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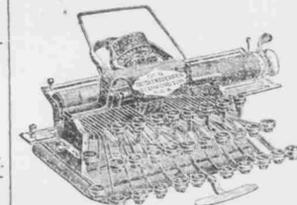
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The whole Island community will be greatly surprised and most deeply grieved to learn of the death of Theo. H. Davies. The merchant prince and philanthropist passed away very suddenly in England on May 25. Word



THEO. H. DAVIES.
(Photo by Williams.)

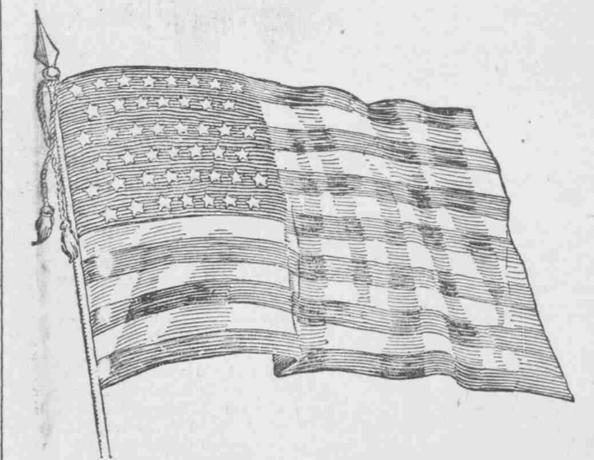
to this effect was received by P. C. Jones from R. P. Rithet.

Mr. Davies is a native of England and came first to the Sandwich Islands in 1857, and entered the employ of R. C. Janion in the mercantile establishment which now bears his (Mr. Davies') name. A few years later he went to Victoria, B. C., and Portland, Oregon, in the interest of his firm, which had also branch houses in those cities, and from there in 1865 to England, where for two years he was connected with Mr. Janion's business in that country. In 1867, he came again to Honolulu, and became a partner of Mr. Janion, the style of the firm being then changed to that of Theo. H. Davies. For the ensuing 14 or 15 years, with the exception of occasional visits abroad, Mr. Davies resided in Honolulu, after which he returned to England, and devoted his personal attention to the conduct of the Liverpool business of Theo. H. Davies & Co., leaving the Honolulu establishment under the management of Mr. Thomas Rain Walker, who was made a partner in 1883, and Mr. F. M. Swanzy, who was admitted to partnership some time subsequently, both of whom had for many years previously been trusted associates. Mr. Davies has lived in his native country almost ever since. During his residence in Honolulu, this gentleman by judicious investments in sugar plantations, by shrewd business management, and by straightforward, honorable methods, accumulated a large fortune, and did much to develop the industry which is now the country's main source of revenue.

Mr. Davies was a man of charitable inclinations and philanthropic nature. He has always contributed generously to and devoted much personal effort in the cause of Christianity, and to the moral and social advancement of the human family. His name is a respected one throughout the Hawaiian Islands. The business interests of Mr. Davies will go to his two sons.

A GENERAL INVITATION.
The millinery displayed at L. B. Kerr's Queen street store is a sight long to be remembered. Hats and bonnets are many and beautiful. The style of trimming most artistic; the arrangement of colors most exquisite, and must be seen to be appreciated. An inspection is solicited. All are cordially invited.

The First Manila Expedition—2,500 Men Are Now in Honolulu.



This is What is Going to Manila.

TRANSPORTS ARRIVE.
The town was set in a fever of excitement when, at a little after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the boys at Central office conveyed the message to thousands of anxious people in the city that there were three foreign steamers off Waimanalo. The message had come from the other side of the Island and it was impossible to tell at the time what the vessels were. Just three columns of smoke floating away to the southeast could be distinguished. It was not many minutes after this, the message came that the steamers could be seen by Diamond Head Charley and that they were the City of Peking, the Australia and another steamer that could not be seen very distinctly.

The fire whistle sounded immediately the signal of five whistles and instantly flags all over the city went up and carriages and crowds of pedestrians went hurrying along toward



GEO. W. SMITH.
(Photo by Williams.)
CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE OF 100.

the different wharves. They had a long wait but they were not in the least fatigued for they were on the tip toe of expectancy and talked gaily. There has not been in many years such a commotion in this city as the news created.

Even the pilot boat with the three pilots and a number of press men from town and from San Francisco, started out about a half hour before it was really necessary. The newspaper men were armed with cameras and note books, two very dangerous instruments. The pilot boat was forced to continue on the trip out past Diamond Head before the steamers came in sight. Off in the distance toward the

Island of Molokai could be seen three columns of smoke at equal distances. The vessels were approaching in line of battle and made a fine appearance. Soon the masts could be seen and the various steamers were recognized through the glasses. When they got quite close to Diamond Head, the City of Peking, which was closest to the land, turned and crossed the bow of the City of Sydney, the middle boat. At the same time the Australia, the outermost boat, turned toward the land and went up as if to meet the Peking. The City of Sydney changed her course toward the southward and soon both the Australia and Peking turned toward port. The pilot boat was towed ahead by the launch of the Union Express Company and was soon alongside the City of Peking but that steamer was going at too high a rate of speed and passed the pilot boat. She then slowed up and backed so that the pilot and newspaper men were able to get aboard. There were of course a whole string of questions. Some of the California boys in the regiment aboard the ship, seeing the large American flag floating over the railroad wharf, thought that a steamer had arrived here before them and brought news of annexation.

In a very short time the Peking was making full speed ahead toward Honolulu. Six companies of the California National Guard were sent below while the other six companies were drawn up in the line on deck where it was impossible to accommodate any more men.

In a little while the James Makee of the Inter-Island Company came bounding over the billows with flags and pennants flying. The Committee of 100, the band and newspaper men of the National Guard of Hawaii, were aboard. As they approached quite close to the Peking cheer after cheer was given by the enthusiastic people aboard and then the band struck up in a number of patriotic American airs. No one aboard the Peking was allowed to return the cheers as the soldiers boys were under strict discipline. This however did not dampen the ardor of the people aboard the Makee who shouted and waved their hats in the enthusiasm of their welcome.

A short time afterwards the men were told by Colonel Smith that they could shout and cheer as much as they pleased. There was no need of repeating this. The boys threw up their hats and cheered as only Americans can. Then the band of the First Regiment at the stern of the vessel played "Hawaii Ponoi" which brought out more cheers from the men on the Makee.

The Peking was by this time coming up the channel while the other two boats were hanging off to watch what the movements of the Peking were to be. When the first and fastest steamer of the three passed the lighthouse the whistles of both the Charleston and

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ON EVE OF BATTLE

Decisive Engagement on Atlantic Expected Hourly.

SPANIARDS ARE BOTTLED UP

Dewey Has Things His Own Way in Manila—Cuba—Very Encouraging Annexation News.

EVE OF BATTLE.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—This has been a day of exciting rumors. Sensational reports of a battle in the Windward passage in which Admiral Sampson is said to have sunk the entire Spanish squadron have reached Washington from Madrid, from London and from Port Au Prince by the way of New York, but up to a late hour tonight no official confirmation of the engagement could be secured in any quarter, and Secretary Long, when seen just before midnight, reiterated the statement made in official bulletins posted just before the Navy Department closed to the effect that no information had been received indicating "that an action had occurred in the Windward Passage."

From this time forth until definite news is received the administration will be in almost momentary expectation of a report of a decisive battle, the issue of which is not doubted in official circles here.

The American navy now has upwards of sixty ships in the Caribbean Sea, and while as has been pointed out, Lord Nelson spent three months in chasing the enemy about the Mediterranean he had neither so many vessels nor were they capable of such high speed as the squadrons of Sampson and Schley. The American commanders have the additional advantage of cable communication, which enables the Board of Strategy to advise the senior admiral almost daily of the latest reports concerning the whereabouts of the enemy.

While it is conceded that the superior speed of Cervera's squadron would enable him to run from the American vessels, the impression is gaining strength that he does not intend to leave the Caribbean Sea, and hence that sooner or later he will fall into Sampson's hands.

FROM DEWEY.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—The Navy Department today received a telegram from Admiral Dewey reading as follows:

"Manila, May 20, via Hongkong, May 24.—Secretary of the Navy, Washington: Situation unchanged. Strict blockade continues. Great scarcity of provisions in Manila. Foreign subjects fear an outbreak of the Spanish soldiers, and they will be transferred to Cavite by the foreign men-of-war in the harbor. Aguinaldo, the rebel chief, who was brought here from Hongkong on the McCulloch, is organizing a force of native cavalry and may render assistance that will be valuable."
DEWEY."

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