

Threatening Fire Up On Pacific Heights

PROMPT ACTION SAVED A POSSIBLE DISASTER IN ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL OF THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS OF HONOLULU—BURNING OF A RUBBISH PILE MIGHT HAVE BROUGHT DISASTER IN ITS TRAIN.

The fire out at Pacific Heights this afternoon, though its first appearance was of a most alarming nature, did not prove as serious as it looked. It started in the Watson cottage premises where a quantity of rubbish had to be destroyed, but the high wind carried the fire beyond the control of the servants there and in a short time the flames were creeping rapidly down the heights. Emil Berndt was early ap-

praised of the trouble and he sent a couple of wagon loads of men with buckets and apparatus for the purpose of fighting the flames. On their arrival at the Heights they found that C. W. Booth's people had already taken the situation in hand and had the fire well in hand. In a short time it was thoroughly beaten, but the thanks of the Pacific Heights people are due to those who took such prompt action in so serious an emergency.

TO REORGANIZE THE BANANA BUSINESS

WATERHOUSE TRUST COMPANY HAS BEEN ASKED TO TAKE UP THE MATTER OF ARRANGING WITH THE MATSON NAVIGATION COMPANY THE QUESTION OF ARRANGING THE TRADE ON A NEW AND SATISFACTORY BASIS.

The whole banana business of Hawaii is on the brink of a revolution, and the next few days will show whether it is to last at all or whether it is to die an unnatural death. Captain Matson in a recent interview with a Hilo Herald representative was plain in his language regarding this bad matter in which Hilo bananas were shipped to the San Francisco market and he incidentally mentioned the fact that Robert Shingle, manager of the Waterhouse Trust Company had seen him about the banana shipping business while in San Francisco recently. "The fact is that the extremely bad handling of the Hilo bananas has put the business in poor shape," said Mr. Shingle this morning. "The inspection, if it has been done at all, has been very bad indeed and the result has been that bunches have been landed in San Francisco in wretched condition. The product has been killed by the inferior manner in which the people most interested have allowed it to be run. Fruit that is under-sized, unripe or overripe has been shipped and the result has been that the Hilo banana has got a bad name. Diseased fruit,

too has been sent away and the result has been that bunches of bananas have been dumped overboard right at the wharves. "Of course we know here in Hawaii that the Hawaiian banana is all right, equal to the best anywhere, but it only takes a bunch or two of bad ones to make the dealers sore. That is natural enough. The conditions are such now, however, that the Waterhouse Trust Company's representative in Hilo, Mr. Vickers, has been approached by the banana growers with a view to financing an arrangement with the company for the proper handling of the fruit and a meeting with Captain Matson of the Matson Navigation Line has been arranged with the end in view of putting on proper banana steamers. "Nothing has been done so far however. I went into matters pretty thoroughly when I was in San Francisco and it is possible that we may reach some agreement. For my own part I can only say that there is no doubt about the excellence of the Hawaiian banana but it has been a suicidal policy on the part of some persons who have been shipping ill-conditioned fruit instead of the good product."

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CHINESE MISSION TO STUDY ABROAD

(Associated Press Cable to The Star).

PEKING, July 17.—The Chinese Imperial Government has ordered the constitution of four missions for the purpose of going abroad and studying foreign political methods.

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS WILL SOON BE FLOATED

TOKIO, July 17.—It is fully expected that the Russian warships Pallada, Pobeda and Poltava, which were sunk at Port Arthur will soon be re-floated by the Japanese and added to the Japanese fleet.

MORE RUSSIANS MUTINY

LODZ, July 17.—Part of the Ekaterberg regiment mutinied here and killed the officers. The citizens are now compelled to contribute \$1,500 daily for the support of the troops.

DE WITTE TO SAIL

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17.—Minister De Witte, the head of the Russian peace commission, will sail from Cherbourg, France, on July 25, for America, to meet the Japanese plenipotentiaries.

MORE ASSASSINATIONS IN WARSAW.

WARSAW, Poland, July 17.—An unknown man today killed a sergeant of detectives and then fled. A pursuing patrol fired at him, killing a merchant who was in the range of the bullets.

KOREA'S CREDIT GOOD.

TOKIO, July 17.—The Korean loan of a million dollars has been oversubscribed here four times.

Beginning Of a Great Legal Battle

A NOTABLE CONTEST OPENED THIS AFTERNOON IN JUDGE LINDSAY'S COURT—THE FIGHT OVER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PARKER CATTLE RANCH LIKELY TO OCCUPY A COUPLE OF MONTHS OR MORE.

The hearing of the Parker Ranch case on its merits began before Judge Lindsay this afternoon. Magoon and Lightfoot appeared as counsel for J. S. Low, who brought the proceedings as next friend of Annie T. K. Parker, to remove A. W. Carter as guardian and as manager of the ranch. W. A. Kinney, Ballou, Dunne and Robertson appeared as representing the other interests. The case was opened by the reading by J. O. Lightfoot of the lengthy petition to remove Carter and the bill of particulars which followed it. They contain a long list of charges against Carter, of mismanagement of the ranch, cruel treatment of cattle, etc. The trial if carried to a conclusion is likely to occupy over two months, it is said. There will be sixty or more witnesses from Hawaii and as the accusations brought by Low involve all sorts of details of cattle ranch management, there will be much testimony from the cowboys and other experts on the subject of raising and handling cattle.

WHITE WORKERS FOR PLANTATIONS SAITO MEETS KOREAN ENVOY

IMMIGRATION COMMISSION HAS STARTED A WORK FOR BRINGING HERE OF ITALIANS. THE JAPANESE CONSUL OFFERS HIM LETTERS WHICH WILL ASSIST HIS WORK.

The different plantation owners and managers, it is claimed, are entering loyally into the spirit which prompted the founding of the Immigration Bureau, and as a result it is extremely probable that it will not be long before a colony of white workers from Europe will be shown the wisdom of diverting their steps to the far isles of the Pacific.

As a primal condition it has become the duty of the Immigration Commission to find out just what the plantations were willing to do for prospective white immigrants and with a view to securing accurate information a circular letter was sent out to the different plantations asking for information. Up to the present, while only a few answers have been received, an earnest attempt is obviously being made to gather the requisite information. It is certain that some sort of a plan intended to provide white plantation workers with homesteads will soon be worked out. E. E. Paxton has been commissioned to proceed to New York for the purpose of seeing what can be done in the way of getting northern Italians and Spaniards to come this way, and it is said that a scheme for making arrangements satisfactory to them will shortly be evolved.

ALAMEDA SAILS ON WEDNESDAY. The S. S. Alameda sails on Wednesday at 10 a. m. for San Francisco.

SOMETHING TO PLEASE. Fine framed pictures at just 1/2 original price for a King at Arleigh's Stationery Store.

Jerome Tilts With Lawson

THE TWO REFORMERS ARE GUESTS AT A DINNER GIVEN BY THE KNIFE AND FORK CLUB OF KANSAS CITY—JEROME MAKES SPORT OF THE AUTHOR OF FRENZIED FINANCE AND LATTER SEEMS TO RESENT IT.

KANSAS CITY, (Mo.), July 7.—The Knife and Fork Club gave a dinner tonight at which District Attorney Jerome of New York and Thomas W. Lawson of Boston were the principal speakers. After E. J. Ridgeway, editor of Everybody's Magazine, had stated his belief that God had raised up Lawson for the American people just as he



WILLIAM TRAVERS JEROME.

had raised up George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, Jerome rose to remark that from the best of his knowledge and belief God had raised up Lawson "to raise hell." Jerome said that since Governor La Follette spoke on Shakespeare

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DREDGER VERDICT PAU

Judge Lindsey this morning granted a motion for entry of judgment ordering a new trial of the case of the Territory vs. Cotton Bros., carrying out the decision sent by cable by Judge Gear while in San Francisco last February. The verdict in the case awarded \$25,000 to the Territory for loss of the dredger used by Cotton Bros. in Pearl Harbor channel. It was claimed that the cabled decision was not legal, Lorrin Andrews appearing for the Territory and W. A. Kinney for Cotton Bros.

MAUI CASE APPEALED.

C. W. Ashford has filed an appeal to the Supreme court in the case of W. R. Kahaekekei vs. the Waialuku Sugar Company, in which Judge Lindsay granted a nonsuit.

CAUTION!

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NEW ANIMALS AT THE ZOO.

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