

Kings are like stars—they rise and set—they have
The worship of the world, and no repose.
—Shelly.

RIGHT AND JUSTICE OF HONOLULU OIL CONTENTIONS TOLD BY COUNSEL

All Requirements Met By Company From Outset of Work and Its Pioneering Was Responsible for Development of Fields That Navy Department Seeks

Direct lights are thrown on the California oil lands controversy, especially as it affects the Honolulu Oil Company, by W. N. Mills, counsel for the company, who arrived on the maiden trip of the new Matson liner Maul. Mills was former assistant attorney general and as such represented the government in the matter of the Elk Hill claims which were included in the first "Naval Oil Reserve" while as counsel for the Honolulu company he is now on the other side in the matter of claims in the Buena Vista district in the "Second Naval Oil Reserve."

One of the interesting features

of locators, as to entrance upon and proof of mineral (oil) deposits prior to the date of withdrawal and continuance of required development work afterwards and to date of application for patents. Section 6 was clear listed as to proof of oil deposits and development work but not as to bona fides of locators. It was on this last point that the recent adverse decision by the land office was rendered. These sections comprise all of the lands upon which Honolulu Oil seeks patent.

At the hearing as to good faith of locators on section 6 the original locators were brought forward to testify, some from a long distance and at a large expense. They, and each of them, testified to good faith in location and afterwards, until sale, and there was no contradiction of such testimony offered by the government. But in the face of this report rendered by the local land office on March 31 denies the good faith of the locators without assigning sufficient reason for such denial. An appeal is certainly to be taken within the prescribed 30 days. Counsel Mills, however, does not consider the decision of any importance except as to moral effect. It has no more, if as much, weight as would have a report of a master in chancery or a referee named to hear and report in a court action. He is confident that when the testimony is considered by the proper officials, with no contradiction to it having been offered at the recent hearing, there will come, in pure justice, a reversal of the decision.

Where Jurisdiction Lies

It has always been the claim of Honolulu Oil Company and its counsel that jurisdiction in the granting of patents lay wholly within the jurisdiction and the power of the interior department, that the court had no jurisdiction and that the interior department could not voluntarily surrender a jurisdiction that is expressly conferred upon it. This the company and counsel held when the attorney general's department was asking a withdrawal of the company lands from free listing already given. Now, having obtained the withdrawal, the attorney general's department is expressing the same view. In such case the free listing of the lands will have to be done and the patents granted by the interior department. That department has already decided in favor of the company on all points on all claims except those in connection with section 4. As to that section the decision is in favor of the company on two points and Mills believes, almost with no other view than his, that a favorable decision on the third point in view of the uncontradicted testimony introduced. He believes that there will be no reversal by the interior department on its carefully prepared decision on lands already free listed. Therefore he is confident of the ultimate securing of the patents which the company seeks.

The authorized capital of Honolulu Oil Company is \$5,000,000 of which \$3,000,000 has been issued. The 1200 acres already patented were appraised by an expert for a congressional hearing at \$7500 an acre which would make the present holdings of the company worth \$3,400,000 even were no other patents obtained.

BAKER DECLARES CONSCRIPTION IS ONLY SOLUTION

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—Conscription is the only way by which this government can raise and maintain an army worthy of its prestige and capable of doing the work that has to be done in the utter overwhelming of Prussianism and the ending of the world menace of German "kultur."

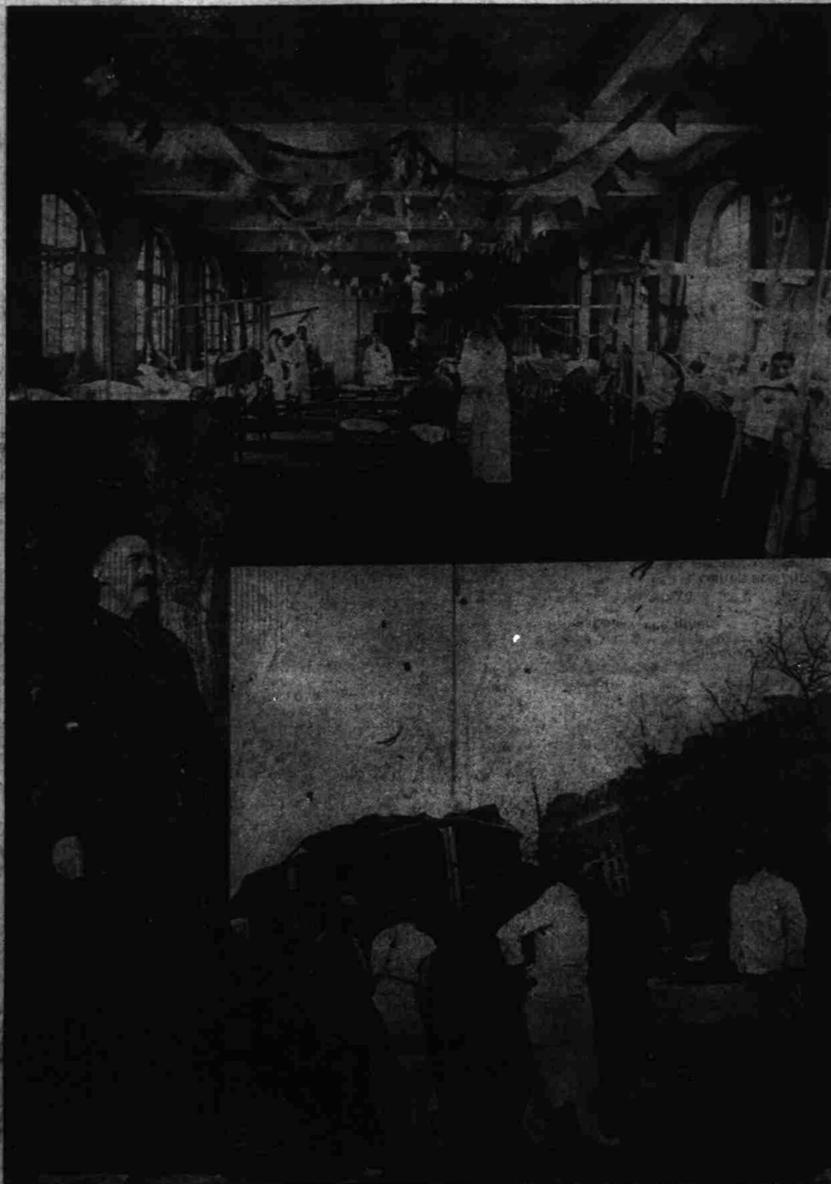
Such was the flat and emphatic assertion made before the house committee on military affairs by Secretary of War Baker when called before that body to discuss the general staff universal service bill yesterday afternoon during a hearing.

"No matter what we have done in the past, the lessons of this war have shown clearly that the enormous task imposed by modern warfare forces us to the conclusion that conscription—little as we may like the sound of the word—is the only solution of our problem."

President Wilson and Secretary Baker held a lengthy session with Representatives Mann and Lenroot, who were summoned to the conference. It was pointed out that now is no time for partisanship to play a part in the councils of the nation, but that all must unite in furthering the common objects of the nation.

President Wilson particularly pointed out that further delay in the army measure would be playing the German game for the enemy and undoubtedly endangers the plans of the government against the German foe. The Republican congressmen were asked not to allow partisan attacks to defeat the plans for a measure that would provide for conscription, by selection of the young, unmarried men without dependents.

Rapid-Fire Work By Ad Club Raises Fund For Ambulance on French Front



Above—One of the splendidly-equipped French war hospital wards. This Hawaii ward, which will contain 40 beds, will carry on the fine work shown in this picture. Below—A French hospital ambulance of the type which the Honolulu Ad Club is providing. It is interesting to note in this picture a well-known man, Lawrence Best, vice-president of the American Ambulance and president of the Hotchkiss Gun Company. He is attired in white, hatless, at the extreme right of the picture. The single figure on the left of the layout is Dr. Edmund Gray, a stalwart and magnificent type of American who has done great work in hospital service. He has lived for 20 years in Paris.

ANIMALS SHOWN IN REPORT ISSUED BY CITY COMMITTEE

The annual report of the parks, playgrounds and schools committee of the board of supervisors, composed of Ben Hollinger, Daniel Logan and Robert Horner, to the mayor and legislature has just been issued.

Profusely illustrated with pictures of the animals at Kapiolani Park and of the various school buildings on the island of Oahu, it is not only instructive but decidedly interesting.

The first picture is Ben Hollinger and Delray, the African elephant, and other illustrations showing animals at play, follow. An interesting feature is the pictures which compare the old and new school buildings.

Following the statistical report of the schools each park is taken up separately and described.

HATCH AND HORNER SHOW OPPOSITION TO RESOLUTION

With Supervisors Hatch and Horner vigorously opposing it, the resolution introduced by Ben Hollinger at the meeting of the board Tuesday night requesting the legislature to set aside the judiciary building for use as a city hall when the courts and other offices were moved on the completion of the proposed new territorial building, had hard sledding.

"The introduction of the resolution is altogether too premature and hasty," said Hatch. "We should wait until we are sure there is to be a new building."

KAUAI WIRELESS STATION IS UNDER MILITIA GUARD

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)
LIHUE, Kauai, April 17.—The placing of a guard at the wireless station in Lihue gives Kauai its first indication that war is really a fact.

Capt. Hopper of Company B has a detail of 20 men stationed in the yard adjoining the station and regular guard duty is maintained. It is learned that the wireless will receive commercial messages again on Wednesday and the daily news service will probably be restored at that time.

The Senate confirmed Thos. G. Patten as postmaster of New York.

Rapid-fire action by the Honolulu Ad Club, inspired by Dr. James R. Judd since his return from the French war front, has resulted in the establishment of a \$1600 fund for the purchase and maintenance for one year of an ambulance to be used in the hospital service of France.

This ambulance will be operated as part of the splendid scheme of the American Ambulance—using the latter word "ambulance" in its French sense of a hospital organization.

Dr. Judd's unbounded enthusiasm in the cause of medical assistance for the French a few months ago was voiced in a letter home, at that time published in the Star-Bulletin, urging the establishment of a Hawaii ward. Beginning then, funds were donated until now there is \$12,000, which will maintain such a ward for two years.

The story of the American Ambulance, as a vital part of the great French hospital service, has been told in a number of interesting books and pamphlets which Dr. Judd has brought home. High tribute is paid Robert Bacon, former American ambassador at Paris, and Mrs. Bacon for their untiring service following the outbreak of the war.

The statements on behalf of the American Ambulance shows that every cent of every dollar contributed goes to the hospital, no part of any contribution being used to pay expenses of printing, postage, advertising, salaries or anything but hospital expense.

The Ad Club's activity now is of material assistance in providing for an ambulance for the transportation of patients.

"At the regular Ad Club meeting today, the special committee in charge of the ambulance campaign reported as follows:

"Your Ambulance Funds Committee begs to report that \$1600 is being forwarded to the American Ambulance Field Service for the purchase and maintenance of an ambulance for use in the field service of France. Your committee recommends that the donors' plate bear the name 'Honolulu Ad Club, Hawaii.'"

"A check for the balance will be handed to you about the end of the week and we suggest that this amount, about \$75, be donated to the local 'French Orphan Fund.'"

"Yours respectfully,
WILLIAM THOMPSON,
Chairman Ambulance Fund Committee."

The other members of the committee are James D. Dougherty, George F.

INDEPENDENCE FOR PHILIPPINES WILL BE DEBATE SUBJECT

Wednesday night at the Y. M. C. A. the Washington and the G. R. clubs have a debate. Philippine independence is the question under consideration, two men from each club to do the talking. The Washingtons are to have the affirmative and the G. R.'s the negative side of the debate.

Paul Keppeler is debating for the G. R.'s and his colleague is Harold Borthwick. This will make a formidable team against the Washington debaters, Willing Ho and K. T. Pong. Keppeler has had experience in debating and is in line to carry off the honors for his team.

Medals will be given for the winning team. The debate will be held Wednesday night in the boys' library at the Y. M. C. A., beginning at 8:15. William Schreiber and J. Brooks Brown will be the judges of the debate.

Renton, Dr. C. B. Cooper, Walter F. Dillingham.

Offer is Made
Following this, President Farrington sent the following letter to the American Ambulance Field Service:
American Ambulance Field Service,
Care Lee Higginson & Co., Bankers,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sirs: Inspired by an address delivered by our fellow townsman, Dr. J. R. Judd, who has recently returned after 18 months spent in the French hospitals, and in appreciation of the efficient work of the American Ambulance Field Service in France, the Honolulu Ad Club herewith hands you a draft on the National Bank of Commerce, New York, for \$1600, to be applied to the purchase and maintenance of an ambulance "for the field service." It is requested that the donors' plate read "Honolulu Ad Club, Hawaii."

Yours truly,
W. R. FARRINGTON,
President Honolulu Ad Club.

William P. Dickey, who had been engaged in the hardware business at Bangor, Me., for 53 years, is dead. He was 73 years old.

Dr. E. M. Funk, manager of the Swanton, Vt., plant of the International Explosives Company, who was injured by an explosion in the fulminate dry house, is dead.

ESTIMATES ON CUBAN SUGAR OUTTURN ARE REDUCED TO 2,800,000 SHORT TONS

Private Reports Contradict Statements From Government and Indicate That Damages Have Been More Serious Than Was Previously Admitted

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)
NEW YORK, N. Y., March 31.—

Advices received in New York sugar circles the past week have been of a dual nature. On one hand optimistic reports have been issued by the Cuban government, palpably intended to spread the impression that the Cuban situation was in a more settled state than current rumors indicated.

On the other such advices as slipped through the strict censorship maintained by the Cuban government have carried information indicating the widespread destruction of cane and have made necessary repeated reductions in estimates of the Cuban production for the current crop year.

Contradictory Reports Received

The early reports of the week emanating from Government sources were contradictory of the general opinion prevailing that a large tonnage of cane in the fields, or ready for cutting, had been destroyed. Havana dispatches received, in view of the fact that the cane was apparently cut, they were to the effect that the earlier estimates of the amount of cane destroyed had been overestimated. Even the figure given in Facts About Sugar of 5,000,000 tons was attacked as being excessively high.

From private and authentic sources emphatic contradictory reports have been received. In response to a cable query from Facts About Sugar a prominent authority in Cuba cabled: "Judging from losses where reliable data is obtainable your estimate is probably correct."

Further advices received on Friday from Havana, independent of the government, stated that in the province of Camaguey alone, in a section along the Cuba railway in which only 100 centrals are located, the loss in cane destroyed from all causes totalled 1,250,000 tons or one quarter of this publication's conservative estimate of the cane destroyed for the entire island.

Heavy Damage Sustained

Other information obtainable today indicated conclusively that the loss in cane reduced to tons of sugar for six plantations in Oriente and Santa Clara provinces equaled 300,000 tons of sugar.

This is not included in the above estimate.

The weight of this evidence so rapidly accumulating through the week leads to but one conclusion, namely, that the damage done to the Cuban crop in addition to the known hampering of normal sugar production activities, has been far larger than has been known and realized generally in sugar circles so far.

In view of the indisputable evidence that has come to hand Facts About Sugar feels it necessary to make a further downward revision of its estimate of the Cuban outturn for the current crop year, and accordingly reduces the estimated tonnage of the 1916-17 crop to 2,800,000 short tons.

There is ample evidence to back this revision, and in many quarters in sugar circles this figure is considered not only conservative but one which may require a further reduction in the future.

While the press dispatches have indicated this week that the Cuban government has succeeded in attaining some military successes, private reports are to the effect that the guerrilla warfare is growing in intensity and is marked by additional wanton destruction of property, especially through the burning of cane fields.

The criticism raised by American interests owning sugar properties against the character of military campaign so far carried out by the Cuban government is that the rebels have been allowed to scatter and to inaugurate a guerrilla warfare that can only end disastrously to the sugar industry, as that character of political disorder in Cuba will require a number of the best weeks of the harvest season to eradicate.

At the close of the week the activities of the rebels still continue to be a menace, which coupled with the unfavorable crop conditions, including the past protracted drought, the early approach of the rainy season, and abnormal tasseling of the cane, leaves no obvious opinion possible other than that the Cuban situation still remains pregnant with grave and disquieting influences on the American sugar market for many weeks to come.

ADDITIONAL TELEGRAPH NEWS

BAY CITY OFFICIALS SUSPENDED, UNDER PROBE

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 18.—Internal Revenue Collector Scott and his brother and chief deputy have been suspended here pending the investigation of a secret charge preferred by the authorities.

HENRY FORD DONATES TRACTOR RIGHTS TO ALLIES

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)
DETROIT, Mich., April 18.—Henry Ford, maker of automobiles and peace advocate of parts, has come out in a new light. Yesterday it was announced for him that he has decided to waive his rights to his new Ford-farm tractor, in favor of the British government, and has cabled specifications of the new machine to England together with the authorization for the manufacture of the tractor for use in Great Britain and France.

SHERMAN WOULD BIND U. S. CLOSER TO ALLIES

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—Senator Sherman of Illinois yesterday introduced in the upper house a resolution calling for an agreement between the United States and the Entente Allies not to make a separate peace with Germany or her allies. The resolution would place this country in the same position toward the Central Powers as are the members of the Entente group. It was referred to the senate committee on foreign affairs.

RUSSIAN CROWN LANDS SEIZED; TITLES ABOLISHED

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)
PETROGRAD, Russia, April 18.—Fresh moves have been made by the liberal government toward the accomplishment of the program which the leaders set themselves following the revolution that overthrew czarism. Yesterday it was formally announced that the government has decreed the abolition of all class distinctions under the law and the abolition of all titles.

In conjunction with this pronouncement came the formal announcement that the government has decided to take over for the public good and use all lands belonging to the crown as well as all lands belonging to the church and monasteries.

The new law which has the support of the duma and the leaders of the liberals also provides for the transfer of these seized lands to the peasants of the nation, upon whom for so many hundreds of years the heaviest burdens have rested.

BRITISH SAILORS HAVE TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)
BALTIMORE, Md., April 18.—After having been without water or food for five days and having seen five of their comrades die of hunger and thirst, Emanuel Jaunig and Herman Week, two seamen of the British schooner Annitina, have been picked up by a steamer and brought here. Both men may die from the effects of their hideous experience.

MANY TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR OFFICERS PLANNED

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—Arrangements have been completed for the opening of a training school in the Presidio at San Francisco and near Chicago. The California school will take over the work of training 2500 officers for service, while the Chicago school will be divided into four training camps, and will train 10,000 officers.

Other camps and schools will begin the work of turning out officers for the army within a comparatively short time after congress gives the word to go ahead.

U. S. MUST TAKE ACTIVE PART IN WAR, SAYS WOOD

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)
BOSTON, Mass., April 18.—Gen. Leonard Wood of the United States army in an address here last night declared that the United States must send troops to face the Germans as soon as possible, and that until she has done so this country will have failed to do her full duty.

"We people of America cannot pay for having our fighting done for us, until we have sent men to the front."

In speaking of the different plans for the creation of an army for the United States Gen. Wood said:

"The voluntary system is a beautiful thing in theory but it has proved utterly ridiculous in the past when it came to the hard test of practice."

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—THE AD MAN.