

# The Pacific Commercial Advertiser

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, March 23.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, .40. Temperature, Max. 76; Min. 64. Weather, southerly.

SUGAR.—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 4.25c. Per Ton, \$85.00. 88 Analysis Beets, 11s. 3d. Per Ton, \$87.10.



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## TWO THOUSAND BOWERY BOYS

### Can Be Had for Laborers or Settlers at the Drop of a Hat.

Governor Frear is informed that two thousand laborers for Hawaii can be had on demand, from New York city, for the sole consideration of transportation provided. Any number can be supplied at longer notice according to the offer, which comes from Louis Klopsch, editor of the Christian Herald and president of the Bowery Mission.

The letter of Mr. Klopsch printed below will probably, the Governor says, be referred to the Board of Immigration. It is written under an elaborate letter-head of the Bowery Mission and reads as follows:

"March 7, 1908.  
To His Excellency, Walter F. Frear, Governor of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii.

"Dear Sir: New York city is deluged with workless men and boys, while in many parts of the country (perhaps in your own State) there is a great dearth of laborers. The Bowery Mission is in a position to supply any number of able-bodied workmen for unskilled labor at a moment's notice. Will you kindly help us to get these men an opportunity to earn an honest living by directing the attention of the Hawaii rural newspapers to this offer? All that will be required for those who wish help of any kind is to furnish transportation. We ask no remuneration for our services and will endeavor in every instance to supply the very best help available. All applications for help should be addressed to the Free Labor Bureau of the Bowery Mission, 92 Bible House, New York City.

"Thanking you in advance for your kind offices in this matter and for the courtesy of an early reply, I am, very truly yours,

"LOUIS KLOPSCH  
(Editor of the Christian Herald).  
"President of the Bowery Mission.  
"P. S.—We stand ready to supply 2000 men on demand."

## BABBITT FIGHTS FOR RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

Winfred H. Babbitt, Superintendent of Public Instruction, was working tooth and nail in Washington, at latest word from him to Governor Frear, to secure for Hawaii the privileges of the Rhodes Scholarships. All previous efforts on behalf of this Territory in the matter, as well known, have been failures.

Now Mr. Babbitt is getting the authorities in Washington to take up Hawaii's claim for admittance to the scholarships with British Ambassador Bryce. The Minister of Interior and the Commissioner of Education have been interested in the effort, and President Roosevelt even was going to discuss the matter with the Ambassador.

## ADMIRAL BECKLEY PLANS FOR FUTURE

Admiral Beckley tendered his resignation to the Inter-Island Company yesterday as purser. He was for many, many years purser for the Wilder Steamship Company, and continued in the service of the Inter-Island after the latter bought out the former.

Admiral Beckley's future plans do not seem to be wholly settled. He has discussed them with a number of people. To these he has expressed his intention of going to San Francisco and buying or chartering a vessel to bring down to the Islands and run in opposition to the Inter-Island Company. He also told them that he might charter a whaling vessel and command it in pursuit of the leviathans of the deep.

## THE RESTORER NOT TO COME BACK

VICTORIA (B. C.), March 14.—The cable repair steamship Restorer of the Commercial Pacific Cable Company, which arrived here in January to undergo her annual overhauling in the Esquimault drydock, is to make her headquarters at Victoria in the future, instead of at Honolulu, as heretofore.

## LAND ON PUNCHBOWL WILL BE GIVEN BACK

Governor Frear is advised from Washington that the War Department has decided to restore to the Territory of Hawaii most of the Punchbowl military reservation. It will keep only a portion in front, which commands Honolulu harbor and the roadstead, together with the city.

Practically all of the mountain above the present residence line was included in the reservation. Of the portion to be retained the War Department will not make the bounds altogether the whole way down to the residence line, but leave room for the homesteads to extend farther back and for the proposed extension of Prospect street.

## HAWAII IS TO HAVE WATER SURVEY MADE

M. O. Leighton, United States hydrographer, writes from Washington to Governor Frear stating that he is making tentative plans to visit Hawaii the coming summer. He asks the Governor to supply him with certain information.

It will be remembered that Mr. Leighton was expected here last summer, on the occasion of a visit he paid to the Pacific Coast, but his duties in Washington prevented him. Governor Carter, in his last year of office, had been working hard to have a water survey of this Territory made under the Reclamation Service and almost had the assurance of a visit from Mr. Leighton within his term. Governor Frear followed the matter up, attending to it among the many Hawaiian interests he pushed along during his visit to Washington.

## JUMPS AT A CHANCE TO SECURE A SETTLER

Land Commissioner Pratt yesterday jumped at a chance of catching and keeping an American farmer who is looking for land in the Hilo district.

An applicant for a right of purchase lease, for a lot of between forty and fifty acres at Olaa, lately filed his requisition at the Hilo land agency. He came here from the mainland.

Mr. Pratt received the appraisal of the land in his mail yesterday morning. To act by mail would lose a week's time, therefore the Commissioner sent a wireless telegram to Sub-Agent Williams to advertise the land this week in the Hilo papers. Notice of thirty days has to be given of a sale.

## HAWAII POLICYHOLDERS IN LAME DUCK CONCERNS

### Frank Winter the Agent of One in Hopeless Fix—Another, in Bishop Agency, May Pull Through.

Treasurer A. J. Campbell, as Commissioner of Insurance, has received in the latest mail important information regarding two lame duck life insurance associations which both have policyholders in Hawaii.

One of these is the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company which Otto Kelsey, Superintendent of Insurance for New York state, represents in a circular dated Albany, March 4, 1908, as being "hopelessly insolvent." This was the condition found by the official examiners, with whose report the State Attorney General on February 14 announced his concurrence. By another document received by Commissioner Campbell it is seen that the company is in a hole for \$1,717,114.73, such being the deficiency given in the balance sheet struck.

On February 15, U. S. Circuit Judge Ward appointed three receivers of the company, and on February 19 the State Supreme Court appointed two temporary receivers thereof. The following statement by the Attorney General, issued on February 21, will be of interest to local policyholders:

"If the action brought by me results in a judgment in favor of the plaintiff, it would seem, upon the authority of the case of the People of the State of New York vs. The Commercial Alliance Life Insurance Company, reported in

## LIANG HSUN DOES NOT LIKE AMERICA

### Was Educated at Amherst and Has Been Five Years in Mexico.

Perhaps the most distinguished passenger on the China, which passed through here to the Orient yesterday, was Liang Hsun, Chinese Charge d'Affaires at the City of Mexico for the past five years. With his family, he is returning to Canton. His family consists of his wife, and a son and daughter, the latter quite small children.

Liang Hsun is very large in stature and imposing in appearance. He is a graduate of Amherst College and speaks English perfectly. He has been Charge d'Affaires at the City of Mexico for the past five years, and before that was Consul-General at Manila. As Charge d'Affaires he has had charge of the Chinese Legation business in Mexico, as the Chinese Minister to Washington is also accredited to Mexico, Cuba and Peru.

"I have been desirous of being relieved for some time," said Mr. Liang, "and finally when Minister Wu arrived I made application to be relieved. Mr. Tau, secretary of the legation, is temporarily in charge. My successor as Charge d'Affaires is Mr. Kee, who will shortly pass through here.

"There are about 500 Chinese only in the City of Mexico, and between 20,000 and 30,000 in the whole of Mexico. The immigration of Chinese into Mexico is not large. The Chinese are not suited to the railroad work or the mining there. But as farmers and shopkeepers in different parts of the Republic they are doing well. They are treated fairly by the government and no race prejudice against them. The Chinese and the Indians of Mexico get along very well together.

"No doubt I shall see great changes in China after my absence of five years. There is an era of development in progress. More of our young men are going abroad and seeing things. The cutting off of the queue, the adoption of European clothing, and the lessening practise of foot-binding are incidents of the change. These are mere fashions. They have no more significance than fashions with other peoples. But because China was so long isolated from other nations, these fashions acquired a stronger force and are more tenaciously clung to. But changes are coming fast.

"I do not expect to return to America. I do not care to. I do not like the petty annoyances to which a Chinese gentleman can be subjected while traveling in America."

While the China was in port, Liang Hsun and his family called at the Chinese Consulate, and saw some of the sights of the city.

## ASSASSINATION OF STEVENS ATTEMPTED BY KOREANS

### Shot When About to Leave for Capital—His Would-Be Murderer Willing to Die if His Work Proves Well Done.



D. W. STEVENS, SPECIAL COUNSELLOR OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.

## THE ROUTE OF THE BIG FLEET

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Secretary Metcalf announced the future movements of the fleet after the Cabinet meeting today. It will leave San Francisco on July 6 "for our Pacific possessions," as Metcalf styled it. The vessels will first touch at Hawaii, where they will coal. After that they will go to Samoa, following this by a visit to Australia. They will stop at the cities of Melbourne and Sydney, the invitation of the Australian Government to visit that country having been supplemented by a cordial one from the British Ambassador, James Bryce.

Leaving Australian waters, the vessels are to go to Manila, and fall in the Philippines the annual fall target (Continued on Page Four)

## HOISTED WITH HIS OWN LITTLE PETARD

Dr. Arthur G. Hodgins, 242 S. Beretania avenue, is the worst put out man in the city, and from present indications he will be still further put out at the end of the month.

Mrs. Mary H. Atcherley, 244 S. Beretania avenue, the better half of John Atcherley, M. R. C. S., L. R. C. P. (London), is the cause of his undoing, who has dropped the first-named physician in a pit of his own digging, and who is perched on the edge where she can float.

It all came about in this way: The houses on Beretania avenue where Dr. Hodgins and Dr. Atcherley have their offices side by side belong both to Mrs. Baker of San Francisco, for whom, up until the springing of the mine, Dr. Hodgins has been the local agent. The moving of Dr. Atcherley into his neighborhood did not disturb Dr. Hodgins until the cloven hoof in the person of J. Lor Wallach, now of the county jail, appeared and moved in with his microscope and his harem of female rocks. In his train came flocks of Hawaiians, and the thing got upon Dr. Hodgins' nerves. Then he played his trump card. As the Atcherleys had paid no rent, he wrote: "My Dear Madam: As agent for Mrs. Baker, I desire to inform you that after April 1 your rent will be raised from \$40 to \$60 a month."

That April 1 looked like a joke to Mrs. Mary, and she resolved to make it one anyway, but not on herself nor the licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians.

Dr. Hodgins received no answer to his letter, and he waited in patience until April Fool's Day, when he could demand the increased rent or eject the tenants. Still waiting, yesterday morning dawned, and the doctor opened his mail quite unprepared for any bombshells. The first letter he opened read something like this:

"Dear Doctor: I have been appointed the local agent for Mrs. Baker. I desire to inform you that after April 1 your rent will be raised from \$30 to \$42 a month."

And the letter was signed, "Mary H. Atcherley."

During the time he had been waiting for an answer to his letter, Mrs. Atcherley had been busy. She had written to Mrs. Baker and informed her that there was something rotten in Denmark; that the house she was in was worth more rent than she was paying, and that Dr. Hodgins' house was worth a whole lot more. If Mrs. Baker would appoint her the agent to collect the rent, she would see that the landlord got the worth of the property. This had appealed to Mrs. Baker, who had made the switch.

The next move is up to Dr. Hodgins.

Shot When About to Leave for Capital—His Would-Be Murderer Willing to Die if His Work Proves Well Done.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—D. W. Stevens, Special Counselor of the Japanese government, who arrived here recently on his way from the Orient to Washington, was attacked yesterday morning by two Koreans, one of whom struck him in the face and the other shot him twice, both bullets taking effect in his body. Stevens was just about to leave for Washington, being near the Ferry at the time of the assault. The Korean who first struck Stevens was himself shot by his fellow assassin.

On the previous evening Stevens, at the Fairmont hotel, had been assaulted by the same Koreans, who accused him of having favored the course of Japan in their country.

Last night the condition of Stevens was favorable for recovery. His assailant who was shot is still alive.

It was at first reported that four Koreans had been implicated in the attempt to assassinate the Japanese Counsellor, but this proved to be a mistake. The first Korean approached Stevens and struck him in the face, then the second one opened fire with a revolver he carried concealed in a handkerchief. His first shot struck his partner by mistake, after which the weapon was turned with a surer aim on Stevens.

In a statement to the police the captured assassin said that Stevens had lied to the American papers regarding conditions in Korea; that he had taken money from the Koreans and had then turned around and assisted Japan. He acknowledged that he had shot the Counsellor and expressed a hope that his victim would die. If the wounds he had given proved fatal he was willing then to die himself.

### JAPANESE MINISTER AFFECTED.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Minister Takahira was greatly affected at receipt of the news of the attempt to assassinate Counsellor Stevens and the news of his being wounded.

### PRINCE ITO HORRIFIED.

TOKIO, March 24.—Prince Ito was horrified at the attempted murder of Counsellor Stevens.

Special Agent Ishii declares that the reasons for such an attempt are incomprehensible.

The feeling here is that the murderous assault on Counsellor Stevens is a blow at Prince Ito by the ones opposed to his policy in Korea.

## AMERICAN MACHINE WILL REACH COAST TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—The American car in the New York to Paris automobile race was reported last night at Gilroy and will arrive here sometime this morning. The Italian car is at Ogden and has broken down; the French car is reported from Granger, Wyoming, and the German car is also in Wyoming, having reached Medicine Bow yesterday.

## TITLED SOCIETY WOMAN ARRESTED FOR BURGLARY

PARIS, March 24.—The Countess Monteil was placed under arrest yesterday by the Paris police on the charge of burglary. This has caused a great sensation. The Countess is a brilliant society woman and has always been regarded as immensely wealthy.

## WIFE OF A-H. AGENT AT SEATTLE ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

SANTA CRUZ, March 24.—The wife of W. H. Roberts, the agent at Seattle of the American-Hawaiian steamship line, tried to commit suicide yesterday. Her condition last night was serious.

## SECRETARY AND MINISTER WELCOMED AT TRENTON

TRENTON, New Jersey, March 24.—Secretary of War Taft and Minister Takahira spoke before the Trenton Chamber of Commerce yesterday, both receiving rousing receptions.

### CHINA'S INVITATION ARRIVING.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The battleships Wisconsin and Nebraska will accompany Evans on his return eastward. It is believed China's invitation for the Fleet to visit Chinese ports will be received today.

### CHINA MUST BE GOOD.

PEKING, March 23.—Japan has asked China to prevent the proposed boycott of Japanese goods and to end the anti-Japanese agitation caused by the Tatsu Maru affair.