

KAUAI PHYSICIAN WRITES DR. JUDD TO LEARN FACTS AS TO 'ATROCITY'

Dr. Hofmann Refers to Shelling of French Hospital as Told in Star-Bulletin

Keala, January 3, 1916.
 Editor of Honolulu Star-Bulletin,
 Honolulu.

Dear Sir:

Your paper of September 30, 1915, contained a letter written by Dr. James R. Judd, in which a passage headed by you 'Shelling of a Hospital,' ran thus: "A few days ago a French army surgeon told us that his field hospital was bombarded by airships in spite of the fact that he moved it frequently from house to house. One day he gave out that it was to be moved to a certain house but did not move it and sure enough that house was bombarded. The German spy system seems to be very thorough and efficient and that is one reason that none can get to the trenches where the fighting is going on."

Writes to Dr. Judd.

I addressed, on account of this paragraph to Dr. James R. Judd the following letter:

Keala, October 2, 1915.
 Dr. James R. Judd,
 Ambulance Americaine,
 Jutty, France.

Dear Doctor:

Enclosed copy of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin of September 30 contains a letter written by you in which a very strong charge against the methods of warfare of the German army is mentioned. That a hospital has been bombarded even from aeroplanes by mistake would seem not impossible. But to follow up by aerial attack a hospital marked by Red Cross signs and not containing any means for offensive or defensive warfare would be a crime that not only every German would condemn but most of all, I am absolutely sure, all authorities of the German army. The spy story connected with it is unimportant as to the character of the accusation and sounds too much like the old stories of 1870 to be taken seriously.

The accusation itself would be quite irrelevant for me as raised by a French army surgeon, but your name connected with it as authority gives it great importance for the Hawaiian islands. You see by the editorial introduction that a superficial reader has to accept it as your own experience.

I realize that your letter was probably not intended for publication, that you give in it your source of information and that you mention the tale only without any own comment as illustration, why French army authorities do not allow foreigners to go to the front.

But though such accusations have been proved again and again to be without any foundation as soon as followed up closely (you may remember the "Round Robin" published by five American war correspondents, James O'Donnell Bennett, John T. McCutcheon, Irvin S. Cobb, Harry Hansen and Roger Lewis about alleged "German cruelties in Belgium") your name in connection with this story will be accepted here as proof of its truth.

I write to ask you kindly to let me know for truth's sake, which hospital has had this experience, at what place and at what time, if possible the name of your authority, the French army surgeon. After the long time elapsed since the alleged occurrence there can not be a betrayal of military secrets in giving this information; on the contrary it must be in the interest of the French cause to publish the details of such facts. I will then certainly employ all means to get from official sources the German version about the same affair and promise you to let you know it as soon as possible. But I will reserve the right to use it here for publication in the same way as your letter was published.

I was very glad to read in your letter about the peacefulness and the good preservation of the country you describe, because a good part of it has been under German occupation last year and this alone discredits so many of the "Hun" tales so widely propagated by the English.

Hoping that you will find time to give me the desired details of the alleged attacks on this French hospital, I remain,

Yours truly,
DR. K. HOFMANN.

Dr. Judd's Reply.

I received by last mail from Dr. Judd the following answer:

Jutty, November 25, 1915.
 Dr. K. Hofmann,
 Keala, Kauai,
 Hawaii, U. S.

Dear Dr. Hofmann:

In reply to your letter of October 20, I would say that I had no intention of offending my German acquaintances or of entering into any controversy as to whether the Germans had bombarded hospitals or not. I simply related an instance which would serve as an illustration of how efficient Germany's knowledge was of what the enemy was doing. There was no mention of the building having been marked by a Red Cross or having contained a single patient. If anyone draws such a deduction from the editorial, the editor of the newspaper is to blame and not myself. I cannot give you any further information as to the incident as I know nothing more about it and have no means of ascertaining anything further. As you write, "the letter was not intended for publication." That is true; it was simply a means devised by my brother to answer the many questions from my friends and acquaintances as to what I was doing.

My position over here as a non-combatant alien exists purely for humanitarian motives and I cannot enter into any controversy with you as to whether atrocities have been committed or not. If nothing has been proved as yet, time and history will decide it

and some day the whole world will know the truth.

Trusting that this letter will find you in good health, I remain,
 Yours very truly,
 JAMES R. JUDD.

Nothing Tangible Learned.

I am very thankful to Dr. Judd for his courteous letter and the statement of his "neutral" standpoint even in midst of his French surroundings.

As to facts, nothing tangible is to be learned to substantiate the charge. I do not see what is left of the character of the field hospital, if it should not have been marked externally as such and had not contained patients and wonder why the Germans should pay a certainly rather expensive spy system and risk their aviators and aeroplanes and spend their bombs to damage medical supplies.

Thanking you if you will give room in your paper to this attempted verification of facts, I remain,
 Yours truly,
 DR. K. HOFMANN.

[The letters reprinted above, through the interest and anxiety for accuracy of Dr. Hofmann, are of unusual import. The Star-Bulletin would emphasize the fact that there is nothing to justify the inference that this paper commented upon the incidents narrated by Dr. Judd, and to this extent the references to such comment are baseless. All that the Star-Bulletin did was to print the letter as it reached this paper, with an introduction which mentioned what Dr. Judd had said about the shelling of a French hospital.]

NAVY OFFICIALS WANT GOOD TEST OF SUBMARINES

Neither the K nor the L types of submarines have been accepted by the Navy Department. The K boats have done some splendid work on preliminary trials, but the builders are not ready to submit them to the final test. The L boats have not taken a preliminary test, and will not until the contractors have made some changes in them. The secretary of the navy is exercising the greatest care in inspecting submarines, insisting that all should come up to the letter of the government's specifications. He believes that as the submarine is still in the experimental stage the government should be protected against any defects that develop in the boat. It is understood that the chief trouble is with the defective storage batteries. Despite all the claims of the manufacturers the battery problem has not been solved. In some quarters it is believed that a dependable submarine will never be obtained until a single unit of power is developed.

The Navy Department is making some experiments in this direction, and one of the old submarines will be equipped with what is known as the Neff system of propulsion if authority can be obtained this season from Congress for the expenditure of sufficient funds to install the new system of power.—Army and Navy Journal.

YOSHIHITO GOING TO STATION TO WELCOME ENVOY FROM RUSSIA

(Special Cable to Nippu Jiji)
 TOKIO, Japan, Jan. 7.—For the first time in the history of Japan, a Japanese emperor will personally welcome a representative of another nation. Emperor Yoshihito has announced that he will go to the railroad station in Tokio to welcome Prince Mihaerovitch, who will arrive in Tokio on January 11.

Prince Mihaerovitch will bring the news of a better understanding between the two nations, and great preparations are being made for his reception here. Newspapers of this city are commenting upon the proposed visit of the Russian prince and the people are awaiting with interest the outcome of his visit. He will arrive in Kobe on January 10 and will then come to this city on the following day.

CHINESE SAILORS PASS SEAMEN'S TEST IN S. F.

That 10 sailors of the China Mail steamer China's deck crew of 25 men successfully passed the examination for able seamen's certificates, as required by the new Seamen's Law, was the news brought to Honolulu today by Capt. K. Hashimoto of the T. K. K. liner Persia Maru.

"This gives the steamer the necessary 40 per cent of able seamen in her deck crew," said Capt. Hashimoto, who said he thought the total number of Chinese in the former Pacific Mail boat's crew was 140. Capt. Hashimoto said he is sure the China will arrive here next Wednesday, as scheduled.

FORD PEACE PARTY AT GERMAN CAPITAL

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
 BERLIN, Germany, Jan. 8.—Several members of the Ford peace party reached Berlin yesterday afternoon. They have not been officially recognized, but have been given permission to do journalistic work here.

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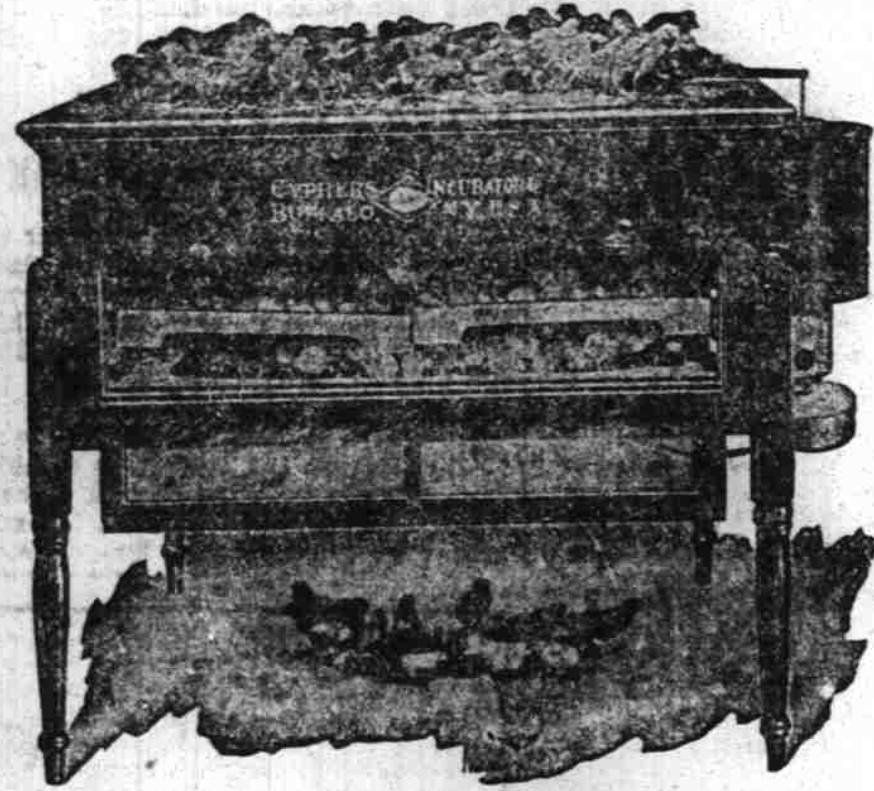
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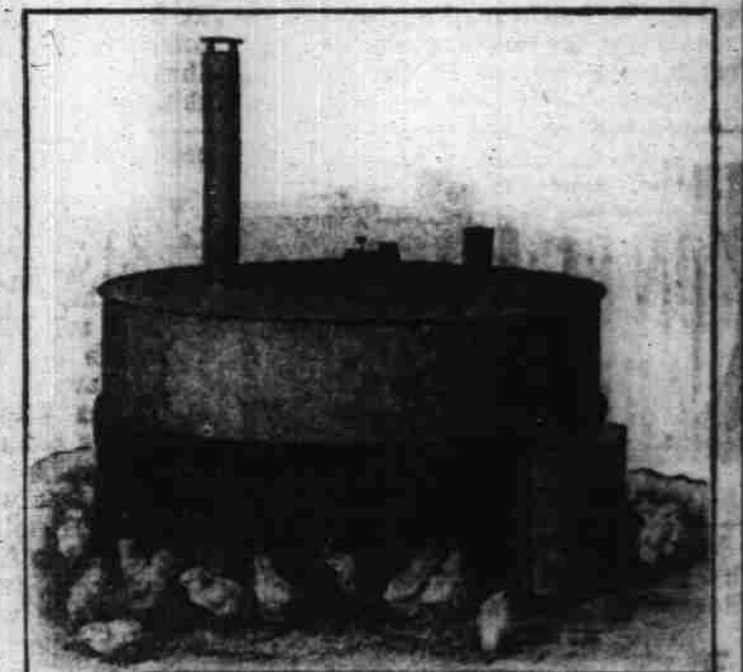
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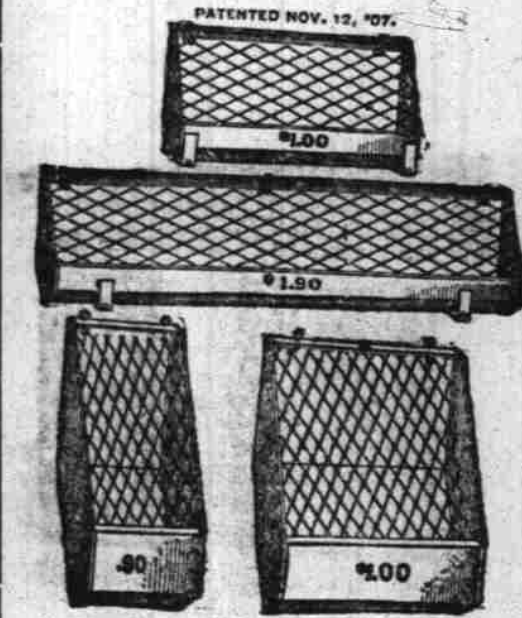
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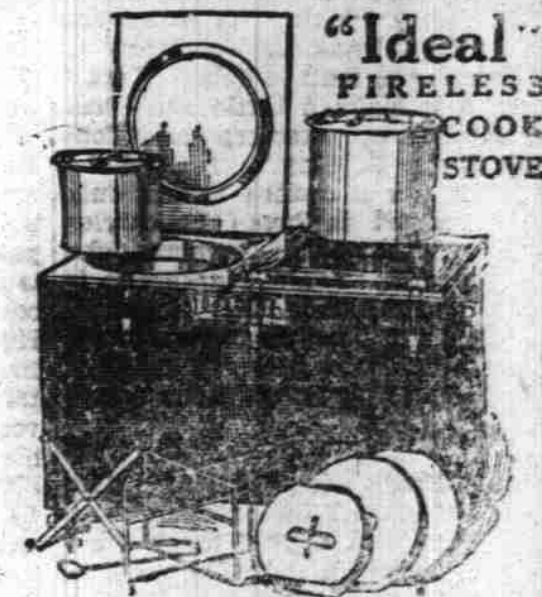
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