

PLANTERS IN 35TH SESSION SUM UP YEAR'S PROSPERITY; RECORD SUGAR CROP, GOOD PRICES; OFFICERS NAMED

Retiring President J. M. Dowsett Sounds Keynote of Thankfulness—A. W. T. Bottomley, New Head of Organization—Committee Reports Show Advance in Production Methods—Labor Shares—Benefits—Tariff Situation Expected to Be Discussed Briefly

Present prosperity and strong confidence in the future are the keynotes of the address with which J. M. Dowsett, retiring president of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association, this morning formally opened the 35th annual meeting of the association.

It is expected that the tariff situation will be discussed during the session, though there will little be added to what is already known about it. In his address today President Dowsett formally announced that the year just closed has set a new high record for sugar production in the territory, with 646,446 tons, the average price received being \$89.868 per ton.

The benefits which the labor of the plantations has derived from the good prices are also brought out. The address is as follows:

"Gentlemen: It is my duty as president of your association to open this, the 35th annual meeting of the association, and to all those in attendance I extend a hearty welcome.

The keen interest shown in the business which was transacted at our last meeting by the large number of members who were in attendance was testimony enough to the importance and value of these annual meetings to the industry in which we are engaged, and I hope that at this session the free exchange of ideas and experiences, particularly by those of us whose business it is directly to produce our sugar, will be of benefit and pleasure to all engaged in the sugar industry of this territory.

"It is a trite saying, which present conditions in Europe do not contradict, that that country is happy which has no history, and it can be said with equal truth that the sugar industry of Hawaii is fortunate when the president of its association has to explore the mysterious future in order to find topics wherewith to pad his annual address, for a favorable season, heavy yields, good prices and peaceful, if not wholly contented labor, leave me little to say as to the past, except that I trust our good fortune will kindle in us sentiments of gratitude and generosity, which will find expression in acts which correspond to them. That one deserving class will not be forgotten, I shall shortly show.

The very few statistics I give you will take little time to read, and may be useful at least for reference.

"The past year gave us a new record in our crop of sugar, the total yield being 646,446 tons, this amount exceeding that of 1914, the next largest, by 29,408 tons.

"Some of the credit for this large yield is due to the exceptionally favorable weather in the summer of 1915, which especially benefited the non-irrigated plantations on the island of Hawaii.

The average price for our product for the year ending October 31 last, based on the average Cuban basis for 96 degree centrifugals, in New York, was 4.4934 cents per pound or \$89.868 per ton.

"Good crops of sugar have been obtained in all the cane-growing countries and with the yield of the beet crop on the mainland also large, as well as a falling off in the world's consumption, lower prices were expected towards the close of the year.

"A scarcity of ocean tonnage, however, in the past few months, thereby delaying the marketing of the last of the 1915 Cuban crop, largely contributed to a sudden demand on the part of the eastern refiners for supplies of raw sugar to meet their requirements at this season of the year, resulting in the price of raws again advancing until it reached the high point of the year early this month. Still, prices to consumers have never reached figures which worked a hardship to anyone.

Labor. Small numbers of Filipinos have arrived during the past year, and as the result of the better knowledge of the superior labor conditions here, communicated no doubt by those here to their friends at home, a better class of these immigrants than what the pioneers consisted of has been obtained, and a high value is now placed on this labor by our managers. They, rapidly after their arrival, gain in weight and strength and are soon not only desirous but become well able to compete with their fellow workmen of different races.

"The conclusion is clear that the advantages, which it was hoped would be derived by the Philippines, through some of its people being given an opportunity of working alongside of other labor, which is everywhere regarded as highly efficient, are being secured.

"No other labor, in which the association is directly interested, arrived during the year 1915. Plantation Improvement. The continued improvement in the domestic conditions of our plantations claims some part in the improved health of our labor, which has been good during the year, and the wages now paid, if they do not satisfy all, leave little ground for complaint.

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Rumors in considerable number have come to Honolulu of late regarding statements made by Judge A. A. Wilder regarding the governor's health and the likelihood of his resigning. Several newspapers of the coast that have come in on the latest mails also contain interviews with Judge Wilder, in which the judge speaks on the same subject.

MANY PLANTERS MEET AT FIRST DAY'S SESSION

Regular Routine of Business Followed; Reports Are Presented

President J. M. Dowsett called the 35th annual meeting of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association to order at 10:10 o'clock this morning. One of the largest—if not the very largest—attendances of members in the history of the organization was present in the hall of the Chamber of Commerce, Kaulaekalani building, King street.

Besides the veteran secretary, Hon. W. O. Smith, at the right of the president, several other members were present who had shown themselves at the annual sessions, off and on, for the entire life of the association since it was organized in 1852 under the name of the Planters' Labor and Supply Company.

L. J. Warren, the assistant secretary, called the roll of both individuals and corporations and formally announced a quorum present. He then read the minutes of last year's convention.

President Dowsett then rose and delivered the opening address, in which he reviewed the sugar industry for the past year and discussed its future prospects. Hearty applause rewarded the reading of the address. It is printed elsewhere.

Mr. Smith read the report of the secretary, with which were presented, in printed form, the tabulated records of the past season's sugar crop, together with the crops for ten years, 1906-1915.

Old Directors Re-elected. On the next order of business, election of directors, the old board was re-elected on motion of J. T. Moir as follows: F. A. Schaefer, E. D. Tenney, E. F. Bishop, F. M. Swanzy, J. P. Cooke, George Rodiek, J. M. Dowsett, A. W. T. Bottomley and W. O. Smith.

A recess as usual until the afternoon to permit the trustees to elect officers having been suggested by the president, Mr. Smith said that this business ordinarily took only a few minutes and it would be a pity to have so much idle time. One of the committee reports might be taken up until twelve o'clock.

President Dowsett objected that it had always been the rule for the incoming president to take charge of the main proceedings.

E. D. Tenney said there was a committee room available for the trustees to meet in immediately, and on motion of E. F. Bishop a recess until 11 o'clock was declared.

Upon the resumption of business Mr. Dowsett announced the following officers as having been elected:

President, A. W. T. Bottomley; vice-president, George Rodiek; secretary and treasurer, W. O. Smith; assistant secretary and treasurer, Louis J. Warren; auditor, J. W. Waldron.

New President Begins Business. Mr. Bottomley, informally introduced by the retiring president, took the chair amid applause. He expressed his appreciation of the honor, saying it would be his endeavor to conduct

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'WILDER'S TALK IS FIGMENT OF IMAGINATION'

Honolulu, T. H., Dec. 14, 1915. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

Wilder's statement relative to my health and intentions is a figment of his imagination, and has been given publicity for ulterior motives.

PINKHAM, Governor.

Governor Pinkham sent the foregoing message by cable to Secretary Lane of the Interior this morning. The governor declined to comment upon it, merely saying, "The message ought to speak for itself."

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RETIRING AND NEW HEADS OF PLANTERS



Above—J. M. Dowsett, who today closed his term as president of the Planters' Association. Below—A. W. T. Bottomley, the new president.

OFFICERS OF PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION 1915-16

- A. W. T. BOTTOMLEY, President;
- GEORGE RODIEK, Vice-President;
- W. O. SMITH, Secretary and Treasurer;
- L. J. WARREN, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer;
- J. W. WALDRON, Auditor.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION DATE, NOT PLACE, FIXED

Associated Press by Federal Wireles. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—The date of the Republican national convention has been fixed for next June 7, opening day. The place will be selected later by the national committee, which is now in session.

FAMOUS PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY BAND WILL PLAY TONIGHT

Through the courtesy of Capt. Walter Howard, acting at the request of Mayor Lane, Honoluluans will have an opportunity tonight to hear a long program by the Philippine Constabulary band, one of the most famous of all the musical organizations which played at the San Francisco fair. The band has been at the exposition a year and is returning to Manila on the Sherman, which docked here today. There are 86 men in the band. The concert will be given in front of the Young Hotel, from 7:30 until 9 o'clock. The program is to be varied. Mayor Lane made a personal request to Captain Howard for a concert here tonight and was met with an affirmative answer at once.

BIG GUNS, MORE FORTS ASKED FOR COASTS

SUGAR TARIFF ACTION IS POSTPONED UNTIL JANUARY

House Democrats Do Not Wish to Complicate Legislation By Hooking It Up With War Emergency Tax Measure

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Action by the House Democrats on the retention of the present duty on sugar was postponed at the caucus last night until after the Christmas holidays. The bill retaining the tariff will not be attached to the bill continuing the war emergency tax, for fear of Democratic opposition. It will be made a separate measure for January. C. S. ALBERT.

BLANKETS GET WASHING ONCE IN SIX MONTHS

Superintendent of Industrial School Says He Lanced Leg Made Sore By Shackles

CURRY PUT IN STEW TO CONCEAL ODOR OF MEAT?

The case of George Maloi and 10 other inmates of the Boys' Industrial School at Waialeale, alleged to have been the ringleaders in the recent "mutiny" at the institution, went to the jury in Circuit Judge Ashford's court shortly after 12 o'clock today, and a verdict was expected this afternoon.

Twelve boys were indicted by the territorial grand jury on a charge of unlawful assembly. The case against Peter August was nolle prossed at the instance of City Attorney A. M. Brown. Trial of the case began yesterday morning, Attorney Clem Quinn having been appointed by the court to defend the alleged ringleaders.

That Superintendent Hugh Tucker was the official censor at the school was brought out this morning in the testimony of Kanekoa Baker, who said that he was a inmate of the school and that he had been cook for the last three years. Baker said that the meat from the cow which had fallen off the cliff was rotten when it was brought into the kitchen, and that later he wrote a letter to Henry W. Kinney, superintendent of public instruction, complaining about the meat. Tucker got the letter, Baker said.

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FIVE PER CENT OF TWELVE HUNDRED ALL THAT'S LEFT

5th Battalion, Australian Imperial Forces, Has Suffered Enormous Loss in War

Of the 1200 Australian, big, fine, stalwart men, who enlisted in the 5th Battalion, A. I. F. (Australian Imperial Forces), only five per cent are now in the battalion, the remainder having died for their country, or been wounded, in the Dardanelles campaign.

This news reached Honolulu yesterday, coming from Victor Moorhouse, who is on the Sierra today, returning to his home in Melbourne, by way of New Zealand. Moorhouse only recently recovered from wounds received April 25, which confined him to hospitals for almost six months. He was a patient in six different army hospitals.

"I took part in the first fighting ever done in the Dardanelles campaign," he said yesterday. "It was on April 25, at Anzac Cove. The engagement lasted 10 hours and during it I got a bullet in the right shoulder. That 10 hours of fighting kept me in hospitals for the next five and a half months."

Went First to Malta. The wounded Australian was first taken to the base hospital in Malta. He was soon transferred to another base hospital there. From Malta he was taken in a hospital ship, with other wounded soldiers from the Dardanelles, to Manchester, Eng., where he became familiar with two hospitals in that city. When convalescent he was removed to the Australian hospital at Harefield.

"You can say for me if you like," said Mr. Moorhouse, "that the Red Cross arrangements at all the Allies' hospitals are as nearly perfect as it is possible to make them. Nothing is too good for the wounded soldier; nothing he needs is withheld."

Asked concerning English opinion of the Dardanelles campaign, Mr. Moorhouse said energetically, "We will eventually wear them out. The sentiment throughout England today is to keep on, to keep hammering away until we grind the Germans and the Turks away by attrition."

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SUGAR SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Sugar: 96 degrees test, 4.675 cents. Previous quotation, 4.89 cents.

REAPPOINTMENT OF JUDGE DOLE HELD UNLIKELY

Cablegram From Washington Indicates He Will Be Displaced

M'CARN'S RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE WHEN RELIEVED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—The resignation of Jeff McCarn, U. S. district attorney for Hawaii, was accepted today, to take effect when he is relieved of office. C. S. ALBERT.

Federal Judge Dole is not likely to be reappointed, according to a private cablegram which came to Honolulu last night from Washington and is from an authoritative source.

Judge Dole's term expires the day after tomorrow. It is said by the legal fraternity that no provision exists for continuing a federal judge in office after the expiration of his term, so that early action to name his successor is anticipated. Today attorneys in touch with the situation said regretfully that they believe there is little hope that the veteran jurist will be retained on the bench.

A well-defined "hunch" exists also that a mainlander is to be named either for the district attorney's place when Jeff McCarn makes his exit, or for Judge Dole's position on the bench. In some quarters the rumor printed in this paper a few days ago, that a Georgian is slated for a good federal judiciary position here, is given more and more weight.

EVANGELISTS BID GOODBYE TO HONOLULU

"God Bless Churches and People" Say Visitors, Who Leave on Matsonia Tomorrow

TOWAY'S PROGRAM
3:00 p. m.—Address in Central Union church by Evangelist Brown on subject "Christian Science: Is It Christian? Is It Scientific? Does It Heal?"
7:30 p. m.—Farewell address by Evangelist Brown in Central Union church. Address on subject "The Last Call." Special music by augmented choir, led by Soloist C. P. Curry.

"This Honolulu campaign has been one of the strangest in my experience—strange in the way the door opened for our coming, strange in the combinations of nationalities to which I have preached, and strange through the responses which I have received. I will leave Honolulu and the islands with a great, big warm spot in my heart for the hundreds and hundreds of loyal, royal folk I met here."

Thus spoke John Edward Brown, evangelist, today, when asked by the Star-Bulletin for his final message to the people of Honolulu and a statement regarding his idea of the results of the two-weeks' revival which comes to a close tonight.

"I feel that this work has only just begun," he continued, "that the 1000 or more who have taken a definite stand for Christ or for a closer walk with Christ are ready to be led to greater achievements for Christ and His church than any they have previously undertaken; that the pastors are on the job and will make an effort to conserve these fruits by wise and helpful leadership goes without question, but that many of the lead-

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EIGHTY MILLIONS FOR COAST DEFENSES WANTED; BULGARS CLAIM VICTORY OVER ALLIES

BERLIN DESPATCHES SAY CZAR FERDINAND'S FORCES HAVE BROKEN ANGLO-FRENCH FRONT ON GREEK BORDER—LATEST PRUSSIAN CASUALTY LISTS SAID TO SHOW TWO AND A QUARTER MILLION MEN DISABLED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—In a bill prepared by the war department and ready for introduction in Congress, an increase of nearly 300 per cent over the appropriation of last year is asked for big guns and coast fortifications.

The bill is the fortifications bill dealing with the ordnance needed and the further fortifying of the coast defense districts. Last year the sum of \$6,060,316 was spent. For this year \$23,305,123 is asked. Included in this is the cost of new sites for coast forts. The scheme proposes to spend \$80,000,000 for coast defenses in four years.

In the annual report of Secretary of War Garrison, which reached Honolulu by mail yesterday, the following reference is made to this tremendous coast defense scheme:

"For the purpose of ascertaining the requirements with respect to the coast defense fortifications, the secretary of war some months ago created a board composed of the heads of all departments having to do with this subject matter. Space and other considerations make it undesirable to go into the matter as reported upon by them, in detail; it is sufficient to say that they have given the entire subject full consideration, aided by reports and suggestions of those on the ground and familiar therewith. Under their instructions they were to report upon any needed fortifications at places where they do not now exist, any change at existing fortifications, and any supplements thereto. They have prepared elaborate reports covering all these points and have suggested a total expenditure during the next four years of \$80,000,000 in annual increments of \$20,000,000 each.

"The board reported an irreducible minimum for additional sea-coast defenses, necessary accessories, and an adequate reserve of ammunition, totaling \$81,677,000, of which there would be used:

In continental United States \$60,540,000
Over seas 21,137,000

"This board estimates that appropriations can be expended to the greatest advantage at an annual rate of approximately \$20,000,000, thus completing the work in four years."

Berlin Claims Bulgarians Victorious

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 14.—The Bulgarians fighting the Allies near the Greek border have broken through the Anglo-French line, separating the British and French contingents and are pursuing the retreating forces. A long section of the French front has been captured.

The following cablegram from official German sources was received today:

"German Headquarters' Report, Dec. 14.—General Todorov's army has occupied Doiran and Greveli. No more French and English troops are free in Macedonian territory. Nearly two English divisions were annihilated in these combats."

Great Losses Ascribed to Prussians

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, Dec. 14.—The latest Prussian casualty lists, according to the newspapers, contain 65,340 killed, wounded and missing, making a total of 2,244,248 casualties, exclusive of the Turkish, Bavarian and other lists.

YUAN ACCEPTS THRONE AFTER THIRD OFFER

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji) TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 14.—Yuan Shih-kai formally accepted the throne at Peking today. In his statement to the people he said:

"I have twice refused to accept the throne, but the people of the nation wish me to be their emperor, so I must yield to their wishes."

POST OFFICE WILL BE KEPT OPEN FOR LATE XMAS PARCELS

For the convenience of Honoluluans who have waited until the eleventh hour to mail their Christmas parcels addressed to the states, the postoffice will remain open tonight as long as there is any business sufficient to warrant the accommodation. Postmaster William F. Young announced today.

The Matsonia, sailing at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, is the last boat on which Christmas parcels for Pacific coast and Middle West postoffices can go if they are to be delivered before December 25.

The postoffice forces this morning had the overflow from yesterday's record-breaking mail, 1073 sacks, well cleaned up, and the 240 sacks which came in the Lurline were handled without delay. Mails for the Matsonia will close at 8:30 tomorrow morning.

NORTH ATLANTIC COAST IS SWEEPED BY GREAT STORM

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles) NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 14.—This city today is the center of one of the heaviest storms of years. New York, Pennsylvania and New England are covered with from 6 to 15 inches of snow. Wires and poles are down, trains blocked and running with difficulty, and many passengers stalled.

Many of the roofs of buildings have been crushed under the weight of snow. Several fatalities are reported. In New York 15,000 men are employed sweeping the streets and 45,000 are needed.

The wire service is affected as far as Virginia.

'UNCLE JOE' IS ON COMMITTEE HE ONCE RULED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—The assignment of Republican and Progressive members of the house to committees has disclosed the fact that years ago "Uncle Joe" Cannon was chairman of the appropriations committee, and he has now been given sixth place on that committee.

The harbor board will meet at 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in its rooms in the capitol basement.

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