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U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, December 23.—Last 24 Hours' Rainfall, trace. Temperature, Max. 78; Min. 70. Weather, fair.

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## PARDONS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

### Eight Prisoners in Penitentiary Petition the Governor for Release.

### SANTA CLAUS MAY BE GOOD

### E. A. Mott-Smith, in Absence of Frear, Will Fill Stockings of Convicts.

Christmas promises to be a very merry day indeed for certain prisoners now confined in Oahu penitentiary, for it is probable that on that day pardons will be granted to some of them and they will be set free, to go home and enjoy Christmas dinner with their families. For some hopeful ones there may be nothing but disappointment.

Acting-Governor Mott-Smith yesterday had before him eight applications for pardon, and he put in most of the day considering them. He has not yet finished going over the merits of the individual cases and has made no announcement of any decisions he has reached. As Governor Frear will not reach Honolulu until after the first of January, it is up to Acting-Governor Mott-Smith to pass upon the Christmas pardons.

One of the applicants for pardon is Frederick Wood, the negro who was convicted of burglary and who received at the hands of Judge Kolua of Waikuk the sentence of life imprisonment. Such a sentence was something entirely unheard of in Hawaii, and on Christmas Day six years ago Governor Carter commuted it to ten years. Now Wood wants another Christmas present of the same sort. Although he has served six years since commutation of sentence, he still has about the same number of years to serve, as he has formed the pleasant habit of escaping and getting a few years added each time he has been caught.

### Homicide Wants Pardon.

Another applicant for full pardon is William Esther, also a negro, who on March 10, 1900, killed Toyo Jackson in an affray in which he was pitted against Jackson and Isaac Cockett. Esther has applied for a pardon several times before, but in each case it has been denied. This year the board of prison inspectors recommends his release, so he may get a very welcome Christmas present. He was convicted of manslaughter in the first degree and sentenced to twenty years.

Jong Kong, a Chinese convicted of embezzlement, is serving a light sentence, three months being all he got, but he also wants to get out and spend Christmas under his own roof instead of within prison walls.

Still another applicant is Antone Carvalho, who in October, 1906, was sentenced to ten years for manslaughter. He is a diver by trade. His crime was the killing of another Portuguese on Punchbowl.

### A St. Patrick's-Day Crime.

W. Aimoto, who asks the Governor to release him from the penitentiary, killed Hiro, or Hiroye, on March 17, St. Patrick's Day, 1900. He got (Continued on Page Two.)

## WAY NOW CLEAR FOR BUILDING

### Y. M. C. A. Accepts Library's Offer of the Hotel Street Building Site.

### DIRECTORS ARE UNANIMOUS

### Construction Work Will Be Under Way Shortly After First of Year.

The way is now clear for the commencing of work on the new Y. M. C. A. building and unless plans miscarry March 1 will see operations under way. Yesterday afternoon the directors and trustees of the association decided to accept the offer of the library association and they will purchase the library property at the mauka-Ewa corner of Hotel and Alakea streets for \$27,000.

The meeting was called for the express purpose of considering the purchase of the property and when the matter was put to a vote there was not a dissenting voice. It was decided to accept the offer of the library association and to take steps immediately to put the deal through.

The library association is ready to vacate the premises on sixty days written notice and the Y. M. C. A. is anxious to have possession as near the first of March as possible. This will necessitate some lively hustling, but the officials of the association believe that they can put the deal through within the allotted time.

Just how soon the \$27,000 needed for the purchase of the library property can be secured will not be known until after the first of the year, but General Secretary Paul Super has hopes that it and more will be available almost immediately.

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## MEYER AND FOSS WANT BIG DOCK

### Both Agree Pearl Harbor Should Be Able to Handle the Dreadnoughts.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, December 23.—Secretary of the Navy Meyer is in favor of a 725-foot drydock at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, while Congressman Foss declares that there should be constructed a drydock at that naval base that would do for all time and that would be large enough to accommodate the greatest ships afloat or the greatest ships likely to be constructed.

## ALBERT I. NOW IS KING OF BELGIUM

### Successor to King Leopold is Received With Great Ovation.

(By Associated Press.)

BRUSSELS, December 23.—Prince Albert, as King Albert I, today ascended the throne to succeed the late King Leopold. He took the oath, ascended the throne and received a great ovation.

## RELIEF FOR SUFFERERS



SECRETARY OF STATE PHILANDER C. KNOX ORDERS FUNDS SENT TO STRICKEN ONES AT BLUEFIELDS.

## PAELE RECEIVES OFFICIAL VISIT

### Supervisors Call on Road Boss and Give Him Unhappy Hour.

Road Overseer J. K. Paele had a pretty uncomfortable hour with the investigating committee of the board of supervisors yesterday when that committee, accompanied by Mayor Fern and City Engineer Gere, dropped down into his bailiwick to look into the little matter of the Watson charges.

As a result of the investigation, a member of the board stated last night that he does not believe that Paele is crooked nor that he wilfully committed an unlawful act, but he does consider the man wholly incompetent and entirely unqualified to hold the important position which is his.

Laxity in bookkeeping and lack of system in the computation of workmen's time seems to be at the bottom of the trouble. The members of the investigating committee were unable to make head or tail out of the time book and they say that Paele himself had some difficulty making it plain.

When the committee first appeared Paele was inclined to be somewhat wroth and climbed aboard his dignity, demanding that he be furnished with a copy of the charges against him and that he be given time to familiarize himself with the specifications. He was speedily informed that the committee (Additional Sports on Page Six.)

## NEW PHONES FOR THE O. R. & L.

### Company Will Install Modern Three-Wire System Immediately.

The Oahu Railroad Company will soon have a new telephone system, a system which will be as perfect as possible. It is planned to have a three-wire system, one for commercial use for the company exclusively, and two for dispatch work, one to be kept in reserve for emergencies.

The line will be put in under agreement with the local phone company, which is also planning to make extensive improvements to its country service. An exchange will be established at Waipahu and all country connections made through it. This will relieve the town system of a burden and increase the efficiency of the down-country lines.

By this new system Kahuku plantation may get a telephone, which it has not had for about two years. During this time Kahuku plantation, when emergency arose, has done its business by wireless. Before the Barber's Point wireless plant went out of existence, Kahuku plantation people would take a message for its Honolulu agents, over to the Kahuku wireless station. The message was sent over to the Lahaina station on Maui, which relayed it back to the Barber's Point station on this island, and the Barber's Point man phoned the message to the town office, and a messenger boy finally carried the message around the corner to the agents.

## CHRISTMAS WEEK IS ON IN FULL SWING TONIGHT

### Last Night's Programs Exceeded Anything Ever Presented in Honolulu and One May Be Repeated.

For the first time in Honolulu, and at such a high standard of elaborateness and perfection of detail that it will be a long time before it is equalled, there was presented under the direction of James A. Wilder at the Central Union church last night, a representation of the Nativity. Over twelve hundred people witnessed it and so many expressed themselves as desiring to see it once again, that it is probable that it will be repeated if Mr. Wilder can get his players together again.

The Bible representation as last night presented has been in preparation for many weeks and Mr. Wilder has devoted much of his time to making it a success. The result was worthy of the labor. The curtain first rose on the hills back of Bethlehem. In the background, the village of the Nativity itself stood out in exquisite reality, the windows of the houses alight and overhead the Star of Bethlehem.

On the stage five shepherd boys were gathered watching the star and discussing its portent. The dialogue between them was often taken directly from the Scriptures. Then the three wise men appeared on the scene and a dialogue between them and the boys ensued, taken in whole or part from the Scriptures also. A Christmas Carol sung by the

Shepherds closed the act and the curtain fell with the Star still shining and the lights in the houses of Bethlehem still blinking on the twentieth century still.

While this act was in progress Miss Marguerite Clark was at the organ in the church proper and the subdued music of the "Angels' Chorus" drifted across to lend an inexpressible charm to the scene.

"The Nativity."

The curtain rose for the second time on the stable, where among the mules and farm animals of the crowded inn, the Christ was born. Before the door stood the shepherd boys who had followed the Star from the hills where they tended their flocks. The door to the stable opened slowly and revealed inside the Holy Family—the Madonna, the Child were grouped in the center and by them were the three wise men, who had come from the altars of the old religions to pay homage at the conception of a new.

Soft lights were turned on the stage from above and no dialogue here marred the impressiveness of the scene, carried out in musical motifs by the orchestra under the direction of F. J. Vierra. The curtain fell slowly on the group, the shepherds now grouped around the manger, upon which descended the only bright light on the stage or in the house.

The players who represented the characters (Continued on Page Two.)

## USUAL ROW IS GETTING CLOSER

### Opposition to Proposed Carnegie Library Site Is Fast Developing.

### THE SCHEME IS UNWORKABLE

### Opinion Expressed That Territorial Library Will Fizzle Out in Failure.

It is commencing to be evident that there will be strong opposition to the plan of placing the Library of Hawaii building on government ground, the fact that Carnegie's hundred thousand will be available very shortly and that the present library will probably get up and out of its present location within a few weeks having brought the opposition to the bungalow site more or less into plain sight.

Andrew Carnegie has written to Governor Frear congratulating the Territory of Hawaii on having secured legislative funds for the upkeep of a territorial library and congratulating the Governor on having been able to bring into harmony with the public library scheme the two semipublic library associations. Mr. Carnegie states that as soon as the question of a site is settled and the title acquired and as soon as the plans have been submitted to him for his edification he will instruct his treasurer to draw a check in his name for one hundred thousand and send it on to Honolulu.

This letter was read at a recent meeting of the library association and considered. Then the question of a site was sprung and is still being sprung.

### Row the Usual Thing.

A Carnegie Library without a row (Continued on Page Six.)

## NEW BATTLESHIP TAKES TO WATER

### Distinguished Company Present at Launching of the Big Vessel.

(By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, December 23.—In the presence of a distinguished assembly, the new battleship Utah was launched here today. Miss Mary Alice Spry, daughter of Gov. William Spry, spoke the words which officially gave the ship the right to a name. In the Governor's party were many distinguished officials of Utah.

Washington was represented by an equally brilliant galaxy, including members of the senate and house of representatives, high naval officers and prominent officials of the civil government.

The launching was entirely successful.

## RIOTING IS RIFE IN NICARAGUAN CITIES

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, December 23.—There is rioting in the cities of western Nicaragua.

## MEXICO TAKES UNEXPECTED STAND

### Zelaya May Receive Asylum on Gunboat of the Southern Republic.

### DIAZ OFFICIALS ARE SILENT

### United States May Take Steps to Prevent Escape of ex-President.

### SUFFERING AT BLUEFIELDS

### Knox Orders Red Cross Funds Sent to Relief of the Distressed.

(By Associated Press.)

MANAGUA, December 24.—It is generally believed here that former President Zelaya will leave tomorrow, probably on board the Mexican gunboat Guerrero.

### Washington May Act.

WASHINGTON, December 24.—In official circles it is intimated that this government views with disfavor the idea that former President Zelaya of Nicaragua may take seek asylum on board the Mexican gunboat Guerrero. There is a strong possibility that steps may be taken to prevent the Mexican gunboat from taking the former president away.

Secretary Knox yesterday sent a formal notice to President Madriz that the United States will hold him responsible for the safety of all American citizens in Nicaragua.

### Relief for Sufferers.

In response to a telegram from the American consul at Bluefields, giving (Continued on Page Four.)

## CANADA MAKES START ON HER NAVAL POLICY

### Purchase Cruiser from Imperial Government and Bargains for Another.

(By Associated Press.)

OTTAWA, December 23.—The government of Canada has purchased the British cruiser Rainbow and is negotiating with Great Britain for the purchase of another ship of war, in spite of the recently announced policy of the government building its own warships.

## FIREWORKS AND FLOUR ARE TABU

The first man or boy who lights a firecracker tonight on the streets will be arrested, and the same thing will happen to the noodium who sets off a bomb, throws flour or talcum powder or acts in any way as to be a nuisance.

This is the word sent out by Sheriff Jarrett, who will have practically his whole force of police officers downtown this evening to see that his orders are carried out. He will have, also, a number of special police officers in the crowd.

The sheriff states that he does not intend that there is to be any hoodlumism tolerated, and that there will be no warnings. Violations will mean prompt arrest.

The sheriff desires also to warn automobile drivers and the drivers of horse vehicles against anything that may savor of heedless driving. There will be a great crowd of people downtown on Christmas Eve evening, and many of the ones out to see the sights of Christmas Eve will be children. Under these circumstances, any fast driving at all will be regarded as furious and heedless, and the drivers will be placed under arrest.

Last night, in spite of the crowd, one chauffeur made himself conspicuous by his recklessness. He was dressed in carnival costume and was evidently well on the way to being drunk. At least, that is the only excuse that can be made for his recklessness in driving his machine at a rate of not less than thirty miles an hour through the heart of the city. He is known and may yet hear from the police, the fact that he figured a short time ago in a smash-up being yet remembered.

Last night there was some indication that the firecracker fool and the bomb idiot were preparing. A particularly nasty firecracker was used—one that burned for some minutes and jumped around over an area of ten square feet as it exploded. Such a thing is guaranteed to burn the dress of every woman within range.

Cut out the firecrackers and the rough-house business or prepare to be booked at the police station.

## MALIHINI TREE READY FOR GIFTS

Yesterday afternoon the big Malihini Christmas Tree was hauled from the preserves of the board of agriculture and forestry to where it will be replanted this morning, in Bishop Park, by George King. This afternoon Mrs. A. E. Murphy and her corps of helpers will festoon the branches with near-snow, with hundreds of yards of tinsel and with a big crop of glittering ornaments, donated for the purpose by generous people.

Tomorrow morning, bright and early, other helpers, led by Mrs. Church, will be on hand to arrange the gifts on tables and stands, ready to Santa Claus' hand, and by ten o'clock the lines of children will commence to file past to receive their gifts, after Judge Dole has welcomed Santa Claus to the city, has spoken to the many who have through in the name of the committee, thanked the many who have through their contributions and help made the second Malihini Tree possible.

Yesterday the distribution of the tickets was begun, and there was a great demand for them. It had been expected that through the issuance of twelve hundred tickets the poor of the city would be covered, but early in the day it was found that at least a couple of hundred more would have to go out. This necessitated a quick change in arrangements, and there was another dash out on the part of the toy-buyers. The supply of dolls had long since been exhausted, but a number of other things were secured.

This afternoon, boxes for the Kalihii orphanage, the sick children's hospital, the children in the Queen's Hospital and a few other sick children will be made up and sent out.

Arrangements have been made for bringing the boys of the Kalihii home in for the event, J. Lewis having agreed to carry the boys in his tallboy automobile. This will give them a double treat, as none of them have as yet ever had an auto ride.

All day yesterday, toys and gifts were being delivered at the rooms of the promotion committee, where all undelivered orders may be sent today. There is going to be a call for all the toys that can be secured and for fruits and candy.