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ALMOST A CRIME.

The shutting down of the water works pumping plants, under all the circumstances, was little less than criminal, and deserves very careful investigation as to who was responsible for it.

Every circumstance in connection with it looks so much like it was an attempt to force the hand of the legislature, that the belief that such was its principal purpose is very general throughout the community, and probably no amount of explanation will dislodge that belief.

It is useless in the face of the situation created, for the superintendent of the water works system to say that he had no funds with which to keep the pumping plants going; that some of the employees were six weeks in arrears in their pay and that they refused to work longer.

According to Superintendent Brown the reason the pumping plants had to be shut down was because the additional engineers and the firemen had been paid no salary for six weeks, and there was no money with which to pay them.

But even if, without his fault, a condition arose in which it was impossible for him to longer keep the pumping plants going, such a condition did not arise in a moment, without warning.

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For a paltry few hundred dollars, to secure which no effort seems to have been made, to throw the whole community into the state in which it was thrown in this morning, is either to show gross incapacity, an indifference which shows a total unfitness for the control of the water works bureau, or a deliberate purpose to secure an advantage at the expense of no end of danger to the community.

No one believes that the additional engineers and firemen refused to work longer because their wages were unpaid, unless they were able to step immediately into other employment for which the returns were immediate; or that if they did, others could not be found to take their places; or that if no one could be found to take their places, that the pumping plant could not be kept going with the regular engineers of the bureau, who are not affected by the want of this emergency appropriation, and other employees of the bureau.

THE STRONG HAND OF AUTHORITY.

The strong hand of authority closes down sharply in Manila. A few days ago a play of seditious character was very promptly suppressed, and today we get the news that Thomas Fortune, a special labor commissioner, who went out to study labor conditions in the Philippines, has had trouble with the police and is now on his way home, presumably at government expense.

Conditions in the Philippines are very different from what they are in any other part of the United States. The fact is that what can be done in Porto Rico, cannot be done with safety in the Philippines. The government in the Philippines is not firmly fixed in the saddle.

In the case of a seditious play, on the mainland or in our favored territory, public opinion would be quite strong enough to put a stop of it. There would need no suppression, it would be simply rotten egged out of existence.

But in Manila and the Philippines the government is to a large extent living on a volcano. The Filipinos cannot be trusted, and it is even unsafe to go between Manila and Cavite at night, while one takes the risk of a pot shot being aimed at one even during the day.

The All-American Cable will soon be an accomplished fact, and we can add Guam and Wake Island to the list of places telegrams can be received from.

The sooner that Pearl Harbor land deal is consummated, the sooner will some millions of federal money come in here and be spent among the laboring population.

Whenever a milk war is declared the name of Nobriga heads the list of those who adulterate their milk. Nobriga has been convicted over and over again, but still he bobs up serenely. It is time that he was suppressed.

Commissioner Sargent departed with some pleasant remarks upon the Islands and their people. What Mr. Sargent's ultimate opinions upon the labor question of the Territory may be, we shall have to wait for.

Arms and munitions of war continue



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and witness, and then, "He says that the deceased was cremated."

From the point of view of the grand jury John Baker needs as much investigation as the man he put forward as the Chinese briber. There will be some interesting court proceedings if the case is well prosecuted.

Having kidnapped the Turkish commissioners the Albanians will probably be able to make terms. The Albanians don't want any of the reforms that the European powers are clamoring for.

The report of small-pox on Kauai seems startling on the face of it, but this is not the first time that a sporadic case has occurred among the Porto Rican population, and careful isolation has confined the case to the immediate surroundings.

The deserter from the naval and mercantile marine has been having rather a hard time of it. A deserter means cash, and is worth picking up. In spite of the fact that Honolulu is a much larger place than it was formerly, it is much harder to escape now.

How much desire Russia has for foreigners to trade within her boundaries is seen by the following warning sent out by Commercial Agent Greener of Vladivostok. He says: "It should be noted by persons in the United States who are called on to invest in Siberian ventures that few are successful. It is not so difficult to get a St. Petersburg concession, if one has capital enough. But the outcome, whether for mining, fishing, hunting, or trading, has in few cases justified the outlay. It should be clearly understood that the Russian Government does not offer inducements for these ventures, and that expensive formalities must be complied with."

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