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HONOLULU INVOLVED IN BIG OPIUM SMUGGLING EXPOSE

"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 Conroy 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 defuse local opinion.

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."

"If the citizens of the territory are capable of handling the other affairs of purely local interest, they should have authority to handle this matter also," he declared. "If the people here want prohibition, let them erect prohibitionists to the legislature, and thus enact the laws they desire. But if the majority of the citizens do not want prohibition, then let them decide in what manner the liquor traffic shall be regulated.

"For congress to step in and act in this matter will be to usurp the powers already granted us."

Immediately following his talk Representative Kawehi: arose and moved that the resolution be adopted, at the same time advancing a motion to the effect that the vote of the house be taken by rollcall. The second motion was put first, and though only a very few displayed any anxiety to go on record, enough hands were raised to carry it, the speaker announcing that a one-fifth vote only was necessary to carry a motion for a rollcall.

A considerable number continued to exhibit timidity in voicing an opinion, withholding until sufficient ballots had been cast to show that the resolution would carry; then they came in solidly in its favor. The only ones to hold out against it were C. H. Cooke, Republican; and Paole and Paxson, Democrats.

The resolution, which became H. C. R. No. 7, is as follows: House Concurrent Resolution No. 7. Memorializing the Congress of the United States to Refuse to Enact Any Legislation Relative to Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors Within the Territory of Hawaii.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Territory of Hawaii (the Senate concurring): Whereas, the congress of the United States of America did, on the 26th day

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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. Stoble of the First National Bank presided. Several visiting

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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THREE MEN IN SEATTLE TELL OF AGENCIES

International Ring Believed Broken with Arrest of the Prominent Members

[Special Star-Bulletin Cable]

SEATTLE, Wash., March 7.—Startling disclosures of an international opium plot involving Honolulu have been made here, it is alleged by the customs and secret service men, as the result of the arrest of John W. Rogers, Marion Bergman and Charlie Louis, the latter a Chinese cafe-keeper. It is declared that a confession has been obtained from the men showing the existence of an international smuggling ring, with nation-wide agencies, including Honolulu.

GENERAL MACOMB MAKES ANNUAL REPORT

Much delayed, owing to the fact that it was not at first intended to compile and publish it, the annual report of Brigadier General M. M. Macomb, commanding the Department of Hawaii, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1912, has just come from the press.

Owing to the fact that an entire scheme of army reorganization has gone into effect since the report was written, and that Hawaii is now an independent geographical department, with all the functions of the old administrative division, many of the recommendations have already been adopted. General Macomb recommends the assignment of an inspector and a chief surgeon, both of which officers the Hawaiian department now has. Owing also to the consolidation of the staff corps, the report becomes merely a record of what was done during the last fiscal year.

There are, however, a number of strong points made by General Macomb which apply with equal force now as then.

General Macomb lays stress on the need of an armory for the national guard. Under the head of "Organized Militia," the report reads as follows: "The organized militia of Hawaii has not reached a state of efficiency and requires a complete reorganization, which can not be effected until after the completion of a suitable armory."

"They declined an invitation to take part in the combined maneuvers planned for this coming autumn for reasons not accurately known to this office."

"It is considered very desirable that there should be a full regiment of organized militia stationed in Honolulu. It would be a most valuable addition to the regular garrison of Oahu."

More Room on Transports. Touching on the transport, the report says: "The transfer of regiments from the Philippine Islands to the United States having been completed, it was thought that more space on U. S. army transports would be available for this garrison. Such is not the case, however, for on the transport due here from the Philippine Islands on August 5th, while there were 69 applications for first class transportation for those reasonably entitled thereto, but six first-class and four second-class accommodations were available."

"Under an agreement made in 1909 accommodations on United States army transports for six first-class and four second-class passengers are reserved for Honolulu. This rule is not strictly adhered to. The result is that families of officers leaving the station, officers going on leave or sick leave, and officers, non-commissioned staff officers and civilian employees traveling on duty are frequently unable to obtain transportation on a government transport, with resulting discontent to all concerned. The above cited arrangement was made at a time when the disparity in strength between the Philippine and Hawaiian garrisons was much greater than it is now."

The addition of an equitable policy in regard to the distribution of accommodations on the U. S. transports between the garrisons of the Philippine Islands and the Hawaiian Islands would add greatly to the content of this command."

William E. Lee, an ex-speaker of the house of representatives of Minnesota, was a caller at the territorial house session Wednesday. He watched the proceedings closely for some time and was impressed by the rapidity with which it worked.

At the request of several of the members, a meeting of the Women's Suffrage Association of Hawaii has been called for next Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Hirono

WATER SITUATION NEEDS EXPERT ADVICE

Assistant Supt. Wheeler Points out Need of Work for Future

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 Arleston street, between Beets and Dole sts., a well whose capping 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 are going to waste 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 be utilized afterward for irrigation or other useful purposes."

The conditions of the supply of water showed no improvement today over that stated yesterday. The supply in the reservoirs is low and it will undoubtedly be some months before the irrigation privileges withdrawn yesterday are extended again.

local ministers and church workers, headed by Rev. H. P. Judd, Rev. A. A. Ebersole and Dr. Doremus Seudder. Ten automobiles were in waiting and in these the members of the commission, and those of their families who are accompanying them on the tour, were taken on a sight-seeing tour about the city, which occupied the greater part of the morning. The principle points of interest about the city were visited including the Pali, Diamond Head, Punchbowl, Moanaiua and several of the outlying districts. While a number of the visitors have been in Hawaii before, yet there were a number who are today making their first trip to the islands. All were favorably impressed at once with Honolulu, and Mr. Heinz, who has made a number of trips here, displayed great interest in the improvements

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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 Pali, 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.

The commission, which is composed of twenty-nine persons, fifteen of whom are prominent American business and professional men who are interested in the development of the Sunday school, was met at the Alakea

short this morning by a delegation of

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SEC. LANE TO TAKE TIME ON GOVERNORSHIP

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

(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. G. 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. L. McCandless, C. 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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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 Jason being badly injured. The cause of the explosion has not yet been ascertained.

DARROW JURY MAY DISAGREE

[Special Star-Bulletin Cable] LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 7.—The jury considering a verdict on the case of Attorney Clarence Darrow, charged with the McNamara jury-bribery, has now been out twenty-four hours and it is believed that its deliberations will result in a disagreement.

LIPTON'S DEFI FOR 75-FOOTERS

[Special Star-Bulletin Cable] LONDON, Eng., March 7.—Sir Thomas Lipton's challenge for an international yacht race for yachts with a 75-foot waterline, the winner to be determined by the best three-out-of-five races.

SOUTHWORTH IS ASKED TO QUIT

[Special Star-Bulletin Wireless] HILO, T. H., March 7.—The Hawaii county supervisors last night passed a resolution asking for the resignation of County Engineer E. A. Southworth to take effect March 31. The vote was five to one. The supervisors say his services have not been satisfactory.

RAPID TRANSIT BILL TO BE TAKEN UP

Senator Cecil Brown, chairman of the special committee appointed to report on S. B. No. 53, which is an act to extend the franchise of the Honolulu Rapid Transit Company, stated this morning that a meeting will be called of the committeemen within a few days for the consideration of the measure.

It may be that a public meeting will later be called to hear the outside opinion of the bill. This will depend, Senator Brown stated, upon the interest shown by the public.

The act is identical in almost every respect with the one submitted at the last session of the legislature. The former one passed both houses with little opposition, but later received the "pocket veto" of the governor.

Senator Brown stated that he believed the act will meet with little resistance in the senate.

Twenty-five choice lots in Haiku, Maui, will be drawn for tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, in the office of the Land Commissioner, and assigned to homesteaders. Land Commissioner Tucker states that the lots are choice ones of from twenty to thirty acres each.

Notice of meeting of the Kapahulu Improvement Club, at 3:30 Sunday afternoon, is given elsewhere. All members are requested to be present and residents of the district are invited.

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 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 Korea, 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. Mott-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 hospitality by former Secretary 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, 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 Mrs. B. F. Dillingham, president of the Daughters of Hawaii, who accepted with thanks, and asked that Mr. Heinz's public spirited proposal be made to the public.

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