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Unusual Storm Sweeps All Islands

House Washed Away At Olowalu— Roads Blocked by Water and Washouts—Damage Light.

Torrential downpours of rain, high seas that interfered seriously with shipping, and fierce winds in some sections, together with thunder and lightning of unusual violence, were some of the features of one of the most severe storms on record, that swept these islands during the latter part of last and the first of this week. All parts of the Territory suffered, and Maui came in for its full share. The rain which began on Friday night continued almost incessantly until Tuesday, and in many places the precipitation was unprecedented.

During Saturday and Sunday travel was interrupted in most sections of this island. The Lahaina road was impassable for three days to vehicle traffic, owing to the flooding of the flats between Olowalu and the foot of the pali, and by a washout some 20 feet wide and about 10 feet deep near the Olowalu schoolhouse.

Water covered the road between Kahului and Paia during Sunday and Monday, in places to such a depth that automobiles were unable to traverse them. Makawao was cut off by torrents which flooded the roads in a number of places.

The Claudine from Honolulu was unable to land passengers or freight at Kahului on Saturday, and mails were carried around to Lahaina where they were later brought overland by automobiles and wagons which transferred their loads at impassable places. Although the Claudine returned to Kahului and remained outside until Sunday, it was found impossible to effect a landing on account of the great seas which swept into the harbor, and the vessel returned to Honolulu. The American-Hawaiian freighter Minnesota, which had been taking on sugar at Kahului earlier in the week, was compelled to put to sea on Wednesday, and although an attempt was made to return later, was again obliged to seek refuge outside the breakwater. The waves at Kahului ran so high that a great quantity of stones were carried upon the beach road, blocking traffic a number of times before they could be cleared off by the prison gang.

Hana Wharf Wrecked.

The wharf at Hana was partially wrecked by the terrific waves which rolled into the harbor. It is reported that the sea was probably higher than had ever been known before at that point. However, but little other damage was done save to the wharf, at that end of the island. A rainfall of over 8 inches was recorded there.

Iao Bridge Goes Out.

The bridge in Iao valley, just below the Field place was carried out, and considerable damage was done to gardens along the stream. The cost of replacing the bridge will amount to \$1000 or \$1500. Below the Wailuku mill the water flooded a number of houses and did some damage. E. A. Kreuger lost quite a number of chickens which were swept away by the flood.

Tremendous Rainfall.

The rainfall at Wailuku last Saturday, as recorded by Brother Frank, representative of the weather bureau, was 4.02 inches, and for the week ending on Tuesday of this week, 7.97 inches. At Waihee nearly nine inches fell.

In the Lahaina district records were broken. At Olowalu mill 17.2 inches of rain fell between 8 o'clock on Friday night and the following Monday morning. At Honouliuli ranch about 18 inches fell. At Hana there was 8.89 inches. At Hailu a total of 7.11 inches was recorded.

Family Has Narrow Escape.

The terrific rains in the mountains back of Olowalu washed out the flume supplying water to the generating plant of the Olowalu Company, and as a consequence the plantation has been without light ever since, and the mill has been compelled to suspend grinding. The damage will probably be repaired today or tomorrow.

The house of Nahoikiiki, the ditch tender of Olowalu, was washed away by the torrent on Saturday evening, and the family had barely time to escape with their lives, so suddenly did the water rise.

Damage Comparatively Light.

In spite of the severity of the storm the damage appears to have been comparatively light on this island. County Engineer Cox states that the county got off comparatively easy in the matter of damage, the greatest probably being the washing out of the Iao bridge and the washout on the Lahaina road. The roads were not seriously injured in other places. The wind uprooted a good many trees at different points, and some work was required to clear these from the roads across which they had fallen.

On Other Islands.

The bay at Hilo was so rough that the Matsonia was obliged to put to sea, as was also the tanker Lansing, and even on Tuesday the sea was still considered too rough to permit the Great Northern to approach the wharf at the Crescent City. On Oahu

Vincent Sued For \$10,000 Damages

Japanese Cited For Contempt—New Phases in Now Celebrated Yip Lan Case—End Nowhere In Sight.

As an outgrowth of the celebrated Yip Lan case a suit was instituted in the Second circuit court yesterday by Toyosaki Kiyamoto against Enos Vincent for \$10,000 damages. The complaint alleges that Vincent, who was attorney for the Yip Lan contingent in the Kula leasehold controversy, unlawfully tried to take possession of the property by force, with the aid of nine Chinese, and that he broke down the door to the house in which the petitioner was living, and caused him to be roughly handled.

The incident in question was the attempt of the Yip Lan contestants to take possession of the property, following a decree of the court in the matter. Another phase of the same controversy was the citing for contempt of Toyosaki Kiyamoto, it being charged that he had harvested some of the crops upon the land in question, contrary to the court's injunction. A motion of Kiyamoto's attorney, Eugene Murphy, to quash, was denied by Judge Edings yesterday, and the case has been continued till next Wednesday. Following the injunction granted by Judge Edings, Pia Cockett was appointed administrator of the property, with instructions to care for such crops as might need attention. Kiyamoto is charged with having harvested some of these without Cockett's knowledge.

Noted Sportsman Likes Maui Game Fishing

F. K. Burnham, a prominent sportsman of Martinez, California, who arrived on Maui on Wednesday evening, to try the game fishing of Maui waters, got his first strike yesterday morning, off Molokini, where he spent several hours with H. Gooding Field. Although a heavy rain storm frightened the Japanese sampan man into insisting on running for shelter, within two hours after the fishing grounds were reached Mr. Burnham was amply satisfied that Maui fishing had not been overrated. As a result of the short trip he and Mr. Field brought home two 4-foot dolphin and a 6-foot one, and a number of smaller fish, totaling about 80 pounds in all, besides the head of a big ahi. This was all that the anglers were able to save from the greedy jaws of a big shark which followed the hooked fish right up to the gunwale of the boat.

Mr. Burnham is accompanied by his wife, and is stopping at the Maui Hotel. Both he and Mrs. Burnham have enviable reputations as big game hunters. They have hunted and fished practically all over North America, and but recently spent some weeks in one of the most remote sections of the Canadian Rockies hunting grizzly bear. Mr. Burnham is also the owner of the famous series of "Dixie" motor speed boats, which made such marvelous records a few years ago. He is particularly interested in game fishing, however, and is out again today to try his luck. It is his expressed intention to send for his big \$11,000 Hudson motor car, which he left in Honolulu, and to spend some time on Maui.

Promotionists Will Arrive Here Tonight

It has been arranged for the Promotion Committee members to meet with Maui citizens, at the Wailuku court house, at 2 o'clock, tomorrow afternoon. Everybody interested in promotion work in any phase, is urged to be present.

According to last reports from Honolulu, the full membership of the Hawaii Promotion Committee will arrive tonight for its first meeting on this island. L. A. Thurston, who is in Hilo, and G. H. Vears, the Hawaii member, are expected to arrive by the Mauna Kea, while E. A. Berndt, chairman, George Angus, A. F. Wall, Ben Hollinger, Ed Towse, D. P. R. Isenberg, and Secretary A. P. Taylor will come up on the Claudine. All will land at Lahaina and come to Wailuku tomorrow morning.

It is planned to have the members make the ascent of Haleakala this afternoon or tomorrow, under the guidance of W. O. Aiken, the Maui member of the committee, and a meeting with Wailuku citizens will probably be held tomorrow afternoon. It is planned to give a dinner on Monday evening at the Maui Hotel before the party leaves for Lahaina to take the Mauna Kea back to Honolulu.

The flood did much damage in Honolulu and the wind unroofed a number of houses. On Kauai the new concrete piered wharf at Nawiliwili was partly destroyed.

Big Row May Come Over County Policy

Makawao Waterworks Again In Storm Center—County Engineer May Re- sign Or Get Fired.

Beneath the more or less placid surface of routine business of the board of supervisors this week, there is every indication that things are sizing, and that an eruption of some sort is due before the pressure can be relieved.

When the expected eruption is over the county may or may not have a county engineer. It may or may not have adopted a progressive policy with regard to the management of the Makawao waterworks. George Copp may or may not have been appointed to the position of superintendent of the Makawao waterworks system.

It is understood that County Engineer Cox has made it clear that he will not hold his position unless his duties and responsibilities are definitely defined, but thus far in the session none of these matters have more than been touched upon. There is a possibility that a compromise will be arrived at, whereby the county engineer will be given authority over the waterworks systems of the county, but will be considered merely as a "consulting engineer" in road work, with no responsibility as to how such work is executed.

It has been currently reported for several weeks that George Copp was to resign his position as district overseer, and accept the place of superintendent of the Makawao waterworks. Copp has been present at the board meeting during the past two days, but he has not yet resigned the job he now holds, nor has he been appointed to the waterworks job. If Copp takes the new position it is understood that it will be upon the assurance that real steps be taken to rehabilitate the run down system, towards which end the supervisors are asked to appropriate \$12,000 for use in the next six months.

Working On Appropriations.

The board was in session until midnight last night on discussions of matters of more or less importance, among which was that of the Makawao pipeline, and it seemed practically decided at adjournment that this work, as recommended by the committee of investigation, some time ago, be undertaken. This afternoon it is expected that the semi-annual appropriation ordinance will be under consideration, and this may not be completed until tomorrow. It will probably not be until tomorrow that the several matters of vital importance in the policy of the county, as before mentioned, will have been settled.

Kawahara, Japanese Convict, Is In Wailuku

In order that he might appear in the case which he has brought against his sister-in-law, Sada Kuwahara, for the possession of certain property claimed by him in Wailuku, Rinsabura Kuwahara, a Japanese murderer who is serving a sentence of 35 years in the Oahu Prison, was brought to Wailuku on Wednesday evening, in custody of Deputy Warden Nielsen, and is now in the County jail. Kuwahara, who was a tinsmith in Wailuku, stabbed his brother to death some 7 years ago in a dispute over the same property for which he is now bringing suit in the circuit court.

His return has been the occasion of a considerable demonstration on the part of the local Japanese, among whom the convict numbers many friends, and the jail has been besieged by many visitors ever since his arrival. He is represented in the case by E. R. Bevins, as his attorney.

Loan Fund Board Calls For Kuiaha Tenders

At a meeting of the Maui loan fund commissioners, held last Friday night, the contract for the labor and construction of the kitchen and dining room building and the ice plant and cold storage room structure at the Kula Sanitarium, was let to Hugh Howell and Paul F. Lada, at their bid of \$2185. Time 60 days. The tenders for this work was very close. J. C. Foss, Jr., bid \$2000, or but \$15 more than the successful bidder, while J. A. Aheong offered to do the job for \$2300.

The board also called for tenders for the macadamizing of the home-stand road through the Kuiaha home-stands, for which \$35,000 was appropriated, and these tenders are to be opened at 7:30 p. m., January 28. Work has already been started by Howell and Lada on their contract for constructing the Kibel home-stand road, which was awarded them several weeks ago. Fortunately they had not made much progress on the work, or the storm of last Saturday and Sunday would probably have undone most of it.

Sanitarium School Plan Is Approved

Supervisors Will Ask Sanction Of School Department—Board Also Approves Plans Of Management.

The Kula Sanitarium is to have a school of its own, provided the department of public instruction will sanction it. The matter was passed upon by the board of supervisors, this morning, and approved. Dr. Durney, superintendent of the institution, Senator H. A. Baldwin, and Dr. W. F. McConkey, representing the managing committee of the sanitarium, were present at this morning session and brought this and other matters to the attention of the board. At the present time there are 8 children in the sanitarium that should have school facilities, and the committee reported that twenty or more pre-tubercular children in the district, now in the regular public schools, should be taken into the new school provided it is established.

The supervisors also approved the recommendation that a business and outside superintendent be appointed as assistant to Dr. Durney, who, with the growth of the institution is unable to devote sufficient time to the multitudinous duties he is now called upon to perform. The appointment will be made later.

Managing Committee To Be Enlarged.

In order that the work of combating tuberculosis may be made more effective, through keeping the people of Maui in closer touch with what is being done, it was also decided to increase the managing committee of the sanitarium from 5 to 9 members. Two of the four new members are to be ladies. The naming of these additional members will probably be made this afternoon or tomorrow.

Big Storm Claims One Victim at Hana

Caught by the heavy sea breaking at the foot of the main street in Hana, at an early hour last Sunday morning, D. K. Uaiwa, a blacksmith at Hana, was swept out into the bay and drowned. His dead body was found on the beach at the far side of the harbor on Sunday afternoon.

Considerable mystery surrounded the drowning, and at first there was a suspicion of foul play, from the fact that Uaiwa had been drinking with a crowd of acquaintances on Saturday evening at a house out on the point at the west side of the harbor, and it was known that the party had been a boisterous one. Sheriff Crowell went over to Hana on Tuesday to look into the matter, and satisfied himself that the man, in attempting to pass around the warehouse at the foot of the street had fallen into the heavy surf which was running at the time, and been swept to his death. This was the verdict of the coroner's jury which sat on the case.

The deceased was 32 years of age, and leaves a wife and seven children.

Polo Season Soon To Open On New Field

Maui polo games this season will doubtless be played all on the new Kailua field, near Keahua, instead of at Sunnyside, as in the past. Practice will probably commence on the new grounds within a few weeks. The new ground has been plowed, levelled, and rolled, and now has a fine manure turf. Two attendants' cottages have been constructed, and a stable with accommodations for 40 horses is about completed. This last named structure has a big over-hang of roof all around it, beneath which it will be possible to walk the ponies when they come in from play.

At the present time there are a dozen or more horses at the ground, in charge of J. A. Tiernan, an expert horseman.

Seaman of Melrose Drowned at Kahului

John Gregerson, a sailor aboard the lumber schooner Melrose, was drowned in Kahului harbor shortly before 7 o'clock last evening. Up to time of going to press this afternoon, the body had not been recovered. The man had been drinking during the day, and as he was walking near the side of the vessel, on the deck load of lumber, he either staggered over the side or tripped, and fell into the water.

Other members of the crew witnessed the accident, and a rope was tossed to him, but although he rose to the surface once, he sank again immediately and was seen no more. It is said that the drowned man was a poor swimmer, and almost drowned a year or two ago in Honolulu harbor when he accidentally fell overboard. He was a Swede, and his age was 41 years.

TEXAS SEETHING OVER MEXICAN ATROCITIES

Demand On Washington For Intervention—Carranza Promises Punishment Of Murderers—Monte- negro About To Succumb To Austrians

HONOLULU, January 14.—Sugar, \$92.60.

EL PASO, January 14.—"Remember the Alamo! Did we watch and wait then? Remember Cushi! Shall we watch and wait now?" 50,000 cards bearing these words, have been distributed here as a part of the anti-American outbreak which has turned city into a great riot with Americans hunting Mexicans and driving them out of the city, for safety. Martial law declared by Gen. Pershing. Greasers attacked wherever found.

HONOLULU, January 14.—Soldiers from 9th Cavalry, a colored regiment, passing through, make raid on Iwilei district, and cause riot when white women of the district draw color line. Martial law declared, and troops sent from Fort Shafter to protect citizens. Houses were looted and women were beaten up by the men. 500 colored soldiers were engaged in the fracas.

Hundreds of Chinese and caucasians visited the first steamer of the new enterprise. Three more vessels are wanted for the Chinese Mail service.

WASHINGTON, January 14.—Jane Adams is opposed to great army plan and raps promoters. She says preparedness demand is a result of panic, and asks congress to delay conference while Gen. Bliss approves plan to create great army of volunteers.

Gen. Huerta ends life as result of operation which failed to save his life. He was under indictment as a plotter against the United States.

NEW YORK, January 14.—British steamer Huronian, with cotton from Galveston, was attacked by a submarine on December 29, while off British coast. Vessel was crippled but not sunk.

NEW YORK, January 14.—The new viceroy for India will probably be Lord Chelmsford, governor of New South Wales.

TOKIO, January 14.—The Mikado is planning to send an envoy to King George to cement more firmly the English-Japanese alliance, and to discuss plans for dispatching more Japanese troops to the war.

WASHINGTON, January 14.—Carranza says that Villa outlaws will be hunted down and shot. Representative of defacto president in Washington assures a cleansing. Murder of American citizens is deplored, and promises of reprisal are made. While diplomats exchange warnings, both houses of congress ring with demands for instant intervention.

WASHINGTON, January 13.—The killing of Karl Kramer, an American, has been officially reported in dispatches sent to Washington by Collector of Customs Cobb, of El Paso. Kramer was shot by Mexican bandits, near Guerra. State Department is further informed that at the massacre on Tuesday of 18 American mining men, two Villa colonels were in command.

LONDON, January 13.—According to dispatches from Rome, the Kaiser's illness has become so serious that his sister, Queen Sophia of Greece has been summoned by telegraph to bedside of her brother. Queen Sophia is making preparations to start immediately.

Allies have landed food supplies for 150,000 Serbians in Albania, in order to avert threatened famine of the Serbian refugees in various parts of the Balkans.

PARIS, January 13.—Cetinje, capital of Montenegro, believed to be virtually impregnable, will soon be no longer in the hands of the king and his people. The Austrian advance is so rapid from the Adriatic sea coast that the capital is already doomed. Austrian troops including strong artillery force from Catarro and Budua reached Ribiez, 5 miles from Antivari. The latter town is now under bombardment from long range guns, which the Austrians have with them. Only a matter of time before Antivari will fall.

LONDON, January 13.—Athens has lodged a formal protest with the entente powers against their occupation of the Greek island of Corfu. Allies are using it for military purposes.

EL PASO, January 13.—Texas public sentiment against further delay in securing prompt retribution for killing of Americans in Mexico, has grown so high here that a petition is being circulated asking that Col. Roosevelt use his influence with congress to change the policy of the government which has heretofore refused to exercise its paternal duty to protect American lives and property abroad. Americans in Chihuahua are reported today to be fighting against a band led by Gen. Jose Rodrigues, who was in command of the Villa force which killed the mining men on Tuesday.

HONOLULU, January 13.—Judge Wilder keeps up his fight against the Governor, by publishing an open letter in reply to remarks of Governor in cable to Washington, reflecting on "figment of imagination."

Josh Tucker returned to his office yesterday for the first time since the first of the year. He may be ousted before his term expires.

Los Angeles is taking steps to establish trade with Hawaii.

Annual inspection of the Hawaii militia has been ordered. Captain Lincoln in charge.

EL PASO, January 13.—Public wrath increasing over murders of Americans by Villa's troops. The crime was work of demons and public fury on mainland increases as details arrive. One of the victims was beheaded.

WASHINGTON, January 13.—"Carranza will be given a fair trial," said Senator Stone last night, "to show that he is willing and able to protect foreigners. If he fails, armed intervention will follow to restore order." Steps are to be taken in both houses to force hand of administration.

LOS ANGELES, January 13.—Schmidt, on conviction of dynamite plotting, was given life sentence, and time to make appeal.

LONDON, January 13.—Petrograd reports a general lull along the Bukovina front. Austrians and Germans have ceased counter attack, because of great losses sustained.

Vienna reports that Russians have attempted in vain an offensive.

TOKIO, January 13.—While Count Okuma was returning from a reception to the Russian ambassador, an unidentified man stepped from shadow of a wall and threw two bombs at his automobile. Neither struck him, and while the machine and roadway were torn to smithens,

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