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CITIZEN KITCHIN VS. CONGRESSMAN KITCHIN.

That is a significant distinction Representative Claude Kitchin of North Carolina makes between his personal and party views on the question of national defense.

After a conference with the president he announces that he opposes the administration's military and naval program but that he opposes it personally, not as house leader. As Claude Kitchin, citizen, of Scotland Neck, Halifax County, North Carolina, he is against the program, but he intimates that as Claude Kitchin, new chairman of the powerful ways and means committee of the house, successor to Oscar Underwood, he will not fight the administration's plans. And he adds that he believes the majority of the house will favor the defense program.

It is very doubtful if Citizen Kitchin's views will prevent Congressman Kitchin from supporting the administration. Congressman Underwood was known to differ from the president on certain features of the tariff but he supported it in caucus and on the floor of the house. Several representatives and senators who personally opposed free sugar voted with the majority in favor of the free-sugar clause in the tariff bill. The president exercises a strong control on his party members in Congress and with a presidential campaign approaching, there is little likelihood of a split—unless William Jennings Bryan engineers it. And W. J. B. is giving signs of doing that very thing.

ATTACKING THE SOCIAL EVIL.

Suggestions that the Men's League attack the problem of ridding Honolulu of commercial vice recall the failure of the reform forces to get the "red-light" abatement bill passed by either of the last two legislatures. In 1913 the bill passed the senate and was lost in the house, largely through the negligence of men who should have been warm supporters of the measure. In 1915 the bill received little serious attention by the lawmakers and never had a chance of passage.

Were the law in operation now, the Men's League would have an effective weapon against commercial vice in Iwilei, for they could proceed against the owners of premises used for immoral purposes and have the houses closed. There is, however, on the statute books of the territory enough law now, were there public sentiment sufficient for its rigid enforcement, to close Iwilei and send back to the mainland the women who in recent months have come to Honolulu to ply their trade.

WHY NOT BENEFIT BY THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHER CITIES?

Though the stand-pat forces in the charter convention are much too strong to allow the city-manager plan to be given a trial here soon, the fight for efficient government will go on with increasing vigor as the taxpayers come to realize the high price of inefficiency.

What cities are accomplishing under the city-manager plan has been pointed out in instance after instance by this paper during the last few months. The Star-Bulletin is still getting letters from mainland municipalities telling of their experiences. Here, for instance, comes Cadillac, Michigan, through O. E. Carr, its general manager. Answering some questions put by the Star-Bulletin, he says:

"Under the commission manager form of government the expenses of this city were cut ten per cent, although there has always been an exercise of close economy in administration. We have made it our aim to receive \$1 worth of value for every dollar expended. Our money has gone as far as it would have done in a private enterprise, which, as you know, is saying a good deal for city government. Our citizens have so thoroughly appreciated this fact that they have been willing to go down into their pockets to help in giving the city what it needed. In this way we have been able to build several miles of good macadam streets, two and one-half miles of concrete streets, and we have put in on our main street a new boulevard system of lighting. We are just beginning. This city is doing its own paving and cement work and it is making money on every cent of it. We have saved \$3000 on that one item this summer."

Meanwhile Honolulu's overhead expenses are growing every year and some of the city's departments are notoriously inadequate. In Honolulu, moreover, a large part of what are properly municipal functions are carried by private generosity and philanthropy. The playgrounds are supported from private funds. Much of the high school educational work of this city is carried by private institutions. The promotion work, a true community activity, gets comparatively small support from the municipal treasury. Not only is the city in-

complete as a well-rounded government, but its various branches work inharmoniously. The road and police departments are in constant turmoil of politics. And yet when the proposal is seriously made that the beneficial experiences of other cities be applied here, a howl is raised that reaches high heaven. And when, after three years of agitation, a charter convention is secured, the main movement in that convention is to add still further to the political exploitation of the public service.

WHY SURPRISE?

Despatches say that the prevailing sentiment in the English press upon Secretary Lansing's latest note was surprise at its emphatic tone. Why should the British press be surprised? For months this government has been pointing out with patience and unanswerable argument that the British commercial blockade violated neutral rights. Because Uncle Sam did not begin his exchange of views with bluff and bluster, but couched the notes in courteous yet plain language, England seems to have got the opinion that our administration would go no further. One would think that the conclusion of the note-exchange on Germany's submarine warfare would have enlightened the British editors, but apparently it hasn't. After the London press has recovered from its surprise, we shall see more comment to the effect that rupture is unnecessary, that Britain can now afford to modify the blockade, etc., and presently our department of state will doubtless receive a note meeting the American position.

CUTTING OFF PUBLICITY.

The supervisors are expected to pass a new automobile ordinance at next week's meeting. The public will not have a chance to see the proposed act before it finally becomes a law, because the supervisors feel that they cannot afford the expense of publishing it. The county last year spent between \$250,000 and \$300,000. Of this amount about one-half of one per cent, or to be exact, \$1371, was spent for "printing and advertising." Certainly no very extravagant amount for keeping the people of Maui in touch with their public affairs, and only a portion of this went towards publication; probably the larger part going for job printing used in the various departments.

British politicians by habit indulge in extravagant statements when attacking the other fellow. Moreover, the British are quite used to their Parliament being the scene of violent denunciation by members who in time of need will give the last ounce of their support to their country. Therefore the diatribe of Lord Loreburn yesterday, in which he predicted that if war continues indefinitely revolution and anarchy might follow, need not be taken too literally. It will not prevent Great Britain from moving steadily along raising larger and larger armies and building a navy mightier by a good fifty per cent than any that ever before flew a flag to the seas. It will, of course, produce discord at home and encourage the dissident elements but there is some truth in the saying that Great Britain fights best abroad after a fight at home.

It is reported that the Hilo branch of the Honolulu brewery has been sold for \$40,000. It's our guess that Hilo will have to develop a very tall thirst if the new owners ever see their \$40,000 again. This territory is due to be boosted onto the water wagon for good most any day now.—Maui News.

It is a little too soon for the Allies to announce with joy that the German submarine warfare has ceased. The returns are just beginning to come in from the Mediterranean.

Ezekiel 33, verses two to six inclusive, sounds to us a good deal more like strict accountability than watchful waiting.

England is keeping the Irish at home, thus seriously imperilling New York's supply of policemen.

Evidently Judge Stuart believes that one deservng Democrat isn't getting what he deserves.

We doubt, however, if Col. Roosevelt will consent to let Ezekiel stand at Armageddon.

Is trouble brewing in the Kitchin cabinet?

REAL DELUGE AT INSANE ASYLUM AND AT SHAFTER

Flood at Big Military Post Does Little Damage; Foot Bridges Are Washed Out

From 2 o'clock until 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon 11.22 inches of rain fell at the insane asylum, according to a report received today by Andrew M. Hamrick, in charge of the United States weather bureau in the Kona building. The heaviest of the fall may be realized by a comparison with but 1.37 for the first eight days of November. At the asylum 2.16 of rain fell from 2 o'clock yesterday until 8 this morning.

Damage done at Fort Shafter by the rain yesterday afternoon and last night was slight. Foot bridges were washed away. The stream in the gulch, between the main post and the cantonment, ran nearly six feet deep for a time, covering the concrete bridge. The Rapid Transit bus could not cross the stream and, as it was feared the bridge would not carry it and a bus drawn by mules was put in operation by the quartermaster. The precipitation in Honolulu was unusually heavy, 4.3 of an inch being recorded since 8 o'clock last night. Before this but .14 of an inch fell during the day.

Telephone communication with Fort Shafter was cut off this morning for a time, but was restored before noon.

Personal Mention

WILLIAM HOLT of Waialua, who has been in Honolulu for several days, returned home this afternoon.

MRS. PAUL O. SCHMIDT has accepted a position as stenographer and typist in the office of the superintendent of public works.

HURON K. ASHFORD, clerk to the first judge of the circuit court, is rapidly improving from an operation for appendicitis which he recently underwent at the Queen's hospital.

JOSEPH ANDRADE, the broker, who is visiting at the Volcano house, expects to return to Honolulu on Saturday morning. He writes that he has completely recovered from his recent illness.

REV. FR. STEPHEN J. ALENCASTRE of the Catholic church of the Sacred Heart, Punahou, leaves for the mainland in the Manoa this afternoon for a three months' vacation. Father Stephen's health has been failing for some time past.

COL. SAMUEL L. JOHNSON, the adjutant-general, National Guard of Hawaii, and his aide, Lieut. W. C. Whitener, will probably return tomorrow from a successful trip to Kauai, where a number of new companies were added to the guard.

WAGNER ORDERED TO LEAVE COURT OR BE GUILTY OF CONTEMPT

Fred Wagner's prosecution of H. E. Hendrick, whom he charges ran him down while he was riding a motor cycle, and Hendrick was in an automobile and injured him, ended today with the acquittal of Hendrick, and immediately afterward Wagner was ordered from the courtroom.

Wagner, immediately after Hendrick was declared not guilty, attempted to argue with Judge Monsarrat, who told him to leave the court room or he would be charged with contempt of court.

WOMEN SHOULD TAKE WARNING

If the statement made at a New York assembly of women, that healthy American women are so rare that they are almost extinct, is true, it is time for the women of America to take warning and look to their health. It may be headaches, backaches, dragging down pains, nervousness, mental depression, that are tell-tale symptoms of some organic derangement for which Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—a simple remedy made from roots and herbs—is a specific and may be relied upon to restore women to a healthy normal condition.—Adv.

James Blakely, the English actor, died in London. He was 42 years old.

GRANDMOTHER OF SMART BABY MAY BE HIS GUARDIAN

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mise in the noted case which last spring was the sensation of the territory, Henry Gaillard Smart remained the child's legal guardian. Thelma's mother, the child's grandmother, Mrs. Knight, was to have the custody of the baby boy until he was 16 years old, at which time Smart would become the custodian.

The boy was taken to San Francisco while the compromise was pending and immediately on its settlement was placed in the official custody of Mrs. Knight. He has been with her in San Francisco ever since.

Under the terms of the compromise which ended the fight both over the estate of Thelma Parker Smart, the mother and the custody and guardianship of the boy Mrs. Knight was to receive income from the original Parker trust of \$1500 a month and her fee for the child's case was to be fixed by the court.

Smart was to receive \$3000 a month and of this he was to place one-fourth aside for the use, maintenance and education of the child until Richard reached the age of 20 years. At 20 years Richard was to get two-thirds of the net income in case Mrs. Knight were still living.

Had Gaillard Smart survived Mrs. Knight he would have had one-third of the estate when Richard reached his majority and received the other two-thirds. The death of Gaillard Smart leaves but Richard, sole heir to the Parker estate, except, of course, for the bequests in his mother's will and the income for Mrs. Knight. The net income of the estate at the time the compromise was effected, was reported to be close to \$250,000 a year and the estate itself has been estimated at between two and three millions in value.

Baby Richard is now hardly 30 months old.

The petition is as follows: "Now comes Elizabeth J. Knight, petitioner hereina, and shows to this Honorable Court as follows:

"That Richard Smart was born in the City and County of Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, on May 21, 1913. "That the father of said Richard Smart was H. G. Smart, and that the mother of said Richard Smart was Annie Thelma Parker Smart.

"That the father and mother of said Richard Smart are both dead.

"That said Richard Smart after his birth lived in said Honolulu until some time in February, 1914, when his parents started with him on the way to Paris, France.

"That said Richard Smart was brought back to said Honolulu during the month of November, 1914, by his father, H. G. Smart.

"That said Richard Smart thereafter continued to live in the Territory of Hawaii, a part of the time at Waimea, County and Island of Hawaii, and part of the time in said Honolulu.

"That said Richard Smart went to San Francisco, State of California, during the month of April, 1915.

"That since April, 1915, petitioner has had the custody and care of the person of said Richard Smart, and said Richard Smart is now in the custody and care of petitioner at San Francisco, California.

"That petitioner is the mother of the mother of the said Richard Smart.

"That said Richard Smart's relatives on his father's side are aliens to him and have no affection, love or devotion for him.

"That petitioner, the grandmother of said Richard Smart, is devotedly attached to him, that she, petitioner, has now no children of her own, that said Richard Smart has become attached to her, and that if she, petitioner, is appointed the guardian of the person of said Richard Smart she, petitioner, will give him a mother's love, care and devotion and will bring him up in a manner fitting his family and position in life.

"That said Richard Smart has property within the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court.

"That the Trent Trust Company, Limited, a Hawaiian corporation, is the guardian of the property of said Richard Smart, appointed by this Honorable Court.

"Wherefore your petitioner prays that she may be appointed guardian of the person of said Richard Smart according to law and the statutes of this territory."

Judge Whitney will hear the petition on Monday, November 15, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Rev. Father Charles M. Charroppin, S. J., widely known as an astronomer, and formerly head of the department of science at St. Louis university, died at St. Charles, Mo., of appendicitis.

YUAN PLANS TO REJECT CROWN TWICE, BUT TAKE IT AT FINISH

Expose of Alleged Scheme to Saddle China With Monarchy Made to Honolulu Chinese

"If Yuan Shih-Kai becomes Emperor of China it will be by trickery."

The foregoing statement was enclosed in a letter written by one of the leaders of the National party in China to a local Chinese. The writer continued: "Yuan Shih-Kai will make an effort to emulate Caesar. Men familiar with the local situation here in Shanghai are confident that Yuan will make a plea to the people that he is still a great hero."

The writer stated that the plan was to hold the meeting of the cabinet on December 1 and when the results are announced for the election in China, which will be in favor of the restoration of the monarchy, that Yuan will play his best card. According to the program Yuan will wait 10 days, and in the meantime the friends of the monarchy will petition Yuan to become their emperor. Yuan will refuse, stating that he does not want the kingly crown, but wants to live up to his oath and the constitution.

After a few days the friends of Yuan will again petition him to take the throne, but in the manner of Caesar he will thrust aside the honor, which Yuan will expect to arouse the plaudits of the poor unsuspecting populace. The citizens of the republic who cannot see through the plans of the clever president will, once more urge him to take the head of the monarchy. Then Yuan will make a statement through the press that inasmuch as he has been urged three times to take the throne he will bow to the wishes of the people, and the program will go through as scheduled. This arrangement, as planned, has come to the National party from one who is in close touch with the Yuan administration and gives an insight into the methods to be used by the monarchists.

"Yuan Shih-Kai established a news-

paper in Shanghai," continues the correspondent, "this being the only publication in southern China that favors the monarchy form of government. When the first publication was issued, the shop was stormed by the angry populace and the editors were denounced. Since the effort to bring about a monarchy there have been two new publications established in Shanghai fighting the movement.

"Former Minister of War Dan Ki Shu, who was the first man from northern China to advocate a republic, resigned from the cabinet in order to cast his lot with the National party. The present secretary of state, Chu Se Chong, has already received a leave of absence, which shows the trend of the movement even in the hotbed of the monarchical party. When the revolutionary movement was started in China in 1911, the monarchy was at that time much stronger than Yuan's party is now, and a wave of sentiment in favor of a continuance of the republic is passing over China.

"The elections will be a farce. Yuan has issued orders to his secret service men to guard against the National vote, and consequently the members of the revolutionary party have not made any efforts to fight the movement as with an organization of election commissioners their efforts would be futile. The fight will come later. It is certain that the educated Chinese will never stand for the scheme of Yuan in regard to saddling China with the kingly crown. China will still continue to be a republic. It may cost much money and many lives to establish the republic. The enlightened men of China will not easily leave the situation to Yuan."

Monday, November 15, will be the last day for paying taxes without penalty. After that date 10 per cent will be added. Take your tax bill with you when paying. Payment must be made in U. S. gold coin or certified check.—Adv.

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