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### THROW DOUBT ON WOMAN'S STORY OF AUTO ATTACK

Police Drop Case, Saying Evidence Withheld by Principals In Joy-Ride Mix-Up

With her hair disheveled, her clothes covered with dirt and sand and with a long scratch on her face, the wife of Private Merleman of Schofield Barracks staggered up to the door of the Hustace Villa at Walkiki late on the night of January 23 and asked for protection from alleged friends with whom she had been riding in an automobile. News of the alleged assault has been suppressed to enable the police to conduct an investigation without interference.

Those at Hustace Villa declare their belief in the story told by the woman. Mrs. Merleman, who had been staying at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Graham on Alakea street, had occasion to visit Graham's Alakea street barber shop, she says. While there she was introduced to a man named Turner. The latter explained to her that his wife had separated from him and he desired a reconciliation. He asked Mrs. Merleman to assist him towards that end, she said.

Accordingly they got into an automobile and was introduced to another couple. The other man's name, she said, was O'Brien, while the woman was called "Heleia." They stopped at Walkiki Inn for a drink, she said, and beer was ordered. This beer, she thinks, was drugged, for immediately afterward she became semi-conscious. Her story of subsequent happenings was somewhat vague.

A taxicab was ordered at the Hustace Villa and Mrs. Merleman was taken to the Graham residence. The driver of the taxi said that a big touring car with three occupants followed the smaller machine to the Graham home.

Leander Beckley, driver of the taxicab, said that Mrs. Merleman hailed the touring car on its arrival in front of the Graham home and walked over to the touring car to demand the return of her rings. Henry Hustace, previously, had noticed the big machine standing outside the Moana hotel and had no difficulty in getting the names of the occupants. The car is owned by Sam Searle, an employee of the Schuman garage, and Turner. They told Hustace that they had lost one of the members of their party.

"This department has been investigating the matter since it was first reported," Captain of Detectives McDuffie said today, "but after we had attempted to locate the woman concerned and found that she had dis-

### HOMESTEADERS ON KAUALA ASSURED MARKET

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the provision that the territory should give the company a right-of-way across the government lands between the company's mill and the Kapaa homesteads, to build a railroad connecting the Kapaa government branch railway with the railway of the company, for the purpose of making a direct line of communication between the mill of the Lihue Plantation company and the homesteads; the new line to extend from the mill thence to the Ahukini landing, thus giving the homesteaders the opportunity to advantageously cultivate cane and have a direct outlet for any other products through the port of Ahukini.

The homesteaders also, under the agreement, are to cultivate a small portion of their holdings in cane, to go to the Lihue mill at a selling price based upon the price for centrifugals testing 96 degrees, New York price. The entered agreement was contingent on the consent of the government to a clause therein providing that the railway should have rights-of-way for a line over the settlers' holdings.

"In our negotiations with the governor, the superintendent of public works and the land commissioner, extending over a period of about four months, the governor has agreed to grant free rights over all public lands for a period of 21 years for the purpose of constructing a railroad, and to approve a similar agreement on the part of the homesteaders covering similar rights over their grounds, the right to be for a railroad and roadway," said Attorney Thompson.

The governor has also agreed to approve such planting agreement as the homesteaders may elect to make with the Lihue Plantation company. The company, or its assigns or some person or corporation on its behalf, has agreed to apply to the legislature for a franchise as a railway and common carrier to the end that it shall, in the event the harbor of Nawiliwili is improved so as to make it a port of call for deep-water steamers—have the privilege of running to any wharves constructed by the territory. The entire scheme is intended to give the homesteaders and the additional lands which, on the expiration of present leases, may be opened for settlement, a continuous rail and water haul to Honolulu or to the coast."

Attorney-general Investigates.

The governor has been carefully investigating the question whether rights of this sort can be granted by the territory in that particular section without at the same time bestowing upon the recipients a practical monopoly of the transportation privileges. Before reaching a final decision he caused the attorney-general to examine the legal phase of it, and received an opinion which upholds him in his position.

The Governor's Attitude.

In his communication to the Lihue Plantation Company, through its legal representatives, the governor says: "It is the intention of the administration, at the earliest possible moment, define its general policy toward chartered common carrier transportation companies. This policy will be applicable to the purposes of your clients who have indicated their intention to at once apply to the legislature for a charter to establish a rail-

road on the east and southeast sides of the island of Kauai, specifying its ultimate destination and terminal shall be at the harbor of Nawiliwili when a suitable deep water wharf shall there be established. It is understood this railroad shall connect with the government owned railway at Kapaa, where the government may direct.

"It will be the policy of the government to grant a free right of way over all public lands subject to the approval of the governor, as is now the rule of the government.

"It will be the policy of the government, where any lands revert to the government, to grant or confirm any rights of way, provided they are first approved by the governor.

"It will be the policy of the government to continue its customary approval of planting agreements between those termed homesteaders and the mill.

"The railroad I regard strictly as a common carrier under governmental approved rates, to be established without discrimination.

"Pending organization and charter, the governor, as controlled by law, will grant a license on an agreed right of way established on the above conditions.

"Formal papers will be exchanged as soon as possible to prepare."

When the home team wins, then the strain begins. And it tells on the press box gang. Who imperil health digging up a wealth Of metaphor and slang. When the team goes down in its own home town, Then the baseball writer squirms. Then his stuff grows tame; he describes the game In Anglo-Saxon terms.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A threat that something will happen if Billy Sunday ever comes to Pasater, N. J., was received through the mail by the chief of police there.

TUNNEL UNDER CHANNEL WOULD HELP THE ALLIES

[Associated Press]

LONDON, England.—Notwithstanding the war, the group of enthusiasts who for years have advocated the construction of a tunnel under the English channel between France and England have lost none of their ardor for the enterprise. On the contrary, they are pushing the scheme along with more than usual vigor, pointing out that were the tunnel in operation at present, it would be of inestimable advantage to England in rushing troops to France.

England's Committee on Imperial Defense had the tunnel project before it when the war broke out. War came before this committee had time to report its findings to Parliament, and it is not likely therefore that any action will be taken until peace is declared. Backers of the project insist, however, that they are ready to begin work immediately.

James L. Martin, United States district judge for Vermont, dropped dead in a railway station at Montpelier.

The Great Eastern Railroad has asked the British parliament for permission to issue 1,000,000 pounds of new stock.

LAYSAN ISLAND SUBJECT OF MAGAZINE ARTICLE

Laysan island and its wealth in guano deposits has been brought to the attention of the reading public through an article in the Saturday Evening Post entitled "Laysan, What Does It Mean?" written by Emerson Hough. The basis of the article is a report made by Prof. Homer Dill, who, with a party of scientists from the University of Iowa, visited the islands in April, 1911.

Mr. Hough pays a tribute to the work of Prof. W. A. Bryan of the College of Hawaii in investigations made as to conditions on various islands near the Hawaiian group, including Laysan. He mentions "King" Max Schiemmer of Honolulu and his project to introduce rabbits and guinea pigs on Laysan.

The author criticizes any neglect which has been accorded Laysan, saying that there is no excuse for the wanton slaughter of the birds by poachers who are after wings and skins. He urges that Laysan and similar islands be patrolled in a more adequate manner and that the birds be afforded the protection due them.

Hundreds of acres of winter wheat in Oklahoma are infested by the Hessian fly.

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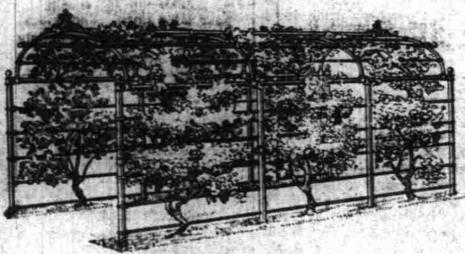
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