

THERE WILL BE NO ISSUE OF THIS PAPER TOMORROW

# The Pacific Commercial Advertiser

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, December 24.—Last 24 Hours' Rainfall, .05. Temperature, Max. 78; Min. 70. Weather, unsettled.

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SUGAR.—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 4.02c. Per Ton, \$80.40. 88 Analysis Beets, 12s. 2 1/4d. Per Ton, \$91.60.

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## CHRISTMAS EVE IS JOYOUS FEAST

All Turn Out to Honor Natal Day of the Founder of the Faith.

RICH AND POOR TAKE PART

In Every Section of the City Some Notice Is Taken of the Day.

If noise betokens merriment, a Merry Christmas was ushered in last night in Honolulu, the crowd that surged for four hours through the street being one of the noisiest, yet the best behaved, that the old town has ever seen. Fort street, King, Nuuanu, Hotel, Alakea and Bethel drew the greatest number of merry-makers, while smaller but quite as noisy throngs marched and counter-marched throughout Chinatown and along the Nuuanu sections.

Every noise-producing instrument operated by wind, from the vox humana to the bagpipes, was brought into play to swell the volume of sound that rose and never fell, the ascending racket driving back the clouds that threatened in the early evening.

There were no firecrackers, no bombs and nothing else objectionable, the direct orders of the sheriff and the promptness with which these were carried out preventing anything that savored of hoodlumism, except in a very few isolated cases. There was little drunkenness, little else but good-humored holiday-making, in this respect a distinct advance being noted.

Up to the last minute the stores were crowded with buyers, the fact that no dangerous fireworks were tolerated and that notification to be good had been given the hoodlum resulting in many more than the usual number of mothers and children being with the crowd. Consequently the storekeepers enjoyed the noise and did more than the usual business on the side.

### Streets Crowded Early.

The Christmas crowd began to gather early in the afternoon, belated shoppers rushing about to find "the very thing they wanted," and sometimes succeeding and sometimes not. Anxious papas and excited mammas herded flocks of little ones away from the toy counters; the confectionery stores sold out their box goods early and made great inroads on their stock goods. In the various stores the Christmas candles gleamed as soon as there was an excuse to light them, while delivery wagons dashed up and down to make their hundreds of connections with Santa Claus.

### Very Orderly.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure and an inch of published warning a few days ahead of time kept the Christmas Eve crowd orderly and with the exceptions of several over-celebrants not one out of the several thousand people on the downtown streets got into complications with the police. Several youngsters were out with bomb sticks and fire crackers early in the evening just before the police watch went on duty but they were quickly stopped and the news spread

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★ MALIHINI CHRISTMAS TREE. ★  
★ The distribution of gifts from ★ the Malihini Christmas Tree will ★ be begun by Santa Claus this ★ morning promptly at ten o'clock ★ and will continue as long as the ★ gifts last. There has been a great ★ demand for tickets than the ★ committee anticipated and the ★ limit has been twice raised. At ★ first it was thought that a thousand children could be provided ★ for, then twelve hundred and now ★ it is expected that fifteen hundred youngsters will be in line. ★ That many tickets have been sent ★ out for distribution.  
★ Yesterday as many more toys ★ and candies as the fund permitted ★ were bought and it is thought that ★ there will be no lack. It is possible ★ that in some lines the gifts ★ will be exhausted before the last ★ of the children have filed past ★ Santa Claus, but there will be ★ something for everyone.  
★ Those who have volunteered to ★ assist are requested to be at the ★ Tree at nine o'clock.  
★ The band will be on hand.  
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## HONOLULU HAS A MERRY CHRISTMAS



UNCLE SAM GOES THE LIMIT AS SANTA CLAUS

## Four Christmas Pardons

THERE are five very happy men in Oahu prison this Christmas morning, and one ex-prisoner who still bore the prison stain is also glad, for they have found in their stockings the most valuable presents that can be given to any man—liberty, or the nearer approach of liberty. Three of them, especially, have great cause for happiness, for some time today the prison doors will swing wide and they will walk out with the shadow of the law no longer upon them. Acting Governor E. A. Mott-Smith yesterday forenoon, after long consideration and consultation with Attorney-General Hemenway and his deputy, Lorrin Andrews, signed four full and complete pardons and two commutations of sentence, the pardons to take effect today.

One of those who has most cause for rejoicing at what he received for a Christmas present is Kansiora Tanda, who was convicted in March of 1905 of the crime of murder in the second degree and sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor for the term of thirty years. Kansiora gets a full and complete pardon after having served only about four years and a half. According to E. C. Peters, who, as deputy attorney-general, prosecuted Kansiora, the

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## Christmas at the Missions

GOOD OLD SANTA CLAUS descended on the Sunday-schools and missions yesterday afternoon and evening and left a host of happy children when he departed. At the missions in particular the Christmas Eve observances were timely, and many a baby heart which, but for those who made Santa's visit possible, would have been sad and heavy because of a barren Christmas, went home smiling and happy.

Poor little children, to whom toys such as other children have are curiosities, trudged off homeward with their little arms laden to overflowing. Here a chubby little baby girl, hardly large enough to carry the Christmas dolly which was delivered to her from the wondrous tree, could be seen waddling homeward with her baby hands grasping oranges, candy canes, apples, all, and other goodies such as her little heart had longed for but which she had never in her fondest dreams hoped to possess; there a ragged little urchin whose worn and mended clothes spoke of much darning and patching on the part of a poor, but devoted, mother, proudly displayed his new jackknife and other trophies dear to the boyish heart:

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## DISASTROUS FLOODS IN SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

(By Associated Press.)

MADRID, December 24.—Disastrous floods are causing great anxiety throughout Spain and Portugal.

## SATOLLI'S CONDITION IS EXTREMELY SERIOUS

(By Associated Press.)

ROME, December 24.—Cardinal Satolli is suffering from a relapse and his life is despaired of.

## ALPHONSO OF SPAIN TO BE OPERATED UPON

(By Associated Press.)

MADRID, December 24.—King Alfonso is preparing to be operated upon. The King's condition is causing anxiety.

## TURBINE STEAMERS FOR THE PACIFIC OCEAN

(By Associated Press.)

BOSTON, December 24.—It is reported that the big turbine passenger steamers Harvard and Yale are to be transferred to the Pacific, for use by a coast line.

## CHANCES GOOD FOR SUBSIDY BILL

Now Believed That Humphrey's Measure May Pass Congress.

NO AID FOR THE FREIGHTERS

Provisions of the Proposed Law Have Not Been Made Public as Yet.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, December 25.—It is now believed that a ship subsidy bill is in sight which can pass congress and meet with the approval of the President. The provisions of this bill have not yet been made public and will not be until January 4, when the bill will be introduced in the house. Representative Humphrey, the father of the bill, yesterday submitted several proposed amendments to the President for his consideration. It is understood that the amendments meet with the approval of the President.

The Humphrey bill provides for the extension of the four-dollar mail subsidy rate to the ships now eligible to the two-dollar rate which may ply between China, Australia, the Philippines, Japan and South America. The ships eligible to the two-dollar rate are those on the long runs which are not fast enough to make them eligible to the four-dollar rate. This bill does not provide any subsidy for freighters not carrying mail.

## ZELAYA TRAVELS WITH AN ESCORT

Arrives at Corinto on Special Train Accompanied by Bodyguard.

(By Associated Press.)

CORINTO, December 25.—Former President Zelaya of Nicaragua arrived here yesterday, accompanied by a guard of fifty men and a Maxim gun. A special train brought the ex-President and his escort. It is believed that Zelaya is planning to leave the country.

## DOCTOR COOK GETS YET ANOTHER JOLT

Explorers' Club Kicks Him Out and Rejects His Mount McKinley Claim.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, December 24.—The Explorer's Club has unanimously adopted a report which is adverse to Doctor Cook in regard to his claim that he climbed to the top of Mount McKinley. It is not believed that Cook reached the summit of McKinley. The report includes a resolution expelling Cook from the club.

## BEACH MOLTEN LAVA

(Special Wireless to The Advertiser.)  
HILO, December 4.—Professor Bryan of Honolulu, accompanied by Photographer Moses of Hilo, yesterday descended the walls of the fiery crater of Halemauau to the very edge of the boiling lake of molten lava. With the sulphurous gusts from the subterranean depths swirling around them and the heat from the great cauldron hissing their faces and hands, they climbed down 125 feet below the edge of the pit and stood at the very level of the lava. The spectacle upon which they gazed both men describe as magnificent.  
Photographer Moses is the man who, a few weeks ago, made the first descent for years into the pit itself. That time, however, he did not get as close to the molten lava as he did yesterday when he went down with Professor Bryan.