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POLITICAL JOBS TO GO INTO DISCARD AS FIRST MOVE OF 'EFFICIENCY' PARTY

BIG SHAKE-UP IN CITY PAYROLL CONTEMPLATED

Supt. Vierra of Public Parks, Supt. Wise of Kapiolani Park and Others Slated to Go—City Engineer Will Boss Public Works Department Under New Realignment Program for Efficient Administration

ELIMINATION of so-called political jobs in Honolulu is to be one of the first acts of the "efficiency party" created at last night's meeting of the board of supervisors, it was announced today.

Under this proposed plan of the "efficiency party," which consists of Supervisors Bellina and Mott-Smith, Republicans, and Supervisors McClellan and Petrie, Democrats, the axe is to fall on these present office holders:

A. K. Vierra, superintendent of public grounds and buildings; John Wise, superintendent of Kapiolani park; Edward Marino, food inspector, and Lot C. Lane, milk and dairy inspector.

Efficiency in Honolulu's city government—and the ultimate elimination of all political jobs are the grounds on which the "efficiency party" bases these proposed plans.

As regards the former splitting up of the city engineer's department and casting off of several bureaus which are now separate departments, Supervisor E. A. Mott-Smith declared today this might have been done for purely political reasons. "But," he added, "it is certainly poor organization."

NEW APPOINTMENTS.

- City Engineer—A. C. Cantin. Superintendent of Water and Sewer Department—Fred G. Kirchhoff. Superintendent of Police and Fire Alarm and Electric Lighting System—W. L. Frazee. Bandmaster—Robert H. Baker.

NEW COMMITTEES.

- Finance—E. A. Mott-Smith, chairman; Ben Hollinger, W. H. McClellan. Highways, Bridges, Parks and Garbage—C. N. Arnold, chairman; Lester Petrie, C. H. Bellina. Public Parks, Playgrounds and Buildings—Ben Hollinger, chairman; Lester Petrie, W. H. McClellan. Civil Service, Police, Fire and Electric Light—C. H. Bellina, chairman; C. N. Arnold, W. H. McClellan, E. A. Mott-Smith.

The plan is to have all branches of the public works brought back under the direct control of the city engineer's office, with the city engineer in complete charge and with the power to hire and fire. This will include the waterworks and sewers, garbage collection, street cleaning and building inspection departments. The present heads of these departments may not be affected by this plan unless, of course, the mayor appoints new heads before the scheme is put into effect.

Seek Greater Efficiency

"This plan is going to mean the coordination of the public works under one head," says Mr. Mott-Smith, "who will be a direct head and who at all times will be responsible to the mayor and the board of supervisors. It is going to make for the elimination of petty fights between departments and department heads, as well as between departments and the board."

"We want to knit the whole thing together and work along cooperative lines and get more efficiency, less politics in our city administration. There will probably be a hot fight when it is first attempted to put this plan through, but I have no doubt that it will ultimately go through."

"I have said frequently," Mr. Mott-Smith continued, "that I want a city engineer who is not a politician, who is competent and on whom no supervisor or anyone else can bring political pressure. With such a man in office, we can have our public works done not under the necessity of politics, but under the necessity of what is actually required. The city engineer will be responsible to the mayor and the board, and if he is incompetent, then we can dispose of him and get someone else."

Seek Proper Milk Inspection

As regards the proposed shakeup in the milk and food inspection department, Mr. Mott-Smith points out that the city and county is in no position to carry on a proper milk inspection as it is without the necessary

Majority's New City Job Program

- Discontinue the waterworks and sewers, garbage collection, street cleaning and building inspection bureaus as separate departments and place them under the city engineer's department, giving the city engineer the power to hire and fire the heads of these bureaus. Combine the offices of food, milk and poi inspectors under one head and place this work in charge of Halvor Myrhe, now assistant to the federal food commissioner, thus effecting a saving of about \$90 a month and securing federal and territorial cooperation in this work. Combine the offices of superintendent of public grounds and buildings, and superintendent of Kapiolani Park, and appoint John Markham to be in charge of this department.

FERN'S MEN GET IN WHEN G. O. P. BOARD IS SPLIT

A. S. Cantin Goes in as City Engineer and Fred Kirchhoff as Water Superintendent When Mott-Smith and Bellina Effect Alliance With Majority of Board

CONFIRMING Mayor J. J. Fern's nomination of A. C. Cantin for city engineer, F. G. Kirchhoff for superintendent of waterworks, W. L. Frazee for superintendent of police, fire alarm and electric lighting system, and H. Robert Baker for bandmaster, the recently organized "efficiency party" in the board of supervisors, composed of two Republicans and two Democrats, went into power last night and though hampered at every turn by the three remaining Republicans, dubbed "the Outlaws," also succeeded in adopting a list of new standing committees whereby the control of affairs passed entirely into their own hands.

It was a five-hour session replete with surprises and spirited speeches. Supervisor Charles N. Arnold of the "Outlaws" held the floor for about two-thirds of the time and, backed by Supervisors Hollinger and Ahia, verbally fought every move with amendments and new resolutions and while he succeeded in holding up some of the appointments, the "efficiency party" seemed quite content with its evening's work and intimated that further steam-roller tactics would be introduced in order to put the municipal government on a working basis.

The new standing committees give the balance of power in committee rooms to the members of the "efficiency party" with one exception. The only committee on which the "Outlaws" have the majority is the civil service, police, fire and electric light committee of which Mr. Arnold and Mr. Ahia are members and C. H. Bellina is chairman. On the ways and means committee E. A. Mott-Smith is chairman, with W. H. McClellan of the new party and Ben Hollinger of the "Outlaws" as members. On the highways, bridges, parks and garbage committee Mr. Arnold remains chairman, but the majority is in the hands of the new party, Lester Petrie and C. H. Bellina being the other members.

On the public parks, playgrounds and building committee Hollinger remains chairman, but Petrie and McClellan are the majority, and the new party also rules the sanitation, health, water and sewers committee with McClellan and Mott-Smith as members and Ahia as chairman.

The Star-Bulletin in last night's issue forecasted that the long deadlock would be broken and that the appointment of A. S. Cantin as city engineer would be made at last night's meeting. The Star-Bulletin also told of the meeting Sunday of the two Democrats and the two Republicans in Mr. Mott-Smith's office to form the new "efficiency party," when it was agreed to give Mayor Fern the privilege of nominating any one he wished for other positions open for appointment so long as he placed the name of A. S. Cantin before the board for city engineer. The program as outlined was followed to the letter last night so

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Honolulu's New City Engineer And New Water Superintendent



A. C. Cantin (left), new city engineer, and F. G. Kirchhoff, new superintendent of waterworks department.

AUGUSTUS S. CANTIN, who became engineer for the city and county of Honolulu on October 1 following his appointment to the position by the board of supervisors last night, was born in San Francisco but has lived in the Hawaiian Islands for the past 17 years.

FRED G. KIRCHHOFF, acting superintendent of waterworks and sewers department, appointed last night by the board as permanent superintendent of the same department, is a native son of this territory, having been born in 1881 on the island of Hawaii. In 1899 he joined the territorial public works department here and remained with them until 1904. He then left for the mainland and after four years' hard work graduated from the college of civil engineering of the University of California. The next three years he spent on the coast working with the engineering department of the Southern Pacific railroad in Portland, Ore., later with the Daniels & Osment company of San Francisco and still later with John G. Howard. He returned to Honolulu in 1911.

BAND THREATENS TO STRIKE BECAUSE LEADER IS DEPOSED

WITHIN a few days the world-famous Hawaiian band, which has been a credit to the city and county of Honolulu for the past 48 years, may be disbanded if the present disruption, which has developed among the members over the appointment of H. Robert Baker as the new bandmaster, continues to gain headway.

Six members of the band called this morning at the home of Peter Kalani, who was deposed from his position as bandmaster last night by the board of supervisors, and informed him that they were tendering their resignations to take effect October 1 because of the fact that they did not believe the newly appointed band leader to be a competent man. Six more men are expected to follow this lead tomorrow, and should the board continue to ignore their demands that the new leader be withdrawn, band members say that practically the entire band with one or two exceptions will resign on October 1.

The six men who are tendering their resignations to take effect October 1 are said to be the best players in the organization, namely: J. Amasiu, chief solo cornet; Charles P. Kaleikoa, solo clarinet; J. Kaas, solo trombone; George Malun; bass; S. Kamaakia, first assistant solo cornet, and G. Wela, alto solo.

The rehearsal has been held this morning was postponed while the band members discussed the re-

10 KILLED AS VESSEL IS TORPEDOED BY HUNS

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) PARIS, France, Sept. 26.—The Admiral de Kersain was sunk by German submarine while in Spanish territorial waters, it was reported today by the war office. Ten of the crew were killed by the explosion of the torpedo

Calls on Germany To Apologize for Destroying Ship

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

LIMA, Peru, Sept. 26.—Germany will have to give satisfaction for the sinking of the Peruvian bark Lorton, or face the consequences, says the Latin-American republic. It was announced today that the Peruvian minister at Berlin has been instructed to demand an apology and otherwise give satisfaction for the submerging of the Peruvian vessel, and a time limit of eight days is set for Germany to give an answer. If at the expiration of that time no reply is forthcoming from Berlin diplomatic relations will be severed.

SIX KILLED, 16 HURT IN LONDON RAID

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

LONDON, Eng., Sept. 26.—Six civilians lost their lives and 16 were injured in the Hun air raid on the southeast of London city last night, according to a report issued by the war office today.

The number of enemy planes taking part in the raid is not known, but only two of the first group succeeded in penetrating the barrage five the anti-aircraft guns threw around the city.

The repulse of the first squadron was followed half an hour later by a second flock, but a large force of British planes rose to give battle and they were quickly dispersed.

Newspaper comments today declare the raid a failure, and great praise is given those who manned the anti-aircraft guns which are declared to have thrown an almost impenetrable curtain of fire around the city.

CIVILIANS FLEE FROM PETROGRAD; ARMY CONFIDENT OF HOLDING HUNS

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

PETROGRAD, Russia, Sept. 26.—A partial evacuation of the Slav capital is now proceeding, though there are not wanting signs which point to the returning of confidence on the part of the population that the army may yet be able to hold back the invading forces of Prince Leopold.

A grave political crisis is imminent in Finland. It is understood that an attempt will be made to convene a session of the landtag, which was recently dissolved.

PETROGRAD, Russia, Sept. 26.—Newspapers here, commenting on Germany's answer to Pope Benedict's peace proposals, are almost a unit in condemning the tenor of the reply, and declare it is useless from the standpoint of a solution of the peace

problem, and that the war must go on to the bitter end.

PETROGRAD, Russia, Sept. 26.—That the monarchist plot which flared up during the early part of this month was only a hoax perpetrated by four swindlers, was the evidence given in the trial of Gen. Soukhomlinoff, who today was found guilty of high treason and sentenced to imprisonment for life.

The story of the plot, which resulted in the arrest of the grand duke, was told in court today, and it was asserted that the expense of their dupes.

The wife of Gen. Soukhomlinoff, who was also accused of treason, was acquitted.

LATE NEWS AT A GLANCE

ONE KILLED IN ARGENTINE ANTI-GERMAN RIOTS

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Sept. 26.—Indignation against Germany was again manifested today, when several anti-German riots broke out in the streets of the city. Strike disorders made matters worse, and in the rioting one man was killed. The military and police are patrolling the streets.

WAR TAX BILL CONFEREES REACH AGREEMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 26.—It was learned today that the conferees who have the war tax bill under discussion have come to an agreement, and an early report is expected.

GERMANS CLAIM GAINS ON YPRES-MENIN ROAD

BERLIN, Germany, Sept. 26.—Germans captured ground on the Ypres-Menin road yesterday, and took 250 British prisoners. The battle is still raging.

COSTA RICA MAY BREAK WITH GERMANY

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Sept. 26.—The Costa Rican congress, in session here today, are considering a break with Germany. The vote has not yet been reached, but it is very probable relations between the Central American republic and Berlin will be severed.

TAFT WANTS TRAITORS LIKE LAFOLLETTE PUNISHED

MONTREAL, Canada, Sept. 26.—Ex-President of the United States William Howard Taft, who is here recuperating from his recent serious illness, in an interview today declared he was in complete accord with Roosevelt in wishing to find a way whereby pro-Germans such as LaFollette could be punished for their activities, which the ex-president declared was nothing short of traitorous.

GOVERNOR AND GEN. WISSER INSPECT R. O. T. C.

Governor Pinkham, Brig-Gen. John P. Wisser, Maj. L. W. Redington, Capt. Henry C. Merriam and Lieut. Harold F. Loomis today paid a visit to Schofield Barracks with the intention of inspecting the training camp at that post.

LOCAL JAPANESE BANKS TO BUY LIBERTY BONDS

Feeling it their duty to line up with other financial institutions in the United States, the local branches of the Yokohama Specie Bank and the Sumitomo Bank will subscribe to the second Liberty Loan, according to Manager S. Awoki of the former, and Manager M. Kawakatsu of the latter bank. Messrs. Awoki and Kawakatsu said this afternoon that they will communicate with the main offices in Japan with a view to securing the approval of the president of their banks

GERMANY IN NOTE TO POPE AGREES TO EVACUATE BELGIUM

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.)

Realizing Prospects of Victory are Dwindling, Kaiser Offers to Make Concessions, But Stipulates Right to Develop Conquered Nation's Economic Resources

LONDON, England, Sept. 26.—Germany in a supplemental note to Pope Benedict regarding His Holiness' peace proposals, submitted recently to the belligerents, takes a decidedly weaker standpoint than any heretofore shown, and points to a realization by German officials of the impossible task of holding invaded territory on the west in face of the terrific offensives being launched by the Entente Allies.

In the note just forwarded to Rome Germany agrees to evacuate Belgium, but stipulates her right to freely develop the economic resources of the country, more particularly the big seaport of Antwerp, which Germany proposes shall be under her domination.

A separate administrative government will be allowed Belgium, the note says, but Flanders must be separated from Walloon, which is composed of a mixed Italic, Teutonic and Celtic people, and lies in the south-eastern part of Belgium.

Referring to indemnity for the devastation she has wrought in that stricken country, the Kaiserbund would be willing to contribute its "share" of the compensation which would be awarded by an international court as war damages.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Sept. 26.—That Belgium had got her just deserts for being England's bridgehead in Northern Europe was the emphatic declaration of the exponent of Hun ruthlessness, Von Tripitz, in an address before a mass meeting of the Fatherland party held in Berlin today.

Reports of the address reaching here credit Von Tripitz with saying that "ruthlessness was Germany's legal right, and that Belgium had got her just deserts, as she has always been England's bridgehead."

The speaker demanded that heavy war indemnities be levied on the Entente nations, as it was necessary Germany be recuperated for her losses in the war which, he declared, was none of her seeking.

BRITISH AGAIN DRIVE FORWARD AT YPRES LINE

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

LONDON, Eng., Sept. 26.—Sir Douglas Haig has resumed his hammering of the Hun lines to the northeast of Ypres, and is reported to be making rapid progress. After effectually battling off fierce counter attacks of Prince Rupprecht's shock troops yesterday and last night the British suddenly attacked in force and according to a despatch to Reuter's agency are making good progress.

The report says that "the attack is taking place along a wide front northeast and east of Ypres, and developed in the early morning hours. The British are pushing towards the high ground east of Ypres, while allied battalions are bombarding the German naval base at Ostend."

BRITISH FRONT IN FLANDERS.

Sept. 26.—Resisting desperately, fighting for every foot of ground they are losing, the Germans are being slowly but surely driven back along a wide front between St. Julien and Gheluvelt.

Early this morning Haig began another terrific drive on the Hun positions, and succeeded in smashing through to a depth of 1000 yards. Reports are as yet vague as to the terrain captured, but that a titanic struggle is on can be gathered from the despatches which tell of desperate resistance being made to the advance British. News from the northern half of the offensive line at St. Julien tell of great gains and terrible slaughter of Germany's finest troops, but no news has yet been received from the southern end which is operating at Gheluvelt.

AMERICAN SLAIN IN BATTLE WITH GERMAN AIRMEN

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

PARIS, France, Sept. 26.—(Headquarters of Lafayette Squadron) — That Sergt. Douglas MacMonagle died in a brave fight against a superior force of Hun planes is the news brought by two of his comrades in the desperate air battle which ended fatally for the intrepid American.

In company with Aviators Lufbery and Rockwell he engaged a fleet of eight Teuton battleplanes, and after a desperate fight the gallant sergeant was shot twice through the head, and was sent hurtling to the ground within the French lines.

A pathetic touch is given the sudden demise of the officer in the news that his mother had just arrived at the squadron's camp at the time of the fight.

BASEBALL RESULTS TODAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

- At Chicago—Chicago 1, Brooklyn 0. At St. Louis—St. Louis 2, New York 1. At Pittsburg—Philadelphia 5, Pittsburg 0. At Cincinnati—Boston 1, Cincinnati 0; Boston 3, Cincinnati 0.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

- At Washington—Washington 5, Chicago 4. At Boston—Cleveland 2, Boston 0. At New York—Detroit 5, New York 1. At Philadelphia—Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 0.

LONDON, Eng., Sept. 26.—Kermit Roosevelt, the second son of Theodore Roosevelt, former president of the United States, has received his appointment as temporary honorary captain, the London Gazette announced tonight, and has been assigned to the British forces operating against the Turks in Mesopotamia.