

THAT KISHI BILL DRAWS FIRE OF BOARD MEMBERS

Immigration Bureau Chiefs Won't Yield on Legisla- tive Bill

"Nothing doing."
"Absolutely not."
That is the attitude of the territorial board of immigration in the matter of acceding to the wishes of the senate concerning the payment of a sum approximating \$12,000 to H. Kishi Japanese caterer-contractor, for meals furnished to aliens detained at the United States quarantine station in Honolulu.

A bill appropriating money for the full settlement of Kishi's account has passed both houses of the legislature and has been signed by the governor. Kishi wants his money, which is more than three years overdue. But the board of immigration will not approve the payment, and until their approval is secured the territorial auditor cannot issue a warrant on the treasury.

All the members of the board were cited to appear before the senate this afternoon, but they still declare "nothing doing" when the matter of payment is broached. Several senators have intimated that it will not be impossible to call for the resignations of the board members, a suggestion which is also met by the latter gentlemen with a steadfast reiteration of "nothing doing"—and a grin.

Away back in 1911, it seems, the board of immigration chartered a vessel to bring European immigrants to the islands. The immigrants were brought according to contract, and landed at Quarantine island. So far so good. But at the time of their landing measles and diphtheria were found among the erstwhile passengers and there at the island they were detained from December 29, 1911, until January 31, 1912, a period of more than one month, during which time they were beautifully fed by Kishi. No one denies that fact.

But—and this is the cause of the dispute and the legislation—the good ship that brought the immigrants had sailed away long before the month had elapsed—had sailed away leaving a \$20,000 bond with federal government officials, a sum which it was thought would prove ample to cover all quarantine expenses.

The quarantine food bill, however, amounted to about \$29,000, and the excess \$9,000, with legal interest, is what Kishi hoped to recover by means of the \$12,000 legislative appropriation.

The attitude of the board of immigration is that they would be glad to see Kishi get his money, and would have themselves paid him long ago had they considered the board morally or legally responsible for the debt.

But the sad fact, for Kishi, is that the charter contract expressly stipulated that the ship owners were to pay all quarantine keep expenses. To cover those expenses they left that \$20,000 bond, which proved insufficient. And the good ship has not been seen in Honolulu harbor since she sailed away after leaving the immigrants in quarantine.

The board bases its attitude on a decision quoted on page 518, volume 3, Hawaii Reports, which quotes a decision as follows: "The legislature has no right to make a gift of public funds to any private individual in the absence of a moral obligation to support the appropriation."

The board makes an absolute denial of any implied "moral obligation" to settle Kishi's bill, and points to the fact that even the federal laws and regulations absolutely require the ship to pay in full such charges as those in dispute.

Two years ago a bill appropriating money to pay Kishi was passed by the legislature, but was vetoed by the governor. Again the legislature has voted the necessary funds. This time another governor has signed the bill, but still Kishi waits, empty handed, for the warrant cannot be issued without the approval of the board, and still says "nothing doing," despite a summons to explain to the senate, and hints that resignations may be asked for.

Each of the members of the board has in his possession a crisp new parchment, the official notification of appointment ratified by the senate. And those new parchments bear the date of April 15, 1915.

Richard Ivers, E. H. Wodhouse, Fred L. Waldron, A. L. C. Atkinson, M. M. Johnson and Secretary R. C. Kearns are before the senate this afternoon, discussion on the question having started shortly before 3 o'clock. Attorney-general Stahlgock and Auditor Fisher also were called in at the request of Senator Wirtz.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

House Bill 334, relating to licenses for fishing boats, passed third reading in the upper house yesterday.

The senate has referred House Bill 333, relating to the powers of the supervisors, to the Oahu select committee.

The military committee of the senate has taken under consideration House Bill 307, which relates to the parole of prisoners.

The speaker of the house said today that there is no chance for the legislature to adjourn before the night of the 60th day, Thursday.

House Bill 344, relating to the powers and duties of the supervisors and employees of the county of Maui, passed first reading in the senate yesterday.

The senate yesterday passed on third reading House Bill 339, which provides for an additional appropriation of \$10,000 for the entertainment of the visiting congressmen.

Upon motion of Senator Wirtz, the senate yesterday voted to refer the governor's message, delivered at a joint meeting of the senate and house, to the public lands committee.

Speaker Holstein's annual dinner to members of the house of representatives, although it will not be a "state" dinner, will be served on the roof garden of the Young hotel at 7 o'clock Monday night.

House Joint Resolution 5, providing for the appointment by the governor of a tax commission of five persons, passed second reading in the senate yesterday and was referred to the ways and means committee.

House bills 329 and 331, relating to payment of annual fees by the Hawaiian Electric Company and Honolulu Gas Company, respectively, have been taken under consideration by the judiciary committee of the senate.

Senator Quinn this afternoon introduced in the senate a resolution providing for the approval of the counts of the upper house following adjournment. The resolution was adopted.

Speaker Holstein has introduced in the house a resolution for the placing of a stone slab representing Hawaii in the Washington monument. It was referred to the education committee. He also introduced a resolution petitioning Congress to amend the Organic Act so that the governor of the territory will be elected instead of appointed by the president.

The county committee of the house of representatives recommended that House Bill 129, to prohibit destruction or taking of aquaria less than six inches long, be passed. The committee also recommended that house bills 282, 212, 336 and 201 be tabled. They were. House Bill 201 had for its purpose the transferring of the duties of tax collecting from the territory to the various counties, excepting those counties collected for territorial purposes.

CHIROPRACTICS BILL SENT TO THE GOVERNOR

Hereafter the person or persons wishing to practise chiropractics in the territory will have to secure a license and, to secure that license, will have to be remarkably well recommended. That is if Governor Pinkham signs house bill 262. This was provided for in the senate yesterday afternoon when the house bill passed third reading by a vote of 81 to 7.

"Do you want to tamper with the health of the people of this territory?" was the question asked by President Chillingworth at Senator Makekai, after the latter had delivered an eloquent address in favor of the measure. Makekai smiled, but said nothing. From the time of the health committee's report on the bill, President Chillingworth argued against its passage. He declared that among other things it would interfere with the practise of Christian Science; that the Hawaiian "lomi-lomi" would become a thing of the past, and that a Japanese masseur would have to be a graduate of a school before he could practise his art.

The bill provides that persons wishing to practise chiropractics in the territory must have a recommendation from the board of health and must present a certificate diploma from a school of chiropractics.

Representative Makekai's house bill 345, to exempt certain railroads from taxation, passed the house on third reading today and will go to the senate tomorrow. It is said in house circles that the bill is so worded that it exempts the Hilo Railroad Company only. It applies to roads constructed after 1908 and the exemption continues for a period of 15 years from the date of completion of the road.

On the roll call Au. E. J. Crawford, W. H. Crawford, Hale, Goodness, Kau-

KAMEHAMEHA TO PRESENT GLEE CLUB PROGRAM

On Saturday, May 15, Honolulu will have a chance to hear the Kamehameha boys in what advance notice says is the best concert of its kind ever staged in Honolulu. For several years these young musicians have been singing to overflowing houses out at the school, and have been heartily welcomed when they appeared on other programs. To respond to the frequent and insistent calls for a special performance the present program is being prepared.

Andrus, who is leading the boys, has at his command a wealth of experience with the Oberlin Glee Club. This concert is developed along the lines of the best productions in the states and many of the biggest hits will be staged.

The program will consist of three parts—real classic "glees," the "Kinder Symphony," and familiar college songs. No club in the islands produces the best American glee club songs in so charming a fashion as the cadets. The "Kinder Symphony" as rendered by the Royal Gypsy orchestra is new and startling, and though built on classic lines, is excruciatingly funny. The college songs lend a fitting finale to a most enjoyable evening, and develop the most subtle phase of glee club art.

Never before has the club had better talent and this production will show it at its best.

SPECIAL SHIPPING VESSELS TO AND FROM THE ISLANDS

(Special Wireless to Merchants' Exchange.)

YOKOHAMA—Arrived, April 22. S. S. Shinyo Maru, hence April 9.

Radiograms.

S. S. COLUMBIAN—Arrives from Seattle at 4 p. m. today.

S. S. HILONIAN—Arrives from Seattle Monday daylight; Cargo, Honolulu, 1500 tons; Kahului, 510 tons; Kaaupali, 61 tons; Hilo, 346 tons; Port Allen, 300 tons.

HARBOR NOTES

The Matsen steamer Manoa left for Kaaupali and Kahului last evening. It will return Monday morning with 3500 tons of sugar in transit to California coast refineries.

The schooner Repeat is expected to sail for Port Blakely tomorrow in ballast. The vessel has discharged 500,000 feet of lumber.

The Inter-Island has been advised that the British steamer Egeonot Castle with general cargo from New York for delivery to points in the Orient is due at Honolulu early in May to take bunker coal.

The Oceanic liner Sonoma, from Honolulu to Australia, was reported by wireless to the Federal Telegraph Company, 1341 miles off the port, at noon today.

The Matsen steamer Manoa, leaving for the coast Tuesday afternoon, will take about 50 cabin passengers in addition to a full cargo of sugar.

Because of a large amount of cargo the Oceanic liner Ventura was delayed an hour in departure to San Francisco last evening. It sailed at 6 o'clock, taking about 40 cabin passengers.

MODERN WAR.

(By Rev. James B. Dollard of Toronto, Canada.)

The hurling bolts are screaming
Across the reddening skies,
To meet the columns streaming,
To death with eager eyes.

Along the far-flung trenches,
The spitting rifle drives,
A ruthless hail that quenches
Ten thousand human lives.

Like mountain in convulsion,
That roof the nether hell,
The sledge-guns' vast propulsion
Coughs out the monstrous shell.

The shrill machine-guns splutter
In feline rage and spite,
The bursting shrapnels sputter,
Red death afloat and right!

The war-planes, high in heaven,
Like giant vultures ride;
The pitying skies are riven
To glut men's guilt and pride.

Of this our age of ages
Are these the flow'r and gain?
What say ye, modern sages,
Are all your vauntings vain?

Are mercy dead and pity?
Are love and faith at loss?
Again through Zion's city
Must Christ bear forth His cross?

Wiko, Nawahine and Kupihea were the only negative voters.

"EXTORTION BILL" IS PASSED BY THE HOUSE

Senator Metzger's bill to make it extortion in the second degree, for corporations or individuals to force payment of money from other corporations or individuals was passed by the house today. The measure was introduced after James C. Turner, a Hilo electrician, had filed a protest in the house against the practise of the Hilo Electric Company in forcing him to pay "inspection" fees to that corporation on each wiring job performed by Turner before the company would turn on the current.

Magnolia hotel at Pass Christian, Miss., was destroyed by fire at a loss of \$50,000.

A bill introduced in the New York senate provides for patrolwomen for New York City.

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MOTION PICTURES MAY SOON BE TAKEN AT GREAT SEA-DEPTHS

In the January American Magazine a writer tells a most interesting account of a new invention by which moving pictures of sharks and other sea life are now taken at great depths. The inventor, Charles Williamson, is a sea captain of Norfolk, Va., whose sons, George and Ernest, are carrying on the work. The essential of the invention is a tube which is lowered into the water in which human beings are enabled to remain and do the photography with the assistance of powerful searchlights which they carry. In the following extract taken from the article, Mr. Moffett relates his conversation with one of the Williamsons as to the probability that this new invention opens the way to the sea to regain lost treasures at the bottom of the sea which amount to many hundreds of millions of dollars:

"Some say there is more gold at the bottom of the ocean than there is in circulation," remarked George Williamson. "It is certain that gold and silver have been sinking in the sea for centuries, millions a month, going down like rain and never coming up again. We think we have a way of getting some of this treasure up."

"With your deep sea tube?"

"Yes. My father is now working out plans to salvage the Merida, which was wrecked off the Virginia coast a few years ago. The board of underwriters have given him a contract to do this salvage work. The Merida carried a large quantity of silver bars, besides a safe full of jewelry in the purser's cabin on the upper deck."

"How far can you go down with the tube?"

"Competent engineers say to a depth of 800 feet, and to go even deeper is merely a matter of structural detail. A depth within our immediate reach is 250 feet. We call that our commercial depth, and there are wrecks enough within that limit to keep men working for a hundred years. The Empress of Ireland, for instance, lies in only 200 feet of water."

SENATE PASSES BILLS.

The senate this afternoon passed on third reading the following measures:

House Bill 44, relating to the duties of the county auditor.

House Bill 101, relating to the commutation of prisoners.

House Bill 265, relating to criminal procedure in the circuit court.

House Bill 276, relating to unpaid claims.

"DRY" PETITION KILLED.

On recommendation of the representatives from the Big Island, to whom a petition for prohibition for that island had been referred, the house filed the petition late today without any further action being taken. This action is taken to mean that the Big Island will not have prohibition this year.

Antone Gomes, employed in stevedoring at the Oceanic liner Ventura at Pier 10, yesterday received serious injuries when struck by a heavily loaded sling. A quantity of fertilizer had been sent over the side of the vessel. Gomes was thrown to the floor of the wharf. When picked up he complained of pain in the abdomen and a fracture to his left leg. He is

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'PENDULUM' PLAN TO BE TRIED OUT IN F-4 SALVAGE

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gear, and repeat the shoreward rush and pendulum swing.

Were the slope of the bottom less abrupt, ordinary pontoon methods would probably accomplish results, but the sea floor rises so abruptly that with an ordinary lift of six to ten feet, only a very short distance can be gained toward shore.

There is the chance that with the tremendous towing power of the Maryland, something will be carried away on the scows or on the submarine itself, but this is a chance that must be taken. It is figured by the navy men that the tow line itself will part before the four heavy wire cables which hold the submarine in a sling will give way.

All motor manufacturing plants in Scotland were taken possession of by the British government.

State land valued at \$3,000,000 will be sold this month by South Dakota.

reported as recovering at the hospital today.

BOY FALLS TO DEATH BETWEEN- RAILWAY CARS

Lad Said to Have Boarded the Train to Get Stick of Cane to Eat

William Massa, aged 16 years, residing with his parents at Palama, met instant death by falling between loaded cars on a cane train on the Oahu Railway this morning.

Massa is reported to have boarded the middle of the train and taking a piece of sugar cane, was seated at the rear of a car when he was thrown to the track. Several cars passed over his body and legs. He was dragged several hundred feet before the accident was discovered by members of a crew stationed on a locomotive that had been following the cane train.

The frightfully mangled body was found about 200 feet from the Kalia slaughter house. The boy died a few minutes after the accident.

Deputy Sheriff Asch has called a number of railway employees to attend an inquest to be held at police headquarters tomorrow afternoon.

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Yours very truly,
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