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## ANTI-PROHIBITION FIGHT LAUNCHED

### "WETS" GET BUSY WITH LEGISLATURE

Concurrent Resolution Drops in Both House and Senate This Morning  
MOVE IS ASCRIBED TO LIQUOR INTERESTS

Want Lawmakers to Memorialize Congress Not to Enact Legislation for Hawaii

A concurrent resolution memorializing congress to refuse to enact any legislation relative to the liquor traffic in the territory was introduced in both branches of the legislature this morning, being referred to the printing committee in the upper house but adopted by the lower branch with only three dissenting votes.

The resolution dropped with startling suddenness upon most of the legislators and in both houses there was evident some uncertainty when the question of voting came up. Some of the house members were visibly staggered, three—one Republican and two Democrats—voting against the resolution.

In the senate more time will be given the solons to make up their minds what to do, for the resolution goes to print and in the meantime there is likely to be some maneuvering for position.

Observers of events believe that the appearance of the resolution this morning is due to sudden activity by the liquor interests, following the passage of the Webb bill by the national congress and revival of work for the Gronna bill and for territory-wide prohibition. The anti-saloon league is now openly active and it is figured that the legislature is now asked to take a stand as a piece of political strategy by the liquor interests.

Color is lent to this belief by the fact that the liquor interests this morning were aware that the resolution was to be presented. This was ascertained by the Star-Bulletin today.

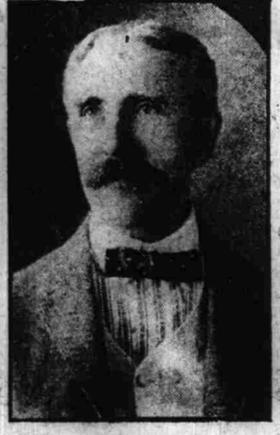
The measure is aimed against the anti-saloon agitation recently started at the national capital which has for its purpose the enactment of a federal statute prohibiting the liquor traffic throughout the Hawaiian islands.

In introducing the resolution in the house, Representative Coney spoke at some length, declaring it is not aimed particularly at the prohibitionists, but is intended to preserve to the territorial legislature and to the various communities the right to say whether they desire prohibition or "wet" administrations—in other words, it is meant to defend local option.

He urged the legislature to fight for the retention of its powers, which, he asserted, are threatened in Washington at present. Action by Congress, he said, would mean that the body was taking upon itself the responsibility of saying whether Honolulu or Hilo, or any of the other counties, should be "wet" or "dry."

### BANKERS URGED TO WORK IN UNISON

An interesting session of the Hawaiian Chapter of the American Institute of Banking was held at the University Club last night. It was the second meeting of the chapter since its organization last year, Charles A. Stobie of the First National Bank presided. Several visiting



Charles A. Stobie, president Hawaiian chapter, American Institute of Banking

bank and trust men of prominence from the mainland, besides a number of local men, gave addresses. J. P. M. Richards, president of the Spokane & Eastern Trust Company, was the chief speaker as heralded in the call of meeting. His remarks bore largely on the conditions in Spokane prior to and during the panic of 1907, with application to the present banking and trust situation in Hawaii. Before the crisis mentioned the Spokane banks, jealous of each other, were

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### POLO TEAM GOING STRONG AND WINNING

Encouraging news has been received from the Hawaii polo team by today's mail, both in the form of flattering newspaper comments, and in private communications from the players themselves. The Coast papers both in the north and south, admit that the Hawaii team is about the fastest combination that has been seen on California fields to date. In fact, a story printed on the sporting page of this issue tells of a hurry call for eastern players to come to California and stop the winning streak of the Hawaiian players.

Mr. J. B. Castle received some interesting polo news this morning in a letter from his son Harold, the crack No. 2, and probably the most sensational hitter on the team. The letter says in part: "We have had very fair luck in polo so far, although we were beaten in the final game at Pasadena by a quarter of a point. If I say it myself, we had rather hard luck in this game, as they would not let Walter Dillingham play because he showed up about two minutes too late, and we therefore were all disorganized, and had to play our junior team against the best team they could put up. As it was, we scored the same number of goals, but lost by a chance. We are back in Coronado now, and I am enclosing to you two copies of the schedules of the tournaments here. You will notice that between now and then we will be able to send you some encouraging messages."

"The weather is cold and invigorating and we are going after every one of the eight teams that is at Coronado in true Hawaiian style."

The Coronado polo schedule is as follows:  
March 2 to 8—California Challenge Trophy.  
March 9 to 12—Pacific Coast All-America Polo Trophy.  
March 10 to 14—Pacific Coast Junior Championship Trophy.  
March 13 to 15—Hotel del Coronado Cup.  
March 15 to 20—American Polo As-

### WATER SITUATION NEEDS EXPERT ADVICE

Assistant Supt. Wheeler Points out Need of Work for Future

MORE WASTE OF ARTESIAN SUPPLY VERY EASILY FOUND  
Uncapped Wells Allow Millions of Gallons to Flow Into Sea Daily

Declaring that there should be an immediate investigation of the conditions of water supply and consumption on the island of Oahu, A. C. Wheeler, assistant superintendent of the department of public works, stated today that a central electric power plant, as suggested in last night's Star-Bulletin, would undoubtedly be more economical than the present antiquated system. Wheeler also declared that water is the most precious commodity on the island and that it is a criminal shame to waste it. He declared that an efficient expert should be hired by the government to investigate conditions here and to hand in a full report. Wheeler pointed out that other cities on the mainland have up-to-date electric plants and stated that Honolulu, if the city is to expand at all in the future, must plan to have a water system that will not only take care of the present but also of the future demand.

San Francisco is spending \$150,000 a year for the investigation of her water supply, Wheeler said, while Seattle is spending an amount almost equal to this, and is planning a system that will take care of all possible demands that can be put upon it in future years.

Working out the plan for a central electric power plant, it has been suggested that a reservoir be built on Punchbowl to store water for use in the outlying districts of the city, and that water could be pumped into it by the excess water power in the Nuuanu valley. Then an electric plant, situated in the downtown district, would supply the lower portion of the city with water from the electric company and the Rapid Transit company, amounting to almost five millions daily, which is now going to waste.

More Waste of Water Found. Further facts regarding the waste of artesian water became known today. Not only are the two companies mentioned pouring five millions of gallons daily into the ocean, but an amount probably equal to this is being wasted from the artesian wells. On Arlesian street between Beretania and Dole street an artesian well, has apparently been destroyed is pouring out its precious flow of water day and night without there being any attempt to save it. In the Kapahulu district it is reported on good authority that millions of gallons of artesian water is being wasted because the wells have never been capped.

In the outlying districts, artesian wells used for irrigating purposes by truck gardeners and farmers are reported to be allowed to flow almost at will. It is within the power of the government to stop this waste and immediate steps will probably be taken to enforce the law, which is quoted as follows:

(Section 3187, Revised Laws of Hawaii) "Every flowing artesian well on the island of Oahu shall be capped by the owner or owners thereof in such manner as to give complete control over the flow of water from the pipes of such well.

(Section 3198) "No person having the right to the use of water from any such artesian well shall allow the same to run to waste, but may use for irrigation, domestic and other purposes, except for driving machinery, provided, however, that such water may be used for driving machinery in case it is utilized afterward for irrigation or other useful purposes."

The conditions of the supply of water showed no improvement today over the facts as stated yesterday. The supply in the reservoirs is low and it will undoubtedly be some months before the irrigation privileges without drawn yesterday are extended again.

The marriage of Princess Victoria Louise, the Kaiser's daughter, will take place on May 24, the silver wedding anniversary of Prince Henry.

EDUCATIONAL REVIEW  
The Hawaii Educational Review for March will be issued with tomorrow's Star-Bulletin. Each town subscriber and every purchaser of the Star-Bulletin through the newsboys will receive a copy of this publication which is filling a very important place in the educational affairs of the territory. This month's number will contain a tribute to the late Dr. W. D. Alexander written by Prof. M. M. Scott, also much valuable and interesting educational material of general information and for class work.

### SEC. LANE TO TAKE TIME ON GOVERNORSHIP

Waller Sees Him and Starts for Home—McCombs Will Have Weight on Patronage



William F. McCombs, chairman Democratic national committee; man who will pass on much of the patronage of Hawaii.

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—Gilbert J. Waller did not take long to put his claims for the governorship of Hawaii before President Wilson and Secretary of the Interior Lane. After Mr. Waller and B. H. Rivenburgh had conferred with Secretary Lane yesterday, Waller decided he had done all he could, and he has already started for the coast on his way home.

The most important development is the announcement by Secretary Lane that he will not settle the governorship matter offhand, but will take his time about it. In fact, he indicated plainly that he will not consider the Hawaiian situation for some time. He has a vast amount of work already on hand to be attended to first.

John H. Wilson, Democratic national committeeman, is here hard at work boosting for L. S. ALBERT.

Both the Waller and McCandless wings of the Democratic party have been visibly cheered during the past few days by receipt of news from Washington that each evidently regards as significantly encouraging. Johnny Wilson cabled here yesterday that things look good for McCandless, and some of Mr. Waller's friends are said to have heard from him along remarkably similar lines.

The McCandless backers are counting strongly on the support of Chairman McCombs of the Democratic national committee. The Star-Bulletin's Washington correspondent writes that much of the patronage is to be passed upon by McCombs. President Wilson's action in referring Waller to the new secretary of the interior is taken as indicating that Lane is to be given wide discretion in recommending appointments.

### CHAIRMAN M'COMBS TO PASS ON PATRONAGE

By C. S. ALBERT  
(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—Any man, woman or child in Hawaii who desires a good, soft, lucrative position under the administration of President Wilson should apply at once to William F. McCombs, chairman of

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### HOUSE DEMOCRATS GETS AFTER GOVERNOR

Dr. Archer Irwin Wants Investigation of Frear's Action in Hilo St. R. R. Deal

ASKS LIGHT ON SOME LAND TRANSFER DETAILS  
Conveyance 'For Nominal Sum' Is What Seems to Arouse Solon's Inquiry

Adding to the already large number of investigations started by the house of representatives the initial step in a probe of Governor Frear's work as chief executive was taken this morning, when a resolution introduced by Dr. Archer Irwin of Hilo was adopted, authorizing the lands subcommittee to make a special inquiry into the land transfer that was made by the governor to the Hilo Street Railway Company, the new traction concern which incorporated on the day the present session convened.

The measure in effect questions the transactions made by the governor wherein certain lands in Hilo, including the site of the proposed postoffice were passed over to the ownership of the new railroad "for a nominal sum, under the claim that such conveyances were warranted and called for by the provisions of Sec. 784 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii."

It would have the committee investigate the affair in all its ramifications to determine whether there was a necessity for the transfers, whether such proof was given before the transfers were made, and to ascertain "whether, in the opinion of the committee, there exists a reasonable ground upon which to annul the said conveyance, or any of them."

The resolution was introduced and adopted without comment, the members signifying their approval by a show of hands. As originally introduced, it proposed the appointment of a special committee by the speaker, by Dr. Irwin suggested and was given permission to amend it so that the lands subcommittee may take it in charge.

The lands sub-committee leaves tomorrow for Hilo to take evidence in its investigation of the public works department, and is expected to obtain the requisite data on both these matters during its visit at the Big Island metropolis Sunday and Monday.

Dr. Irwin's resolution of record as H. B. 68, follows: "Whereas, The governor of this territory has lately caused to be conveyed to the Hilo Railway Company, Ltd., for a nominal consideration, certain valuable parcels of land situated in the city of Hilo, including the site of the postoffice in that city, under the claim that such conveyances were warranted and called for by the provisions of Section 784 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii;

"Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the sub-committee of the public lands committee be instructed (a) To inquire and report to this house the occasions and circumstances of any and all such conveyances of public lands as have been made to the said Hilo Railway Company, Ltd., or to any other railway company or companies during the years 1905 to 1913. (b) The area and value, as near as practicable, of each parcel so conveyed.

(c) Whether, in any, or in each case, there was, in the opinion of the committee, an existing necessity for such conveyance, such as said statute contemplates; whether there was reasonable proof made of such necessity before the respective conveyances were made. (d) Whether, in the opinion of the committee, there exists a reasonable ground upon which to annul said conveyances, or any of them?"

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CRUSADERS HERE ON WORLD TOUR OF INVESTIGATION

For the purpose of studying the childhood of the Orient and the relations actual and possible of Sunday school work, and all other forms of Christian teaching, bearing upon the youth of this field, the fourth commission of the World's Sunday School Association, consisting of twenty-nine persons and headed by Henry J. Heinz, the prominent packer and churchman of Pittsburgh, Pa., arrived in Honolulu this morning on the Tenyo Maru. The commission is en route, via the Orient, to attend the World's Seventh Sunday School Convention at Zurich, Switzerland, which convenes on July 8.

### EXTRA SESSION ON THE TARIFF ONLY

### BIG EXPLOSION CLAIMS VICTIMS AT BALTIMORE

(Associated Press Cable)  
BALTIMORE, Md., March 7.—A disaster unparalleled in the history of the city occurred today when three hundred and forty tons of dynamite, on a barge lying alongside the big steamer Alum Chine, exploded with a terrific detonation and blew everything around it into atoms.

Not only the steamer, but a big tug and the barge on which the dynamite was awaiting transfer were shattered to fragments, the report being heard over the city, while the shock was felt a hundred miles away.

Fifty persons, most of them sailors and waterfront workers, were killed and fifty more injured. The entire section of the waterfront was damaged, the naval collier Mason being badly injured. The cause of the explosion has not yet been ascertained.

### EDUCATION BILL CHECKED BY SENATE

SENATE Fourteenth Day

Almost forgetful of the invitation to lunch with President Gilmore of the College of Hawaii; the senators became involved in a mass of business this morning, and by eleven o'clock, just one hour after the solons had convened, a record had been established for the volume of work done. The thirteenth day of the senate having passed uneventfully the lawmakers make up for the quiet of yesterday by doubling their efforts this morning.

The rules were suspended which permitted four new bills to be introduced, the first by Senator Coke relating to trial by jury, S. B. 61; and the second by Senator Brown, which is an act having to do with the expenses of the circuit court.

Senator Metzger also introduced a bill relating to taxation, and the fourth one came from Senator Baker, providing for the survey of water heads in the districts of North and South Kona, Hawaii. The four were allowed to pass first reading by title.

Five bills were given final passage and sent on the way to the executive office for the governor's signature, and an equal number of committee reports were heard, two concurrent resolutions introduced and several measures were given a first and second reading.

S. B. No. 48, which makes it a misdemeanor to defraud an innkeeper, came out of committee yesterday, slightly amended, and was passed this morning. S. B. Nos. 56 and 57, both having reference to registered land, were also passed.

The matter of the payment of the national guardsmen who participated at "Fort Damon," is now in the hands of the governor, having left the senate with the latter's approval. It is known as S. B. 67. The act to prohibit the selling of fish raised in a pond in which fowls are kept also is with the governor, it being the last one of the five to leave the senate this morning.

Education Bill Meets Snag. It looks now as if H. B. No. 29 will find its way to the table. It is a bill permitting the teaching of manual training and courses in civic government in the different public schools. The bill has been favorably reported on by the educational committee, but when it was called for third reading, Senators Chillingworth and Metzger demurred to it.

"I am afraid of it," stated Senator Chillingworth. "The bill says the schools shall be permitted to teach these subjects, yet nothing is said as to how they are to be taught them. It appears to me that this is the forerunner of another bill calling for extra teachers, which will mean extra expense and must be figured in our appropriations."

### President Wilson Will Recommend Extraordinary Meeting for Paramount Task

BELIEVES REVISION MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED  
Executive Evidently Intends to Allow Nothing to Stop Party Program

(Associated Press Cable)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—It is learned today that President Wilson will recommend an extra session of Congress for the purpose of taking up tariff revision only.

This report has set Washington and Wall street agog. The previous reports indicated that currency reform and other matters might be taken up at the extra session, but it is apparent that the president believes that the need for tariff revision is paramount.

### CLARKE OF ARKANSAS PRESIDENT PRO TEM

(Associated Press Cable)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—Senator James P. Clarke, senior member of the upper house from Arkansas and a prominent Democrat, is the choice of the Bourbon senators for the president pro tem. Senator Clarke won the caucus approval by a vote of 27 to 14 over Senator A. O. Bacon of Georgia. The vote was a surprise.

### COMMISSIONER NEILL WILL BE RETAINED

(Associated Press Cable)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—President Wilson's determination to recognize merit in office is learned on good authority to have led to a decision that he will retain Charles P. Neill, commissioner of the bureau of labor. In the department of commerce and labor, his reappointment will be sent to the senate soon, and will allow nothing to stand in the way of it.

### WICKERSHAM PARTY WILL STOP AT MOANA

Definite word was received today that George Woodward Wickersham, former attorney-general in Taft's cabinet and renowned as a trust-buster, will arrive in Honolulu accompanied by his wife, her maid and a party of three on the Kona, March 21. The Wickersham party is on a tour of the world, making Honolulu its first stop. It is not known definitely how long they will stay here, but U. S. District Attorney Breckons and Territorial Treasurer E. A. Mot-Smith have already made arrangements for their reception, and they will be offered the trip to the volcano as guests of the territory. Wickersham has engaged several rooms at the Moana, stating that he was recommended to the hotel by former Secretaries Philander C. Knox and Fisher, who still have many pleasant memories of their visit to the crossroads.

### O. K. ON WILLESSEN.

Cable advices received this morning by the territorial board of immigration are that the immigrant ship Willesden, from Europe, passed Punta Arenas, South America, yesterday, and is now probably out on the Pacific. The vessel is making a fine record in the matter of health, only three deaths having occurred and those being infants, due to natural causes.

### HEINZ TO RESTORE MEMORIAL TABLET

Delighted with everything he has seen on Oahu, H. J. Heinz, of the food products millionaire, of Pittsburgh, has offered to leave a permanent reminder of his visit here, and the offer has been accepted. He will pay for the restoration and improvement of the memorial tablet at the summit of the Pali, which recounts the victory of Kamehameha the Great, in the great battle of Nuuanu.

Mr. Heinz, who is chairman of the commission for the study of Sunday school conditions in the Orient, and one of the foremost Sunday school workers in the country, visited the Pali this morning with other members of the Oriental tour party, and several local churchworkers.

On seeing the weather-beaten historical tablet, Mr. Heinz said that unless it would be regarded as interference, he would like to restore it, and authorized W. R. Castle to have the tablet and stonework properly cleaned, the letters re-gilded, and a heavy piece of plate glass put over all.

Mr. Castle telephoned the offer to Mr. B. F. Dillingham, president of the Daughters of Hawaii, who accepted with thanks, and asked that Mr. Heinz' public spirited proposal be made to the public.

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The largest stock in the city to select from