

The Pacific Commercial Advertiser

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, January 1.—Last 24 Hours' Rainfall, .00. Temperature, Max. 75; Min. 67. Weather, cloudy; fresh trades.

SUGAR.—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.67c. Per Ton, \$73.40. 88 Analysis Beets, 10c. Per Ton, \$82.20.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1909.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE TO COME HERE

Honolulu Gets the Honor It Has Been Working for and Will Be the Mecca of American Scientists Next Year.

News that the American Association for the Advancement of Science would hold its next convention in Honolulu was received by cable yesterday by President A. F. Griffiths, of Oahu College, the message being signed by William Alanson Bryan. The convention will therefore be held in this city during the summer of 1910. Mr. Bryan's message was dated at Baltimore, and read as follows:

"Association unanimously reaffirms decision convention Honolulu, 1910. Jordan, president; Brigham, fellow."

The message means that President David Starr Jordan of Stanford University has been chosen as the head of the association and that Dr. Brigham of the Bishop Museum, this city, has been elected a fellow.

When the opportunity was known to be in hand for getting the next convention of the association in Honolulu, a meeting was held at the office of Acting Governor Mott-Smith, and a committee appointed by Mr. Mott-Smith, including Governor Frear, President A. F. Griffiths of Oahu College, and A. F. Judd. The business of presenting Honolulu's claims as a proper place to hold the next convention was entrusted to this committee. In this work they were greatly assisted by Mr. Bryan, the originator of the idea, and D. L. Van Dine of the United States Experiment Station. A pamphlet on the association and what Honolulu offers was prepared and distributed far and wide by the Promotion Committee.

The committee will get together in a day or two to try to work out some preliminary plan. The committee will call a meeting of the same persons who met in Mr. Mott-Smith's office before the committee was selected, to perfect the organization. Subcommittees on transportation, entertainment, halls and programs will be appointed.

President Jordan is a friend of Hawaii, and his elevation to the presidency has no doubt been of great assistance to those who favored this as the next convention city. The association has a membership of five thousand, composed mostly of scientists and professors of colleges. Included in the membership are some of the most eminent scientists of the day.

The local committee will take up the matter more closely with the Promotion Committee, and will advertise the convention.

BISHOP RINGS ARE TO BE SEEN

Volcano Dust Hazing the Sky Is From Sicily.

For the first time since the phenomena were first noted in 1883, volcanic sun rings were visible on Thursday, being seen by the one who first discovered and identified them after the tremendous volcanic eruption of Krakatoa. Dr. Sereno Bishop, in whose honor the theory of the cause of the phenomena is known to the scientific world as the Bishop theory and the sun rings, which form a part of the phenomena, known as Bishop rings. Dr. Bishop stated yesterday that the phenomena observed by him on Thursday, and probably observed elsewhere throughout the world by other scientists, prove the correctness of his theory. The sun rings and the brilliant sunrises and sunsets of the past few days are due to the great volcanic disturbances of Monday last in the south of Italy and Sicily, following which the awful death list marks it as one of the greatest disasters in the history of the world.

"I have nearly lived my day," said the veteran scientist yesterday. "I am fast nearing the end, but I am thankful that I have lived to see again the Bishop rings. I am not thankful for the cause of them, that terrible disaster of which the cables from Sicily are telling, but I regard it as wonderful that I have been spared for twenty-five years to see again the wonderful sun effects, the hazy skies and the ring about the sun, just as I saw them after the great Krakatoa disaster in '83. The

appearance of our sky now and the wonderful sunsets we are having are traceable to the Sicilian seismic disturbances. There were no such manifestations following the San Francisco and Valparaiso earthquakes, you will remember, and that was because those disturbances were not accompanied by volcanic action.

"The sun ring, or the Bishop ring as it is now scientifically termed, was particularly clear yesterday morning. It encircled the sun in much the same manner as the ordinary rings encircle the moon, apparently about the same size. The ring was plain and showed the prismatic colors faintly, with a bright red inner ring.

"My theory for this phenomenon is that the volcanic disturbances and (Continued on Page Four.)

MARINES MAY EN CAMP ON PUNCHBOWL RESERVATION

It is stated on unofficial authority that a camp for marines will shortly be built on the army reservation on Punchbowl, probably on the flat on the Makiki side of the dead crater. The marines who will shortly be on their way to Honolulu on the cruiser Buffalo will go to Pearl Harbor, the matter of preparing a camp for them on that reservation being already under way, and whether it will be a portion of that force who will occupy the Punchbowl camp or another force to arrive later is not known. In connection with the reported Punchbowl camp it will be noted that if the report be confirmed and the marines located there there will be men on every one of the various reservations—Army and Naval—in and around Honolulu.

Owing to the fact that the work at Leilehua has no promise of permanency, the effort to procure carpenters and other skilled workmen by advertisement has not met with success. Short jobs are not being sought for by workmen who are at present employed. Should the work require a long period, plenty of carpenters would be glad to avail themselves of the opportunity to have their names placed on Uncle Sam's payroll.

It is not likely that work on the barracks for the garrisons of the artillery

THE DEATH ROLL IS OVER 200,000



"LA CALA," PALERMO (THE OLD HARBOR), PARTIALLY RUINED BY THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE.

Shocks and Rains Continue---Palaces for Hospitals --- Earthquake at Algiers.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

MESSINA, January 2.—Professor Ricco, Director of the Aetnan Observatory, estimates that the dead will exceed two hundred thousand.

SHOCKS CONTINUE.
Earthquake shocks and cold rains are continuing. An efficient distribution of food has been organized. Catania is one vast hospital.

PALACES FOR HOSPITALS.

ROME, January 2.—The Royal palaces at Rome and Caserta have been turned into hospitals.

QUAKE AT ALGIERS.

ALGIERS, January 2.—An earthquake occurred here yesterday.

SUBMARINE VOLCANO OFF GEORGIA COAST.
NORFOLK, Virginia, January 2.—Officers of two steamers report submarine volcanic action two hundred miles off the coast of Georgia, with a wide area of boiling water.

AFTERNOON SERVICE.

NAPLES, January 1.—Reports received here are to the effect that still another great tidal wave, to add horror to the fearful earthquake and tidal wave of Monday last, has swept the Strait of Messina.

REFUGEE SHIPS OVERDUE.

Two ships full-loaded with survivors, most of whom are wounded, which should have reached here before this, have not yet shown up. They are long overdue, and it is feared that they have been swamped and all aboard lost in the latest tidal wave following the recent convulsions.

LIPARI ISLANDS SAFE.

ROME, January 1.—Information coming to this city this morning announces the heretofore unknown fact that the Lipari Islands were not immune from the tremendous quakes of Monday. These islands were severely shaken, but there is as yet no report of any deaths having occurred there.

ONE CITY'S ENORMOUS FATALITY.

It is now definitely ascertained that deaths from the earthquake in the city of Reggio alone will total twenty thousand. The wreck of surrounding villages adds seven thousand more deaths to the roll.

BURNING THE BODIES.

The ruins of cities and towns and villages, where deaths have numbered into the thousands, are being covered with quicklime for the purpose of destroying corpses and allaying the stench and the danger of pestilence. So wholesale is the work of death that those endeavoring to dispose of the remains can not cope with the situation and quicklime is being resorted to for sanitary reasons.

EMIGRANT BOATS WITH SURVIVORS.

Emigrant steamships are being used to transport the survivors of the earthquake to ports where they may receive the attention of nurses and surgeons.

AMERICAN FAMILY WIPED OUT.

Former American Vice Consul Pierce, at Messina, together with his family, perished in the ruins of the city.

FORTY-ONE CAPITAL SENTENCES

YEKATERENOSLAV, January 2.—The Military Court has pronounced forty-one death sentences, mostly against railroad strikers, who committed offences against public order in 1905.

A NEW YEAR BATTLE

WARSAW, January 2.—Four men were killed yesterday in a fight between Socialists and Nationalists.

THREE PROHIBITION STATES

ATLANTA, Georgia, January 2.—Prohibition went into effect yesterday in North Carolina, Mississippi, and Alabama.

GIVING IN TURN.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 1.—The citizens of San Francisco have contributed \$76,720 for the fund to be sent to the Italians who are destitute as the result of the earthquake.

ANDERSON FOR CHIEF.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 1.—Captain Anderson, one of the veterans of the local police force, has been appointed to the important post of chief of detectives under the new police regime in this city.

AGAIN IN OFFICE.

ALBANY, New York, January 1.—The inaugural ceremonies of Governor Hughes' second administration took place here today.

GENEROUS NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, January 1.—The fund raised in this city for the relief of the sufferers in Southern Italy and Sicily has reached half a million dollars already.

NEW YEAR RECEPTIONS AT BERLIN AND WASHINGTON

BERLIN, January 2.—At his reception yesterday the Kaiser received the American, British, Japanese and Turkish ambassadors.

WASHINGTON, January 2.—At his New Year reception yesterday the President exchanged greetings with six thousand people.

MRS. ISOI GAVE HERSELF AWAY

Pinkerton Story Impossible--- Protection Money Hawked Around Town.

A sensational story was published in the Star yesterday to the effect that the Washington authorities had sent to Hawaii, in company with Special Agent Harr, a Pinkerton detective. The detective, according to the story, was to look into the history of the ones investigating the Breckon's investigation, while Harr was to investigate Breckons. The Star located the Pinkerton in their story and all but published an interview with him.

The only fault that may be found with this journalistic achievement is that it could not possibly be so. There is an act of Congress, passed a few years ago and still in force, which prohibits any Federal department from employing a Pinkerton or any other private detective. It may be possible

that a Secret Service man is in Hawaii or has been here, and it is equally possible that there may have been investigations which have resulted in securing a slot in the present expose of the Twelve Dollar Club, but there never was, and never could be, while the act of Congress prohibiting it remains in force, any Pinkerton man here for any Federal government work.

As a matter of fact, the present expose was made more or less by accident, Mrs. Isoi herself relating the facts as to the collection of money with which to secure the services of those supposed to be able to exert an influence over the police. The amount at first collected, prior to the arrival of the Atlantic fleet, was a thousand dollars. This was hawked around town and offered to several lawyers. Among those to whom it was offered by Isoi was W. A. Kinney and Judge Edgings, the services asked from each of them being that they "see" Sheriff Iaukea and induce him to pull off his police. Both these lawyers refused to have anything to do with the matter. What (Continued on Page 5.)

MAYOR MAY DO SOME TRADING FOR SUPPORT

Mayor-elect Fern has not as yet talked over the personnel of the Board of Supervisor committees with the Democratic County Committee, according to a statement made yesterday by Senator McCarthy, chairman of the committee. As it is unlikely that the Mayor will make any announcement of his choice until after he has taken the County committeemen into his confidence and considered any suggestions they may have to make, there will probably be no announcements of committees until Monday, possibly not until the new board convenes.

There is a considerable curiosity as to what Mr. Fern will do in this choosing of standing committees and their chairmen. It is rumored that the chairmanship of the committee on roads and bridges, the committee on police and one other important committee will go where they will do the Mayor most good and secure him the most support. It is said that Chairman Hustace managed to beat out Cox for the presiding chair in the present board through the way he agreed to fill the committee chairmanships and that Fern is quite willing to follow the example. In this event the Democratic member of the board will have to forego any important chairmanship for the sake of letting his chief hand out the best seats for the support he can gather thereby. The names of the chairmen chosen or who will probably be chosen, should there be a chance to do some dickering, are not those of Quinn and Logan.