

**THE PACIFIC Commercial Advertiser**

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**DEALING WITH STRIKERS.**

The strong stand taken by the Oahu plantation people against the Japanese strikers will be appreciated by other planters throughout the islands. It was needed. Compromise is only a success between men of intelligence and sobriety of character and it is rarely ventured where one of the parties at interest is ignorant and prejudiced. The plantation coolie is the lowest type of the Japanese race; he is quite another being from the Japanese one meets in a business and professional way here in the city. Offer him a compromise and he regards it as a sign of fear; yield to his demands and he thinks he is the master and makes new demands; use the strong hand and he recognizes the power to which, from immemorial times, he has abjectly bowed. There is one word which holds the lower classes of every nation in check and that is Authority. It is the only word in the lexicon that fits their case. Such people are mentally and morally incapable of giving as well as taking and arriving at a fair conclusion on any controverted point. Their duties must be fixed and their tasks set for them.

With the Japanese plantation coolies, ignorance is added to cockyness. The war has given them a certain contempt for the white race. They think that they can do about as they please here and do not even accept the contrary assurance of their consul. Hence the determined course of the planters is the only one that can prove effective.

In the Waipahu settlement the planters determined first to discharge all the strikers under an agreement that other plantations should not take them on. This brought the strikers to time. They had expected a surrender instead. After that it did not take much persuasion by Japanese leaders from this city to get them back to their work. Such reasonable grievances as they had will be referred to the Planters' Association, but the men go back to work, as we understand the matter, without in any sense having been bought off.

Mr. Strauch, it appears, held his "re-organization" meeting in a Star chamber. The statements made elsewhere in this paper by Bernard Kaleikolo, throw a strong light into the devious methods of the "Home Purchase" promoter who, it appears, has beguiled about 300 people to pay him \$4 per month each. Here is an income of \$1200 a month or about \$300 a week in return for which Strauch guarantees absolutely nothing and, so far as his business has gone, gives nothing except a contract which has the empty air behind it. There ought to be a legal way of reaching and frustrating such schemes as this.

The orders to the Red Sea squadron to stop seizing merchantmen establish a rule which applies also to the Vladivostok ships. But the trouble is that Skrydloff's squadron hasn't heard of them and isn't likely to until a great deal of mischief has been done. One can hardly believe that Russia is so eager to recall the Vladivostok cruisers from important work as to request the French Minister to Japan to send out a boat under a flag of truce—with Japanese permission—to warn them out of the fairway.

The Seventh precinct does not feel natural at harmony with itself, hence a bolt and a contesting delegation, headed by the memorable Mr. Birbe. The Seventh is no place for doves but for war-eagles and other birds of prey. It seems probable, however, that the convention will accept the harmony ticket on account of its name and from a natural desire to watch it trying to stay so.

Advertisers know a good thing when they see it and are pressing for space in the Sunday paper. It took them awhile to get started but now they are making up for past tardiness. There is nothing like a widely-circulated Sunday paper to suit the special needs of merchants. It reaches a public which has time and disposition to read.

There would probably be more interest shown here in the vacant West Point cadetship if it were generally known that the cadets receive a salary, their being an official army rank midway between that of First Sergeant and Second Lieutenant and duly entitled to pay.

When Newchwang fell, the Russian Navy lost two more warcraft, the Sivouch, a gunboat, and a torpedo-destroyer. They were known as the "suicide fleet," their business being to blow up when the Japanese came.

Some Russian General has won another decoration. He has just abandoned Newchwang.

And still the small farmer wants to come. What is the Government doing to encourage him?

**THE VLADIVOSTOK SQUADRON.**

What are the Japanese going to do about the Vladivostok squadron? What is there to be done? No one knows what course the Japanese will take but any one, by glancing at the map, may see what course might be taken.

The first thing to remember is that the Russian ships must soon, for lack of coal, go to a place where it may be had. Coal cannot be got for cruising purposes at a neutral port. It will be necessary, unless the Russians have sent colliers to some unfrequented point in the sea, for the Vladivostok squadron to find access to the home port or to Port Arthur within a fortnight. No colliers have passed the Tsugura straits; and if they have gone through Le Perouse straits—between Yezo and Saghalen—their return for supplies could be prevented by a small flotilla of torpedo boats.

It is within the power of Japan, with the aid of Kamamura's squadron, to close Tsuguru and Le Perouse straits and set a watch on Vladivostok. Perhaps Kamamura's command would have to be strengthened for this work but not in excess, say, of four cruisers and as many torpedo boats. Then by detaching a squadron of one battleship and five cruisers to pass through the Inland Sea and attack Skrydloff, Togo would still have enough ships left to watch the crippled Port Arthur fleet and to head off a dash of Skrydloff for that harbor.

Subject to such circumstances, the Vladivostok ships could not hope to keep the sea very long. Under full head of steam as they must be, they are burning coal at a prodigious rate. At this distance it looks as if they had taken grave chances of being easily trapped.

The down-town public will be glad to see work begin on the upper Nuuanu reservoir. Every few years we have a long dry time when the water in the lower reservoirs almost vanishes and when, as a result, fires might easily spread into conflagrations. For a decade and more there has been clamor for larger impounding dams up the valley so that some of the millions of gallons of surface water that flow to the sea in winter time may be kept for emergencies. Last year the loan bill provided for this work and the hope is general that something will be done, before long, to realize on the appropriation.

The Forester and Agriculturist urges that more care be used in the handling of bananas for shipment. Owing to rough usage many of the bunches arrive at San Francisco in a damaged state and are sold in wagons on the streets for a price which leaves nothing to the producer. They do these things better in Jamaica where each bunch delivered at a ship is carried in a man's arms from the delivery cart as if it were fragile and inspected carefully before it goes aboard.

One hears no more naval bombardments of Port Arthur, though if a land assault takes place, Admiral Togo's fleet may be expected to do something. The time has come, after so much fruitless firing, to husband ammunition and guns. Togo's big cannon only have a "life" of about 150 shots and he will need all the efficiency they have left when a critical day comes.

The Tacoma found no trace of the Conemaugh, which probably foundered as the Condor did, in the deep sea. The little cruiser is now en route to the Atlantic coast, a fact which probably leaves De Greave's island and its ghostly company of "Levant" survivors to their fate.

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**SEALED ORDERS**

Given Part of the Baltic Squadron, and it Sails at Once.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 8.—A division of the Baltic squadron will sail from Cronstadt July 28 under sealed orders. Complete mystery enshrouds its destination. It is said, although nothing is certain on this point, that the orders for the division will be opened at five-day intervals.

Whether the warships are bound at once to the far East in advance of the other ships may depend upon naval developments at the seat of war, but there are attending circumstances which make it seem unlikely that the division will start on its long journey until the other ships are ready.

It is understood that the division will include the armored cruiser Admiral Nakhimoff, the battle ship Oslabla, the protected cruiser Aurora and the battle ship Alexander III, and possibly the battle ship Navarin and the transport Kamchatka. Great stacks of charts were put on board the Admiral Nakhimoff, the Oslabla and the Aurora yesterday.

The Famous  
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**ARTESIAN PIONEER WAS CAMPBELL**

Editor Advertiser: "Bystander" in last Sunday's Advertiser is misleading in his statement that the artesian well of A. Marques, near Punahou, was the first of its kind on the islands. The latter part of this paragraph should have read, "in Honolulu or its vicinity."

The late Judge McCully, in his paper on "Artesian Wells" in the Hawaiian Annual of 1882, page 41, shows that the recognition for pioneer enterprise in this direction belongs to the late James Campbell, success crowning his first effort at Honolulu, in the Ewa district of this island, in the summer of 1879, by a flowing well at a depth of 273 feet. Hon. Cecil Brown and others, can doubtless support the correctness of this claim.

Dr. Marques is entitled to credit as sinking the first of the Honolulu wells. This occurred April, 1880. Some five months later Judge McCully obtained a fine flow from his first well, the "Ontario."

Respectfully yours,  
T. G. THRUM.

**WANTS A CITY CHARTER FIRST**

Editor Advertiser: Would it not be better for the County Commission appointed by the Governor to draft a city charter for Honolulu and Hilo, giving those two cities full control of all of the different branches of government within their limits, such as schools, water works, health, police, fire department, etc.; also providing for a mayor and board of aldermen to be elected by the people? Would it not be better to do that and let the outside districts remain as they are until such time as it would be prudent and possible to frame a county government act that would be legal and satisfactory to the majority of the taxpayers? Honolulu needs public improvements that will be slow to get until it is incorporated as a city with power to issue bonds and maintain its public streets, as they should be. Not only the streets but all branches of public works within the city limits would be improved. It is not necessary to maintain a board of alderman at a high salary for each member of the board. They should be paid only for time served. It is far more important that Honolulu should have city government than to have a county government that will be a burden to the taxpayers and a refuge for political job-chasers.

Yours respectfully,  
YOUNG AMERICAN.

**Generals' Cross Swords.**

A highly animating story worthy of the chivalrous days of old is told by Sub-Lieutenant Soichi Nomura of the First Army Division, which participated in the engagement at Nanshan. During the hard-fought battle, Major-General Matsumura, Commander of the First Brigade, with the officers and men under him, was rushing into the enemy's position, when he was confronted by a burly Russian General, apparently a divisional commander. Instantly they engaged in a hand-to-hand combat, out of which Major-General Matsumura finally emerged victorious, he having dealt a fatal blow to his antagonist, felling him to the ground.—Japan Gazette.

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