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## 20 CITIZENS ARE CALLED BY FISHER

### AMBASSADOR BRYCE WON'T "DIGNIFY RUMOR TO RETIRE BY DENIAL"

#### DIPLOMACY BRYCE'S TACK

##### BRITISH AMBASSADOR DECLINES TO DISCUSS CANAL POLITICS

"This greeting and reception accorded me by the people of Honolulu has touched me deeply." So stated Right Honorable James Bryce, who for a number of years has served as British Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Washington D. C. Bared head, standing with bared head, he proved an interested auditor to the patriotic melody from the Royal Hawaiian band which played "God Save the King" as the Oceanic liner Ventura with the distinguished diplomat on board neared the wharf this morning.

"It has been nearly thirty years ago that I last visited Honolulu," said the Ambassador. "I wish to extend my sincere respects and greetings to your Territorial and city and county officials for the expressions of welcome accorded me this morning."

Firmly but politely waving aside any topics that might lead to the introduction of a discussion of diplomatic matters, Ambassador Bryce declined to touch upon matters pertaining to international subjects or politics. Reported Resignation Mere Rumor.

"From time to time in the course of my diplomatic career, I have been confronted with the oft-repeated rumor that I was to retire from my post," declared Ambassador Bryce in response to a query from a Star-Bulletin representative who ventured the query as to whether he intended to retire within the next two or three months as more or less freely stated in late dispatches from Washington.

"I have never dignified these stories by a denial," insisted the ambassador, "and at this time I have nothing to add in regard to the matter." In this same connection Mr. Bryce likewise refrained from entering into a discussion as to a possible successor to the embassy at Washington.

"Any protest that may have been made by my government against the Panama Canal Bill is a matter that I could only take up with the seat of government at Washington. This is a political question which I must beg leave to be excused from discussing at this time."

Sidestepping Dangerous Ground. Ambassador Bryce sailed from Sydney, N. S. W., the latter part of August. At the time of his departure from the Commonwealth the canal bill was then under fire.

The British diplomat was told that Great Britain had reaffirmed its protest against the canal bill, a note having been filed with A. Mitchell Innes, charge of the British Embassy at Washington during the absence of Mr. Bryce. To the report that Mr. Innes had been instructed by his government to file the protest in a brief note merely stating that Great Britain still stands in her previously explained attitude in regard to the Panama canal bill, Ambassador Bryce appeared interested but offered no comment.

The British diplomat also sidestepped the question as to whether the tone of the canal bill made it appear that the British government believes it will be necessary to subject the question to arbitration.

Optimistic of Australia's Progress. "What are the prospects of an increased Australian trade and immigration?" was asked the Ambassador. "Australia is a fine country," and the prospects are bright for a prosperous season. The country has undoubtedly been spared a period of depression owing to a liberal rainfall in the agricultural districts.

Before talking passage in the Ventura, Ambassador Bryce, Mrs. Bryce and his party were given opportunity

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#### OAHU DEFENSE PLANS FINISHED BY ARMY BOARD

Utmost Secrecy Maintained as to Nature of Report; Variety of Problems

##### OFFICERS TO CARRY FINDINGS TO CAPITAL

##### More Forts, System of Military Roads and Increase in the Troops Part of Scheme

The board of army officers convened here five weeks ago on special orders from Washington, to formulate a plan of defense which would make the island of Oahu impregnable, completes its labors today. The four officers who compose the board will affix their signatures to what is probably the most important report ever drawn up on the islands, and the first step toward preparing against a possible invasion of Uncle Sam's Pacific outpost will have been taken.

Lieutenant-Colonel John F. Morrison, Infantry, and Major George Blakely, Coast Artillery Corps, two members of the board who came from over seas, leave on the Ventura this evening, and the last few days have been busy ones for all concerned. General M. M. Macomb has been president of the board and Major W. P. Wooten its fourth member, and these two have had their regular duties to attend to in addition to the defense deliberations, but Colonel Morrison and Major Blakely, being strangers to island conditions, have given their entire time, often working until late into the night, to the vast problem presented for solution.

The result of five weeks of the hardest kind of field and office work is contained in a voluminous report, which it has taken more than a week to prepare. Just what recommendations are carried in the closely typed pages will probably never be known by the general public, and in all likelihood very few army officers and State officials will have access to it. Members of the board refuse absolutely to discuss it, merely saying that it is strictly confidential, and that there is no comment to be made one way or another, from this end of the line at any rate.

The problems of defense for Oahu

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#### Secretary Fisher And His Right-Hand Man On Trip



HERBERT A. MEYER

##### Governor and Delegate Called Into a Morning Conference

Secretary of the Interior Walter L. Fisher arrived in Honolulu on the Japanese liner Chiyoma Maru this morning to investigate the charges made by Delegate Kuhio against Governor Frear and his administration. Within a few hours after his arrival, he had called the Governor and the Delegate into a conference at the Moana Hotel, where Mr. Fisher's party is stopping, and from that conference came the statement that Mr. Fisher will start his local investigation with a public hearing tomorrow morning in the Senate chamber, executive building.

The hearing is to be at 10 o'clock in the morning, and opportunity is to be given both sides of the controversy. The Secretary, sitting as a sort of judge, will probably first hear the charges made by the Delegate, and then answer. He will also, it was stated this morning, wish to hear from a number of citizens here who may be able to add to the fund of information of which he is possessing himself.

Wasting no time in roundabout

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SECRETARY W.L. FISHER

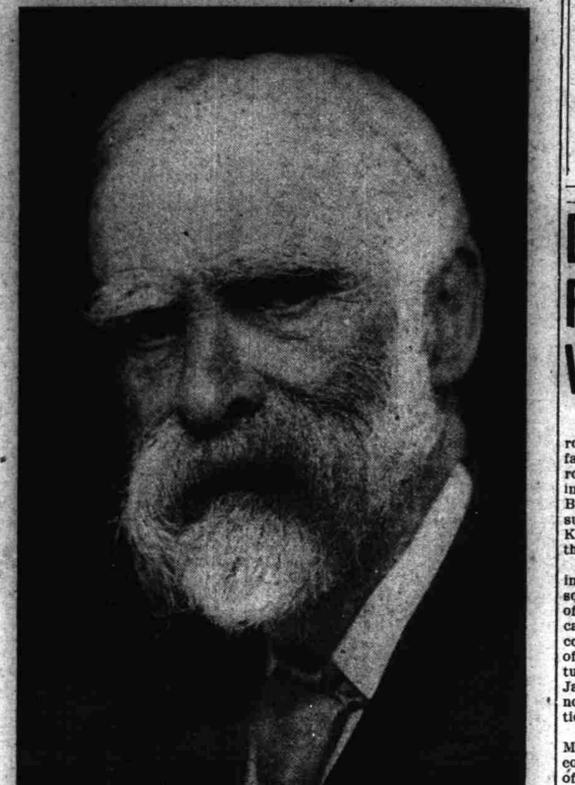
#### DEVELOPMENTS OF DAY ARE RAPID.

Secretary Fisher and party arrive on Chivo Maru. Greeted by Governor Frear, who boards steamer off port. Go to Moana Hotel, where rooms were reserved. Mr. Fisher at once calls Delegate Kuhio and the Governor into private conference to discuss method of procedure of investigation. As result of conference, public hearing is called for tomorrow morning at ten o'clock in Senate chamber, Capitol building. Mr. Fisher may visit island of Kauai next week, leaving on Tuesday. Will probably visit Hawaii and Maui later.

#### TWENTY ACKED TO ATTEND HEARINGS.

Secretary Fisher this afternoon sent out letters to twenty men prominent in the political and business life of the city, asking them to attend the public hearings on the Frear-Kuhio controversy, which will begin in the Senate chamber at the Capitol tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The letter of invitation follows: "Dear Sir:—At the request of the parties directly concerned and by the direction of the President, I have come to Hawaii to investigate at first hand the controverted questions arising out of the protest filed by the Delegate to Congress from Hawaii against the reappointment of Governor Frear. The questions raised relate more especially to the policies which have been or should be pursued with respect to the disposition of the public lands and the development and control of the transportation facilities of the islands, but they necessarily involve a consideration of existing social, economic and industrial conditions. For the purpose of obtaining a clear understanding of these questions and conditions, I propose to hold a series of public hearings at the Senate chamber in the Capitol building, commencing tomorrow morning, September 7, at 10 o'clock, and which I should be glad to have you attend. Very respectfully, WALTER L. FISHER, Secretary of the Interior."

#### Noted Diplomat Who Is Visitor Here



BRITISH AMBASSADOR JAMES BRYCE

#### DUSKY PRINCES FROM ZANZIBAR VISIT HONOLULU

Oriental sultanates arrayed in costly robes and possessing crown jewels of fabulous wealth, two members of the royal family of the island of Zanzibar in the persons of S. B. Nasser and A. B. Saleh, are occupying the finest suite of staterooms in the Toyo Kisen Kaisha liner Chiyoma Maru, which early this morning called at Honolulu. Representing a government occupying a joint area of over one thousand square miles, supporting a population of 250,000, including Europeans, half-caste Portuguese from the Malabar coast of India, also wandering bands of Arabs, the native princes now returning to the coast of Asia in the Japanese liner spent the day in Honolulu befitting their rank and station. According to officers of the Chiyoma Maru, the Orientals are traveling incognito. They are accompanied by a bevy of servants whose sole aim is to attend the every want of their royal

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#### PROTECTION FOR AMERICANS ASKED

##### U. S. Ambassador Wilson Instructed To Urge More Troops For Northern Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Sept. 6.—U. S. Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson was today instructed from Washington to urge upon the Mexican government the need for additional troops in Northern Mexico as protection for Americans. This official action on the part of the United States follows grave reports this morning as to the lawless raids of rebel bands upon American ranches and mines.

#### New York Probe Shows Many Disorderly Houses Untouched

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 6.—Inspector Hayes, suspended from the department for insubordination and charged with having declared that Police Commissioner Rhinelander Waldo gave orders not to molest disorderly houses, was put on trial today. Waldo, appearing as a witness, declared that he had never given any such orders. He stated that Mayor Gaynor had not directed the vice policy of the police department. Waldo admitted that he knew that disorderly houses were flourishing throughout the city, but asserted that he had supposed that Hayes was unable to obtain evidence against them.

#### Army Aviators Killed In Storm

LONDON, Eng., Sept. 6.—Captain Hamilton and Lieutenant Stewart, two of the best known aviators in the British army, were killed today as the result of attempting to fly during a severe storm.

MUNICH, Ger., Sept. 6.—Lieutenant Steger of the aviator corps, German army, was almost instantly killed today in an aeroplane accident. His machine was caught in a stiff gust of wind.

#### What's The Matter With Kansas?

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 6.—Four thousand horses have died within the last few days from a mysterious plague that is ravishing the stock in all this part of Kansas. The farmers are helpless, unable to check the epidemic.

#### Children Rescued From Fire

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 6.—Forty-eight children were rescued today from a nasty tenement-house fire. The loss will reach \$150,000. Several thrilling escapes were seen by an immense crowd which packed the streets in all directions.

#### Nigaragua Revolt Wanes

CORINTO, Nicaragua, Sept. 6.—According to the news which has come here from the interior, the revolution is on the wane.

#### OSCAR STRAUS NOMINATED BY N. Y. BULL MOOSERS

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 6.—Oscar Straus was nominated today for Governor of New York by acclamation by the Bull Moosers of the State in convention here.

#### PLEIADES SAVED; FLOATED TODAY, AFTER HOPE GONE

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Sept. 6.—The freighter Pleiades, which ran ashore near here and which was believed to be a total loss, has been floated.

#### 1500 WEST VIRGINIA STRIKERS ARE STILL DEFIANT

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 6.—Fifteen hundred strikers remain defiant and are near the rioting point.

#### AMBASSADOR AND SECRETARY MEET AT LUNCHEON TODAY

Ambassador Bryce and Secretary of the Interior Fisher met at luncheon today, guests of Governor Frear. The luncheon, which was pleasantly informal, was given at the Moana Hotel at 1 o'clock. The table was set in the main dining-hall of the Moana, and those who sat down were Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce, Secretary and Mrs. Fisher, Governor and Mrs. Frear, Mrs. Mott-Smith, Mr. F. M. Swanzy and Mrs. Walter F. Dillingham. Another point raised on behalf of the company is that the notice served on it by the Territory was not in due legal form, because it did not show that the demand was made with the sanction of the Governor. "We received the notice on August 29, so that the time will not expire until the 8th," said A. L. Castle, secretary of the company this morning. Governor Gave Consent. "We wrote to the Governor asking

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