

HONOLULU OIL HEARING SET FOR JAN. 15

Frank Laning of Visalia Will Take Evidence in Adverse Proceedings Against Matson Lands

FRAUD CHARGES DENIED

United States Judge Rudkin Will Hear Application for Receivership for the Company

Frank Laning of Visalia, Registrar of the United States Land Office there, has been designated to hear the evidence in the adverse proceedings brought against the Honolulu Consolidated Oil Company to eject it from the Midway oil fields...

It is the contention of the Navy Department that the late Captain William Matson held thirty-one sections of government land surrounding a section on which he had an option, owned by a private corporation...

Three times the Land Office has issued a certificate of title. An appeal was finally made by the Navy Department to Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane, and as a result the certificate was set aside.

Prior to this the federal court authorized the dismissal of several suits pending against the Honolulu Consolidated at the request of the government and permitted the filing of a new action asking for a receiver on the contention that, in acquiring the property, Captain Matson was guilty of fraud.

The charges of fraud against Captain Matson are vigorously denied by his former attorney, A. F. Morrison, of Morrison, Dunbar, and Brooks, who is also counsel for the Honolulu Consolidated Oil Company.

It has never been charged anywhere and at any time in any of these proceedings that the late Captain William Matson was guilty of fraud with regard to the lands of the Honolulu Consolidated Oil Company until the recent case before Judge Rudkin in Los Angeles.

NO SET RULES. In directing the hearing before the Register, the United States Land Commissioner stated to the Register that there were no set rules as to a hearing of this character, but that in general he would be required to follow the proceedings laid down by the rules of the Interior Department bearing on protests.

Depositions will be taken in different parts of the country and these will be submitted to Register Laning, who after passing on the merits of the case, will submit a report to the Land Commissioner. His decision may be reviewed by the Secretary of the Interior.

The action before the Register is independent of the Court proceeding, the latter being necessary to secure a receiver for the property and to order an accounting for oil all ready taken from the property.

One Hundred Per Cent Club Is Reorganized. The 100 Per Cent Club of San Francisco was incorporated yesterday. The organization, which is composed of several score local business and industrial concerns, will broaden its scope and pay particular attention to the promotion of foreign trade.

At a meeting of the reorganized club yesterday, B. F. Heastand was elected president.

Quits Pulpit to Join Canadian Army. The Rev. A. G. Donnan, for some years energetic pastor of a church and congregation at Lone Pine, Inyo county, enlisted in the Canadian expeditionary forces yesterday in San Francisco.

Make Reservations for New Year's Eve TO-DAY. Don't delay. You want a good location where you can see, and join in all the fun of the big Carnival night. Reservations are \$4 a person, the amount to apply on the check for food or other refreshments. On New Year's Day, we shall serve a splendid Special Dinner for \$1.25. The Odeon Restaurant Market at Eddy

Mrs. Crane Seeks Divorce Cruelty Charged by Dancer

MRS. DOUGLAS CRANE Former stage and society dancer, who asks freedom.



Will Give Up Present Position as Cliff House Hostess Manager

MRS. DOUGLAS CRANE, former society and stage dancer who is now hostess manager of the Cliff House, will soon seek legal freedom from her marital ties. A suit in divorce will be filed for her by her attorney, A. B. Fritz, in the next three days. It was learned last night. The charge will be cruelty. Crane is now in Washington doing government work.

JAMAICA GINGER IS ON ARMY BAN

The Federal authorities have discovered that the soldiers in uniform have learned a new way to secure intoxicating liquor, and drug stores have been laying in an extra supply of Jamaica ginger, to meet the unusual demand.

A ten-cent bottle of Jamaica ginger, it was found, will intoxicate a man quicker than a dollar's worth of whiskey. The arrest of several uniformed men under the influence of liquor, and the discovery of Jamaica ginger bottles half empty on their person, solved a problem for the police.

Yesterday Assistant United States Attorney J. E. Colston, ordered the officers to investigate whether drug stores had a guilty knowledge in selling the medicine, as to the purpose for which it was to be used.

As a result, warrants will be issued. It is not possible at the present time to buy pure grain alcohol in drug stores without a physician's certificate, the Government requiring that it be adulterated with formaldehyde and labeled poison.

Woman Disappears With Two Children

Detectives McLoughlin and Bunker have been detailed to search for Mrs. M. N. Howard, 445 O'Farrell street, Hotel Atherton, who disappeared with her two children Wednesday.

Mrs. Edith Stanton, her mother, said yesterday that her daughter had drawn a large sum from the bank before she departed.

WEDDING HELD AT BEDSIDE

While a warrant for his arrest lay on the secret file in the police detective bureau, Martin P. Detels, Santa Clara College graduate and former football star, married Evelina Jones, 16 years old, at her bedside last Wednesday night as she lay in St. Mary's Hospital in a precarious condition.

The girl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver H. Jones, 3723 Baker street. It was Jones who swore to the warrant the issuance of which preceded, on Christmas Day, the hasty wedding ceremony which followed.

Judge J. G. Conlan officiated at the bedside wedding, which in some of its elements appeared to be garbed in the solemnity of a deathbed union. That the alternative of arrest or marriage was forced upon the groom was not denied last night by the father of the girl. He said:

My daughter had known Detels since last May. It is not necessary for me to go into details. The warrant for his arrest was issued at my instigation. For the explicit reasons my attorney may state, Jones said that all the proceedings which led to the night wedding at his daughter's bedside had been handled by advice of counsel.

Detels, who had been expecting a commission in the army aviation corps, lived until yesterday with his mother, Mrs. Martin Detels, at the Fairmont Hotel. They left there, leaving only the address of the Detels grain and produce firm, 310 California street, which was founded by the young man's father, who died several years ago.

According to the police, Jones had demanded Detels' arrest unless he should agree to marry Miss Jones. In order to insure that the case would be followed, a warrant was called for by the detective department. Jones, the police said, demurred at first to swearing to a complaint, but subsequently did so, naming a statutory charge against Detels. The warrant was held from service, it was said by the police, pending the settlement of the question of marriage.

At St. Mary's Hospital last night it was reported that the girl was doing as well as could be expected. Her condition was said to be serious owing to complications which were said to have arisen in the last few weeks.

Poultry Men Plan To Sell Direct

New marketing plans announced yesterday by J. H. Barber, vice-president and general manager of the Poultry Producers' Association of Central California, to become effective January 1, are expected to eliminate the middleman in the handling of \$2,000,000 worth of eggs and poultry each year.

The products are to be marketed without association with the Producers' Exchange and will, when possible, be sold direct to retail dealers, as the result of action by the Federal Food Administration, which has ruled that the Poultry Producers' Association is no longer entitled to a seat on the exchange.

Mail Carrier Is Arrested for Fraud

Arthur J. Russell, who received a temporary appointment as a substitute letter carrier in the San Francisco Post-Office in November, through letters of recommendation purporting to be from United States Senators in Wyoming and North Dakota, was arrested by the Federal authorities yesterday for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Russell has confessed to securing as loans funds from priests, ministers and officials as well as religious institutions throughout the city. He claimed that he had but recently arrived in the city and was without funds while waiting for the Government to pay him his salary.

At a web-press-made and mail-to-order suit. \$10.00. ART TAILORS—Advt.

WIFE DIVORCES APACHES' CHIEF

Berthe Sainsott Husson, 101 Maple street, was granted a divorce by Judge Graham yesterday from Charles Abel Husson, chief of the Paris Apaches, on grounds of neglect and cruelty.

Mrs. Husson said her husband, who was deported from San Francisco by the Federal authorities two years ago, was seized by the French government as soon as he landed on French soil and sent to the front-line trenches for army service. She does not know his fate, but as long as he lives, she said, she will not dare to return to France, because he threatened to be revenged and she knows he will keep his word.

Shortly after arriving here, Mrs. Husson said, her husband tried to force her into a life of shame. She appealed to the Federal authorities, who deported Husson. Since then she has lived with Mrs. Charles C. Mohun, president of the Befriending Girls' Aid Society.

Italian Consul For San Francisco Is Selected

DENVER, December 27.—As a promotion for seven years' distinguished service in Denver, Chevalier Oreste da Vella, Italian Consul General for Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico, Wyoming, Utah, Kansas, Oklahoma and North and South Dakota, to-day received an order transferring him to the consul generalship at San Francisco, Italy's second most important consular post in the United States.

The appointment of Chevalier da Vella to be Consul General here fills a vacancy which has existed since Ferdinando Danneo, the former Consul General, was transferred about two years ago to Gibraltar.

Dies of Auto Hurts. Edward H. Barry, 33, of 22 Sixth avenue, proprietor of the Relay saloon, died last night at St. Francis' Hospital of injuries received while automobiling Wednesday in a machine driven by Fred Harper.

84,902 ENROLL IN RED CROSS

Results of the Red Cross Christmas membership "drive" recorded at noon yesterday showed a total of 84,902 enrollments, or 1,510 more than San Francisco's allotted quota of 83,392.

At a meeting to-day at 3 o'clock in the Palace Hotel ballroom the campaign organization will be formally disbanded and its members asked to hold themselves in readiness for further Red Cross service when summoned. Ralph McLeran will preside, and at least 2,000 men, women and children are expected to be present.

All chapters in the Pacific division have been authorized to continue their membership campaign until New Year's eve, if they desire. This programme of the meeting to-day was issued last night from campaign headquarters: Opening address, Ralph McLeran, acting for Mayor Healy; call for final reports of Pacific Division, Manager Marshall Hale; address, M. H. de Young; address, James W. Lillenthal; address.

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