

"ALL BALLED UP" OVER POST PLANS

Uncertainty of Water Supply for Lilehua Holds Up Work of Building.

QUEER WASHINGTON REPORT

Controversy May End in the War Department Providing Its Own Supply.

The intimate connection between the so-called McCrosson-Lilehua irrigation scheme, and the procuring of a water supply for the proposed brigade post for Schofield Barracks, Lilehua, which many have thought existed, is proved by recent reports from Washington, one, to the effect that the McCrosson bill before congress will be turned down by the war department, and the other that the plans for the brigade post will be held up on account of the water question.

While no definite information here is given out, the general supposition is that the promoters of the McCrosson scheme became aware of the fact that through incorrect surveys much of the supply of the Wahiawa Water Company was being obtained from the military reservation, but not covered by the water company's lease.

E. D. Tenney of Castle & Cooke admits that it is true that the reservation lines do not run as shown on the maps, but actually include the intake of the Wahiawa company's ditches and the greater part of the homestead ditch. In discussing this question some time ago with The Advertiser, Mr. Tenney stated that the Wahiawa company would be very willing to supply the army post on the reservation with water on the same terms as proposed in the McCrosson bill if asked to do so or offered the opportunity.

Delay of Post Plans.

There has been some unaccountable delay in getting the plans for the brigade post at Lilehua. The post is to be made permanent and will replace the temporary cantonments now on the reservation, and the delay is mainly credited to the inability of the army board to agree upon the question of water supply.

The army board had two important matters to decide. One was the selection of a site for the permanent post, and the other the determination of which source should be designated to supply the post with water. The army board was divided over both questions, each faction having its own idea as to where the water should come from and this materially affected the decision as to the site.

Generals have come and inspected the reservation and generals have gone back to Washington, and even the secretary of war has been over the reservation, still there is no definite information from the national capital that the secretary of war and all the generals have reached a conclusion as to what shall be done at Lilehua. Two generals came out the last time—Generals Bliss and Aleshire—and it was thought when they returned to the Coast there would be considerable activity at Lilehua in the near future. But apparently there is to be nothing done yet awhile.

"All Balled Up."

The latest report from Washington is put in picturesque language and, summarized, it is to the effect that the plans for Lilehua "are all balled up at Washington." The statement is expressive and will cause local service officers to wonder just when the Gordian knot will be cut and work started on (Continued on page 8.)

DIVIDENDS, STOCK AND IMPROVEMENTS GO HAND IN HAND

The Honolulu Rapid Transit and Land Company has in view the expenditure of a large sum of money for improvements, it also has in view the disbursement of a considerable sum in dividends.

At a meeting of the board of directors yesterday, it was decided to issue 500 shares of treasury common stock, to present holders only, pro rata, at the par value of \$100 a share. This will provide a working sum of \$50,000 with which to complete the improvements under way, which will greatly increase the efficiency of the lines.

At the same time the prosperity of the company was declared to be such that hereafter a dividend of one and a half per cent will be paid quarterly on each share, common, instead of one per cent, as formerly.

The Advertiser has already printed (in Wednesday's issue) the story of improvements contemplated as well as the large contract which the line has secured from the government.

PROPER WAY TO STOP TROUBLE

Portuguese Now Complaining of Criminal Filipinos Who Insult Women.

The rumble of trouble among the Japanese plantation laborers on the island of Kauai, due to the alleged criminal instincts of certain Filipino immigrants, recently imported, promises to be only a very mild quake, according to the latest information from that quarter. It is asserted that what complaints are due to the actions of Filipinos are caused by a small minority of those at work, such an unruly element as is liable to be found among any nationality, and such as was experienced with the first importations of Porto Ricans.

William Pfotenbauer, vice-president of H. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd., agent for the Lihue and Koloa plantations, where it is stated that trouble is brewing, has just returned from the Garden Island and reports that everything is progressing very satisfactorily there. Speaking of the present situation yesterday, Mr. Pfotenbauer said:

No Real Trouble.

"There is no real trouble on the plantations over there. I came back from Kauai a few days ago and when I left everything was satisfactory. The Filipinos at work there were doing well and giving satisfaction. Of course, they have to be trained to work. They come of a race which has done no real labor for centuries and they have to get the habit. Undoubtedly there is an unruly element among them. It has been the case with other nationalities brought into the islands."

"This labor problem is one which must be solved in the best way possible. The Chinese are the best laborers and the Japanese do well, but the doors are closed to them now and the planters must turn to the best that can be secured. The very existence of the islands, from a commercial viewpoint is dependent upon sugar, and to successfully harvest our sugar crops there must be labor. I do not think there will be any trouble in this instance; I have heard of none and see no reason for any. If there are any criminals among the Filipinos they must be dealt with in the proper way and the cause for complaint will end."

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PAUL MORTON DROPS DEAD OF APOPLEXY

President of Equitable Life and Former Secretary of Navy Under Roosevelt.



PAUL MORTON, Former Secretary of the Navy, who dropped dead yesterday.

NEW YORK, January 16.—Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, dropped dead last yesterday, at his home, 844 Fifth avenue. Death was due to apoplexy.

Mr. Morton was born in Detroit, May 22, 1837, and when only fifteen years old became a clerk in the land office of the Burlington Railroad system and served in various capacities with that company until 1890, when he joined the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad as third vice president. He became vice president of the Colorado Iron and Fuel Company and president of the Whitebreast Fuel Company.

On July 3, 1904, Mr. Morton became secretary of the navy in the cabinet of President Roosevelt and served until July 1, 1905. He undertook the reorganization of affairs following the investigation into the New York insurance scandals in 1905, and became president of the Equitable Life, working as such up to the day of his death.

In 1880, he married Miss Charlotte Goodridge, of Chicago, who survives him. Joy Morton, a well known merchant and capitalist of Chicago, is a brother.

TWELVE MUST DIE

TOKIO, January 16.—Twelve of the twenty-four Japanese condemned to death yesterday for conspiracy received commuted sentences of life imprisonment today. Daisiro Kotoke and his wife, however, regarded as ringleaders in the alleged plot, were not included in the list of commutations.

BROTHER DUTTON DRAWS ON UNCLE SAM FOR PENSION



BROTHER JOSEPH DUTTON, The "Hero of Molokai" and "Daredevil" of the Civil War, who now makes over his entire pension to a Girls' School in Memphis.

Wants Nothing for Himself, but Desires the Dollars for School for Homeless Girls in Tennessee.

Having long since given up all desire for worldly possessions and having no personal use for money, Brother Joseph Dutton, the successor of Father Damien at Kalawao, has given an order on the United States government for all his pension money to the St. Catherine School of Industry of Memphis, Tennessee, an institution started to care for homeless girls and teach them means of honest livelihood.

Brother Dutton became interested in the school and its aims through reading an article describing them in the Commercial Appeal of Memphis. He wanted to help in the good work, but had no means whereby he could become one of the contributors. Then he thought of the pension he had coming from Uncle Sam—money he could not be persuaded to draw for himself—and he decided to contribute this to the cause. He accordingly has sent to a

director of the St. Catherine's School an order for all that was coming to him for services rendered his country. The "Hero of Molokai," as he is frequently described in the mainland papers, has a distinguished Civil War record. He served at the front with the Thirtieth Wisconsin and was known throughout the army as a "daredevil." His period of activity on the firing line lasted from 1861 to 1863, his gallantry securing his promotion from the ranks to a captaincy.

He was not mustered out until '66, part of his work after the war having been to remove the scattered Union dead from their temporary burial places to national cemeteries, and he supervised the reinterment of six thousand boys in blue who had fallen in battle or from disease.

The exact amount of the pension, which has been accumulating for twenty-six years, is not known, but the amount will be several thousand dollars at the very least.

ONE-THIRD OF CENT AN ACRE REFUSED

Land Board Turns Down Renewal of Lease to Company—Sales Agreed To.

Very little business was put through by the land board at its meeting, yesterday afternoon, and for a long while it was thought that the meeting must lapse owing to the want of a quorum. At last, however, the requisite number were obtained and several applications were dealt with.

The first was an application by the Hutchinson Sugar Plantation Company, which applied for the renewal of the lease of its land. The present lease expires in September of this year and the property comprises 24,290 acres for which it pays a rental of seventy-five dollars a year.

From the outset the meeting did not seem favorable to the renewing of the lease at the present figure and several opinions were expressed that a higher rental should be obtained for this tract (Continued on page 8.)

DROP IN PRICE ON TWO SUGAR GRADES

NEW YORK, January 20.—A sudden drop in the prices of certain refined sugars started the trade yesterday, when a reduction of five cents on coarse granulated was announced. On Confectioners' "A" there was a decline of ten cents, but no change was marked on all other grades, including soft sugars. Willett & Gray's schedule of sugar prices on December 29 last, quotes coarse granulated at \$4.80, while Confectioners' "A" was at \$4.95. All these prices refer to refined and no change in raws is announced.

CHOLERA SITUATION BETTER IN FUNCHAL

All Is Quiet Again in Madeira and Life in Island Is Back to Normal.

FUNCHAL, Madeira, January 8.—The exaggerated reports which are being spread broadcast concerning the cholera outbreak here are absurd. The epidemic is running its course and is now decreasing.

Since the disease was brought here in October there have been less than four hundred fatal cases in the entire island, which has a population of 180,000.

All is quiet now, nothing sensational happening. Of course there has been much distress owing to the cessation of all business, but otherwise the life of the island is practically normal. The local authorities are doing excellent work. Communication with Lisbon is unfortunately still confined to the fortnightly service of one small boat.

Reforms in Portugal.

LISBON, January 8.—The minister of the interior has decided to put into operation a comprehensive social reform scheme, including a weekly rest day, pension system, public aid for mothers and children, the establishment of a large number of primary schools, with the free distribution of food, clothing and books to needy children and the development of higher education.

Will Help Poor Manual.

The British government has intervened successfully with Portugal on behalf of the depleted purse of the deposed King Manuel.

Representations from the foreign office at London set forth that the exiled monarch was possessed of means insufficient for his personal needs. Accordingly the Portuguese government has decided to allow him to receive the revenue derived from the properties of the house of Braganza pending a final settlement between the state and the royal family.

FOR A MEMORIAL OF MARK TWAIN

Hawaii Promotion Committee Asked to Influence Legislature of Missouri.

Hawaii was recently asked to aid San Francisco in her battle for the Panama Canal exposition in 1915, and all Hawaii gladly backed up San Francisco, and now Hannibal, Missouri, asks Hawaii to aid her in a request upon the legislature of the State of Missouri for an appropriation of \$10,000 toward the erection of a statue of Mark Twain in the city of Hannibal, on a hill near Twain's boyhood home and not far from that of Huckleberry Finn, one of the most famous characters in American literature.

And Hannibal's request came through the worldwide use which the promotion committee makes of Mark Twain's grand descriptions of Hawaii, particularly his famous prose poem, and his later contribution—"The Hawaiian Islands are the loveliest fleet of islands anchored in any ocean."

A short time ago Secretary H. P. Wood, of the promotion committee, sent out thousands of posters and postal cards announcing the sixth annual Floral Parade in Honolulu for next month and on the back of these cards is printed Twain's famous prose poem. And that is the reason the Commercial Club of Hannibal believes that Hawaii should be interested in Hannibal's project for a statue. Sydney J. Roe, secretary of the Commercial Club of Hannibal, Missouri, writes:

Amks Cooperation.

"The Hannibal Commercial Club is going to ask the Missouri legislature now in session at Jefferson city to appropriate \$10,000 toward erecting in Hannibal a statue of Mark Twain. It is the opinion of the local committee that it should be located on a point on Ide's Hill which is only a block from his boyhood home, a small frame house built by his father when Mark was a child, and within one-half a block of the home of Huckleberry Finn.

"I wish you would inform the members of the Missouri legislature that Mark Twain was not only a Missourian and a national character, but he was appreciated throughout the world, even unto the islands of the sea, and everywhere refinement, education and culture have spread.

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REACHING CRISIS IN CONTROVERSY BETWEEN CHINESE



LIANG LEAN FANG, Who will investigate differences between Consul and Chinese people.

Liang Lean Fang, second secretary of the Chinese legation at Washington, who has been sent to Honolulu as a commissioner to investigate the differences between the Chinese consul and the Chinese community, is expected to arrive here today on the Sierra.

The commissioner is to be met by a delegation from the disaffected Chinese, the delegation representing some of the most influential Chinese residents of the Territory, who have been branded to the Peking government as revolutionists. The consul will also meet the commissioner personally and in his official capacity.

Just what the commissioner may decide to do in gathering evidence concerning the differences between the consul and people is unknown to the Chinese here, but they will ascertain his wishes as soon after his arrival as possible, and will probably invite him to attend a meeting, which may be held at the Chinese United Society rooms.

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

SACRAMENTO, January 20.—The legislative committee in the State Senate, yesterday, reported favorably upon a constitutional amendment granting suffrage to women. Should the report be passed by the house the question will be submitted to a vote of the people of California at the next general election.

BATTLE IS BEGUN TO FORTIFY CANAL

Congressman Keifer Declares the Plan Will Cost Hundred Millions.

PARTY LINES LOST SIGHT OF

Hobson Makes Emphatic Address in Favor of Forte—Like Russia.

WASHINGTON, January 20.—The opening gun in the fight for the fortification of the Panama Canal was fired yesterday in the house by Congressman J. Warren Keifer of Springfield, Ohio, who is a Republican.

Congressman Keifer took the side of the peace party and spoke at length in favor of the neutralization of the Canal Zone, asserting that it would cost a total of over one hundred million dollars to properly fortify the canal.

Congressman Richmond P. Hobson strongly opposed Keifer in his contention and asserted in a most emphatic speech that the Panama Canal was too vital a spot in time of war to be left without means of defense.

In an impassioned address Captain Hobson urged the fortification of the Canal Zone and declared that now was the time to prepare for war, while the nation was at peace, and that those who would be best pleased with a neutralization of the canal would be the enemies of the country in time of war.

His remarks created something of a sensation, and it is expected that the debate on the fortification bill, as advocated by President Taft, will be continued today and it may be some time before a vote is taken.

DETROIT, January 20.—Congressman William E. Humphrey, Republican, of the State of Washington, speaking at a banquet of notables here last night, declared that the United States was in a more helpless condition, in case of war with a powerful enemy, than even Russia was at the time of the beginning of her war with Japan. He spoke in favor of the fortification of the Panama Canal.

WASHINGTON, January 19.—Senator Hernando D. Money of Mississippi, one of the Southern Democratic leaders, today introduced a resolution in the senate declaring for the fortification of the Panama Canal as a national policy, along the lines suggested by President Taft.

Party lines have been entirely lost sight of in the congressional fight for the fortification of the Panama Canal. Many Democrats are supporting the policy of President Taft for fortification, while a number of Republicans oppose the administration.

CHAMP CLARK WILL WIELD THE GAVEL

WASHINGTON, January 20.—The Democrats of the house of representatives held their caucus here yesterday and unanimously nominated Congressman Champ Clark of Missouri, as Speaker of the house of representatives for the Sixty-second Congress. O. W. Underwood, of Birmingham, Alabama, was nominated as chairman of the ways and means committee.

COWLES CONFIRMED AS REAR-ADMIRAL

WASHINGTON, January 20.—The senate yesterday confirmed the nomination of Capt. Walter C. Cowles, U. S. N., for the rank of rear-admiral. Rear-Admiral Cowles is in command of the naval station at Honolulu.

Rear-Admiral Walter Cleveland Cowles, whose home in this city is at 1641 Nuanun avenue, was appointed to the command of the naval station here to succeed Rear-Admiral Rees on October 27 last. At that time Captain Cowles was in command of the receiving ship Hancock at New York.

Rear-Admiral Cowles entered the navy on September 25, 1869, and has had twenty years of sea duty. He is a native of Connecticut and was appointed to the naval academy from that State. He took command of the naval station here on December 14 last, and is a brother-in-law of former President Roosevelt.