

NAME NEW BATTLESHIP HAWAII IS REQUEST MADE OF DANIELS

Princess David Kawanakoa Personally Presents Letter to Secretary of Navy Setting Reason Why Great War Vessel Should Be Named for Territory — Asks All Residents of Hawaii to Join in Effort to Secure Honor for Commonwealth

Editor of Star-Bulletin,
Dear Sir: Enclosed are copies of my petition and the answer from the secretary of the navy. Being anxious to be my own messenger on a subject so dear to me, I asked for and obtained a personal interview with the secretary July 31. I was most kindly and cordially received. The secretary's answer was sent me the same afternoon.

Hoping that the subject will appeal to the people of Hawaii in general through your newspaper, I ask their hearty support.

Yours truly,
ABIGAIL, PRINCESS DAVID KAWANAKOAO,
of Hawaii.

The foregoing letter of Abigail, Princess David Kawanakoa, and copy of letter of Secretary of the Navy Daniels were received by the Star-Bulletin last evening, as was a copy of the letter which she states she personally delivered to Secretary Daniels and which he mentions in his letter to the princess. Her letter to the secretary of the navy follows:

Washington, D. C.,
July 31, 1916.
Hon: Josephus Daniels,
Secretary of the Navy,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary: May I be permitted to suggest that one of the new battleships or cruisers to be constructed be named "Hawaii"?

To my way of thinking, many sound reasons exist why this should be done, and I regret much that I cannot enumerate all of them, and likewise that I can not feebly express those which do occur to me, but, prompted, and I hope, aided, by the great love I have for the land of my birth, I shall endeavor to place before you facts, and perhaps some sentiment, which I trust shall be of sufficient importance to at least justify careful consideration of the proposal I have made.

Should there be a war with either an Asiatic or European power, naval authorities all agree that Hawaii would be of greatest importance. Pearl Harbor has for many years received considerable attention by the navy department, and I understand that before a great while will have one of the greatest navy yards in the country, and will probably be the location of the largest drydock. The island of Oahu, where Honolulu is located, is strongly fortified and will soon be known, if not already so, as the Gibraltar of the Pacific.

Indeed, I need not enlarge on our importance from a military and naval standpoint, for it has been the theme of many discussions in Congress, and the subjects of countless reports of naval officers. Suffice it to say that should war occur the name "Hawaii" would be quite as widely known as that of "Verdun" today.

Perhaps, too, the naming of one of these vessels after the territory might, in some degree at least, tend to impress the large foreign population now resident there with the idea that the federal government is paying more and more attention to the islands and in this manner assist in that preparedness which works for peace. While I do not wish to be understood as even intimating that in case of difficulty this foreign element might join with the enemy, yet things like the one I am suggesting sometimes have a very considerable moral effect.

These are the views of the facts by a woman born in Hawaii. As to the facts, I may perhaps in some respects be inaccurate, but on the whole I believe them to be as I have set them forth. If I am correct I think they are convincing that it would be quite appropriate to have one of our large vessels bear our name. And then, too, Mr. Secretary, we are a full-fledged territory, and no precedents, as I understand it, would be broken. And in this particular the naming of one of these vessels after our territory would be a recognition of what our people have long strenuously contended for, namely, that we are a territory and not a possession.

May I be allowed for the moment to touch slightly on the sentimental side of the question. In 1898 Hawaii was annexed to the United States, largely by reason of its value from a naval standpoint. Amongst the natives, to whom the word "Hawaii" meant everything, annexation was not altogether popular, but as the years have rolled by the American form of government has come to be more fully understood, the Hawaiian people have come to recognize that annexation is a blessing and not a curse. That recognition has borne fruit, for I venture to say that nowhere on Continental United States can be found a people more loyal to the government than are the Hawaiians. In the event of difficulty there would be no laggards. The naming of one of our vessels after the islands they loved would be treated by them as a grateful recognition of their loyalty; would be boasted of by

The Secretary of the Navy:
Washington, D. C.,
July 31, 1916.
My Dear Madam: I have your letter of July 31, which you were good enough to present to me in person, recommending that one of the new battleships or cruisers be named "Hawaii."

I thank you for the reasons you give and for your suggestion, which will be taken up and considered next fall, when the selecting of names for ships is taken up.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed)
JOSEPHUS DANIELS,
Princess David Kawanakoa,
1744 N Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

and always mentioned with pride. Perhaps, too, in this matter of sentiment the people of the mainland might become better educated as to Hawaii and show a greater appreciation of our attitude than their present limited knowledge affords us.

This letter is written by me without consultation with any of the officials of Hawaii, or with the delegate to Congress, and as is set forth above, dictated by my love for Hawaii and what appears to me to be sound considerations. I have no doubt, however, that the delegate in Congress, and every official of the territory, will join heartily in the suggestion.

Trusting that what I have said will receive due consideration and that the name "Hawaii" will probably be borne by one of the ships under construction, I am,
Very respectfully yours,
ABIGAIL, PRINCESS DAVID KAWANAKOAO,
of Hawaii.

REMAND KUHIO CASE BACK TO CIRCUIT COURT

(Continued from page one)

tion of the allegation that the queen was not mentally competent. This question is decided in the affirmative. "We hold that the circuit judge erred in not taking that course in this case," says the decision. "Here, the error was emphasized by the fact that the circuit judge while expressly declining to make a finding as to the queen's present status or condition, permitted the guardian ad litem, who could have a standing in court only in case the queen be in fact incompetent, to file an answer and cross bill averring her incapacity, the legal effort of which was to supplant her former assertion of competency."

Regarding the right of Kuhio to maintain the suit, the decision says: "We think it is clear, therefore, that Kalaniana'ole, as sole complainant, may not maintain the suit since he has no interest in the subject matter. Having gone this far, we are compelled to go further. We believe that some of the mistakes which have been made in this case have resulted from an error made by this court, in discharging the temporary writ of prohibition which the queen had sued out we held—and properly so—that the bill of complaint did not aver insanity on the part of the queen, but mental weakness and undue influence which presupposes mental competency."

"But we erred in holding that the queen was therefore entitled to discontinue the suit as she had done. The writ was properly discharged since the circuit judge was not proceeding without jurisdiction, but our reasoning did not reach the root of the matter."

"The charge was not of mental competency, but of a weakened mind which had been, and is being, subjected to the domination of the said respondents. It was not enough to say that the presumption of sanity or mental competency prevailed in favor of the queen, for, if, at the time this suit was instituted, she, though sane, was still subject to the same domination under which, it is averred, she executed the deed of trust, and was not a free agent, the suit could be brought and maintained in her name and behalf by a next friend appointed by the court."

"Although the Assertion of Mental Competency filed by the queen seemed to assume that mental incompetency was averred in the bill, as counsel for Kalaniana'ole has contended it was, that paper and the 'Objection and Protest' filed by her sufficiently challenged the averments of existing undue influence and control on the part of Iaukea and Dominis, and lack of free agency on the part of the queen, so as to raise an immediate issue in regard to the queen's condition and status at the time of the filing of the bill."

"And in this connection we may state that Kalaniana'ole was not an improper person to act as next friend

DECISIONS ARE HANDED DOWN IN SUGAR APPEALS

Kauai Board Decides Cases of G. & R., H. S., Also McBryde Plantations

Decisions in three important Kauai sugar plantation tax appeal cases have been rendered by the tax appeal court of the fourth taxation division, Kauai, and were made public today by Attorney-General I. M. Stainback. The decisions are signed by Charles S. Dole, E. H. W. Broadbent and J. H. Niwano, members of the tax appeal board.

In the first decision, Gay & Robinson, the tax assessor is upheld, and an assessed valuation of \$500,000, his figures, is placed on the plantation's holdings. The company contended its rightful valuation to be only \$500,000. In the appeal of the Hawaiian Sugar Company, the taxpayer is upheld. The company's valuation of \$4,250,000 is sustained against the \$4,500,000 claimed by the assessor.

McBryde Sugar Company's decision in a way "splits the difference" between the assessor's and the company's contentions. Its assessed valuation is determined as \$2,500,000, against the company's claim of \$2,000,000, and the assessor's valuation of \$3,000,000.

In the McBryde decision, the appeal board holds that its reason is the plantation last year was assessed at \$1,658,823, and a jump of a million and a half dollars in a year is hardly justified even though the outlook is promising.

Concerning Gay & Robinson, the board holds that its average rentals received from land leased to the Hawaiian Sugar Company have been \$62.40 for the last four years, and that this amount is almost 8 per cent on a valuation of \$500,000.

BIG NEW 14-INCH RIFLE SHATTERS ITS OWN SIGHTS

Huge Weapon at De Russy Puts Itself Out of Commission; Old Gun Shoots O. K.

Because the terrific concussion shattered the delicate cross wires in its telescopic sight, one of the two 14-inch coast defense rifles at Fort De Russy was put out of commission this morning when annual target practice was held. The big rifle could shoot, but with disabled sights it was not considered advisable to use it.

After the first trial shot today of the new 14-inch gun installed in the fort last year it was found its concussion had shattered the vertical wire in its telescopic sights.

New wires were quickly placed in the gun's sights, but after another shot they, also, were found shattered, so the gun could not be used. The shells which were to have been fired by the new gun, No. 1, were transferred to the other 14-inch gun, No. 2, and practice completed.

A "jinx" seems to be following the new gun, because it is the same weapon which blew out its breech block during proving practice at the Sandy Hook, N. Y., proving grounds when it was received from the factory for testing before shipment to Honolulu. The accident at that time resulted in fatal injury of several of the gun crew.

Mechanically the new gun worked today in a perfectly satisfactory manner, but by twice shattering its sights it was put out of commission for the day. According to officers of Fort De Russy the accident is one which could happen to any gun at any time, and does not indicate any defect in the huge weapon. De Russy has no 12-inch rifles.

Each shot fired this morning by the big 14-inch gun represents an expense of \$275. The shell, weighing 1680 pounds, and being of cast-iron, costs \$55 and the powder \$220. There were three practice shots and seven record shots fired by Battery Randolph, as the 14-inch two-gun battery is named. They were fired at a range of 12,000 yards.

Battery Dudley, the two 6-inch disappearing rifles, held excellent practice, with no trouble of any kind. Only one of the two 6-inch rifles was fired. Smoke tracers were used with the gun, each shot leaving a trail of blue smoke making its progress toward the target plainly visible to the naked eye.

of the queen on the ground of having supposed adverse interest.

"The appointment of Mr. Andrews as guardian ad litem was not authorized by the court to make such an appointment depended were in controversy and remained undetermined. The answer and cross bill filed by the guardian ad litem should have been stricken from the record."

In conclusion the decision says: "The circuit judge may entertain an application by some one asking leave to act as next friend of the queen for the purpose of having her reinstated as the complainant in the case under the original bill and, in that event, the question as to her present status and right to control the suit, or whether a next friend should be appointed for her, should be heard preliminarily."

DIRECTORS OF CARNIVAL ADOPT FULL PROGRAM

Mid-Pacific Heads Settle Upon Plans and Prepare for Much Publicity

A definite program for the Carnival was adopted, contracts for 30,000 posters, 25,000 postcards and 25,000 stickers awarded and a chairman of the decorations committee named at a meeting of the Carnival directors this afternoon at the Commercial Club.

The publishers of Sunset are to print the posters for \$650. The design is a reproduction of that on the cover of their August number. The Hawaiian Gazette Co. was awarded the contract for postcards and stickers, 25,000 of each for \$412. Lew Davis was named chairman of the decorations committee.

Following is the program adopted: Monday, February 19.

Pan-Pacific Day—Noon—The landing of the Kings of the Pacific Carnival. Pan-Pacific Luncheon in Liliuokalani park. Afternoon—Pan-Pacific floral parade, with island princesses, out-riders, pa-u riders, etc. Evening—Pan-Pacific banquet, N. G. H. armory. Ball of All Nations, Palace grounds, free.

Tuesday, February 20.
Hawaiian Day—Afternoon—Hawaiian pageant. Evening—A Night in Hawaii.

Wednesday, February 21.
Afternoon—Hibiscus show. Sea sports at Waikiki. Evening—An Evening in Japan; Army and Navy Ball.

Thursday, February 22.
Washington's Birthday—Morning—Military review (reviewing stand at Palace). Afternoon—Swimming meet. Evening—Lantern Parade; Mask Ball in Armory.

Friday, February 23.
Afternoon—Children's Festival, Punahou. Evening—Concert of matted bands, 8:30 p. m. to 9:30 p. m. Directors' Ball, 9:30 p. m.

Saturday, February 24.
Afternoon—Preparedness pageant. Kaplani. Evening—Water pageant and fireworks.

MURDER CHARGE AGAINST GOMES MAY BE DROPPED

Prosecuting Attorney Charles F. Chillingworth stated this morning that the charge of first degree murder against John Gomes, said to have been responsible for the death of his wife in the insane asylum, will probably be dismissed at the hearing, set for Thursday, on account of Dr. L. L. Patterson's statement that the woman died from over-exhaustion, due to insanity.

Several weeks ago Gomes was found guilty by Judge Monsarrat of assaulting his wife. Shortly afterwards Mrs. Gomes was taken to the insane asylum in a demented condition. Soon after she died and Gomes was arrested on

FEEL CONFIDENT 'DRY' MEASURES TO GET HEARING

Congress at Short Session May Discuss Prohibition For This Territory

Although advices from Washington, D. C. indicate that measures now before the national legislators regarding prohibition for Hawaii will have to wait another year, officers of the local Anti-Saloon League are confident that these matters will come up for discussion at the short session of congress, which convenes in December.

"The league feels that, as long as congress is in session, matters regarding prohibition for Hawaii are liable to be brought up at any time," says George W. Paty, secretary of the league. "We are also of the belief that the measures will come up at the present session, as intimated in correspondence we have had from Washington."

Dr. John W. Wadman, superintendent of the league, has been in the national capital for the last several months working for prohibition in the territory.

FILIPINO SHOT BY WOMAN SHE ENCOURAGED

Alejandro Castro, the Filipino shot at Waipahu yesterday by Eleanor Rojas, is still living and according to a telephone report from Manager E. K. Bull of the Oahu plantation he has some chance to recover. The woman will be held pending his recovery.

Statements have been obtained by McDuffie from both Castro and Rojas which are practically identical to the story in the Star-Bulletin Tuesday.

Castro says she fired with him and followed up with a bullet when he responded.

The woman, on the other hand, claims he came into her room, uninvited, and attempted to assault her. She fired when he clutched her.

A Filipino woman in the Waipahu hospital, who knew the Rojas woman in the Philippines, says the latter is partially demented.

Captain McDuffie, accompanied by interpreters, went to Waipahu yesterday afternoon to obtain a statement from Castro in case he should die.

Suit to collect an alleged debt of \$462.42 has been filed in circuit court by David O. Hamman against Violet Catton.

A meeting of the industrial schools board was held this afternoon in the office of the judge of the juvenile court.

an accusation of inflicting the blows that finally resulted in her death.

According to Dr. Patterson, superintendent of the asylum, the blows were not responsible for the death, and therein lay all the prosecution's alleged incriminating evidence.

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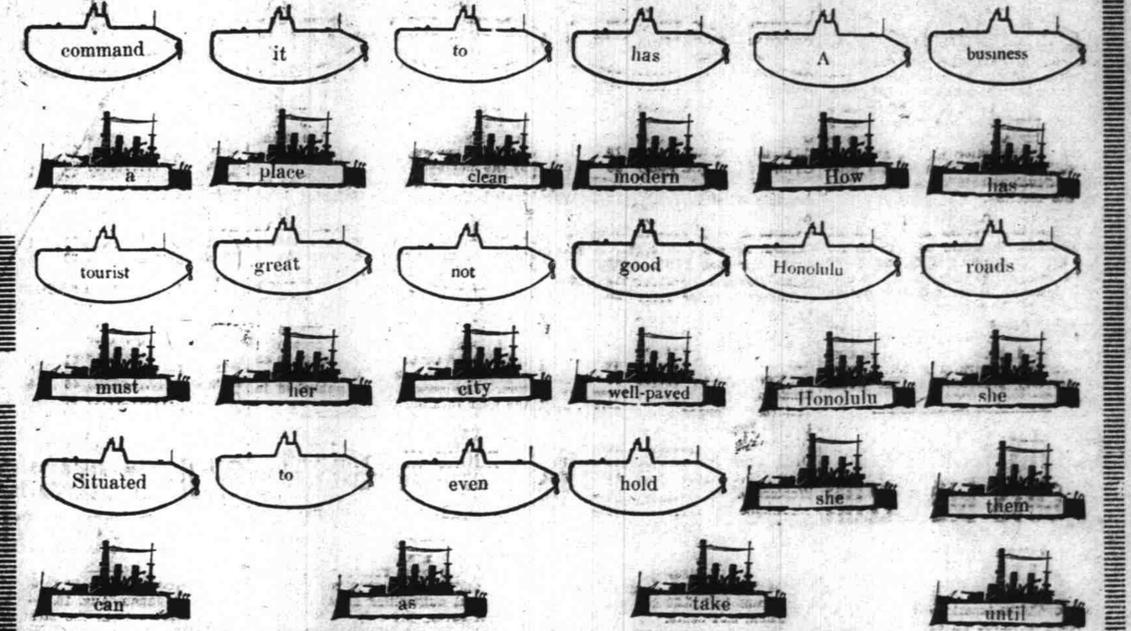
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