

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

# Letters OF TIMELY TOPICS

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## A GRAND JURY REPORT THAT DEMANDS ACTION

The territorial grand jury has let in some much-needed light on the saloon business in Honolulu.

The light is also turned on the relations of the Honolulu Brewing & Malting Company to retail businesses, and it falls with especial strength upon the relations of Charles G. Bartlett, president and manager of the brewery, and three or four of the retail saloon-men.

While finding that the involved transactions between Bartlett, Lynch, Waterman, Cornyn (or Sullivan) and the brewery are not criminal in nature, the jury has found evasions of the law, in spirit, at least; it has found trickery, deceit and double-dealing.

The charges made by the Star-Bulletin when this paper demanded a grand jury investigation have been proved; the questions asked in the columns of this paper day after day have been answered.

In the report made public last night by a sub-committee of the grand jury, named to carry on the investigation, this trickery, deceit, double-dealing are plainly shown.

The various transactions involving the Pacific saloon were made possible because Bartlett, Sullivan, Lynch and Waterman were willing to go into secret deals and silent partnerships, in defiance of the plain spirit of the license commission's ruling made as long ago as 1910. If, as some of them say, they acted in ignorance, that very ignorance of the regulation and of the nature of business transactions would seem in all common-sense to unfit them for holding saloon licenses.

Did P. F. Cornyn (Dick Sullivan) knowingly make false affidavits as to the ownership of the Pacific saloon?

The grand jury report says: "When application was made to the liquor commissioners for a saloon license, Mr. Philip F. Cornyn was the applicant for the Pacific Saloon. The license was granted to Mr. Cornyn, and so far as the commissioners or the public knew, Mr. Cornyn was the only interested party in the saloon."

"From July 1, 1910, until July 1, 1911, we are led to believe that Mr. Cornyn was only an employe, working on a salary."

"On July 1, 1912, there was a copartnership agreement entered into, whereby C. G. Bartlett, Emil Waterman and Philip F. Cornyn became equal own-

ers in the Pacific Saloon, having each a one-third interest.

"Mr. Cornyn borrowed the money, giving the Honolulu Brewery his note for \$7,000, with a mortgage on the saloon as security."

"This arrangement apparently proved satisfactory to all concerned. Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Waterman receiving their pro rata of the profits, being two-thirds of same, and Mr. Cornyn receiving one-third."

"Mr. Cornyn apparently retained \$150 per month for living expenses, the balance of his share of the profits being paid to the brewery on account of his note."

"Upon the payment of this note Mr. Cornyn held his one-third interest clear."

"There can be no doubt but that the agreement of copartnership was fully understood by the three interested parties, as the terms of same were conscientiously lived up to."

Did Lynch know what sort of a secret deal with Bartlett he was a party to? The grand jury report says:

"The agreement between Mr. Bartlett as a two-thirds owner and Mr. Lynch, owning one-third, was apparently fully understood by both parties, Mr. Lynch's affidavit to the contrary notwithstanding, as the conditions of same were always adhered to, to the effect that two thirds of the profits were paid to Mr. Bartlett, and in addition thereto Mr. Lynch paid a certain amount from his one-third profit to apply to his indebtedness to the brewery."

The report puts it up to the license commission to take action. On this point:

"The liquor commissioners were acquainted with practically all of the transactions mentioned in this report, in the face of which they saw no reason why the various licenses should not be renewed or transferred to other owners."

"The license commissioners are in absolute control of the situation. They can make a license valuable or otherwise by insisting that the holders of the license comply with, not only the law, but with all regulations adopted by the commission."

"The cancelling of one or two licenses for evading regulations would soon teach a holder of a license that there was some value to the license if he conducts his business properly; on the contrary, if he does not, the license wouldn't be worth the paper it is written on."

"There should be no need of a grand jury investigation into the liquor business; the liquor commissioners are the judges, and they should stop any questionable transactions by refusing to renew licenses where such evidence is proven to their satisfaction."

The license commission has won the confidence of the public for its energy and impartiality in the past. It has the power not only to renew licenses, but to revoke licenses. We shall await with peculiar interest some early action by the commission as a result of this grand jury report.

### THE HUSTACE CANDIDACY

Charles Hustace, Jr., who has announced his candidacy for the mayoralty as a Republican, is a businessman who made a success of his term as chairman of the board of supervisors. During that term, he won the respect and support of his colleagues and the cooperation of the community to a marked extent. He is outspoken, honest, not always tactful but always in earnest; he is under the domination of no man or set of men, and he ran independently two years ago because he believed the then existing convention system had wronged him and wronged the voters of Oahu. His brief announcement says: "For efficiency in city administration for Honolulu nei."

To date four Republican candidates have appeared—John C. Lane, Harry E. Murray, Joel C. Cohen and Charles Hustace. Hustace has had more actual experience in public office than any of the others except Murray, and Hustace's record was far more successful than Murray's. He will have a large following among the Hawaiian voters, for he worked well with the Hawaiians who made up the board of which he was chairman, and he is not "hokokano."

Mr. Hustace's candidacy must be and should be taken seriously. It may still further divide the anti-Lane vote, but on the other hand it will take away some Lane support and it may mean an immediate movement to concentrate the support of the large independent vote that demands businesslike government of the city first, last and all the time.

Weighing well each mayoralty factor as it appears, the voters will be wise if they reserve final judgment until all the candidates are in the field.

Assistant District Attorney Thompson now has a real opportunity before him in the absence of his chief. The office of the district attorney should be considerably more than a stage for sex problem plays. One of the matters that calls for attention is a crusade against opium smuggling and selling, two laws having been recently passed by Congress largely to arm the federal prosecutors in Hawaii.

Europe steadily drifts toward a tremendous war. Great Britain and Germany still have it in their power to avert the conflict by refusing to listen to the reckless demands of the warlords crazed with their dreams of greater power.

President Wilson's shorthand was judged by the Short-hand Reporters' convention recently held at Indianapolis to be good for an amateur. In appreciation a sample with a brief note was being neatly framed in the convention hall.

### COMMON SENSE IN CANADA

It was the mayor, as we remember, who suggested in his naive little way that the procedure to keep Honolulu free of auto accidents is to remove all the horns and other warning-apparatus from cars. Then, he maintained, people would always keep a sharp lookout and thus avoid getting themselves run over.

The mayor's suggestion has recently been followed by the further proposal, equally practical, that if mounted police officers wish to keep from getting run down from behind they should hang red tail-lights to the caudal appendages of their steeds.

Honolulu talks and talks, and legislates and legislates, and still the speed-frenzies, the drunk-drivers, the take-a-chance daredevils, the half-skilled and unskilled, send their cars dashing through the streets day and night.

Up in Canada, according to Collier's Weekly, they do it differently. Collier's says:

"Automobile regulations in the Province of Quebec impose a fine of \$100 for the first offense and \$200 for the second, with imprisonment for one or two months, for any person who, while intoxicated, drives an automobile. It is understood that the Canadians enforce this provision. The bells, horns, and other signaling devices must not be used in Quebec except as a warning of danger, and then not in such a way as to make a 'harsh, objectionable, or unreasonable noise' except in the case of fire or police vehicles or ambulances. Even these, we suspect, are not expected to make 'unreasonable' noises. The Quebec laws provide that every motor vehicle shall carry a muffler and that it shall not be cut out 'in any public park or public highway.' The muffler cut-out used to be recognized as the stigma of the cheap car, but since the cheap cars have been so perfected, it now merely advertises the cheap driver. The intoxicated driver is entitled to no leniency. The noisy horn is an excuseless nuisance. Altogether, one sometimes yearns to see the United States annexed to Canada."

It's a dangerous precedent for the supervisors to amend the building law so that one new building may comply with the law.

The grand jury report inclines one to believe that if Brewery Bartlett was stung he got about what was coming to him.

According to Dr. John B. Murphy made by the Mobile and Ohio Railroad about 1000 physicians and surgeons for the construction of a bridge across from United States and Canada are ex-the Ohio river at Cairo, Ill. He is expected to attend the meeting of The Academy of Notre Dame recent North American clinical congress only celebrated the fiftieth, or golden, jubilee of the founding of the institution. London, now being held. Five million dollars has been set aside.

(The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space for anonymous communications.)

### FROM ONE WHO BELIEVES IN ADVERTISING.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin:

So "we ladies of Honolulu" have convinced our local dealers that it does not pay them to advertise on billboards for we absolutely refuse to buy anything so advertised or patronize people who use billboards." According to that letter from some unknown member of the so-called Outdoor Circle.

I wonder if the modern ladies of this city feel that this is misrepresentation; I wonder if that unknown letter-writer was appointed the spokeswoman of "we ladies of Honolulu." Certainly such a reactionary letter, I believe, cannot properly be considered as representing the thought of any but a very small minority of women, for any modern woman knows that advertised articles are better and cheaper than unadvertised goods—and are also safer to buy, as with advertised goods the manufacturer stands right in the limelight and proclaims himself the maker, while other makers sneak away from publicity because they are afraid of it and its searching analysis.

And "we refuse to buy anything so advertised," do we, "we ladies of Honolulu." I'd like to take a peek today at some grocery order as it is being delivered to the home of some member of that Outdoor Circle, and carefully ascertain what article, not advertised on billboards, appeared in that order. If I found any, which is doubtful, I should know immediately that that home burned sperm oil in its lamps; that no "package food" appeared on the dining table, but only vegetables and fruits from the family's own garden, and meat from the family's own cow or pig or chicken; I should then know that, while there might be sheet music in the home there would not be a musical instrument of any kind—unless it were a Jew-harp or a "devil's fiddle" made at home.

I should know that no modern improvements of any kind, whether in plumbing, in house furnishings or in kitchen labor-saving devices would be found in that home; I should know that the new men will only fire at 200 and 300 yards and will not be classified. Firing for the detachment belonging to the 3d battalion will begin on Saturday, and four targets of the eight on the range will be reserved for these men, the remainder of the targets being in use at the same time by Company I, 3d battalion of Engineers. Upon the conclusion of the supplementary season for the 3d battalion it will be followed on the range by the recruits of the 1st battalion.

### Fort Shafter Notes

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence) Leave of absence for 25 days has been granted 2d Lieut. George M. Halloran, 2d Infantry, to take effect on the arrival of the transport at San Francisco, Cal. Lieutenant Halloran hopes to secure transportation by the next transport.

The following named patients in the department hospital have been ordered to the Letterman-General Hospital for observation and later disposition: 1st Class Private Albert Broton, Company M, Signal Corps; 1st Class Pvt. Boone E. Clark, Q. M. Corps, and Privates Alexander A. Paxton, Company M, and Isaac Walters, Company L, 2d Infantry.

The 2d battalion, 2d Infantry, will leave the post for its period of battalion field training about August 10 and will remain away on that duty for about two weeks. The battalion will make its base during the field service in the vicinity of Waimanalo, on the eastern end of Oahu, and will work up the adjoining section of country in terrain study. The detachment of recruits that recently arrived will join the battalion for this duty, as their progress in instruction warrants taking them up for full duty.

The board of governors of the 2d Infantry mess has authorized one night a week as "ladies' night" at the mess, and the innovation will no doubt prove popular. The same body has also taken action concerning the use of the tennis court, which was built from funds of the mess. The court will be reserved for the use of officers between the hours of 3:30 and retreat daily. At all other hours the courts may be used by any persons authorized to play thereon.

Lieut. Lindsay McD. Silvester will leave the garrison on Saturday on the extended leave recently granted him. Lieutenant Silvester will be the guest of Lieutenant Cook, commanding the mine planter Col. Armistead on the voyage of that vessel to San Francisco, and will then journey to his home for the remainder of his leave.

A supplementary target season for the 2d Infantry has been requested by the regimental commander in order that the lately arrived recruits may acquire some knowledge of rifle firing before they will have served six

months in the ranks. The new men will only fire at 200 and 300 yards and will not be classified. Firing for the detachment belonging to the 3d battalion will begin on Saturday, and four targets of the eight on the range will be reserved for these men, the remainder of the targets being in use at the same time by Company I, 3d battalion of Engineers. Upon the conclusion of the supplementary season for the 3d battalion it will be followed on the range by the recruits of the 1st battalion.

In compliance with standing orders from department headquarters the below named men of the garrison will be sent by the transport sailing for San Francisco about August 5 to the recruit depot at Fort McDowell, Cal., and report on arrival thereat to the commanding officer of that post for discharge from the service by reason of expiration of terms of enlistment: 2d Infantry—Corpl. Amasa O. Williams, Band; Sergt. Birchard E. Randall, Company H; Sergt. Thomas Hayes, Company K; Corpl. Thomas Reilly, Company K, and Pvt. Harry Kibbey, Company K. From Company I, Engineers—Corpl. Fred Meyers, Corpl. Walter C. Bauer and 1st Class Pvt. Charles H. Ritchie. From Company E, Signal Corps—1st Class Pvt. Harry W. Rockhold. From the detachment Q. M. Corps—Pvt. 1st Class Joseph C. Allen.

An echo of the last camp of the National Guard is the statement of sales made by the supply headquarters at Fort Shafter, according to the records of those departments during the continuance of the camp of instruction. The table below shows the money value of supplies drawn by each organization during the period July 25 to 29. Inasmuch as the allowance for subsistence for the five days was approximately \$1.25 per man and the companies averaged 45 men in strength it will be seen that some considerable overdraft will have to be met. In addition to the regular rations a bill amounting to about \$75 was contracted in Honolulu for the amount of powder deemed necessary for the citizen soldiers. It is stated that the Territory has allotted \$1000 for subsistence for the Guard and thus the bills fall well within the allotted sum. The statement as itemized, follows:

—W. P.

Subsistence, Q.M. Supplies  
Co. A ..... \$41.22 ..... \$ 49  
Co. B ..... 54.72 ..... 1.03  
Co. C ..... 62.45 ..... .51  
Co. D ..... 99.81 ..... .87

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Prospect Street ..... 3 bedrooms ..... 60.00

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Lunalilo St. .... 4 bedrooms ..... \$45.00  
Young St. .... 2 bedrooms ..... 35.00  
Wilhelmina Rise ..... 2 bedrooms ..... 30.00  
Aloha Lane ..... 2 bedrooms ..... 17.00  
Auld Lane ..... 3 bedrooms ..... 16.00  
Kalibi, opp. Kam. IV Road ..... 3 bedrooms ..... 25.00  
Palolo Hill ..... 3 bedrooms ..... 30.00  
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### LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—E. BUFFANDEAU: One nice thing about the meetings of the civil service commission is that they are short. We met last night for a few minutes and are now pau until August 12.

—CHARLES R. FORBES: I expect to assume the duties of superintendent of public works on August 15. In the meantime I will become more familiar with the work of the office.

—JAMES D. DOUGHERTY: If it can be arranged, every automobile on Oahu will be entered in a competitive parade as a feature of the Mid-Pacific Carnival. The fact that an automobile would be offered as a prize should prompt owners and drivers to enter their cars.

Co. E ..... 57.28 ..... 54  
Co. F ..... 56.70 ..... 61  
Co. G ..... 49.61 ..... 72  
Co. H ..... 73.58 ..... 1.36  
Co. I ..... 53.26 ..... 49  
Co. K ..... 54.18 ..... 49  
Co. L ..... 47.43 ..... 49  
Co. M ..... 69.40 ..... 49

Totals ..... \$719.64 ..... \$7.70  
In addition to the above ice was drawn against the ration account to the amount of \$9.44. Company H, with its canteen, took \$1.36 of the latter item, and all the others were charged with 74 cents for that commodity.

Today's neglect spells tomorrow's worry.

## Personal Mention

FRANK O. BOYER is making a business tour of the island of Maui.

H. D. SLOGGETT has returned to Maui following a business trip to this city.

REAR-ADMIRAL C. B. T. MOORE announces that he is moving his residence to Pearl Harbor today.

CHARLES R. FORBES' commission as superintendent of public works was signed today by Governor Pinkham. Mr. Forbes will succeed John W. Caldwell as superintendent on August 15. The latter's resignation was accepted in the first part of the month and Forbes announced as his successor this week.

BUFFALO (N. Y.)—Justice Creuch, in Syracuse, N. Y., granted a final decree of divorce annulling the marriage of Marion Ellison of Syracuse to Elias Ellison of San Francisco, who lived together only six hours in Chicago, where they were married August 25, 1912, the bride being under 17.

The reason for the separation was never revealed. When the San Francisco girl was unable to come to Syracuse the bride's mother arranged for a wedding at Chicago and accompanied her to that city.

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