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U. S. STANDS UP FOR STRICT NEUTRALITY IN RESOLUTION OF CONGRESS

URGES MILL RUN BY GOVERNMENT AS PLANTERS' AID

Small Sugar Growers Now at Mercy of Large Grinders, Says Petition to Solons

WILL BE TAKEN UP IN LEGISLATURE'S INQUIRY

Chemist Also Suggests Raising Other Crops to Help Farmer as Well as Industry

A central sugar mill, run by the government, is the recommendation to be laid before the legislature as a remedy for the grievances of small planters. These grievances, as well as the remedy, are set forth in a long communication to Speaker Holstein from William Antoni, a sugar chemist of Hilo. It was on the basis of this communication that Holstein introduced his resolution asking an investigation by the legislature and by Congress into the business methods of the large sugar mills.

If the senate concurs in the resolution the investigation will be begun immediately, probably by the house agricultural committee, of which D. F. R. Isenberg is chairman. It is likely, however, that the senate will ask to name representatives on the committee.

According to Holstein Attorney Irwin of Hilo is in the city and will represent the mills and large plantations in the investigation. Attorney Robert W. Breckons of Honolulu will represent the small homesteaders.

Antoni makes the allegation that the sugar planters are entirely at the mercy of the mills and must accept whatever price for their cane the mills fix. He says also that the price paid by the mills allows the mill to make a clear profit of from 25 to 27 cents on the dollar on cane raised by the small planter at his own risk.

The contracts made by the mills are of the "heads I win, tails you lose" order, he says.

Another remedy suggested for the small planter is the introduction of other crops and, Antoni says, how with government aid, these other products would not only help the farmer but enable the opening of many factories in the islands.

Antoni tells the history of the Hilo Puna Sugar Planters' Union, organized last February by planters' associations on Hawaii. The sugar people have however, refused to recognize the union, Antoni says.

SMART'S ATTACK ON FRED KNIGHT BRANDED FALSE

Attorneys For Mrs. Knight Demand Evidence to Support Charges

MORE "INSIDE HISTORY" ON COMPROMISE RELATED

W. A. Kinney Says Smart Has "Put Child on Market and Named Price"

Declaring that Henry Gaillard Smart's attack on Fred S. Knight of San Francisco is nothing but "character assassination" and a part of the legal fight over the Thelma Parker estate, attorneys for Mrs. Knight are demanding that Smart produce evidence to back up the assertions made in his statement filed in Kona yesterday as answer to Mrs. Knight's original charges.

It was expected today that on behalf of Mrs. Knight a demand would be filed in the Kona court for a bill of particulars to add to what are branded the unsupported accusations of Smart against Knight and his wife, the late Thelma Parker's mother. The accusations against the latter are particularly that she has a vindictive hatred for young Smart and that her home is not a fit place in which to rear a baby son of the Hawaiian heiress.

While this phase of the legal contest is being developed in Kona, the local circuit court has been the scene of more activity. Late yesterday W. A. Kinney, attorney for Mrs. Knight, filed in Judge Whitney's court an affidavit in reply to affidavits previously filed in opposition to the suggestion of Judge Whitney's disqualification to sit in the Thelma Parker will case.

In this he answers the charge made by Frank E. Thompson, attorney for Smart, that Kinney backed out of a compromise agreement after it had been reached. He discusses in some detail the situation as it developed between the two parties.

Another measure carried by the army appropriation bill from the senate is the placing of the judge advocate general's department on a detail system, and authorizing acting judge advocates for tactical brigades. At the present time there are six acting judge advocates with rank of captain, who do not, however, create files in their arm of the service when detailed. If brigade judge advocates are allowed and the detail plan adopted 28 files should be at once organized by detail, a large proportion of which would probably go to the infantry. At present the judge advocate general's department is the only one in which the permanent establishment is maintained.

Under the new plan detail would be by competitive examination, the same system applying as in the ordnance department.

RICHARD SMART, BABY IN CENTER OF BITTER FIGHT



Photo by Perkins.

More Defenses For Oahu Carried In Bill Just Passed by Congress

Infantry Redoubts and Other Prepared Positions Expected to Be Constructed

The Star-Bulletin sent a message to the Associated Press today asking if the army appropriation bill had been passed by Congress and received a reply that it had passed. Local army men were much interested in the fate of the bill.

The passage of the sundry civil bill during the closing hours of Congress will mean increased defenses for Oahu, according to the understanding of army officers here. The bill carried an item of \$4,000,216 for fortifications and it is understood that approximately \$150,000 of this amount will be allotted for the land defenses of Oahu.

The plans of the Macomb board which reported on the defense of Oahu two years and a half ago, call for infantry redoubts and other prepared positions and entrenchments, and it is understood that the new fortifications bill will provide for their construction. There are no additions to the sea-coast fortifications contemplated at present.

In what form, if at all, the army appropriation bill was passed, is a matter of great interest to the sergeants here. When the bill went to the senate, the proposed legislation to include captains of the Porto Rican regiment in the regular line of the infantry, was

cut out, and whether this was put back in conference is not known here. The absorption of these 11 captains by the infantry would be a serious block to promotion in the junior grades.

WILSON CALLS ON COUNTRY TO WORK FOR PEACE

Commenting on Work of Congress, Says Business Has Now Time for Adjustment

SIXTY-THIRD SESSION LEAVES MUCH UNFINISHED

Ship Purchase, Philippine and Conservation Bills Among Those Which Failed

[A. P. by Fed. Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—With an earnest request that every good American citizen should guard his country's peace, President Wilson's comment on the session of the Sixty-third Congress which adjourned today is that business has now time to turn from legislation to adjustment with the war-clouds as the only disturbing element in the situation.

WORK OF CONGRESS BRIEFLY SUMMED UP

[A. P. by Fed. Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—Congress adjourned today, also, with no talk of an extra session. Its appropriations total \$1,120,494,324. The urgent appropriations for the postal service and the Indian bill were extended one year.

The president has signed the enactment bill, over which there is much controversy. He believes its broad language avoids the violation of the treaties with foreign nations.

He has also signed a resolution voting medals to the "A. B. C." mediators who worked out the plan for adjustment in Mexico.

Among the measures which failed to pass are the ships' purchase bill, the conservation bill, the rural credits bill and the Colombian and Nicaraguan treaties.

HEROES OF WORK AT PANAMA CANAL WIN TWO STARS

Col. Goethals and Surgeon-General Gorgas Elevated By Senate

[A. P. by Fed. Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—One of the last acts of the senate for the session just closed was to raise Col. G. W. Goethals, head of the Canal Zone, and Surgeon-Gen. W. C. Gorgas to the rank of major-generals. Col. H. F. Hodges of the engineers and Lieut.-col. W. L. Sibert, also of the engineers, were made brigadiers. Commander Rousseau was elevated to the rank of rear admiral.

WEST VIRGINIA MINING MAN HERE; AWAITS MORE NEWS ON FATAL DISASTER

Detailed news of the mine disaster reported by Associated Press from Hinton, West Virginia, is eagerly awaited by W. P. Tams, a tourist in Hawaii.

LAWMAKERS OF NATION IN CLOSING HOURS TAKE STEPS TO AVOID FRICTION ABROAD

PRESIDENT SIGNS MEASURE RESTRICTING SUPPLIES DESTINED FOR BELLIGERENT WARSHIPS—DARDANELLES BOMBARDMENT RESUMED WITH DISASTER TO TURKS—BRITISH COLLIER CLAIMS TO HAVE DESTROYED GERMAN SUBMARINE

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—In the closing hours of the Sixty-third Congress the official representatives of the United States made a definite statement of neutrality in the passage of a resolution restricting the furnishing of supplies to belligerent warships.

The measure is designed to avoid friction with any foreign power and to emphasize national observance of international law.

Allies Resume Terrific Hammering at Dardanelles; Turks Burn Dead

LONDON, England, March 4.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Agency says that the Allies have resumed their terrific bombardment of the forts around the Dardanelles, ten warships taking part in the shelling of the fortifications.

A British officer says only two forts are left intact. The Turkish garrisons burned their dead before they evacuated.

British Captain Says German Submarine Sunk While Ramming

LONDON, England, March 4.—The British collier Thordis has gone into drydock, showing evidence that she was rammed by a submarine. The captain claims to have destroyed a German submarine at Beachy Head.

Standard Oil Steamer Again Detained

LONDON, England, March 4.—The Standard Oil steamer Platuria, formerly the German steamer Diamant, from Philadelphia for Malmo, Sweden, has been taken by order of the British admiralty and is detained at Kirkwall. This is the second time this vessel has been detained.

Relief Ship Soon on Way Again

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 4.—The owners of the California relief ship Camino, disabled in the Atlantic, report that the ship will be able to continue her voyage in a fortnight. The damage is estimated at \$11,000.

Californians to Join American Legion

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 4.—The California Veterans have decided to join the newly-organized "American Legion," formed ostensibly to promote national defense and organize reservists for America.

CHINESE PLAN WIDE BOYCOTT AS A PROTEST

[A. P. by Fed. Wireless]
NEW YORK, N. Y., March 4.—The Chinese Six Companies have called a meeting to discuss a boycott of Japanese commodities, in support of the San Francisco action, taken as protest against Japanese demands in China.

VILLA'S FORCES ARE REPORTED WINNING NOW

[A. P. by Fed. Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—An official report says that the Carranzistas have sustained a defeat with heavy losses in a battle against Villa's forces at Sabinas.

SUGAR DROPS TO 4.5175 BUT RALLIES TO 4.538

Sugar took another long drop today but rallied on a later transaction. The first cable received by the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association recorded a decline from 4.64 to 4.5175 but a later message recorded 4.538.

DANIELS LAUDS BILL CREATING NEW NAVY RANK

[A. P. by Fed. Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels, commenting on the action of Congress in creating the rank of admiral and vice-admiral, says that the legislation is the most generous ever enacted and that it will give the United States navy the position to which it is entitled, its leaders ranking anywhere in the world.

U. C. BALL TEAM TO VISIT JAPAN AND PLAY HERE

[A. P. by Fed. Wireless]
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 4.—The University of California baseball team will leave for Japan on May 15, to play several series there with Waseda, Keio and Tokyo universities. They will return on August 7, and will stop three weeks in Honolulu on way there.

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