THE SAMOAN LAND CLAIMS.

Report of Commissioner Chambers Finally Made Public.

MANY OF THE TITLES DEFECTIVE.

American Government's Station in Pango Pango Bay Not as Valuable as Supposed—Bulk of Acreage Claimed by Americans Rejected—Bad Titles.

WASHINGTON (D. C.), April 4.—The report of W. L. Chambers, United States Land Commissioner to Samoa, dated February 3, 1895, was made public today. Mr. Chambers was one of the three Commissioners appointed by the treaty powers of Great Britain, Germany and the United States, under the provisions of the Berlin treaty, to adjust and settle all claims of aliens to land in Samoa.

The annual meeting of the committee was held January 4, 1894, at Apia. The reports include all the title papers to Samoan lands, and are of considerable value. An exhibit attached to the report shows that the total number of claims filed before the committee were 3492. Of these, 1422 were German, 1757 British, 307 American, 326 French and 13 miscellaneous.

The total claims aggregated 1,691,892 acres, while the island contains 950,000 acres. Only 8 per cent. of the claims were confirmed.

The vast bulk of acreage claimed by Americans was rejected because of the manifestly inadequate consideration given for it, and because the titles were defective under several of the provisions of the treaty. About 21,000 acres were confirmed to Americans. Most of them belonged to a corporation composed of San Francisco stockholders.

"At the time the investigation took place," says Mr Chambers, "this corporation was insolvent, and is still reported insolvent. The titles were confirmed to certain trustees. None of the stockholders resided in Samoa, and so far as my investigation of the matter went none of them had ever resided there, nor has the company nor its trustees an agent in the country. Deducting the land confirmed to this company, I think it is a safe estimate that not exceeding 2000 acres were confirmed to claimants. Almost all the land of the San Francisco company is for sale and is liable to be sold, if at all, to England's or Germany's subjects rather than to Americans, for whatever inducements there may be for English or German investment in the Samoan Islands, I cannot see that there exists any reason for further American investments."

Continuing, Mr. Chambers says he heard of only nineteen bona-fide Americans in the country exclusive of officials and does not believe there are thirty Americans there all told, including those who claim citizenship through naturalization. He says there are several well to-do Americans engaged in mercantile pursuits, one of whom is the wealthiest man in the country. Some of these are married to native women and probably will never return to the United States.

"I have been thus explicit in reference to the property owned by Americans as well as to the number of Americans in the country in order that the department may know our relationship to Samoa as it was developed in the course of the investigations into land titles, and because I conceive it my duty to let our Government know how insignificant such interests really are."

In reference to Pango-Pango Bay Mr. Chambers says that the claim of the United States Government was examined and confirmed, but that the claims are by no means so valuable as the American people seem to think. What are thought to be the most valuable parts of the shore of the bay have never been acquired by the United States The harbor is so deep and the bay so small that not more than three or four ships could be anchored there in case the wind was blowing either into the harbor or off shore.

He recommends that if our ports are considered to be really of value steps should be taken to acquire such additional rights as may make those already held of use. He argues, however, that the station is not likely to be of further use, and thinks the advisability of making future investments there should be fully considered before taking any further steps in the matter.

A New Kearsarge.

A Washington special runs: It has been discovered that the Naval Appropriation bill makes provision for perpetuating the name of the Kearsarge. One of the new battleships which is authorized by that measure is to be named after the historic vessel which was wrecked on Roncador Reef.

There was a general desire, which was heartily supported by Secretary Herbert, to construct a vessel which should stand as a memorial to the old Kearsarge. It is recognized, even in the official branches of the Navy Department, that the Jackies' superstition regarding a ship bearing a name such as that of the Kearsarge carries with it good luck for those on board.

The announcement that a future battleship destined to play a prominent part in naval warfare is to be named the Kearsarge will be received with gratification on every hand in the navy.

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IT COMES HIGH.

But Young George Vanderbilt Will Have the Finest Estate In America.

[Special Correspondence.]

ASHEVILLE, N. C., March 18.—George Vanderbilt is 26 years old, unmarried, and will soon be the owner of the finest estate in the world. He is very quiet in his tastes, preferring his books and pictures to the pleasures of society. It is

THE VANDERBILT MANSION.

for this reason he will live in the solitude of majestic mountains instead of the atmosphere of clubs and theaters.

For the last three years the youngest son of William H. Vanderbilt has given his attention and money to the erection of his new home at Asheville. He comes here every few months and remains a few weeks at the "Red Farm House," his temporary residence. It will probably be seven years before his home and grounds are completed, in spite of the fact that 600 workmen are employed daily upon the work. Mr. Vanderbilt will probably eat his Christmas dinner in 1896 in his palace, for it is nothing else.

He has acquired the title to 100,000 acres of land (about 160 square miles) in and around Asheville. It is said he may drive 37 miles in a straight line from his chateau and still be on his own possessions. Already 70 miles of macadam roads have been built, which are lined with brilliant hued, hardy tropical plants and myriad colored rhododendrons. These roads lead down to the valley or up hill after hill to the heaven aspiring peak of the famous Mount Pisgah, or perhaps they wind toward that blue, hazy curtain which on nearer inspection proves to be the Smoky range, or else wend their way toward the grandeur of the Black mountains.

The chateau when finished will testify to the magnificent work of man, as the scenery does to the wondrous work of nature. The house stands on an esplanade of 700 by 800 feet. This was made by cutting down the summit of a hill and filling in the depressions. A perfect level is the result. The architecture is pure Italian. It is built of Maryland limestone and is four stories high.

Let the imagination run riot, and even then one can have but a faint conception of the magnitude of this sumptuous home. As a starting point, recollect a troop of cavalry might walk though the loggias and a regiment march down the stairways. The banquet hall and reception room is as large as any ordinary church, and a city house might be comfortably ensconced in the library. The magnificent carvings about the principal entrances are in the hands of Karl Bitter. One of the guardians of the portals is a heroic statue of Jeanne d'Arc. Beyond the driveway is a terraced stairway in imitation of the famous Porto Aggatio. Possibly these two facts show the historic eclecticism of the owner. On the right is the tennis ground, with its quaint teahouse and stone fountain about 2,000 years old, brought from the vicinity of the Nile. Still farther is the conservatory, the only spot that invites criticism, it being very small and unpretentious. On the left of the chateau are situated the stables, carriage houses and dog kennels. A branch of the Southern railroad runs from Biltmore to the back of the house, thus enabling a private car to run directly to the door of the mansion. Besides the railroad one finds a stone quarry, where all the stone used for walls, roads, foundations, etc., has been procured; also a dairy of 250 cows and a brickkiln.

From the private nurseries over 1,000,000 plants and ornamental trees have been transplanted into the grounds. In another year a game preserve and hundreds of deer will be an acquisition to the parks. About that time 20 cottages, costing $20,000 each, will have been erected. These houses will be rented to the personal friends of Mr. Vanderbilt. A $100,000 church is already in an advanced state of erection, and last, but not least of his many possessions, is the country store at Biltmore owned by this millionaire.

Mr. Vanderbilt had no trouble in securing the property he wished with one exception. Charles Collins, a thrifty negro, owns a plot of seven acres right in the middle of the rich man's domains. Collins has scornfully refused $7,500 and will continue to be Mr. Vanderbilt's nearest neighbor until he gets his own price, said to be $12,000. No one is allowed on the grounds without a special permit, and all cameras are confiscated and not returned until the visitor leaves the gates.

An impartial observer cannot but commend the young millionaire, who is improving a vast territory, giving employment to thousands of men, seemingly investing his money wisely and building the most magnificent estate in the world.

MAUDE JAMES CHILTON.

Funkias or Day Lilies.

There are few more beautiful or more useful plants to the gardener than those known as funkias or sometimes hemerocalluses. Meehan tells that they will grow in the deepest shade if not very dry and flower profusely, taking care of themselves from year to year, but will still be thankful for a little fertilizing material being placed around them. They are very well known under the common name of "day lilies," a name, however, which some are endavoring to supplant by another common name—"plantain lily."

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Company's Statement for the Year Ending December 31st, 1894

ASSETS - - - $204,638,783.96

Income.

Received for Premiums	$36,123,163 82	
Received from all other Sources	11,897,706 12	$48,020,869 94

Disbursements.

To Policy-h'ders for Claims by death	$11,929,794 94	
" " for End'm'ts, Divid'ds, etc	9,159,462 14	$21,089,257 08
For all other Accounts		9,789,634 18 $30,878,891 26

Assets.

United States Bond and other Securities	$83 970,690 67
First lien Loans on Bonds and Mortgage	71,339,415 92
Loans on Stocks and Bonds	11,366 100 00
Real Estate	21 691.733 39
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies	9,655,198 91
Accrued Interest, Deferred Premiums, etc	6,615 645 07
	$204 638 783 96
Reserve for Policies and other L'b'lities, Co.'s Standard, Am. 4 per cent.	182,109,456 14
Surplus	$22,529,327 82

Insurance and Annuities assumed and renewed	$750,290.677 97
Insurance and Annuities in force December 31, 1894	855,207,778 42

I have carefully examined the foregoing Statement and find the same to be correct. CHARLES A. PRELLER, Auditor.

From the Surplus a dividend will be apportioned as usual.

Report of the Examining Committee.

OFFICE OF THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK, Feb. 7, 1895.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of this Company, held on the 26th day of December last, the undersigned were appointed a Committee to examine the annual statement for the year ending December 31, 1894, and to verify the same by comparison with the assets of the Company.

The Committee have carefully performed the duty assigned to them, and hereby certify that the statement is in all particulars correct, and that the assets specified therein are in possession of the Company.

In making this certificate the Committee bear testimony to the high character of the investments of the Company and express their approval of the system, order, and accuracy with which the accounts and vouchers have been kept, and the business in general transacted.

Signed,

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ANDREW BROWN,
Supt. Honolulu Water Works.
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WATER NOTICE

Holders of water privileges, or those paying water rates, are hereby notified that the hours for irrigation purposes are from 7 to 8 o'clock A. M. and 5 to 6 o'clock P.M.

ANDREW BROWN,
Superintendent of Water Works.
[Approved] J. A. KING,
Minister of the Interior.
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Honolulu, April 1, 1895 3961-2w

Notice.

DURING MY ABSENCE FROM the Hawaiian Islands, Mr. Walter M. Giffard will act for me in all matters of business, under full power of attorney.

WM. G. IRWIN.
Honolulu, H. I., April 4, 1895.
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Notice.

DURING MY ABSENCE FROM the Hawaiian Islands, Mr. Walter M. Giffard, will attend to and perform the duties of President and Manager of the firm of Wm. G. Irwin & Co., L'd.

WM. G IRWIN,
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Guardian's Notice.

HAVING THIS DAY BEEN APpointed guardian of James Love, a spendthrift, notice is hereby given that I will not be responsible for any bills contracted by him or by any person in his behalf, unless authorized by me in writing. (Sig.) J. ALFRED MAGOON.

Dated Honolulu, February 14, 1895.
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