall any attempts that may be made to lay in big advance stocks of sugar and coffee by speculators or dealers to escape the consumption tax provided for in the War Revenue Bill, the Senate Finance committee yesterday wrote a new clause into the measure, providing for an excess tax upon all sugar and coffee accumulations in the hands of dealers which exceed the average normal stock. Small stocks are not affected by this new tax. The committee also returned to the original rate for the consumption tax on sugar, fixing it once more at half a cent a pound.

The committee amended the bill in a number of other particulars and it is now practically ready to be reported back to the senate, where the debate on it is scheduled for next week. The main amendment was in reducing the proposed tax upon the undivided surpluses of corporations, the members of the committee agreeing that this tax should be between ten and fifteen percent.

An amendment proposed, whereby the excess profit clauses should not be held to apply to farmers, was defeated.

MANY ARE ELIMINATED FROM TRAINING CAMP

Six Hundred Who Are Found Unfit Will Be Two Days' Total

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

SAN FRANCISCO, August 3.—Thinning out of the Officers' Reserve Training Camp in the Presidio is going ahead rapidly. Yesterday 300 were dismissed and today 250 more will go. From time to time the process of the weeding out of the unfit in the army camp has gone on and this will be continued until almost the end. The taking out of 400 would be officers in two days is one of the longest steps that has been taken towards the final selections, which will be made.

AMERICANS DO PART ON FLANDERS FIELDS

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

BRITISH FRONT IN FLANDERS, August 2.—Reports from the battlefield show that America is playing an important, though small, part in the operations being carried on by the Franco-British armies in Flanders. American surgeons, nurses and ambulance units are rendering valuable service, and are working side by side with their allies, tending the wounded and transporting the battered Tommies to base hospitals.

Japanese Eligible For Enlistment In Army If They Desire

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)

SEATTLE, August 3.—Foreigners who do not claim exemption from the selective draft law will be permitted to enlist in the United States Army if they so desire irrespective of race or color. This ruling was made yesterday by the representative here of the provost general and is far reaching in importance. Japanese are eligible for service in the national army if they so desire under the ruling of yesterday and this is explicitly stated. In this it is said there were many Japanese who registered and who were asked if they did not desire exemption on the ground of their nationality. It was a common occurrence for them to disclaim exemption and to declare that they were ready to serve if called upon and some expressed disappointment at being barred from service by reason of their Asiatic birth. Now comes the ruling that opens the way to applicants if they present themselves for enlistment.

Reports from other Pacific Coast cities where there are large Japanese populations tell of a similar willingness on the part of men of that race to enter the United States service and it is expected that numbers of enlistments will result from the ruling.

RUSSIANS CONTINUE TO BACK FROM HUNS

Retreat Is Unchecked and Petrograd Admits That Situation Is More Acute

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

NEW YORK, August 3.—Advances of the Teutonic forces in Eastern Galicia and Bukovina are unchecked. The demoralized Russian armies appear unable to make a stand and put up any resistance that is effective. They continue to fall back before the oncoming enemy. German-Austrian offensive along the frontier is continuing with unabated vigor. Petrograd dispatches admit that the situation of the Russian forces along the eastern front is more acute than ever and that the retreat is going steadily on. The Austrians have taken and occupied a number of towns and villages in Bukovina. Berlin claims are practically the same as the Petrograd admissions. The official report last night said that the Russians were falling back from Pruth and Kelen into the mountains along a front of a hundred miles and claimed the capture of numerous towns and the taking of many prisoners, guns, ammunition and stores.

WEALTHY YOUTH IS AEROPLANE VICTIM

Son of President of Fleischmann Yeast Company Is Killed By Plane's Fall

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

NEW LONDON, Connecticut, August 3.—Charles Fleischmann, the son of former Mayor Julius Fleischmann of Cincinnati, president of the Fleischmann Yeast Company, was killed by a fall in his aeroplane here yesterday. Pilot Harry Witz, who was with young Fleischmann in the machine, was also killed. The machine dropped into Great South Bay. Charles Fleischmann was twenty-two years old and had only recently enlisted in the aviation corps.

MANY LIVES ARE LOST IN FLOOD IN CHINA

(Special Cablegram to Nippo Jiji)

TOKIO, Japan, August 2.—Many lives have been lost in the great flood in China which is raging on the Yangtsze-kiang River at the present time, and thousands of Chinese have been rendered homeless. Hundreds of little villages along the banks of the great river of China have been submerged, and it is thought that the loss of life will run into thousands. Many of the villages, together with the houseboats along the river were wrecked, and the debris was piled up for many miles. Soldiers stationed in the various garrisons have been called upon to assist in the rescue work.

ALLIED OFFENSIVE WORRYING WILHELM

Call Is Issued For a Meeting of War Council Next Week For Important Measures

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

NEW YORK, August 3.—The offensive of the Allies has apparently become trying to Wilhelm is evidenced by the fact that he has called his war council to meet in Brussels next Wednesday. The object of the meeting is to form an analytical survey of the offensive. Kaiser Wilhelm yesterday sent congratulations to Prince Rupprecht, commander of the German forces in Flanders, for "the successful repelling of the enemy on Monday, whereby the attempt to conquer the coast of Flanders failed." It was officially reported that the German line in Flanders had been moved forward as the result of successful counter-attacks, and the defense remained unweakened. The enemy suffered heavy losses. Further advances are reported in Bukovina, and the Russians operating in the Carpathians are retreating.

PERSHING FINDS HIS MEN IN FINE SHAPE

Americans and French Making Best of Friends in the Country Back of the Firing Line

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

AMERICAN CAMP IN FRANCE, August 2.—Brig. Gen. John J. Pershing, commanding the American expeditionary forces in France, today made a thorough inspection of the American camp. He found the American troops and French villagers to be on terms of best friendship, with the soldiers receiving plenty to eat and with a variety of fresh vegetables included in their diet. General Pershing, among other things, ordered a smarter set-up of the majority of the unit.

GERMAN PIRATES GET BUT SMALL HARVEST

Only Three French Vessels Sunk In Week

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

PARIS, France, August 2.—The ministry of marine reported today that two vessels of more than 1600 tons had been submerged during the week ending today, and one of less tonnage. The total number of arrivals at French ports was 1008, and the departure 1072. Minister of Marine Loez has tendered his resignation.

MARRIAGE BROKERS HELP SLACKERS TO AVOID SERVICE

Investigation of Government Agents Convinces Officials That Matrimonial Agencies Supplied "Dependent Wives" To Many

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

WASHINGTON, August 3.—That many who preferred to take their chances in marrying women with whom they were barely acquainted rather than remain single and eligible for the draft were supplied with wives through marriage brokers is the belief of the officials here, who have been investigating the reports from government agents covering the great increases in weddings in many cities. It is believed that in many cities these marriage brokers secured lists of the names of women ready to go through the marriage ceremony with young men drawn in the draft and who wished to escape service through the "dependent wife" clause of the exemption regulations and evaded the drafted ones with these lists.

In so many cases have there been heavy marriages on the part of young men included in the draft drawing of July 20 that Provost Marshal Crowder has formally notified the selection boards that these lately consummated marriages are not to count as an exemption claim. Federal agents have been further notified to look into many of the marriages among drafted men which have taken place since July 20 and, if there be evidence that the marriage was arranged for the purpose of securing the exemption of the groom, to take action against the brides under the terms of the Selective Draft Act which makes it an offense to enter into a conspiracy to defeat the purposes of the law.

DEATH BATTALION AROUSES ALL SLAVS

Women of Russia Now Flock To Join Similar Organizations To Fight the Hun

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

PETROGRAD, August 2.—Stories of the heroic conduct of the women's "Battalion to death" unit have spread like wildfire through the country and many enlistments are being reported from the recruiting stations at Petrograd, Moscow and Kiev. At Petrograd alone 1200 Amazons were enrolled, and the government is supplying arms and equipment to all who are passed physically fit. Minister Tereshchenko despatched a telegram to the Allied governments explaining Russia's conduct of the war, and said that the entire government had been reorganized, and would now present a united front to the enemy. He blamed irresponsible for the dissemination of "criminal propaganda" and said that the people are deeply stirred, but the revolt had now been crushed.

FRANCE WANTS ONLY PERMANENT PEACE

Minister of Finance Says Terms Must Be Honorable and Lasting Or Not Considered

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

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AIRMEN LEAD INFANTRY ON PERFORMING GREAT FEATS

Work of Royal Flying Corps Over Battlefield in Flanders Surpasses Anything Aviators Had Previously Accomplished



CIPRIANO CASTRO DETAINED FOR TIME

Former Disturber of Venezuela Forced to Take Oath Before Leaving Havana

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

HAVANA, August 3.—Cipriano Castro, former premier of Venezuela and who has so frequently stirred up political ferment in his native country, arrived here yesterday. He was not permitted to depart until he had taken an oath that he had no intention of fomenting or seeking to foment any insurrection in Venezuela.

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HART GETS BAIL; RETURN IS DELAYED

Captain McDuffie Will Not Bring Alleged Embezzler Who Is Released On Bail

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

SAN FRANCISCO, August 3.—Arthur McDuffie, Honolulu's captain of detectives, will not take Lionel Hart back with him when he sails for the Islands probably on Wednesday of next week. Hart, who is fighting extradition was yesterday released on a bail bond of \$1000. It was argued on his behalf that he is suffering seriously from an attack of lumbago, which he contracted in Peking, during his recent travels in the Orient. Under the circumstances it was not thought necessary to hold him in jail confinement pending the outcome of his extradition case.

RODIEK DEMURRER IS ARGUED BEFORE COURT

Tribunal in San Francisco Takes the Question Under Advisement

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

SAN FRANCISCO, August 2.—The demurrer filed by Georg Rodiek of Honolulu to an indictment charging him with complicity in a plot to foment a rebellion in India, was argued in the federal court today. No decision has been rendered yet.

FOUR ITALIAN SHIPS SUNK BY SUBMARINES

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

ROME, Italy, August 2.—Four sailing vessels were the toll taken by Italian shipping in the last week by enemy submarines.

ENVOYS NAMED

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

WASHINGTON, August 2.—George B. Easton of Connecticut was today named as ambassador to Siam, and Hoffman Philip, former secretary at the embassy at London, as minister to Colombia.

Work of Royal Flying Corps Over Battlefield in Flanders Surpasses Anything Aviators Had Previously Accomplished

MACHINE GUNNERS ARE SHOT DOWN FROM ABOVE

German Aeroplanes Seek Ineffectually To Hold Back Heroic Airmen of Great Britain and Their Machines Are Driven To Earth

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, August 3.—For heroism, for spectacular daring and for effectiveness the work of the British Royal Flying Corps in the battle of Tuesday over the Flemish marshes surpassed anything that has yet been witnessed in the entire course of the war. The airmen led the advance, fought back the German flyers and decisively defeated them, engaged the German infantry and from the air smashed up nest after nest of machine guns, assisting in the most valuable way the success of the British infantry and enabling victory to be won at a surprisingly small cost.

BATTLEPLANES FLY LOW

When the British barrage lifted and the word for the infantry to advance was passed down the waiting lines a huge squadron of British battleplanes, flying low, swept over the heads of the Tommies and dipped in front of them, apparently just skimming the ground. Straight into the faces of the waiting Germans these machines sped, each spitting death from its mounted machine gun and carrying consternation into the Teuton ranks. Over the first and second lines of trenches the British flyers maneuvered, picking out the machine gun emplacements and circling these, pouring a hail of bullets into the crews of the batteries.

GERMAN FLYERS DOWNED

Vainly did the German airmen attempt to dispute their way. Machine after machine marked with the Iron Cross was sent hurtling down upon the heads of the German fighters below in the trenches until the Hun aviators fled back in terror, pursued by the relentless British.

Many Acts of Heroism

There were many deeds of heroism reported by the observers, but one battleplane crew comes in for special praise. This machine, flying low across the German fortified zone, circled an aerodrome in the rear, blowing it to a wreck with bombs and shooting down the crew of a machine gun which attempted to defend the structure. While this fight was on, two German planes were hurled to the attack. The British flyers flew to meet the enemy, and at the first clash one German plane was sent crashing down. The other turned tail and fled into the fog. Circling back, the observers in the

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