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No. 1413

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A Vague Report

Honolulu, Jan. 20, 1900.

To Mr. S. B. Dole, President, and Members of the Council of State: Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of the appropriation of \$200,000 for payment for merchandise and other personal property proposed to be destroyed within the quarantine limits in Honolulu, beg to report as follows:

1. As to the right of the Council to make the appropriation:

We believe that the object for which this appropriation is wanted is clearly and directly in the line of combatting the plague epidemic.

The Board of Health believes, and with much reason, that a large portion of the merchandise and personal effects remaining in the quarantine district is infected with plague.

For some time past a committee of merchants, assisting the Board, has been engaged in removing the goods from the condemned blocks and fumigating and storing the same. This has entailed an immense amount of work and has subjected the members of the committee, teamsters and all others who take part in packing, hauling and fumigating the goods to the risk of infection. The risk does not end here, for with the inadequate appliances now at the disposal of the committee, no one can say positively that with such fumigation all possibility of infection has been removed, so that there is still danger attached to the handling and use of the goods even after fumigation.

The burning of such goods would do away with all handling of them and thus relieve from exposure many persons now running daily risk of contracting the disease. Thus it appears that the appropriation is designed to play an important part in the work of bringing the epidemic to an end.

In this connection we may say that before the epidemic had assumed such serious proportions as it now has, it did not seem to be a hopeless task to undertake the disinfection of such of the merchandise as might have been exposed, but as the Board of Health is convinced that almost the whole of the quarantined district is infected, and that as to the greater part the infection cannot be removed except by destruction by fire, the proper fumigation of so large a quantity of property is, under the circumstances, impracticable and dangerous.

2. As to necessity and advisability of the appropriation:

A question has been raised as to the necessity of compensating the owners of the goods proposed to be destroyed, as the Board of Health has authority to summarily destroy all infected property without making compensation therefor.

On this point we have to say that as to the buildings which the Board has caused to be destroyed and intends to destroy in the near future, the Board expects to have little difficulty, from a legal standpoint, in justifying its action. But to establish with legal proof that any particular lot of goods is actually infected with plague is a very difficult matter.

To institute a microscopical examination of all the merchandise which it is proposed to destroy in order to obtain positive evidence of infection, would entail a delay that would inevitably result in great loss of life, untold expenditure of money, and might seriously jeopardize the final outcome.

The two classes of property stand on a different footing in this respect, and the making of the proposed compromise would not set a precedent for compensating the owners of infected and insanitary buildings which the public safety demands should be destroyed.

The proper fumigation and removal of these goods being impracticable, their destruction is necessary.

Shall, then, the Board proceed with the work of destruction and take chances of being held liable for their full value, or shall it arrange in advance a compromise with the owners on the basis of 66 2-3 per cent of the cost price?

After a careful consideration of all the circumstances, we believe it would be to the best interests of the Government to make the settlement.

By such a settlement the expense of hauling, fumigating and storing would be saved, and much loss of valuable time and waste of energy would be obviated.

3. As to the amount of the appropriation:

The Merchants' Committee have made an estimate, necessarily rough, but based on their past experience in connection with the appraising of the goods taken from the blocks already condemned, of the value of the goods remaining in buildings likely to be destroyed, and in their opinion the sum of \$200,000 will probably cover the cost price of these goods.

This is the best information obtainable at this time on this point, but we believe it is sufficiently definite to act on.

We therefore recommend that the appropriation asked for be sanctioned by the Council.

Respectfully submitted,
P. C. JONES,
A. G. M. ROBERTSON.

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On and after Tuesday, Nov. 6, the steam-
er Kinau will sail from Honolulu on Tues-
days at 12 noon, for Kaunakakai, Lahai-
na, Mania Bay, Kihel, Makena, Ma-
hukona, Kawaihae, Laupahoehoe and
Hilo.

Returning will sail from Hilo every Fri-
days at 2 p. m. for above named ports,
arriving at Honolulu on Saturdays.

Passengers and freight will be taken for
Makena, Mahukona, Kawaihae, Hilo, Ha-
kalau, Honoumou, Papaikou and Pepeekeo.
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taken for Kaunakakai, Lahaina, Mania Bay,
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TUESDAY, JAN. 23, 1900.

THE BOARD TO BLAME.

If Dr. Wood's remarks on the condition of the premises destroyed yesterday afternoon, on the corner of Kukui and Nuuanu streets, are correctly reported he has recorded a forcible indictment of the Board of Health and its employees. The premises were recently leased by Chinese and the buildings were not even completed; the building having been undertaken since the dreaded plague entered our port through the criminal carelessness of our port physician.

If Dr. Wood will take the pains to read the statutes under which the Board of Health was established and empowered, together with the rules and regulations of the board, having the force of law, he will be convinced that the conditions he found on the premises under consideration were due to the neglect and carelessness of the board over which he presides.

Under the law and regulations of the board every cesspool is supposed to be dug under the supervision of the employees of the board. The dimensions, particularly as to depth of cesspools, being fixed by regulation. That the buildings and cesspools were being constructed was known to the inspectors of the board, and not a word of protest was uttered to check the builders. If our memory serves us the files of the Star drew attention to the buildings.

The land agent of the Bishop Estate cautioned the lessees as to the buildings. One of the trustees also cautioned the lessees as to the faulty construction of the cesspools. Only the Board of Health failed in the performance of its statutory duties.

The Star Scorched.

This morning the janitor in the McInerney block discovered a blaze in the Star office on Fort street. He sent forth a ringing "haul in" and a burly policeman arrived on the scene in time to extinguish the flames which fortunately did little damage to the valuable machinery and the building. The origin of the fire is a mystery to Manager Hoogs as nobody lives in the building. It has again been demonstrated that churches and saloons may burn, newspaper offices never. May we suggest that the fire was caused by the spontaneous combustion of one of brother Atkinson's sulphuric editorials.

Awful Conditions in Famine-Swept India.

New York, Jan. 8.—The latest mail advices from India aver that the situation there grows darker every week. Three million are working on government relief works. The sale of children by starving parents is becoming common. Families are breaking up, each member for himself, in search of food. Abandoned children are found with frequency. It is a famine of water as well as food. Cattle are dying off by thousands and no rain is expected until June.

Excellent Work.

It is a revelation to enter the barracks ground on Hotel street and see the work done since Saturday in the erection of a camp suitable to hold a large number of homeless Japanese and Chinese.

Chester Doyle is commander in chief of the establishment and is showing excellent judgment and great energy in organizing his camp.

Bath rooms and water closets separate for the different sexes have been established, and Mr. Doyle enforces the most scrupulous cleanliness and observance of the sanitary rules laid down by him. That the people don't revolt to rules that may seem harsh is a surprise but as a matter of fact they are all satisfied and seem even to enjoy an existence which brings with it ample of food, no work, comfortable sleeping and no care for to-morrow.

A family in the Drill Shed had dumped banana and orange peels on the floor while the quarters were visited by the writer. Mr. Doyle spied the offensive articles ordered them removed to waste boxes which are emptied several times a day, and then he invited the offenders to come out to the fence surrounding the premises. In the street stood friends with oranges and vendors of bananas. The Japanese looked very pleased at the sight but crestfallen when Doyle told them that no fruits would be allowed them during the day. It is necessary to uphold the discipline even by harsh measures and it is certainly no easy task to manage about 1000 men, women and children.

Some people find it difficult to manage one woman and a few children and for their benefit Doyle's recipe may be of value.

"Use the following prescription as often as necessary," said Doyle:

4 drchm. unmitigated gall.
2 drchm. cheek.
6 drchm. lip.

Mix well with Scotch whisky to taste.

The Board of Health is to be congratulated on having the services of Dr. Doyle in a most difficult and trying position.

To Be Fumigated.

The men of the N. G. H. are no longer to be considered immune from the plague but will be thoroughly fumigated. The new plant has been finished and is described by the Advertiser as follows:

The building is ninety feet long by about forty-five feet wide, and is built of Northwest pine with galvanized iron roofing. The whole of the interior work is planed tongue and groove, and the contractor, Mr. Hayden, is to be complimented upon the excellent manner in which the work has been carried out. The building was commenced on the morning of Sunday, the 14th and was turned over on last Saturday night.

Entering from Miller street, the men will cross ninety feet of veranda seven feet wide and covered to a depth of nine inches with sea sand and salt, thence through a doorway, when they will find themselves in a large, airtight room extending the whole length of the building and sub-divided into six compartments—one for each company—and fitted with seats and numbered pegs arranged around the walls for the clothing of each man. After divesting themselves of their clothing, which is hung upon these pegs, the men will pass into a zinc-lined bathroom fitted with eight showers. They will thoroughly cleanse themselves and pass through another door into a room fitted up like the first one, where they will find a complete change of clothing hanging upon pegs bearing the same numbers. They will then pass out to a veranda and march thence to the military camp.

The clothing left behind will be thoroughly fumigated as it hangs, the rooms being fitted with airtight windows and doors for the purpose.

The doors are all fitted with snap locks and powerful springs, and it will be impossible for a man to return to the room he has just left. The building is fitted with electric lights and includes every imaginable contrivance for the purpose for which it was designed.

Sent Into Exile.

PARIS, Jan. 6.—M. Guerin, who has been sentenced to ten years' confinement in a fortified place, has arrived at Clairvaux, where he will undergo his sentence. There was no demon-

stration anywhere during M. Guerin's journey from Paris.

M. Buffet, who was condemned to ten years' banishment, remains in Brussels.

M. Deroulede, who has been banished for ten years, is on his way to Milan, whence he proceeds to Spain, having decided to take up his residence at San Sebastian.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that from this date no packages or bundles for persons detained at Kalihi Detention Station at Waiakamilo will be received except between the hours of 9 to 11 a. m. and 2 to 4 p. m. All such packages or bundles must be well wrapped and plainly addressed in English and also in Japanese, Chinese or Hawaiian, as the case may require.

C. B. WILSON,

Superintendent Kalihi Detention Station.

Approved: C. B. WOOD,
President Board of Health.
Honolulu, Jan. 19, 1900.
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IRRIGATION NOTICE.

HOLDERS OF WATER PRIVILEGES or those paying water rates, are hereby notified that the hours for irrigation purposes are from 6 to 8 o'clock a. m. and from 4 to 6 o'clock p. m.

ANDREW BROWN,

Superintendent of Water Works
Approved: ALEX. YOUNG,
Minister of Interior,
Honolulu, June 14, 1899.
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS

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20c. and 25c. Dress Goods, now 5c. per yard at Sachs.

The Y. M. C. A. rooms have been temporarily closed.

An artesian well will be located on the premises used for the Kalihi camp at once.

Jack McVeigh is on deck at the Kalihi camp and putting affairs into systematic orders.

Nothing new to report from the Board of Health office to day as far as the plague is concerned.

Don't fail to ring up Telephone 444, American Messenger Service, if you have any messages or packages to deliver.

The sending of the Hawaiian exhibit to Paris will be postponed temporarily at the suggestion of Dr. Carmichael.

All business houses have agreed to open at 10 a. m. and close at 3 p. m. to assist the work of the Citizens' Sanitary Committee.

Last evening Mrs. Mary Porter, widow of the late Theo. Porter, was married to John H. MacPherson, by the Rev. Mr. Pearson.

When you want a hack ring up 191. On that stand you will get a reliable and good driver, a fine hack, and no overcharging.

In our yesterday's report about Kauai; it is not "Nawiliwili" plantation, but Makaweli was intended together with Kekaha.

The N. G. H. was on duty at the detention camps yesterday, the 6th Artillery having been permanently relieved as soon as the pilikia was pau.

Ed. Towse, who has been indefatigable in assisting the Board of Health at the Kaumakapili church station has gone into harness again at the Kalihi camp.

Mr. N. S. Sachs has the sympathy of the community in his sad bereavement through the death of his mother which occurred in the city of New York on the 16th inst.

It is nice to have the N. G. H. on duty around Kawaiahao Church. The neighbors are pleased to be informed every hour that "all is well"—except the sleep of the said neighbors.

The firm of Milliken Brothers of New York have sent a check for \$250 as a contribution for the relief of present emergencies to Mr. J. A. Kennedy of the Honolulu Iron Works.

The Pain case was postponed till Thursday in the District Court this morning to give the prosecution a chance to prepare a nolle prosequi as attorney Newmann sarcastically remarked.

The celebrated King's coat, the treasured pride of Nick Braham's heart is no more. It was burnt together with his hop beer but Nick says d—n the hop beer, "my coat, my king's goat."

There is a possibility that the Boston Lyric Opera Company may be induced to accept a permanent engagement at the Orpheum theatre, which it is hoped will be opened shortly.

A number of Chinese were removed from the Kawaiahao church premises yesterday, and it is hoped that the balance of the people held there will be provided with other quarters during the day.

The following passengers arrived by the Hongkong Maru yesterday: F. Parker, J. A. Byrne, F. L. Dortch, L. Ahlborn, R. Ballentine, M. F. Chapman, Miss L. Moore, Miss A. Anders, W. P. Barry, R. S. Moore, John M. Donn.

Lieutenant-Colonel McCarthy in command of Companies A, F and G, of the N. G. H., moved to their camp at Kalihi yesterday. They marched through the infected district with the full band playing. The music drove the microbes away.

The women folks are busy sewing garments for the children and women rendered homeless by the fire. Every woman with a needle and a thread should help and consider their own comfort of a second consideration to the helping of the unfortunate poor.

Born.

MOTT-SMITH—In this city, January 21, 1900, to the wife of H. M. Mott-Smith, a son.

Died.

SACHS—In New York City, January 16, 1900, Mrs. R. Sachs, beloved mother of N. S. Sachs of this city.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

We can only advise the Trustees of the Bishop estate, as we did the Chinese societies, to send the Advertiser man a present. It need not, or ought not to be an expensive one. Any old thing ought to be sufficient compensation.

Mr. Amana's letter to the Advertiser makes only too clear where the blame for the introduction of the plague should lie. The letter should make the Chinaphobist in charge of that paper blush, if it were possible for him to blush.

The most serious question now is what to do with people rendered homeless and "ugly." Is this not the moment to have streets widened, public baths established and other beneficial enterprises undertaken. The wealthy patriots will furnish the necessary cash if the surplus should give out.

The editorial notice in the Advertiser of the Bishops Estate is an evidence of the cowardly character of that paper when the government or its bureaus are under the ban of public opinion. Instead of courageously arraigning the Board of Health for its neglect of duty it thrashes its members over the shoulders of the trustees of the Bishop Estate.

Small scraps have occurred naturally at the different detention camps between the quarantined people and the guards. They are not worth mentioning, but we hope the guards will realize the hardship of the poor people in their care and act as discreet citizens and gentlemen should, and especially respect the women of all classes and races. Every man's mother was a woman.

There is no reason whatever to believe for a moment that the officials of the Board of Health will hide any cases or refuse a correct official statement of the sanitary conditions. The rumor fiends are around of course and spy a "case" every hour. This morning a young woman was brought to town from Molokai and taken to her destination in a police wagon. The ordinary incident was of course grasped by the rumorologist who found a sensational case of plague in his mind.

Mr. Dole in his child like and bland manner proposes to ask President McKinley to appoint a Court to pass upon the claims of sufferers by the fires set by the Board of Health to stamp out the plague and the Chinese. It is cents to dollars that the astute lawyers in the Cabinet at Washington will as blandly decline to commit any act that might fix responsibility for the plague or expenses incurred by reason of it. You will have to pull your own chestnuts out of the fire Mr. Dole.

It may be true that the Citizens' Sanitary Committee has no legal standing technically speaking, and that inspectors have no right under the U. S. constitution to forbid people to move wherever they please or to enter private houses, but the sensible portion of the community will stand by the "bluff" and the other portion will have to be "bluffed." As long as the inspectors act like gentlemen, do not become over-officious but treat all alike there can be no possible complaint during the temporary annoyance to all of us, inspectors and others, in the interest of the public weal.

There are about 7000 people to be fed at public expense every day besides a large number of special guards and soldiers. It is very conservative to estimate the cost at \$3000 a day. The "surplus" amounts to about \$1,500,000 and that amount can surely not be allowed to be paid out for this single emergency. Before we have finished our present costly pilikia we may have jumped

into another, and we think Minister Damon would not do his duty, if he faced the next trouble with an empty treasury. Let the planters now step to the front. They found money to pay Thurston and their other agents to Washington enormous salaries by taxing each ton on sugar passed through the houses of the sugar factors. It was rumored that Thurston received \$66,000 by the holders of shares in the plantations represented by annexation firms simply by taxing 50 cents on a ton of sugar. The sugar barons did not feel it, and we see no reason why a voluntary tax of, say, \$3 per ton should not be offered by the holders of sugar stocks. It is no use for our millionaires to talk about raising the taxes of the people. They wanted the Asiatics here for their selfish ends. They live in grand mansions in Oakland and Paris. They can afford to pay the expenses of the plague, and, if there is a spark of manhood left among the eventual voters of this territory they will make the sugar barons shoulder the burden of this serious trouble. But for the honor of our race and religion and civilization we trust that the sugar planters will foot the bill without legislation.

All Respond.

A petition from the Citizens' Sanitary Committee, circulated by Fred Waterhouse was responded to as follows:

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The Russian Bear.

VANCOUVER (B. C.), Jan. 11.—A
digest of opinions of the principal
Chinese and Japanese papers received
today by the steamer Empress of
Japan, thirteen days from Yokohama,
indicates that Russia is unmistakably
revealing her intentions in the Far
East. The China Gazette says that,
taking advantage of England's pressing
engagements in South Africa, the
Russian Government, through its Con-
sul at Hankow, has revived its claim
to the Jardine-Metheson land, making
a demand for the property in the most
peremptory fashion.

The Russian Consul claims that the
question of the disputed ownership of
the land has been absolutely decided
in favor of his Government, and he
has announced his intention to take
forcible possession of the property
without further negotiations. His ac-
tions are said to have been extremely
high-handed. Relations between the
British and Russian residents are
strained to the breaking point.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The Calcutta
correspondent of the Daily Mail says:
While the official statement that no
alarm is felt concerning Afghanistan is
quite true, I have good reason to be-
lieve that the Indian Government has
received disquieting information re-
garding Russian movements in the di-
rection of Persia. Russia is taking ad-
vantage of the Transvaal trouble to
strengthen her armaments and to push
forward her outposts along the Persian
frontier, with a view to ultimate an-
nexation, a design in which Germany
would probably acquiesce in considera-
tion of receiving railway concessions.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—The cables have
been kept hot since last night when
reports, seemingly authentic, reached
here to the effect that 75,000 Russian
troops had left Tiflis, Trans-Caucasia,
for Baku. The report added that the
troops would proceed to Komschka,
the frontier station of Afghanistan.
The officials of the War Office decline
to discuss the report nor will they ad-
mit that they have taken steps to
verify it. Nevertheless, it is known
that the British Ambassador at St.
Petersburg has been communicated
with. The report declares that Rus-
sian troops will soon advance to a
point nearer than Herat, the occupa-
tion of which it is declared hangs on
the movement of the British troops in
India.

The situation, taken into considera-
tion with the war in South Africa, is
decidedly complex and still more dan-
gerous. Fully 250,000 Russian soldiers
are now gathered close to the British
Indian frontier. News reached here
yesterday that General Yonoff has ar-
rived at Komschka, and it is known
that the Russian squadrons at Port Ar-
thur and the Persian gulf are being
strengthened every day. There is also
a well-defined report that France has
sent rush orders to have troops gath-
ered on the frontier, which report
seems verified by the fact that the
French Ambassador to the Vatican has
notified Pope Leo of the existence of a
Franco-Russian agreement by which
the exclusive influence of Russia in
European Turkey and that of France
in Asiatic Turkey are to be recognized.
It is understood that this agreement
was reached during the visit to Paris
of Count Muraviev, the Russian Min-
ister of Foreign Affairs.

The Hawaiian Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The bill
providing for a form of government for
Hawaii was taken up today by the
House Committee on Territories, and
Representative Hitt of Illinois, a mem-
ber of the Hawaiian Commission, ex-
plained its general purpose and the
need of early action. Hitt said that
the present laws caused much trouble
among the people and the business in-
terests, and as the political destiny of
Hawaii was no longer an open question
it was much desired to bring all con-
flicts of authority to a close and estab-
lish a stable system as soon as possible.
He took up the three main objections
set to the Territorial form of govern-
ment proposed and answered them.
The proposed property qualification
for voters for members of the Senate
jarred somewhat upon our sensibilities
and customs, Hitt said, but it was in
line with the local sentiment and usage
in Hawaii, and the desire had been to
yield to the reasonable desires of the
people of the islands.

The reference of contested election
cases to the courts and the provision
giving to the Governor the appoint-
ment of Judges were urged by the peo-
ple of Hawaii. The people of the is-
lands dreaded any plan which would
colonize Hawaii with office holders
from Washington, and they therefore
wanted their own Governor to make
the appointments.

The committee arranged to take up
the bill by sections at the next meeting.
Chairman Knott says he hopes to re-
port the bill to the House during the
present month.

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giving freedom to forty men in the
province of Santa Clara. Some of
them had been detained without
trial and others were suffering ex-
cessive punishment. All had been
released ten months before by an
order issued by General Bates, but
they were immediately rearrested on
orders from division headquarters
on the ground that a department
commander did not have the power
to pardon. After looking carefully
into the cases, Governor Wood de-
cided that the judgment of General
Bates regarding their release was
wise and consequently to day's or-
der setting them at liberty was pro-
mulgated. Reports from other de-
partments are daily expected, and
it is believed that before the end of
the month large numbers will be re-
leased, especially in the province of
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