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Lewis & Turk went. Now the sure-thing gamblers will have to follow.

The Grand Jury is satisfactory to everybody except those who want to use it for factional purposes.

There is plenty of cold in the mid-Pacific latitudes and the winds from there have even given the tropics a taste of its quality.

The impression that this is a jay town is not likely to be shared, for any length of time, by Mr. Billy Hurd, alias Allen, alias anybody else whose name might commend him to a rich amateur in the poker line.

The Judge who made an invidious comparison between white and Chinese guardians will find a condensed commentary on his ruling in the four headlines over the Advertiser's court columns. So will other people.

The Oloa squatters are moving off the lands which they pre-empted with the advice and encouragement of the anti-Dole press and of men like Col. Little. They now have their labor for their pains and the fruits of some years of toil are lost to them. The account these people have run up with the schemers who used them to make a test case against the Hawaiian land laws is a long one and some day it may be paid. When that time comes Col. Little and his journalistic accomplices should hasten out of exposed places.

The showing made by Ho Sun as guardian of a minor is remarkably good and is one of many cases showing the shrewdness and fidelity of responsible Chinese in the administration of trusts. People who have had business experience in China or with the Oriental colony here go far in their respect for the Chinese business man, whose sense of honor often shames that of his white competitor. We have no doubt that men like Ho Sun will continue to guard estates of minors and absent countrymen despite the ruling against them in one of the local courts.

Andrew Carnegie continues to make costly gifts to American cities. He put \$50,000 not long ago into a public library at San Diego and has now given Seattle \$200,000 to replace a library building that was burned. What he did in both cases was at the request of citizens with whom he had no personal acquaintance. Mr. Carnegie's other benefactions have been conferred on cities all over the United States. The Advertiser has little doubt that if the needs of the Victoria Hospital of Honolulu were placed before the Scotch-American millionaire, a generous provision for it would follow.

It is pleasing to note that the widow of the man who was taken out of jail and lynched at Versailles, Ind., three years ago has recovered damages in \$4,000 from the sheriff and his bondsmen. The sheriff might have protected the prisoner, but he yielded, as such officials usually do, to the demand of prominent citizens (or voters) wearing masks and opened the jail door. The judgment now entered in favor of the widow will do more to discourage lynching than a dozen Grand Jury indictments, for even a sheriff who wants re-election will fight rather than run the risk of having a mob's bill to pay.

The case of Lord Dufferin seems to be of the guinea pig sort. He loaned his name to speculators and they used it to trap the unwary. The game is as old as business and it is played continually in Europe and America, sometimes on a gigantic scale. Initiated persons when they see stock offered in the names of British Lords or United States Senators let it alone until they find out who is the promoter behind the deal and then do as seems best. Lord Dufferin did not, perhaps, suspect anything wrong in the London & Globe Finance Corporation, but he should have kept out of an enterprise where his name was wanted more than his money.

The Star is undoubtedly skeptical about the Marconi system and refuses to give it time. Has our contemporary forgotten the feat, authenticated not long ago by St. Paul and Minneapolis papers, of sending wireless telegrams across the Mississippi at that point? Here was a clear triumph over space to the distance of 300 yards. Who knows but that our Marconi experts may be able, in a year or two, and without more than casual aid from the telephone and the wig-wag, to cover 600 yards, and so on up to a mile? It is shameful to hurry them, especially when all the public stock has not been subscribed and while most of the promoters' stock remains unloaded.

Honolulu has a painful dearth of good theatricals this winter, due, no doubt, to the threatening policy of a local theatrical manager who went to the Coast a year ago and declared that his show-place would compete with any company that might come down. The threat was as empty as it was impudent but it has lately sufficed to keep Honolulu out of any plays worth seeing. Now that the manager in question is prostrate under the ruins of his own theatrical undertaking, the way ought to be clear for a company like the Frawleys or the Nellis to visit us and make money. They could have done it with the other show in full blast and they surely could do it now with the field clear and the amusement-loving public complaining of dullness.

Lord Kitchener has not, as yet, renewed his laurels in South Africa, but better soldiers than he have failed to make head against guerrilla fighters defending their homes. Evidently the Boers know their opportunities and mean to keep on raiding and cutting off outposts until Great Britain is either in trouble with some great power or has been forced to undergo a change of Ministry as a protest against the cost of the war. Either contingency is possible. Meanwhile Kitchener is doing and will do his best, but he must wish his chance for new distinction could again lay, as it did in the Sudan, in battle with men who know no better than to form in hordes on an open plain and advance against batteries of Maxim guns.

THE PUNAHOU MAN TRAP.

It must be a shock to the people of Punahou to find that a house, close to the college and a church and surrounded by the homes of refined people is the rented abode of sure-thing gamblers and all-round crooks. Hurd, alias Allen, and his pals are thoroughly bad men, whose records, as partly known to the local police, give glimpses of a past which Mainland detectives will help the Advertiser to photograph. Today's expose will be followed in due time by another. The game of the crooks is to lure wealthy men to their cottage where wine, women and cards assist in emptying their pockets. Hurd and his confederates entertain well after the fashions of their class, but they are known to go heavily armed and are quite capable, on occasion, of showing the steel claw beneath the velvet glove.

As the laws against gambling are sufficient to cause the arrest of Chinese we presume they are adequate to deal with white offenders. We think the duty of the High Sheriff to raid the Punahou joint or at any rate to put a policeman on duty in front of it to warn visitors of its character. Another policeman might be useful in following Hurd about town. These are methods familiar to the Mainland and they ought to work well here. Nothing can be more in the line of public policy than to run the Hurd gang out. The difference between men who swindle people at the poker table and those who pick their pockets in a crowd is not so great as to warrant the police in being lenient with the card sharps.

Of course publicity, such as the Advertiser is giving, will do much to break up the gambling conspiracy, putting possible victims on their guard and making the short-card game unprofitable. But it would be a good thing also to show that the law has a way to deal with men like Hurd, alias Allen, when they try to fleece the human sheep.

CHINESE SIDE OF THE TROUBLES

PEKING, Jan. 10.—Prince Chun, brother of the Emperor, who is now in Peking, and in whose honor the Germans will hold a review, says that though he does not represent the court officially he knows his brother's sentiments are in favor of returning to Peking. Indeed, the Emperor wrote to Prince Ching recently and asked if his apartments were in a fit state for his early return.

Prince Chun says the Chinese have a serious question. Foreigners don't seem to realize that the Chinese object to the maintenance of legation guards as more than a purely temporary measure because there is no necessity for it. The Boxer movement, he asserts, was a purely patriotic one, meaning China for the Chinese. For many years the nations begged for trading privileges. Having obtained them and waxed rich from the profits thereof they forced undesirable treaties upon China with threats of confiscation of the choicest parts of the country. The slightest riot has been made the occasion to acquire territory and obtain valuable concessions. Naturally even a peaceable people will turn at last.

The people of China, Prince Chun declares, have been gradually worked up over the recent loss of territory at Wei Hai Wei, Port Arthur and elsewhere, and also over the granting of rights and honors to Catholic missionaries by officials. All Oriental nations are liable periodically, the same as individuals, to run amuck. The Chinese, according to Prince Chun, misbehaved no worse than did the French during the celebrated revolution. The Chinese, he says, are the most peaceable race on the earth and such trouble as recently occurred is not likely to happen again for centuries.

He believes the Emperor is friendly to foreigners who desire to preserve the integrity of the Empire. He says it is a mistake to attribute unlimited power to the Empress Dowager, though she naturally has that influence with the Emperor which the Chinese always concede to relations who are their seniors and which is beautifully shown by their veneration for their ancestors. Prince Ching has received a telegram from the court objecting to clause 2 in the joint note regarding the punishment of more than those mentioned in the Imperial decree of September. Prince Ching replied to this message that it was necessary to sign first and argue afterwards, the ministers refusing to listen to arguments until they shall have received a definite reply to the demands.

THEIR APPARENT PLOTTED. SHANGHAI, Jan. 11.—Liu Kun Yi, viceroy of Hankin, has memorialized the Emperor to abolish the distinction between Manchus and Chinese.

Sen Wen Pao, heir apparent, was given forty bamboo strokes for not paying due respect to the Emperor. The Empress Dowager acquiesced in the punishment.

GERMANY MAY AGREE. BERLIN, Jan. 11.—While Germany declined to entertain the United States proposal to submit the articles in the China agreement relative to indemnities and commercial treaties to a conference to be held at Washington or elsewhere, it is believed Germany agrees to the new American proposals for accelerating things at Peking.

Ethopia Floated.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The Anchor Line steamer Ethiopia, which went ashore yesterday on Holy Island in the Firth of Clyde, has been floated and has returned to Glasgow.

The weather was calm when the Ethiopia grounded and there was no panic among the passengers. Signals of distress were made and a tug stood by until the steamer got off. The Ethiopia is damaged and has much water in her fore-hold.

Arsenic in Beer. LONDON, Jan. 11.—The Government has appointed a commission, of which Lord Kelvin, president of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, is president, to investigate the beer poison epidemic. The commission is especially instructed to inquire into the presence of arsenic in beer and other drinks and foods, and to report how the presence of the poison can be prevented.

Papa Ita, the Tahitian firewalker, will give a matinee exhibition near Kaumakapili on Thursday next at 4 o'clock. Seats at Wall, Nichols Company's.

Mr. Matt McCann, "mayor" of Lahaina, is now in Honolulu. He will return to his home today.

TO DEFEND CAPE TOWN

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 11.—The British warship Sybil has anchored in Lambert's bay and landed a force of blue-jackets and a number of guns. This force has constructed entrenchments.

Hertzog's main body, 700 strong, with two guns, has crossed the Roggeveld mountains and is now probably in the neighborhood of Elands Drift, fifty miles east of Clan William.

Hertzog's intention apparently is to move towards Ceres and Worcester. Only a few passes are fit for the guns, and the whole country is difficult to traverse. The passes are narrow and easily defended.

According to latest reliable reports another party of 500 Boers has reached the Loorn river, seventy miles south of Calvinia. The authorities are doing all in their power to meet the situation.

Refugees from Calvinia and Clan William are flocking to Piquetsburg road. They state that many poor whites are certain to join the Boers. Then, too, many bitter bondsmen in the neighborhood of Clan William and Malmesburg openly declare that they intend to join the invaders.

A small commando, about 200 strong, crossed the Orange river near Allival North. It was met on the borders of the Allival, the Wodehouse and the Barkley East districts by a body of police and mounted farmers, and was repulsed with some loss. Probably they will attempt to cross the river again.

De Wet was last reported in the neighborhood of Bothaville. All the towns in Orange River Colony, on the main line of the railway, are strongly held by the British and the Boers show no disposition to approach them.

HIDING IN THE MOUNTAINS. LONDON, Jan. 11.—The following dispatch has been received from Gen. Kitchener, dated Pretoria, January 10: "The Boers attacked Machadodorp last night, but were driven off before dawn."

"Hertzog's commando is in the neighborhood of Sutherland, Cape Colony. Settle is organizing a column to head him off."

"In the midlands and outward the Boers have broken up into small bodies, some returning north and some hiding in the mountains northwest of James-town."

JAM AND MEAT FOR SOLDIERS. HAMILTON, Jan. 11.—One hundred tons of canned jam and meats have been shipped to Cape Town for the British war office from here.

Under New Editor.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The Daily News makes its first appearance under its new editorship this morning. It bears no outward mark of change. The name of the editor is not announced. It makes no comment on the war. The first leader is devoted to an onslaught on the Duke of Norfolk, full of fiery Protestant indignation. The Duke's behavior is dubbed contemptible, and his address to the Pope despicable. Other papers say that the coarsman, R. C. Lehman, is the editor of the paper.

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