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which the Macfarlanes afterward placed in England. They sought to break Claus Spreckels' back, he says now, and he is relentless in his wrath.

His motives in opposing annexation, and in the warfare which he already secretly inaugurated against the Government are of the meanest and most personal nature. The only business reason he has given yet is contract labor, and he says truly that hitherto the Japanese Government has refused to allow the importation of its people here excepting under contract, but that Government has never intimated its opposition to another system under annexation, and it is known to value highly the pecuniary benefits accruing from the labor of its subjects here.

When the possibility of making arrangements with the Japanese Government by which laborers might be brought here in the event of annexation was pointed out to Spreckels he admitted that if such could be arranged it would do away with his objections. In fact, his opposition to annexation appears to be an afterthought and unaccountable on general grounds. When the Annexation Commissioners arrived in San Francisco on their way to Washington, Spreckels advocated annexation over his own signature, and offered to accompany the Commissioners to Washington. As a planter, as a shipowner, as an investor in Hawaii, his interests cannot differ from his commercial associates, who are almost unanimous in favor of annexation. If he opposes annexation on business grounds, it must be as a representative of the Sugar Trust, and because of some occult advantage accruing to the trust through the defeat of annexation. It is possible to find a mercenary motive should he desire to encourage interest and depression here until he can enlarge his own interests through the impending wreck of plantation companies which cannot much longer withstand the difficulties of the present situation.

But it is not necessary to impute either of these motives to Spreckels. His wrath would argue against their probability. The weakness of his old age is not so much a love of money as great pride in already having acquired so much, inordinate self-esteem, and personal vanity. He glories in his island possessions and loves to come here and open up his palace on the plains and his comfortable bungalow by the beach at Waikiki. Here he is a landed proprietor, has the air of a country squire, and the influence in the community that is deservedly his through his manifold interests here. He loves to boast of the days of Kalaikaua, when he ruled the kingdom, where he was all-powerful in palace and legislative halls. He ridicules the new fledged politicians here, and tells how he used to elect his own candidates and fix things generally, and, if very confidential, he will tell you that he can do so again. He wished to regain his former political power here, which will enable him to wipe out old scores and gratify his vanity. With annexation he could not hope for a position under a Territorial form of government and knows that in his lifetime Hawaii never could be admitted as a State.

The plan which suits him is this, and this he is working for with all the energy, by all the means, of his alert tireless nature. An independent republic with himself the power. With a President of his own choosing, elected for a term of seven years, with the power of appointment of an upper legislative house, controlling the election of this upper house would be assured. The lower house he would have elected by manhood suffrage, which would place it easily in his control as of yore and as he boasts he could place it again. To accomplish this he must accomplish the discomfiture of the Provisional Government.

To these ends he is now hard at work. He has not yet decided on his agents, but it is probable that Sam Parker, a prominent and popular native, appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs in four Cabinets to be quickly turned out of them all, will be selected as a candidate for President. He would be immensely popular, and with unqualified suffrage could easily be elected without the aid of Spreckels.

Yesterday Spreckels called a meeting of the Planters' Agents' Union and cautiously unfolded his scheme, to the extent that the interests of the planters lay against annexation. He read a letter which he had prepared to have sent to Blount, embodying these views. But he did not get a single supporter. Baldwin and Cooke, next to Spreckels the largest planters here, both strongly opposed the views of his letter, without arguing the question of contract labor. They both said that they were willing to take their chances with the American planter, and that, living here with their wives and families as they did, the cause of good government was the one they had most at heart. In this they represent the views of their brother planters, and it is now probable that the planters, detecting Spreckels' sinister and selfish motives, will array themselves in open opposition, and address Blount a letter of their own.

Mr. Blount works on tirelessly and silently, receiving everybody, hearing all that they have to say, saying nothing. He has had anything but a pleasure trip, and is now narrowing the line of his investigation in the hope of hastening his departure. He seeks to be thorough and fair, and a judicial air marks his whole attitude here. If his work shall fail of what he aims to make it, it will be because he has not, in receiving testimony, made the discrimination which the character and standing of those whose testimony he has taken made proper.

He still continues to see more of the opposition than of the Government leaders and supporters. This is perhaps because the latter are more opportunistic. But the frequency with which he is visited by British and Royalist

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leaders, and the fact that he has not yet requested the presence of some of the men most prominent on the side of the Government, as, for instance, the Chief Justice, whom he has not yet seen, is a cause of great anxiety to them.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., May 26.—A telegram has been received at the War Department from General Ruger, commanding the Department of California, requesting a dispatch be received from Captain Carpenter, the officer sent to the Puyallup Indian reservation to prevent Ross from unlawfully building a railroad across the reservation, stating that an injunction had been served upon him by the Circuit Court preventing him from interfering with Ross. Secretary Lamont referred the matter to the Attorney-General, giving this story of the case and requesting him to have the United States District Attorney defend the officer. The case will be heard at Seattle to-day.

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