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PROHIBITION BILL PASSES SENATE, 14 TO 1; ROBINSON OF MAUI AGAINST IT

HAWAII'S 'DRY' MEASURE, WITH VOTE OF PEOPLE IN JULY, GOES TO HOUSE

Maui Man, Sole Opponent, Says Measure is Not "Bone-Dry"
—Castle Urges "Home Rule" Policy as Provided in Bill and Declares It Will Stand Test of Legality

By a vote of 14 to 1, senate bill 33, referring the matter of prohibition in Hawaii to a vote of the people next July, was passed today by the upper house after discussion of not more than a quarter of an hour. Senator W. T. Robinson of Maui was the sole member to vote in the negative. "I voted against the measure because it does not provide 'bone-dry' prohibition," said Robinson to a Star-Bulletin representative shortly after he had cast his vote. "If we are to have prohibition let us have it strict."

Senator A. L. Castle of Oahu made the last speech of the discussion and also the second to the motion to pass third reading. Castle urged the "home rule" policy and declared his belief that the bill as it now stands will meet all tests of legality. "I believe in home rule," said Castle as he closed his talk, "and support this measure. I would do all in my power to defeat prohibition by federal authority. I think it is up to Hawaii to decide the question."

"And which ever way it is decided," he added, "providing a vote is held in July on the question, it should settle the matter for many years to come and for many legislatures."

The senate voted to take up the prohibition bill this afternoon shortly after the printing committee had reported that the bill was prepared for distribution. A short recess was announced on the bill as some dispute hounded to determine if this was third reading or not.

During the recess President Chillingworth announced to the senate that the Washington Post of February 22 contains an article stating that the house of representatives had adopted a senate amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill establishing absolute prohibition in the states now prohibiting the sale and manufacture of liquor. The vote for the amendment had been 319 to 72, he said. He pointed out that this measure nullifies, if passed, the importation of limited quantities of intoxicants into prohibition territory, over which there has been some question.

FEDERAL SURVEY SCHOOLS PROVIDED

Provision for a federal survey of the schools of Hawaii is made in a joint resolution introduced in the house today by Representative Clarence H. Cooke.

The resolution, if adopted by both houses of the legislature, will invite the commissioner of education of the United States to undertake the survey and to make such recommendations to the local superintendent as will tend to aid the territory's institutions. It is further provided that the commissioner of education be directed by Congress to carry out the survey.

Following is the text of the resolution: "Whereas, the government of the United States of America, through its department of the interior and under the direction of its commissioner of education, has offered to every community of the nation an opportunity to put its local problem of schools before the national leaders in education; and after first-hand study of local conditions, such leaders may advise with local authorities to the end that the children of all the people may be prepared for national life; and

"Whereas, Hawaii through its entire history has devoted itself to popular education and today faces conditions of peculiar difficulty and responsibility not affecting ourselves alone, but also affecting the life of the nation, and would bring to the problem all of its own resources and also such added wisdom as might come from national leaders after their study of local conditions; and

"Whereas, Hawaii is a territory of the United States of America and, therefore, stands in a peculiarly close relation to the Congress of the United States, looking directly to it for guidance; now, therefore

"Be it resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the territory of Hawaii that the commissioner of education of the United States of America be, and he is hereby requested and invited to undertake a federal survey of the schools of the territory and to make such recommendations as may seem to the commissioner of education to aid our people in the better preparation of our children for American life; and that the commissioner of education be directed by the Congress of the United States to carry out such survey."

The resolution was first read and will be read a second time at the next session of the legislature.

SHIPS REMAIN AT THEIR PIERS UNDER BIG BOND

Harbor Board Permits Pommern and Setos to Stay Where They Are if \$500,000 Bond Be Given By Agents to Protect Territory From Possible Damage

The German refugee merchant steamers Pommern, moored at the east side of Pier 7, and Setos, at the weather side of Pier 16, will not be moved outside the harbor.

At a special meeting held this morning in the office of Chairman Charles R. Forbes, the board of harbor commissioners passed a resolution which will permit the two merchantmen to remain where they are now berthed, providing an indemnity bond of \$500,000 for the two vessels is furnished by the local agency, H. Hackfeld & Company, Ltd.

The resolution passed at the meeting, which adjourned two minutes before noon, is as follows: "Moved that the attorney-general's department be requested to prepare as soon as possible a form of indemnity bond in the sum of \$500,000 to be furnished by H. Hackfeld & Co., agents for S. S. Setos and Pommern, fully protecting the territory and all whose interest may be concerned in all matters connected with the berthing or anchoring of the S. S. Setos or Pommern at territorial wharves or in the waters of the harbor of Honolulu."

The bond of half a million dollars covers both steamers.

Chairman Forbes called a Star-Bulletin reporter into his office just before the meeting adjourned and made the resolution public, stating that the Pommern and Setos will be permitted to remain at their present wharves on filing of the bond.

"The agents have agreed to furnish bond in the sum of \$500,000 for the steamers Pommern and Setos," said the chairman. "It will be an indemnity bond to protect the territory fully."

At this point Commissioner Tom Church broke in with: "I think you should make public the fact that the board rescinded."

"No, no, that isn't necessary," replied Forbes.

It was evident they referred to the resolution passed by the board on Monday.

The meeting was attended by Chairman Forbes, Commissioner James Wakefield and Commissioner Church.

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:

Stock	Today	Yesterday
Alaska Gold	7 1/2	7 1/2
American Smelter	101 1/2	100 3/4
American Sugar	117 1/2	117 1/2
Am. Tobacco	127 1/2	127 1/2
Anacosta Copper	85	84 1/2
Archer	102 1/2	102 1/2
General Motors	82 1/2	82 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	75 1/2	75 1/2
Beckham Steel (asked)	131	131 1/2
Canadian Pacific	152 1/2	152 1/2
U. S. Steel (St. Paul)	81 1/2	81 1/2
U. S. Steel (Pitt.)	48	48 1/2
Crescent Steel	65 1/2	65 1/2
Gen. Electric	26	26 1/2
General Motors	104	104
General Motors	113	113
Great Northern Pfd.	113 1/2	113 1/2
Inter. Harv. N. Y.	115	115
Kennecott Copper	47 1/2	47 1/2
Lehigh R. R.	68 1/2	68 1/2
New York Central	95 1/2	95 1/2
Pennsylvania	56	56 1/2
Ray Central	30 1/2	30 1/2
Reading Common	92 1/2	92 1/2
Southern Pacific	93 1/2	93 1/2
Standard Oil	101 1/2	101 1/2
Texas Oil	228 1/2	229
Union Pacific	134 1/2	134 1/2
U. S. Steel	116 1/2	116 1/2
Utah	116 1/2	116 1/2
Western Union	92 1/2	92 1/2
Westinghouse	48 1/2	48 1/2
May West	187 1/2	186 3/4

*Bid. †Ex-dividend. ‡Unquoted.

Wilson's Advisers Urge Him to Arm U. S. Merchant Vessels

LATE NEWS AT A GLANCE

ANOTHER MOVE FOR IRISH HOME RULE MADE
LONDON, Eng., March 7.—On behalf of the Irish Nationalists, O'Connell moved in the house of commons today a resolution urging that the free institutions so long promised Ireland be established without further delay.

"WAR ARMY" WILL MAKE MANY OFFICERS
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—Secretary of War Baker today directed that between 5000 and 6000 enlisted men of the regular army be designated by the regimental commanders for commissions as company officers in whatever army might be raised in case war should call for immediate military expansion. Orders have been sent to each regiment to select 60 men eligible for commission up to and including the grade of captains. They will be designated by military aptitude and not by examination.

SCHOOL COMMISSION LOSES POINT IN BROWN CASE
Henry W. Kinney, superintendent, and members of the school commission, have lost an important point in the action for mandamus brought against them by Henry C. Brown, former principal of the Waimea, Kauai, school. Brown was not reappointed principal last fall. He is now seeking reappointment by mandamus.

Information reaching Honolulu from the Garden Island is to the effect that Judge Lyle A. Dickey has overruled the demurrer filed by Kinney and the members of the commission. This undoubtedly means that a trial of the case will be had in the Kauai court.

Sharks' Skins Would Hurry Militia Home

Another industry is suggested for Hawaii in a letter which comes to a Honolulu official from the Willard Supply Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., which wants to know if it is possible to purchase shark skins here.

William Isaac of that company, which buys raw material all over the world from rhinoceros horns in Africa to ivory tusks in Australia, is the author of the letter and writes that he will establish an agency here if enough of a catch can be assured, and will offer good commissions.

He wants the skins salted and rolled and it is inferred that the leap in the price of leather has made skins that heretofore have been thrown away in Honolulu quite valuable.

Isaac says through here not long ago "the way to Australia to establish agencies in the dominion."

COMMITTEES ACT ON SENATE BILLS

Senator Desha's two bills, relating to members of the legislature holding county offices, were reported back today by the judiciary committee with the recommendation that they be tabled.

The committee found that so far as appointment or election of legislators to county offices is concerned "there has been no abuse" of the present law.

The Desha bills also included such persons as are "employed" by county government, and here the committee thought the bill clearly goes too far.

Senate Bill 17 was entitled "An act to disqualify members of the legislature from holding office and being employed by the several county governments." Senate Bill 20 was the converse of it.

The committee recommended the adoption of Senator Coney's bill regarding an electric plant franchise on Kauai, recommending that it be made to include the public utilities commission as authorizing rather than the superintendent of public works. A few other minor changes were also suggested.

Report was made in favor of Senator Pascheco's "statehood for Hawaii" resolution.

LETTER COMPLAINS DYNAMITE IS USED TO SLAUGHTER FISH

Senator S. L. Desha of Hawaii today received a letter from windward Oahu complaining against the dynamiting of fish in that vicinity.

Mullet, moai and weke, as well as other varieties of fish are being destroyed by this process according to the writer, who signs himself "Ka maina."

"The letter states," says Senator Desha, "that police officers are not properly protecting the waters at Kaula, where the dynamiting is said to be carried on most."

Act 622 of the revised laws makes it a penalty to kill fish in this manner and provides a maximum fine of \$100 or imprisonment for six months, or both, as a penalty.

SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN TIES UP MANY SHIPS AT HALIFAX

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 7.—Since the announcement of German frightfulness at sea 53 ships of different nationalities have declined to leave port, or have been detained at Halifax. No sinking was reported yesterday, and the Cunard liner Carmania arrived here. She was convoyed through the danger zone, together with nine other ships, and reports a quiet passage.

Congressmen Plan to Kill Filibustering

Democratic and Republican Caucuses Adopt "Cloture" to Limit Debate

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—Direct result of the recent senate "filibuster" and the criticism of the small minority of 13 senators who defeated the will of the majority came today.

The Democratic caucus approved a rule whereby on a two-thirds vote the senate can close a debate.

The president today conferred in the White House with Senators Owen, Reed, Walsh, Swanson, James and Hoke Smith of the caucus committee. Secretary of State Lansing and Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo were also present. The senators then hurried to the capitol and conferred with Republican leaders to lay before them the plan for modified "cloture" or closing of senate debate.

The president told the senators that he is anxious for prompt action, that the country is aroused over the situation and that a few senators should not be allowed to interfere with the welfare of the country.

The Democratic and Republican cloture committee agreed in a conference to recommend that the party caucuses change the rule so that a two-thirds vote could close debate and dilatory tactics be prevented.

The Republican caucus later endorsed the adoption of the new cloture rule. Little opposition is expected in either party.

CUBAN LEADER OF REVOLT IS TAKEN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
HAVANA, Cuba, March 7.—Announcement is made in a message received here that Jose Miguel Gomez, leader of the Cuban revolutionaries, and his whole staff have been captured by the government troops.

STATE LEGISLATURES FLY FILIBUSTERING SENATORS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—The feeling against the "armed neutrality" measure at the last session of Congress is apparently growing stronger. A number of state legislatures, now in session, have adopted resolutions bitterly attacking the action of the 12 senators under the leadership of Senator La Follette. Colorado yesterday went on official record as being opposed to the attitude of the senators in the filibuster and the legislature adopted a resolution which had been amended to make it more scathing than when first introduced. The Oklahoma legislature also adopted a resolution which denounced the action of the filibustering senators.

GERMANS LOSE GROUND ON ANCRE IN HOT FIGHTING

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
NEW YORK, N. Y., March 7.—North and south of the river Ancre the British yesterday continued their steady advance of the last few days, despite heavy counter-attacks by the German forces. The German lines are increasing their resistance in that sector steadily, but the strokes of the British are driving them backward despite all they appear able to do.

RUSSIAN CRUISER REPORTED DAMAGED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
BERLIN, Germany, March 7.—The Russian armored cruiser Rurik struck a mine in the Gulf of Finland and is badly damaged, according to reports from Stockholm to the Overseas News Agency.

LONDON, Eng., March 7.—The French bark Pacificque is posted by Lloyds Agency as missing.

CRISIS IS FORCING AN EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS; NEEDS OF DEPARTMENTS IS PRESSING

Japan Welcomes German-American Break as Harbinger of Allied Success—British in Brilliant March Up Tigris Menace Bagdad—German Submarines Report Much Damage Wrought

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—Administration officials today urged strongly on the president their view that the government may legally arm merchant vessels without awaiting express authority which congress might give at a special session.

They urge that the old law passed in 1819 would not apply to the present situation. The president heard them with keen interest and indicated that he is seeking legal means of acting promptly, though he would prefer congressional approval.

The definite impression is gained in official circles that the merchant vessels will be armed soon. This was strengthened after a conference of the president with administration officials and Democratic senators.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—Casting over the prospects for an extra session, Democratic and Republican house members have official advice that show the newly-elected membership will be physically able to respond immediately to the call for extra sessions.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—The prospects of an extra session of Congress today seem so strong that legislators now here talk of it as a virtual certainty sometime in the next few months.

Well-informed members look for it to be called to meet not later than June. This is the result of hints thrown out by officials close to the president, and it is believed the president has virtually made up his mind to such a session.

The need is imperative to pass the big supply measures which failed of passage at the last session, largely due to the filibuster.

Nearly all departments of the federal government will suffer unless Congress supplies their needs by passing the appropriation bills.

British in Rapid Advance Along Tigris Are 18 Miles From Bagdad

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, Eng., March 7.—Covering more than a hundred miles in a straight line and half again that much along the Tigris river since the successful attack on Kut-el-Amara, British forces are now within nine miles of Ctesiphon, on the Tigris.

This city is only nine miles from Bagdad, which is now menaced by the rapid advance of the British cavalry and the following infantry and artillery forces.

Japan Suddenly Enthusiastic Over Break Between U. S. and Germany

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)
TOKIO, Japan, March 7.—Washington's break with Germany forecasts a strong addition to the Allies and early defeat of the central powers in case of war, according to the interpretation placed on it in Japan.

With remarkable enthusiasm and harmony the Japanese are welcoming the diplomatic rupture of Germany and the United States. The press is devoting columns to the news of the breach and allied features.

Interviews are being published with leading diplomats and other officials. Navy officers, unnamed, are giving interviews in which they unanimously agree that the United States navy is one of the strongest in the world and that it would be an easy task to help crush the German naval power in the event of a declaration of war.

American Physicians Stay in Germany

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)
BERLIN, Germany, March 7.—American physicians who are in Germany on various medical expeditions are remaining in the country and continuing their work. The military authorities are cordially insisting that they continue their duties and are giving written guarantees that the members of the expeditions will be allowed to depart when they desire.

The unit medical station at Naumburg has been discontinued, the expedition presenting the model hospital to the municipality.

"Plotters" Await Grand Jury Action

HOBOKEN, N. J., March 7.—Further identification of the "bomb plotters," alleged to have conspired against the president's life and to blow up munition factories, was made today. Frits Kolb, the German reservist from Mexico, and Hans Schwartz, who was arrested with him, were held to the grand jury today without bail. Two bombs found in Kolb's room in a Hoboken hotel were identified at the preliminary court hearing as those which figured in the exposure of the plot.

German Submarines Sink Ships

BERLIN, Germany, March 7.—Submarines returning to their bases between March 1 and 3 report the sinking of hostile vessels aggregating a tonnage of 204,000, according to a statement of the Overseas News Agency.

PRESIDENT WOULD STOP FILIBUSTERING METHODS

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—The five independents in congress decline absolutely to ally themselves with either party and as a result the talk of a bipartisan control of the lower house at the next session increased steadily here. At a conference last night the cloture rule was practically adopted, but there will be further debate later. It is likely that an extra session of the 64th congress will be called by the president about June, but it was announced last night that Mr. Wilson had declared that the first thing to be done was to change the senate rules against filibustering.