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HOUSE TO FIGHT FOR SUGAR BILL

LIHUE'S LATEST RAILROAD PLAN IS FAVORED BY KAUAI CHAMBER'S VOTE

Twenty-one Year License or Franchise for Railway and Water Rights-of-way Approved By 40 to 1, Only Makee Manager Voting Against It—Meeting Produces Some Sensations—Governor Neither Affirms nor Denies Horner Intervention—Stays on Kauai Until Saturday—Others of Party Are Home

(By a Staff Correspondent with the Governor's Party on Kauai.)
Governor Pinkham intends to "stay on Kauai and finish things up" and he expects his work will be ended in time for him to return to Honolulu next Saturday.

Land Commissioner Rivenburgh, Territorial Forester Judd and Engineer Fuere of the public works department arrived in Honolulu at daylight this morning from the Garden Island, accompanied by staff correspondents of the Honolulu newspapers who have been accompanying the official party on the Kauai investigation.

Voting to approve the latest proposal of the Lihue Plantation to the governor, which provides for a railway from the present terminus of the Lihue-Hanalei line, mauka to a point in the Waipouli homesteads, approximately 40 members of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce brought to a close the two-hour meeting with Governor Pinkham yesterday afternoon at Lihue.

One member voted in opposition to the motion. This was Gaylord P. Wilcox, manager of the Makee Sugar Company of Kealia. Though representatives from all parts of the island were present, the majority of the voters were made up of Lihue people.

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FOREIGN OWNERS OF STOCKS MUST PAY INCOME TAX

U. S. Revenue Collector Gets Important Decision From Treasury Department

MAY ADD HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS

Assessment to Be Collected "At Source," and Local Corporations Are Affected

U. S. Internal Revenue officials here believe that hundreds of thousands of dollars will be paid in additional taxation by stockholders in Hawaiian corporations as the result of a decision of the treasury department received yesterday at the office of Collector of Revenue John F. Haley.

It declares that foreign stockholders of American corporations must hereafter pay the income tax on their holdings, without the exemptions now resident stockholders. T. H. Davies & Company and Haekefeld & Company stockholders are said at the revenue office to be among those affected by the new ruling. These two corporations have perhaps the largest lists of foreign stockholders.

The ruling was made after a decision by the supreme court of the United States brought by a German stockholder of the Union Pacific Railway Company. Under it non-resident aliens are not entitled to the exemption from taxation of the first \$3000 of their income, but are liable for the tax upon the entire net income "from all property owned, and of every business, trade or profession carried on in the United States," in the words of the supreme court decision.

The tax is to be collected at the source, and returns will have to be made by the corporations paying the interest or dividends.

The decision has been expected by the internal revenue collector's office here for many months. There was some fear that when it did come it would call for the collection of the tax from non-residents from the time the law went into effect. The decision reads "effective as of January 1, 1916," however, which means that there will be no collection of the tax from non-residents until next year, though the 1916 incomes will be taken into account.

BRITAIN HOLDS CHINA SEIZURE WAS JUSTIFIED

Declares Teutonic on Pacific Steamer Forfeited Protection of American Flag

BRITISH RELIEF FORCE LOSES BLOODY BATTLE

Turks Claim to Have Killed Many; German Losses Are Heavy on West Front

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—That the protection of the American flag floating over the China Mail liner China was forfeited for the 37 Teutonic subjects and one Turk aboard when the steamer was held up by a British cruiser in the contention of Great Britain in reply to the protest of the United States state department.

A summary of the British reply was made public today. The British auxiliary cruiser, believed to be the former White Star liner Laurentic, stopped the China on the high seas and removed the Teutons and Turk. Britain now contends that the seizure was justified on the grounds that the men seized had been engaged in Far Eastern plots and were returning home to take up arms. Their acts, it is claimed, deprived them of any protection of the American flag.

BRITISH RELIEF FORCE MEETS GRAVE DEFEAT

BERLIN, Germany, April 12.—After a sanguinary and determined six-hour battle in Mesopotamia, the British relief force which had been attempting to cut through to the beleaguered army at Kut-el-Amara, has been repulsed by the Turks near Fellahi. More than 3000 British dead were counted after the battle, many of whom had fallen from bayonet thrusts.

GERMANS CLAIM FRENCH ATTACK IS BAD FAILURE

BERLIN, Germany, April 12.—On the west front today the Germans made some gains in Callette woods, while east of the Meuse the enemy made a counter attack, but sustained severe losses and could gain no advantage.

FRENCH SAY GERMANS LOSE IN TODAY'S FIGHT

PARIS, France, April 12.—West of the Meuse the Germans today renewed their offensive and advanced somewhat on Caurettes (Callette?) wood. They used projectors with flaming liquid, but were repulsed.

It has been confirmed that the German losses yesterday were very heavy.

TEUTONS LAUNCH BALKAN BATTLES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, Eng., April 12.—That a fresh campaign has been launched by the Teutons and Bulgarians in the Balkans is the belief today, arising from news that violent cannonading has been taking place along the northern border of Macedonia Greece, where the Allies maintain a defensive line. The guns are in action near Givigli and Dofran, between Modastir and Strumitza, according to the Saloniki despatch, which says that the French have the advantage, but it is reported that the Teutons have captured fortified positions near Devetep.

FIND TORPEDOES SANK STEAMERS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, April 12.—Investigators for the Dutch government have reported that the Dutch steamers Tubantia and Palembang were torpedoed. The cause of their sinking has been in doubt. Germany has officially denied that any German warship was responsible for the loss of the Tubantia.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK, NO LOSSES REPORTED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, Eng., April 12.—The British steamer Senator has been sunk, but it is believed there were no casualties.

Additional and overnight telegraph news on Page 9.

GERMAN OFFICIAL CABLEGRAMS

The following cablegram from German official sources was received today:

GERMAN HEADQUARTERS, April 11.—The English after repeatedly considerably increasing their artillery fire, south Saintelot, last night made a strong hand-grenade attack which failed in front of German crater position. Position completely and firmly in German hands.

In Argonne, near Lafflemorte, and further east near Yauquois, French in several instances only damaged themselves. Both sides dense also yesterday very active fighting.

French counter attacks against positions south Forges Rivulet, between Haucourt and Bethincourt, which were taken by Germans broke down; enemy's losses heavy. Number unaccounted prisoners increased from 22 officers 549 men to 36 officers 1231 men; booty, two cannons, 22 machine guns.

Germans conquered some more block houses south Raven forest night time, took 222 prisoners, one machine gun. Counter advances in district of Cattancourt fell down before efficient German outflanking fire from east bank. On right of Meuse enemy tried in vain to reconquer lost terrain south-west edge Peepers's ridge.

Southwest fort Douaumont, enemy forced abandon defensive positions from where some dozen prisoners and three machine guns taken.

German artillery shot down two hostile aeroplanes southeast Ypres.

On east front and in Balkans situation generally unchanged.

VILLA BELIEVED IN HIDING WHILE TRAILERS SEARCH

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
EL PASO, Texas, April 12.—While the story that Gen. Villa is "making his trail" is believed to be fiction, insofar as he is said to be destroying evidences of his flight, it is believed that Americans are pursuing a Villa rear guard, which has been assigned to beguile the cavalry from his hiding-place, a favorite trick which the wily bandit leader has practiced for years.

RICHARD HARDING DAVIS IS CALLED BY SUDDEN DEATH

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
MOUNT KISCO, N. Y., April 12.—Richard Harding Davis, brilliant war correspondent, novelist, playwright and short story writer, died suddenly of heart failure last night.

Davis had been in failing health for a month. He sought relief in his country home under the care of his wife. He was stricken in the library last night as he went to telephone to his wife, who was away for a short time. She thought he was reading late and it was not until this morning that his body was found in the library.

Davis was 52 years of age.

GEN. J. P. WISSER SOON TO LEAVE FOR MAINLAND

Brig.-gen. John P. Wisser, commanding the Hawaiian Department, will retire from the service July 19, for age, leaving here with Mrs. Wisser about June 5 on the army transport Thomas for the mainland.

Gen. and Mrs. Wisser will make their home in Berkeley, where one of their sons is now attending the University of California. This son will graduate next year, and a second son expects to enter school there this coming fall.

Unless some other officer is designated by the War Department to take command of the local department, the position will fall to Brig.-gen. Frederick S. Strong, now commanding the 1st Hawaiian Brigade, Schofield Barracks.

Gen. Wisser has been in command of the Hawaiian Department since November 6, when Maj.-gen. William H. Carter retired from service and left the islands. He has been one of the most popular officers ever in

CONGRESSMEN WANT REPEAL OF 'FREE SUGAR' UNCONDITIONAL; SENATE CONFEREES ARE NAMED

Chairman Simmons, Stone and Lodge to Act For Upper House, While Lower Body's Representatives Not Chosen

---Await Kitchin's Return

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—That the House will make a strong fight for the original Kitchin bill, carrying the unconditional repeal of the "free sugar" clause of the present tariff law, is now assured.

The amended measure, passed by the senate with the provision extending the present tariff to May 1, 1920, and thereafter putting sugar on the free list, reached the House this afternoon. Expression of opinion among House members shows that they are in favor of standing by the Kitchin bill.

Chairman Kitchin of the House ways and means committee is absent from Washington today and the matter went over until his return. The sentiment of the House will then be obtained and the members of the conference committee to represent the lower body will then be selected. The conference committee which is to act for the senate is composed of Senator F. M. Simmons of North Carolina, chairman of the finance committee; Democrat; Senator W. J. Stone of Missouri, Democrat; Senator H. C. Lodge of Massachusetts, Republican.

C. S. ALBERT.

Hawaii's sugar-men are not doing much worrying over the prospects of a house-senate difference upon the Kitchin bill. They regard the original Kitchin bill as perhaps more advantageous to Hawaii's sugar industry, taken in the long run, but have little to fear from the amended bill, in view of the fact that they expect that in 1920 the government will need the revenues from the sugar tariff as much as or more than today, and thus predict a continuation of the tariff.

The unconditional repeal of the free-sugar bill would be billed with more joy, however, by the small investors and particularly by stock-market "sharpshooters," it being expected that stocks will strengthen if the bill passes as it was adopted by the house. The market is rather uncertain and will continue so while the present situation lasts.

Opinion among observers varies widely as to the prospects of compromise. Some believe that the senate conference committee, with Lodge of Massachusetts as one of its members, is likely to yield to the house conferees. Others think that the Democratic senate majority for political reasons will insist upon the modified free-trade plan passed by the house.

Several large Honolulu firms have been hoping to hear something from their New York or Washington correspondents which would make a definite prediction as to the outcome, but nothing which could be "banked on" has been telegraphed here today. A few days ago Congressman Austin in a private cablegram to a local businessman expressed the belief that the house would not recede from its position.

CHINESE PROVINCES FLAMING INTO REVOLT; TROOPS JOINING REBELS

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)
SHANGHAI, China, April 12.—Province after province is declaring independence or joining the revolutionaries.

The province of Che Kiang today declared its independence of Yuan's government. Government troops have occupied the depot of Hangchow to maintain tranquility.

Troops have been sent to Kashing, and it is expected that 30,000 government soldiers in the Shanghai district will join the revolutionaries, going over peacefully.

Three hundred revolutionaries at Hongkong attacked 200 government soldiers on the Anglo-Chinese boundary. The government troops received reinforcements. Fifty were killed on both sides and many wounded.

It is reported today that the regulars directed by the governor of Kwangtung, Shakes district, battled with the revolutionaries, with 100 killed and hundreds more wounded. In Canton district there are disturbances between the revolutionaries and the regulars. The pay of the latter is in arrears.

(Special Marconigram to Liberty News)
SHANGHAI, April 12.—Many districts of Manchuria have announced their independence of Yuan Shih-Kai, according to the Reuter reports which have been received here. Prominent Manch leaders have been dissatisfied with the action of Yuan Shih-Kai in relation to the treatment of his people, and it is thought that the Manchurians will make an attack on Peking.

Before the declaration of independence in Canton, Lock Yai Ting, the military governor of Kwangtung province, who was leading his troops to Canton, decided to attack the city. Hearing that independence had been declared, he left his troops and with a guard entered the city.

Upon reaching Canton he found Lung Chi Quang, the military governor, in disfavor, and insisted that he resign. Quang refused, and as a result, Canton is fearing internal disturbance. Already a number of the magistrates have been killed and charge of the department here.

Owing to the fact that a two-months' leave of absence, just prior to his date of retirement, has been granted the general is enabled to leave for the mainland in June.

In January, 1915, Gen. Wisser arrived in the island, assuming command of the Hawaiian Brigade at Schofield Barracks. In November of the same year he took command of the Hawaiian Department.

First Lieut. Lester D. Baker, who has been with Gen. Wisser as an aide on the Mexican border, in San Francisco, and here, will leave on the same transport for the mainland. Lieut. Baker will spend a three-months' leave of absence in the eastern states, returning at the end of that time for duty with the 24 Infantry.

The new \$300,000 naval radio station under construction near San Diego, Cal., will be the most powerful in the world.

The Union Compress Co. plant, a 2,200 bales of cotton at Augusta, Ga., were destroyed by fire at a loss of \$100,000.

The Tennessee Legislature convened in a special session to consider charges of misfeasance in office, brought against Judge J. Edington and Attorney-Judge Z. N. Eaton, both of Memphis.

Mrs. Herbert Aquith, wife of the Prime Minister, has settled for \$5000 and costs her libel suit against the London "Globe" which accused her of

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

	Yesterday	Today
Alaska Gold	20 1/2	20
American Smelter	101 1/2	101 1/2
American Sugar Rfg.	119 1/2	119 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	128 1/2	128 1/2
American Copper	86 3/4	86 3/4
Atchafalaya	103 1/2	103 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	104 1/2	105 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	88 3/4	87
Bethlehem Steel	46 1/2	47
Calif. Petroleum	22	22 1/2
Canadian Pacific	167 1/2	167 1/2
C. & M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	94	94 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	44 1/4	44 1/4
Crucible Steel	92 1/2	92 1/2
Ericsson	36	36 1/2
General Electric	167 1/2	167 1/2
General Motors	119 1/2	120
Great Northern Pfd.	74	74 1/2
Inter. Harv. N. J.	57	57
Kennecott Copper	77 1/2	77 1/2
Lehigh R. R.	102 1/2	102 1/2
New York Central	57	57
Pennsylvania	23 1/2	24
Rail Consol.	98	97 1/2
Southern Pacific	140 1/2	141 1/2
Studebaker	51 1/2	52 1/2
Tennessee Copper	132 1/2	132 1/2
Union Pacific	83 1/2	84 1/2
U. S. Steel	117 1/2	117 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd.	82 1/2	82 1/2
Western Union	89 1/2	89 1/2
Westinghouse	63 1/2	64

*Bid. †Ex-dividend. ‡Unquoted.

PENNANT RACE FOR BIG LEAGUE TEAMS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
NEW YORK, N. Y., April 12.—With clear weather in seven out of the eight cities where the "big league" baseball season opens today, the 16 teams are off on their long battles for the two pennants. Only in Boston is the weather threatening. Great crowds are expected to witness today's opening games.

RELEASE STEVEN TEMPORARILY TO AWAIT ARGUMENT

O. A. Steven, charged in four complaints with illegal emigrant recruiting, was released from the custody of Sheriff Charles H. Rose at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon following the issuance of an order by the supreme court temporarily allowing a writ of habeas corpus instituted in Steven's behalf.

Upon his arrival from the coast yesterday morning, Steven was surrendered by his bondsmen and remanded to Sheriff Rose's custody. His attorneys then filed the petition for a writ of habeas corpus, the matter being argued before Chief Justice Robertson and taken under advisement by him later in the day.

Steven's release from custody was obtained through bond in the sum of \$650, for which Harry T. Mills went surety. Steven spent the night at his hotel.

Sheriff Rose this morning was summoned into the supreme court to show cause why he was holding Steven. The sheriff was represented by Deputy City Attorney Will T. Carden and Attorney John W. Cathcart. Attorney Carden stated that he had not had time to prepare a proper return to Steven's petition, whereupon the supreme court ordered that the return be filed not later than 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, and that argument in the matter be had at 10 o'clock next Friday morning.

The cases against Steven, which were scheduled to go to trial in Circuit Judge Stuart's court yesterday morning, have been postponed until 10 o'clock next Friday morning, but it was stated in supreme court today that further continuance probably will be granted until the litigation is settled as far as the higher tribunal is concerned.

Steven was not placed in a cell

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FILIPINO BEATS JAPANESE BOSS, THEN ROBS HIM

Laborer Who Stole \$310.65 is Still at Large; Nippu Jiji Condemns System

Beaten about his head and body and seriously wounded by an attack by a Filipino laborer, T. Yokono, a cane contractor of Waipahu plantation, is now lying in the plantation hospital, according to a report which reached the city yesterday. It was reported today that the man will live.

Yokono, who employs about 90 men on the plantation, was returning from the office yesterday afternoon with \$310.65, the payroll for his employees. He was on his way back to Camp 27 when, it is reported, he met a Filipino who said, "Hello, Japanese man." Yokono replied, and no sooner had he made the reply than the Filipino struck him over the head with a club.

Yokono was knocked unconscious, and when he regained consciousness he found that all of his money was gone. He immediately hurried to the camp, stumbling along his way with the blood flowing from his injuries. The police were notified and a search was begun for the assailant, but the Filipino left no clew and is still at large.

Commenting on the attack Y. Soga, in an editorial in the Nippu Jiji, said today: "Again and again the atrocities of the Filipinos are reported, one of the latest cases happening at Waipahu. Notwithstanding this the troublesome Filipinos are admitted as American citizens, and the good-natured Japanese, who are their victims, are rejected. We wonder what standard of civilization is possessed by our great Uncle Sam."

To prepare for the coming slump of sugar prices, even with the retention of the sugar tariff, to capitalize the climate and scenery of Hawaii in the interests of the tourist business, to build more hotels, to insure the permanence of the Great Northern run between California and these islands, were some of the problems discussed by Lorin A. Thurston at the Ad Club's regular luncheon today in his talk on "Preparedness"—readiness to take care of the increasing num-

ber of tourists.

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