

THE LUNCHEON TO THE TAFT PARTY

Our Honored Guest

A VERY NOTABLE GATHERING

The lanais of the Hawaiian Hotel were a wonderful fairyland when the ladies in charge of the decorations got through this morning. The brilliant flora of the islands made the tables, ceiling and pillars fairly ablaze with color, and bananas, palms, mangoes and other special tropical products hun amid the other decorations in very artistic arrangement.

The party was late in arriving for luncheon, owing to lateness in starting on the railway trip. The Honolulu invited guests gathered at the hotel and awaited the arrival of their distinguished guests. Some of the steamship party, who did not take the plantation trip, were also at the hotel and much admiration of the decorations was expressed by them. With palms, bananas, papayas, poinciana, bougainvillea and other tropical plants, the dining rooms and lanai were all splendidly decorated. It was a quarter to one when the band by playing "The Star Spangled Banner" notified those present that the distinguished guests were arriving. Secretary Taft came first. He was met at the foot of the stairs at the entrance to the hotel by Acting Governor Atkinson. Then came Miss Alice Roosevelt, who has the center of the Honolulu stage today. She was in an automobile. She walked up the stairs with Atkinson and heaven only knows how many pictures of her and the secretary and acting governor were taken. Cameras were to the right of them and to the

left of them, in front of them and behind them, but neither seemed to know it. Miss Roosevelt was with Mrs. Senator Dubois.

The rest of the party followed and shortly after one the luncheon began.

Acting Governor Atkinson gave an address of welcome as soon as the guests had taken their seats. He said at the start that the entire citizenship of Honolulu had constituted itself a committee for the entertainment of the guests of the day and that all welcomed the visitors with the heartiest feelings.

A burst of applause followed Atkinson's veiled suggestion that Taft, who was at the table with Atkinson, might one day be in the place of Roosevelt. Miss Roosevelt was at the same table, Mrs. Alatau T. Atkinson being the other guest at the table.

"Secretary Taft has been here before," said the acting governor, "prior to his taking the oath of office for the high position he now holds. Judging by present indications it is likely that he will be called upon before long to take the oath of an even higher office." General applause greeted this statement.

"We are proud to be a part of the United States," said the acting governor, "and proud of our ability to govern ourselves. We can justly say that we have shown ourselves to be American."

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Secretary Taft's Speech

The scene at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel at 2 o'clock this afternoon when, after luncheon Secretary Taft rose to respond to the toast of "The President of the United States," neatly proposed by Governor Atkinson, was one well worthy of the brush of an artist. The riot of color from flags, flowers and palms was even more than inspiring and the genial feeling everywhere observable prepared the audience for an enthusiastic hearing.

"The toast to the health of the President of the United States is one to which I can respond with a great deal of satisfaction," said Secretary Taft, after the cheers that greeted his rising had died away. "I feel that I have much to do in representing him here in Hawaii for I know that nothing would give him greater pleasure than to visit Hawaii and the Philippines himself. So great indeed is his desire to do so that though he could not come himself, he sent a member of his family along."

The reference to Miss Alice Roosevelt was received with uproarious applause and she smiled gaily across the table at the Secretary of War. "And here I would like to add," said the Secretary of War, "that for straightforwardness and strenuousness the President is well represented by Miss Roosevelt. All of us who have traveled with her know that."

There was a ripple of laughter in which Miss Roosevelt joined and the speech went on.

"If ever you people of Hawaii had a chance to get what you want, you have it now," said Secretary Taft. "We have with us seven United States senators, and more than that, we have their wives with them. They are the treaty makers and I don't mind telling you that the senators never think of making a treaty without first consulting their wives. Then we have with us twenty-three of what they call the 'Lower House'—and they have their wives. Just get talking to the wives, you people of Hawaii and your wives, and there is no doubt that you can get everything that you want. Here we have the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, the chairman of the Committee on Merchant Marine, the chairman of the Interstate Commerce Committee, the chairman of the Naval Committee, and also the chairman of the Committee on Insular Affairs. What more could you want?"

"Ladies and gentlemen, it is your duty to impress on these people the fact that as much money should be

spent on the improvement of these islands as goes out from them."

The crucial question which has been bothering many people in Hawaii was dealt with in just the terms that went home to every listener and a rousing cheer followed Taft's words.

"Fortifications are certainly needed in Hawaii," continued the secretary. "Because I know nothing about such matters, I was chosen chairman of a committee on fortifications. It will report in November, and I can say that we are going to recommend that there be forts in the Hawaiian Islands. The Congress of the United States has already appropriated \$400,000 for the improvement of Honolulu harbor. The slowness with which the magnificent vessel on which we came this morning entered the harbor and docked convinced the senators and representatives—and their wives—of the need that some work be done at once. We don't like, moreover to be told that we must leave at half past five this afternoon, lest the steamer run into a mud bank."

"There is also a need of public buildings here, and certainly they should be provided."

Continuing, Secretary Taft made the suggestion that a department of island affairs to specially look after the affairs of the Hawaiian Islands, the Philippines, etc., should be established at Washington, and that it would be advisable for Hawaiians to work for the creation of a bureau. "Seriously speaking," said the secretary, breaking away from the vein of humor which characterized most of his speech, "there is one change that might profitably be made in the handling of island affairs in Washington. All such affairs might be united in one bureau, to look after the business of the Hawaiian Islands, the Philippines, Alaska and Porto Rico. Without such a bureau the affairs of the islands can scarcely receive the attention due them. It would be a good thing to throw all the work of this nature into a bureau of island affairs, to which all information regarding the islands might be referred and from which Congress might receive such information."

Returning to the semi-humorous vein which marked all his address, Secretary Taft suggested that Honoluluans "work" the senators and congressmen, and their wives and secure the creation of some such bureau as he had suggested.

Secretary Taft concluded with renewed thanks for the warmth of the reception that had been given to himself and party by the citizens of Honolulu.



WILLIAM H. TAFT.

Carter To Come Back Governor

Secretary Taft does not expect to see a new governor of Hawaii. Taft was with Carter in San Francisco and is thoroughly acquainted with Roosevelt's views as to Hawaiian affairs, and he thinks that the President will ask Carter to remain as governor, and will cause him to so remain.

In an interview on board the Manchuria this morning Taft said that he had discussed the matter with Carter, and that the President had even suggested that it was not necessary for Carter to come on to Washington and talk over the proposition of resigning. "Carter has had a successful administration," said the Secretary of War, "and I think that when he gets back East and under the influence of Mr. Roosevelt, he will agree to keep up his work."

Secretary Taft, while apparently recognizing that Carter had had a "turn down" from the people of Hawaii, and regarding this as the cause of his resignation, did not think that such a popular kick against the executive was a sufficient cause for him to quit his office.

Secretary Taft is inclined to think that Carter need not regard a popular vote of disapproval as showing that his whole administration has been a failure. Other well known Washington men on board the Manchuria have a strong impression that Carter's resignation will not have any effect. It appears to be the general idea that Roosevelt wants Carter to stay and that Carter will do so when he has had a talk with his strenuous superior in office. Taft talked with the governor in San Francisco as representing the President, and at Roosevelt's request told Carter that he had the support of the administration and that he was in error in considering political events here had stamped his official course as a failure.

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A MATTER OF HEALTH



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(Associated Press Cable to The Star).

TIFLIE, July 14.—A regiment of Russian sappers has mutinied and murdered all of its officers. It is rumored that the mutineers have joined the ranks of the revolutionists.

PEACE PARTY WINS

ST. PETERSBURG, July 14.—The appointment of M. De Witte as peace plenipotentiary to Washington is indicative of the triumph of the peace party in the councils of the nation.

CONVICT HANGED

FOLSOM, Cal., July 14.—Convict Murphy was hanged today for the murder of Guard Cotter in the prison outbreak at Folsom last July.

OSCAR'S NEW JOB

KIEL, July 14.—Kaiser Wilhelm has appointed King Oscar of Sweden grand admiral in the German navy.

The Taft Party

The Taft party is composed of seven United States senators and twenty-two representatives of Congress in addition to other people. There are several representatives of newspapers and in addition there are various people travelling with the party for the purpose of enjoying the present opportunity of visiting the Philippines. In this class are Stuyvesant Fish Jr., Ernest B. Stillman a son of the New York banker and Allen Hoyt of New York all of whom are graduates of Yale University. Fish and the other

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NEW ANIMALS AT THE ZOO.

The Kaimuki Zoo has just received per S. S. Alameda the following new animals: Wild Cat, Ring Tail Possum, Storks, Coyote Crows, etc. Take a trip to the Zoo and see the animals and birds and get some fresh, cool breezes.

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COFFEE TARIFF NOT IN SIGHT

CONGRESSMAN PAYNE SAYS THE PROPOSITION IS NOT EVEN BEING SERIOUSLY DISCUSSED.

Sereno E. Payne, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of Congress, is among the distinguished visitors in Honolulu today. It is his first visit to Hawaii, and he expressed himself this morning as much interested in seeing the sights.

"Hawaii had an appropriation of \$400,000, didn't she, for harbor improvement?" said Payne when asked about chances of legislation for Hawaii. Payne did not think there was much in the coffee tariff proposition, which is one of the things Hawaii and Porto Rico are asking for. "The matter has not been considered to any important extent," said Payne. "As far as I know there is no real movement to place a tariff on coffee. It has been discussed a good deal in the newspapers, but not among the members of Congress."

The steamer Mauna Loa departed today on her run to Maui and Hawaii ports with a large crowd of passengers.

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