

The Pacific Commercial Advertiser

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, January 9.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, .18.
Temperature, Max. 77; Min. 67. Weather, variable.

SUGAR—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.55c.; Per Ton, \$71.
88 Analysis Beets, 8s. 8 1/4d.; Per Ton, \$76.20.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1907.

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COMMERCE MEN TAKE ACTION ON PUBLIC MATTERS

Chamber Considers the Support of Militia and the Hilo Breakwater Favorably—Hague Conference.

There was a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon at which important business was transacted. The action of the Chamber at the last meeting relative to the support of the militia was reconsidered whereat Mr. Galt waxed exceedingly glad, for he was the member who worked for the passage of a motion to that effect on a previous occasion. Among other things was the endorsement of the Hilo breakwater scheme by commercial bodies in different parts of the United States, communications to that effect having been received by Mr. Wood.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and the same were adopted and placed on file. Following this he read the minutes of the joint meeting of this organization and the Merchants' Association held in December. These were filed.

Mr. Bowen from the committee on membership reported applications from Messrs. H. P. Baldwin and Richard Ivers, both of whom were unanimously elected by ballot.

There were several communications, among them one from Geo. B. McClellan acknowledging receipt of his salary and another from H. C. Phillips bearing upon the Hague Conference. W. R. Castle, who was present upon invitation, told of his visit to Mohonk last year. He said there were two meetings at Mohonk each year the one in the Spring being set for the discussion of the benefits derived from the sessions of the Hague Tribunal. Two hundred decisions had been handed down by the Tribunal not one of which had been questioned by a Government interested. The speaker told of the classes attending the conferences saying they ranged from an associate justice of the United States Supreme Court to the representatives of the large business houses all over the mainland.

The remarks were interesting and acting upon a motion, a vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Castle.

The Secretary of the New York Board of Trade wrote a request for representation at the convention to be held in Washington for the Extension of Foreign Commerce. This meeting will be held on the 14th inst., and will be attended by Mr. Hatch, representing the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. McClellan wrote concerning the light at Makapuu Point. This is a matter that had been placed in the hands of Mr. Wood and he was called upon to report. He said he had seen Captain Slattery and his successor, Captain Otwell, also Captain Carter. They promised to aid the matter to the extent of their power. Mr. McClellan asked for certain information and as it had been supplied by Secretary Wood it was not thought advisable to go further into the matter.

The Hilo Chamber of Commerce wrote concerning the assistance it was expected the Honolulu body would give the sister city in the plan to secure an appropriation for a breakwater. After this was read, Mr. Wood proceeded to read communications from the following organizations, each of which contained promises to aid the matter to the extent of their influence:

The California Promotion Committee, Portland Chamber of Commerce, City Council of San Francisco, Commercial Club of San Francisco, Chamber of Commerce of Colorado Springs, Colorado: Promotion Committee of Wichita, Kansas; Commercial Club of Topeka, Kansas; The Merchants' Exchange of San Francisco, The Merchants and Manufacturers' Exchange of Los Angeles, The Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association and the Grocers' Association of Southern California. Some of these contained copies

of strong resolutions favoring the project, copies of them having been sent to members of Congress by the organizations adopting them.

Mr. Morgan moved, seconded by Mr. Garvie, that a vote of thanks to Captain Slattery be passed and forwarded to him. This was in appreciation of the work he had done and valuable information he had furnished the Chamber during his detail in this Territory. This carried.

The following quarterly report of Secretary Wood was then read and placed on file.

SECRETARY WOOD'S REPORT.

Honolulu, January 8th, 1907.
Mr. W. M. Giffard, President, Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, City.
Dear Sir: Since presenting my last quarterly report, as secretary of the Hawaii Promotion Committee and acting in accordance with instructions from the committee, I visited the leading cities of the Pacific Coast in the interest of tourist travel to Hawaii, being granted a friendly reception at every point. A direct result of this trip has been an earnest effort on the part of the citizens of Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle to work up excursions to Hawaii, the latest information being to the effect that the plans would in all probability materialize sometime during February or March provided suitable steamship accommodation could be secured. A cablegram just received states that the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Excursion Committee has chartered a steamer to sail from San Pedro February 23rd.

On this trip the leading papers, published on the Pacific Coast, were furnished with a series of up-to-date photographs representative of our scenery and industries for future use in articles descriptive of Hawaii.

I also took occasion, while absent, to renew my acquaintance with the officers of the leading Commercial Organizations of the Pacific Coast and received their assurance that whenever Hawaii needed assistance in pushing any measure in which we were particularly interested their help could be depended upon.

In my last report mention was made of a map showing Hawaii's strategic position which was being compiled in Washington. The first edition of this chart entitled "The Crossroads of the Pacific" was received a few weeks since. It is a splendid bit of work and will undoubtedly prove to be one of the very best pieces of advertising matter ever issued by the Promotion Committee. A new edition is now being prepared, special copies of which will be given to the Secretary of State, also to the Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor, and the Secretary of War, Mr. F. M. Hatch, the representative of the Chamber of Commerce at Washington, has likewise been furnished with a copy, as has Mr. George B. McClellan, the secretary to Delegate Kalaniano'ole.

Samples of enlarged photographs such as the Promotion Committee proposes placing in the leading hotels on the Coast, may now be seen in the committee's rooms. Two more similar pictures, one a view in the beautiful grounds at Moanalua, the other a country road scene, are now on exhibition in Los Angeles where they are attracting a great deal of attention.

The photographic exhibit, recently held in the committee's rooms, passed off successfully and will undoubtedly have a tendency to enlarge the scope and improve the work of amateur photographers throughout the islands.

The teachers of Honolulu have just installed an exhibit of their school work in our rooms, which is most interesting and instructive. Many favorable comments have been made upon this exhibit by strangers, interested in the education of children, who have called at the rooms of the committee.

The advertising that Hawaii is now receiving and will continue to receive from the different steamship companies, during business across the Pacific, and the lines of transcontinental railway, operating in connection with them, will add to the travel this way, which is steadily improving as is well evidenced by the hotel arrivals.

At our request the following data was compiled by the management of the Alexander Young Hotel. (The other hotels were also written to for similar information but have not replied at this writing.)

ALEXANDER YOUNG HOTEL.

Comparative statement of number of guests:

1906	1906
January	2115
February	2298

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Safeguard Hawaii

Army and Navy Journal.

It will be fortunate for National interests if the somewhat panicky talk, both here and in Europe, as to the prospect of war between the United States and Japan, shall spur Congress to positive action looking to the needful defense of our insular possessions. The need of establishing effective defenses for Hawaii and for the Panama Canal is universally conceded, while the need of adequate fortifications for the principal ports of the Philippines has been repeatedly urged by the military and naval authorities. The National Coast Defense Board estimates that the defense for insular ports would cost \$19,873,895, including \$2,900,000 for ammunition, and the Chief of Artillery states that as it would take several years to complete these defenses as recommended by the board were funds available therefore now, it is considered that it would be to the best interests of the Government if these funds were appropriated at the present session of Congress. For the Isthmian Canal ports the same authority estimates that the necessary defenses, including ammunition, would cost \$4,827,682, and it is considered desirable that the construction of these works should begin at once in order that they may be completed and manned when the canal is opened for traffic. The development of defenses for our insular possessions has been too long neglected and should be taken in hand without further delay. Effective fortifications in Hawaii are urgently needed, and on this subject the Honolulu Gazette, speaking from a somewhat narrow range of view, says: "Eastern papers, happily for us, have taken the little tiff with Japan as a text for articles on the defenseless state of Hawaii. It is of note that they are not bothering about the Philippines, as a Japanese enemy in possession there could not menace the United States more than Japan herself may do; and there seems to be a sense of hopelessness that anything could be done to keep a Japanese army out of the Philippines. But one finds a lively appreciation of the fact that the capture of Hawaii would give Japan a military and naval province close to the American mainland, compelling immense defense preparations there; and general acknowledgment that it would be cheaper for the United States to make these islands secure against attack."

HARRY BYNG CHILDREN'S HEARD FROM HOSPITAL

King Kalakaua's Barber Such an Institution Is Finds Native Band Up North. Greatly Needed Here.

Oldtimers will remember Harry Byng, barber to King Kalakaua in 1887. He was prolific of opinions on all questions of statecraft and philosophy and wrote verses by the yard for the papers. After he left Honolulu he traveled for some years in the Oceanic steamers on the Australian mail route. The newspaper men who published his random talks and jingles while he lived here were never without a call from him when his steamer touched at Honolulu.

Now Mr. Byng is heard from again in a letter addressed to one of his editorial friends of twenty years ago, who has long since passed away, but bearing an alias address to another one now on the Advertiser staff. He writes from Hoquiam, Wash., under date of December 22, enclosing the following newspaper clipping:

"HAWAIIAN STRING BAND.

"Harry M. Byng was out last evening with his Hawaiian string band, serenading his friends and, of course, did not neglect The Washingtonian. The boys are employed in the local mills and their music and singing are typical of the Hawaiian isles. They are capable of giving excellent music for parties, excursions, etc., and should be encouraged."

In his letter Mr. Byng says: "Dear Friend: You will be surprised to hear from me after all these years, but on my return here from London, Eng. I thought that I would write to you to let you see that I had not forgotten you and the Hawaiian Islands."

"My dear friend, I met several natives from Honolulu here in this town and they are good musicians. Each one plays the guitar and violin and I took them around to my friends, who welcomed them and they played beautifully and sang the Hawaiian songs."

"Their names are Solomon Kalapina, Charles Kaiama, Frank Levy, M. Kalahina, W. Charman, Joe Mahoo, Jim Solomon. The people here are delighted with them, but one of them by the name of Willie Charman, while working in Lytle's sawmill, had his clothing caught in the machinery and it wound his coat around, tearing it off his body, and broke his left arm in two, between the wrist and elbow. He is resting easy today, as the doctor set the arm and he has the best of care."

"They are all a sober, industrious lot of young Hawaiians and a credit to Honolulu wherever they should go to seek work."

The remainder of the letter is of a private nature.

There is an excellent opportunity for some person or persons philanthropically inclined to perform a much-needed service for Honolulu by endowing a hospital for sick children. The urgent need of such an institution was brought prominently forward during the epidemic of measles last month, during which many children died because of the impossibility of giving them the proper treatment at their homes. In December the mortality in Honolulu was unusually great, and this has been attributed principally to the prevalent disease among the children.

Judge Dele has been giving this matter of the establishment of a hospital for children earnest consideration. In discussing it yesterday with a representative of the Advertiser, he said:

"The unusually heavy mortality in the city last month shows in a striking way the urgent need of some place where the children of our poorer citizens can be taken and properly cared for when sick. I am told by Dr. Judd that many of the deaths among the children last month were due nearly altogether to the lack of proper attention during their illness, attention which could not be given them at their homes, and also to the fact that in the localities where many Hawaiians have their homes the surrounding lands have been flooded in the recent rains and are covered with standing water, making the neighborhoods very unhealthy, conducive to disease and especially harmful to persons already sick."

"In considering these circumstances the need of a children's hospital was brought up. There is no question regarding the good that such an institution would be, not only in saving the lives of many little ones, but in educating the mothers as to the proper treatment of their children. The mothers having children under treatment in the hospital would see how the various ailments are treated, how the children respond physically to cleanliness, bright and cheerful surroundings and proper and kind nursing. They would learn the principles of caring for the sick and the benefits of sanitary surroundings."

"Just how important a matter it is to the Hawaiians to learn how to treat their children is not fully appreciated. The Hawaiian race is dying out, but there is no reason why it should do so other than the fact that Hawaiian mothers do not know how to bring their children up through the diseases

SENATOR FROM TEXAS TO BE PUT ON GRILL

Legislature Will Investigate Bailey's Connection With Standard Oil— Los Angelans Feel the Cold.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

AUSTIN, Texas, January 10.—The legislature has passed a resolution ordering an investigation of the charges against Senator Bailey.

The charges against the Democratic senator are of accepting bribes from the Water-Pierce Oil Company, a company organized to operate in Texas after the Standard Oil Company had been driven out of the state. The Water-Pierce Company is supposed to be merely a branch of the Standard Oil and its admission into the state was fought, Bailey taking the part of the company and assuring the Texans that the company was an independent one. After that the senator blossomed forth as a wealthy man, although he had been poor before his election to the Senate and had posed as the champion of the people against the trusts, especially the Standard Oil octopus.

The first open charges made against Bailey appeared in the Cosmopolitan magazine in the "Treason of the Senate" series, drawing a heated denial from him on the floor of the Senate. Unfortunately for him it was shown that his name appeared on vouchers of the oil company for large amounts, which Bailey explains by stating that these sums represent personal loans to him from the company's president.

Bailey is now a candidate for reelection to the Senate and his opponents are making as much out of the charges against him as possible.

LOS ANGELES SUFFERS FROM COLD AND RAIN

LOS ANGELES, January 10.—The lack of fuel in this city threatens to bring about a closing down of all the schools. A severe storm, bringing the heaviest precipitation know here in eighteen years, is raging. The deaths of five persons, drowned in the resulting flood, have been reported.

CAR SHORTAGE CLOSSES FLOUR MILLS.

MINNEAPOLIS, January 10.—The flour mills are closed down, there being no cars available to handle their output.

The Minneapolis flour mills are the greatest in the world and have millions of capital behind them. The fact that they are unable to secure cars is the most serious news of the car shortage yet reported, as the larger users of transportation are amongst the last to suffer.

AMIR VISITS VICEROY.

AGRA, India, January 10.—The Amir of Afghanistan arrived here yesterday.

The visit of Habibulla Khan, the Afghanistan ruler, to British territory is significant in view of the reports that the Russians, shut off by the Japanese from further activity in Southern Manchuria, had turned their attentions to the buffer states north of India, intriguing with the rulers of Afghanistan, Beluchistan and Tibet against Great Britain.

CHINKS SKIP IN A FOG.

EL PASO, Texas, January 10.—Sixteen of the eighteen Chinamen who were smuggled across the line here yesterday and had been captured for deportation escaped from the authorities in a fog yesternight.

MOLTEN METAL MAIMS AND KILLS.

PITTSBURG, January 10.—Three persons were killed, seven were fatally injured and twenty-four others are missing as a result of an explosion of molten metal in the furnace of one of the rolling mills.

HONOLULAN SUICIDES AT OAKLAND.

OAKLAND, January 10.—W. B. Reid, who is said to be from Honolulu, committed suicide here yesterday, taking his life during a fit of despondency.

ENORMOUS EXPENDITURE IN JAPAN.

TOKIO, January 10.—The budget for the ensuing year has been brought down. It provides for the expenditure of three hundred and five million dollars.

GOVERNOR UPHOLDS SAN FRANCISCO.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., January 9.—Governor Gillett was inaugurated today with the usual ceremony. The newly elected Governor in his message to the Legislature makes a special point of his recommendation that the Harbor Commission of San Francisco be investigated.