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HILO AND THE BAND.

Captain Berger and His Boys Carry Home Hearty Alohas.

The past week has been a week of musical excess for Hilo. The people have drunk deep at Captain Berger's fountain and bidding the genial kappelmeester and his aggregation of musicians good bye this morning, the parting will be accompanied with keen regret.

The week has been a busy one for the members of the band. They started in Sunday afternoon with a concert at the Hilo Hotel, which was one of the best given while here. The listeners crowded all available space in the hotel yard around the pavilion. Lanais at the hotel and all near by homes were thronged with parties. The music was applauded at every interval.

Monday afternoon, by the courtesy of the Hilo Railroad, the band was given a free excursion in a special train to Oloa. The train left the city depot at 1 o'clock. The band played at Nine-mile and at the mill. The hundreds of laborers on the plantation were made glad by the visit of Berger.

Monday night, the band participated in the exhibition drill by the militia. An immense crowd gathered on the water front to witness the evolutions. The line of march was from the armory on Volcano street up Ponoahawai to Jail street; up Jail to Waiuanuenu, thence to the parade grounds. A platoon of police under command of Captain Lake led the procession. Following the police came Berger's band in extended formation. Then came Company D of the militia and the usual multitude of small boys. The police showed up in excellent marching order. It is only lately that the police have been drilled in a body, and their appearance on the street in bright new khaki uniform impressed the public in the right way. At the parade grounds the militia went through various evolutions under the direction of Captain Fetter. The companies then reformed and marched back to the Armory where entertainment and refreshments were served to the members of the band and the police, Company D doing the honors as host.

Tuesday night the band again gave a concert at the hotel. Wednesday night Captain Berger and his men were the guests of Manager Scott at the Hilo Hotel for dinner. The dining room was especially decorated in honor of the musical guests and the evening could not have been more pleasant.

Thursday the Hilo Railroad was again in the role of host to the visitors. The band was given a free ride to Puna and return. The enjoyment of the day could not have been more agreeable. The reception given the visitors at the Puna end of the line was in keeping with the well known reputation of that plantation for hospitality.

While in Hilo, Captain Berger and his men were not strangers to the many hospitable homes in the city. There were invitations too numerous for all to be accepted. The people of Hilo as a unit regret that the visit of the Hawaiian band was but for a fortnight.

The Divorce Mill.

A fairly liberal crop of divorce cases mostly emanating from Portuguese and Japanese sources showed the tendency of these people to adopt the principles of Anglo-Saxon Constitutional liberty, which will not allow a man to be held in duress by a woman simply because she may have hypnotized him in an unguarded moment. Most of the cases were uncontested, the libelers in the various suits seeming to be as willing as was the "Barkis" in David Copperfield, though their willingness ran in the opposite direction.

Judge Little announced on the opening day of the term that he would be able to clean off the divorce calendar in about fifteen minutes, and though he didn't succeed in this, he did pretty nearly finish it in an hour. Of the nine cases seven were granted, one continued, and one was settled out of Court.

REPUBLICS ACCEPT PROTOCOL.

Agreement Between Argentina and Chile at Last Receives Approval.

Buenos Ayres, December 25.—The Government officially announces that the new protocol with Chile has been signed, putting an end to the conflict between the two nations.

A dispatch from Santiago de Chile says that after a fresh conference held this evening between President Riesco, Foreign Minister Yanez and Senor Portela, the Argentine Minister, the new agreement was signed, the latest modifications to the former proposals being accepted.

The newspapers say the new protocol dispels the immediate danger of war, but that the remedy is not permanent.

The armies of the two countries are meanwhile continuing their warlike preparations. Chile has decided upon the erection of new fortifications at Punta Arenas and Talcahuano.

At a secret session of the Chilean Senate yesterday the Government demanded authority for the expenditure of \$15,000,000 in preparation for defense. The sitting was an exciting one. It was finally decided to authorize the floating of a loan for the purpose.

According to the Diaro and the Commo, Argentina, for her part, in view of the new naval acquisition by Chile, has decided upon the construction in Italy of two warships of 8000 tons, to be ready by the end of 1902.

New York, December 25.—The Tribune; President Roca's organ, according to a dispatch from Buenos Ayres to the Herald, announces that the second proposal of Chile about Ultima Esperanza is acceptable and both Governments will sign the following protocol:

"First—Argentina will withdraw her police station from Cerro Palique and transfer it to Los Gorres, situated many miles to the eastward.

"Second—Chile will transfer its station to Puerto Consuelo. The whole zone thus remains included in the disputed territory."

Hamakua's Name Sake.

Hamakua, a member of the kindergarten contingent turned over by the Grand Jury to the care of the Circuit Court, plead guilty Wednesday afternoon to larceny of \$2.15, on Christmas day. He was apparently laboring under the idea prevalent at that season of the year that a Christmas present was due him and that if he was to get any he would have to play Santa Claus himself. Hamakua's father was summoned by the Court and his apparent indifference to the child's fate and evident lack of care for the youngster generally drew a sharp and well merited lecture from Judge Little, who remarked that had he the power he would give the gentleman a few years in jail on general principles. He then gave the infant, who wept copiously in the meantime, a fatherly talk, and promising to keep a sharp eye on him he suspended sentence for one year. The namesake of the droughty district then gathered up his cap and a pair of shoes which he carried in his hand, apparently out of deference to the Court, and departed.

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