

# The Pacific Commercial Advertiser

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, December 31.—Last 24 Hours' Rainfall, .00  
Temperature, Max. 74; Min. 62. Weather, fair.

SUGAR—16 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.67c. Per Ton, \$73.40.  
88 Analysis Beets, 10s. Per Ton, \$82.20.

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## FERN IS READY NEW YEAR WAS LIPARI ISLANDS REPORTED TO STAND BURN AMID RACKET SUNK WITH 28,000 SOULS

### Mayor Says He Is Only Otherwise Celebration Observing the Laws.

The announcement of the appointments by Mayor Fern, given to the public in the Advertiser yesterday, created the stir to be expected and yesterday practically open war was declared between the Republican Supervisors and the Mayor-elect. The former are openly hostile to the assumption of authority on the part of the Mayor to go into the appointment of stablemen and blacksmiths as County officers, while the latter declares that he acted according to law and if the Supervisors doubt his rights the courts are open to them. It is probable, in the face of yesterday's developments, that the question of the appointments will be taken to the Supreme Court.

Yesterday the Mayor declared the names by him appointed without further formalities. Yesterday, also, the Republican Supervisors notified the Mayor's office-holders not to relinquish their offices but to stay with them, and with their work and generally ignore the Mayor's appointments. On Monday, therefore, will come a clash between the new and the old officials, with the results to be determined. There were some discussions in the list of appointees first announced. In the course of the morning, the Mayor saw fit to change his mind concerning the elevation of George Wright to the post of Assistant Fire Chief, naming the present holder of the office to succeed himself. Public sentiment demanded Assistant Chief Deering and the Mayor bowed to the sentiment while Mr. Wright will be otherwise promoted. Public sentiment also demanded the retention in office of Collector N. P. Jacobson, in the garbage department, and the list was amended to include him.

A number of other appointments were also made, not included in any of the published lists so far. These are for the Koolau-poko road district, all cantoniers for the Pali road, the latter offices being new ones and very necessary ones.

The appointments are:  
Road luna, Koolau-poko, M. P. Kapu; blacksmith, David Alania; stableman, Abraham Opunui; engineer, Samuel Wallace; engineer's helper, Jas. Collins; Pali cantoniers, John Koi and Kaleimamahu; road luna, Noah Ahuka.

### Lists Officially Filed.

The Mayor-elect filed his list of appointees yesterday with the County Auditor and the County Clerk, as required by law, the purport of the lists being stated in the following introductory: "Know all men by these presents that I, Joseph J. Fern, the person who at the election held under the Charter of the City and County of Honolulu in the month of November next preceding the date hereof, was duly elected Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by that certain act of the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii creating said City and County of Honolulu, entitled 'An Act Incorporating the City and County of Honolulu,' the same being numbered Act 18 of the Session Laws of 1907, approved April 30, 1907, have appointed, and by this writing do hereby appoint, severally, the following named persons to the offices, positions, services or employment, under and in the City and County of Honolulu, set opposite their names respectively."

### Fern Ready to Stand Fire.

Mayor-elect Fern had a busy day yesterday. He was trying to be Mayor de facto and stand off angry Republicans and disappointed Democrats, and at the same time round up the year as an employee of the Interoceanic company and pay off a gang of stevedores, each anxious to be first at the pay window. Last night the First Citizen of the City took off his working clothes and prepared himself for the robes of office, which he will don on Monday. "It is immaterial to me whether the Supervisors conclude to approve of the appointments I made or not," he stated. "I have made the appointments as required by law and the part the Supervisors have in the offices, so far as I understand the law, is to vote the appropriations for their pay. The law makes me the right and makes it my duty to appoint the men to carry on."

### Otherwise Celebration Was Very Quiet Event.

There was as much jubilation in the sounding of the whistles, blowing of sirens, booming of bombs and ringing of bells at midnight last night as on any former birth of a new year in Honolulu, but otherwise, lowtown, the night was almost monotonously quiet. It may be that this year was such a good one for Honolulu that its passing was not considered an occasion for celebration, or it may be that the prospects for this city that this year holds out are so bright that the occasion was too much for utterance; at any rate, the noise crowd that usually throngs the downtown streets was conspicuous by its absence.

There was, it is true, a little riotous activity in the downtown streets, the usual cause of which is the coming of the New Year. The crowd was behind the Mayor's office, where the Mayor was seated, and the Mayor's office was surrounded by a mob of people. The Mayor's office was surrounded by a mob of people. The Mayor's office was surrounded by a mob of people. The Mayor's office was surrounded by a mob of people.

### Dance.

The Moanaloa was the scene of one of the most brilliant of the New Year Eve festivities, the friends of that house gathered to dance the New Year in, and the Year out, to the number of seven hundred. The dance itself was one of the best given for some time in Honolulu, and the full accommodation of the latest of the late evening required to bring those into town who stayed for the last dances, a considerable portion of the many present.

### SHE SOLD BOOZE TO LICENSE INSPECTOR

License Inspector Feunell and Detective Minne made an unexpected arrest and yesterday afternoon. They were on the trail of John E. Mendes, of the Kailuani tract, suspected of selling an unlicensed booze dispensary, dropped in on the way at the home of Joachin Silva, intending to get help to do the informer of the forbidden juice from the two officers of the law and that they wanted Joachin to help them to drink the evidence of their mission, for she said there was no necessity for any other place for her to sell for sale. Then she produced a keg of gin, a five-gallon demijohn of gin, a five-gallon demijohn of wine, a dozen beer and a dozen bottles of wine. It was a good thing she had the keg, but after she had finished the beer, she purchased with marked promptness a couple of bottles of wine, and a poor eye, at that.



MESSINA CATHEDRAL.

### MOTT-SMITH'S NEW YEAR'S GIFTS

Exercises Executive Clemency in Two Cases—Wade Is Sick.

Acting Governor Mott-Smith made two New Year's presents in the way of Executive clemency. Stephen Mahulu, who served a term in prison on conviction in connection with grafting in the land office a few years ago, was restored to his civil rights. Kimura Tobei, who is serving a life sentence for murder, received a commutation to thirty years to date from 1902. With good time he will finish his sentence about 1920. Tobei was convicted of murder in the first degree and was sentenced to be hanged. The Supreme Court, on appeal, while refusing to interfere with the verdict intimated that the man had not been very well defended and that the sentence of death was too severe. Governor Carter in 1904 commuted the sentence to life imprisonment. Acting Governor Mott-Smith has reduced the sentence to a term which is rather a long one for murder in the second degree, that is, where malice aforethought is absent. Tobei and a Japanese woman agreed to leave this world together. The arrangement was that he was to kill her and then tried to kill himself, cutting his throat in a horrible manner. Medical assistance was summoned however before he had quite expired and his life was saved. It is thought probable that George Wade will receive a pardon within a few days. Efforts are being made to raise funds to send him to his wife and family in the East. He is in very ill health from diabetes and it is thought he cannot survive long. Some philanthropist could do what the Prison Board would think would be a great kindness by aiding in furnishing the means to send him to his family to spend his last days.

### JOHN G. WOOLLEY MAY COME BACK

It is reported in local prohibition circles that John G. Woolley is to be brought back to Hawaii to fight for the passage of a local option bill in the coming Legislature. Mr. Woolley, from his knowledge of the local situation and his acquaintance with the working out of prohibition and local option measures throughout the mainland, is considered the one man who is capable of framing a workable local option law for this Territory. Senator C. H. Dickey, president of the Anti-Saloon League, would not verify the definite statement last night that Mr. Woolley was to be induced to return here. "Nothing definite has been settled about it as yet," he said. "We are trying to raise the funds, but our progress does not justify an announcement."

### PORTUGUESE PAU FROM THE COAST

The Board of Immigration Will Bring No More of Them Back.

The Board of Immigration held a meeting at the Governor's office yesterday afternoon. There were present Acting Governor Mott-Smith, Richard Ivers, John Carden and J. H. Craig. A. L. C. Atkinson, the other member, was absent. The letters and reports of the Board's agent in New York, Mr. Trenor, were all gone over. These have been made public in substance as they have been received. Mr. Trenor reports progress. He is exercising the very greatest care in his selection of the first fifty families of Southern Italians to be brought here. It is probable that after these have been selected and sent here, Mr. Trenor will be engaged to secure and send here a number of Portuguese from the Eastern States, as well as further detachments of Southern Italians. The Board has decided to make no further efforts to bring back to the Territory Portuguese who have gone from here to the Pacific Coast. A party of seventeen of these were brought on the last Alameda, and the Board approved the bills incurred in bringing them back. Of this party sixteen were men and one was a woman. They ranged in age from 19 to 54. The bringing back of this party and others that have preceded it are the result of the efforts of Mr. Silva, who was sent as the representative of the Board to California to work among the Portuguese who had gone there from here. The decision to discontinue this effort is due to the fact that the policy of the Board is to introduce families, while those returning, and according to the reports of Mr. Silva, which may be expected to return in the future, are nearly all unmarried men.

### MALIHINI CHRISTMAS TREE OVER AGAIN

There will be another Malihini Christmas Tree this afternoon, or at least the one of a week ago will be done all over again on the moving picture screen at the Opera House at the exhibition to be given by E. K. Bonine. Mr. Bonine is the only man in America who can take moving pictures, develop the film, print, positives and exhibit them, and is one of the very few independent moving picture operators in the world. This is the reason why Honolulu may see themselves as others see them and not have to wait for their own views until the exposed negatives are sent to the Eastern States or Europe to be prepared for show purposes. In addition to the new Christmas pictures, there will be shown this afternoon the many local views which have pleased the thousands who have seen them, including the unique Volcano scenes, the parade of the Shriners and a lot of new ones to be run especially for the many children who will be in the audience.

### Estimate of Dead Runs Up to 300,000—Bodies Obstruct the Coast Railway Tracks—Atlantic Fleet Going to Messina—American Relief Speedily Given—Bodies Are Being Burned.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

ROME, January 1.—It is reported that the Lipari Islands, off the Sicilian coast, have been swallowed up with their entire population of 28,000 souls. A torpedo boat has gone to investigate.

### GRISCOM TO HELP AMERICANS.

Ambassador Griscom and his aides will proceed to Messina today to assist American sufferers and collect the dead.

### BODIES BLOCK TRAFFIC.

The bodies thrown up on the coasts of the stricken sections in some places obstruct the railroad tracks.

### DEAD MAY REACH THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND.

The dead are estimated at from 115,000 to 300,000.

### THOUSANDS FIGHT FOR FOOD.

At Messina thousands of people are searching the ruins for food and fighting each other for it when found.

### TWO THOUSAND BURIED.

PALMI, January 1.—Two thousand bodies were buried here yesterday.

### BURNING BODIES AT REGGIO.

At Reggio, which is completely devastated, bodies of thousands are being burned to avoid a pestilence. The troops are making bread in the streets.

### AMERICAN RELIEF

WASHINGTON, January 1.—The Atlantic battleship fleet is due at Messina on the 15th. It is believed the crews will be offered to the Italian government to aid the sufferers.

### SCORPION FOR MESSINA.

The U. S. S. Scorpion has been ordered from Constantinople to Messina.

### PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE COMING.

The President will send a message to Congress Monday urging a relief appropriation. He has given \$500 personally to the Red Cross fund.

### NEW YORK'S RICH BOUNTY.

NEW YORK, January 1.—The Steel Trust has contributed \$25,000 to the Italian relief work; Stock Exchange, \$21,000; J. D. Rockefeller, \$10,000.

### WHITE STAR RELIEF BOAT.

The steamer Celtic carries provisions for Messina sufficient to keep 50,000 people a month.

### A BREWER'S BENEFACTION.

ST. LOUIS, January 1.—Busch, the brewer, has given \$25,000 for the relief of the earthquake sufferers.

### APPEAL TO CALIFORNIA.

SACRAMENTO, January 1.—The Governor has issued a proclamation asking aid for the victims of the earthquake.

### NAVAL SUPPLIES GOING ON.

NEW YORK, December 31.—Half a million dollars' worth supplies that were assembled here for the battleship fleet will be sent immediately to the sufferers at Messina.

### AFTERNOON REPORT.

ROME, December 31.—The record of deaths from the great Sicily disaster is still incomplete, but added information only increases the horror of it.

The dead number 12,000 at Bagnara and 10,000 at Palmi. It is believed that a full regiment of soldiers was drowned at Palmi. The bodies of 300 soldiers have already been recovered. Fully 25,000 soldiers will be required to police the devastated districts and extricate the dead and wounded from the ruins. Starvation and pestilence are feared by the King and Queen. At Reggio the survivors state that the heavens were illuminated before the shocks of earthquake were experienced. This indicates volcanic action and lava flows.

### BURTON TO BE SENATOR.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, December 31.—The election of Congressman Burton as United States Senator from Ohio is assured. This was brought about today by the withdrawal of Senator Foraker, Charles P. Taft, ex-Governor Harris, and Congressman Keifer. This leaves a clear field to Burton.

LE MANS, France, December 31.—Wilbur Wright made a flight with his airship today of two hours and nine minutes.