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KEEPING FRIENDS WITH TAFT.

The Republican local leaders are getting together to send an instructed Taft delegation to Chicago. It is the only thing to do, if the party is to act prudently, for if he lives Mr. Taft will be the Republican nominee.

That Kuhio should believe otherwise, ought not to count with anybody who has understanding and prudence, and in this connection we ought to say that there is no element in these islands which has more reason to cultivate the good will and fear the ill will of the probable next President of the United States and his friends in Congress than the Hawaiian voters, whom Kuhio is trying to mislead.

THE GENERAL ARBITRATION TREATIES.

Second only in importance to the general arbitration treaties are the treaties with Honduras and Nicaragua in the general scheme for the promotion of peace. This view was voiced by Secretary Knox, who negotiated all the treaties, and who has pointed out in a manner that cannot be questioned the fact that the treaties with the Central American republics will bring about peace and prosperity to those people.

Those treaties are now pending in the Senate and it is the earnest hope of the administration that they will be ratified. Opposition has developed to the treaties in different quarters, which is rather surprising in view of the great success that has attended the adoption of the treaty with Santa Domingo under which peace has come to the Dominican people, coupled with great prosperity.

Secretary Knox has pointed out that practically from the outset the republics of Central America, and more especially Honduras and Nicaragua, with whom the treaties have been negotiated, have often been torn with internal dissensions, overrun with revolutions.

"If these conventions are put into operation," recently declared Secretary Knox, "what has happened in the Dominican republic will be repeated in the republics of Nicaragua and Honduras, which are the key to the peace of the whole of Central America, and within a few years the revolutions which keep these countries in a state of constant unrest will be eliminated; the neutrality of Honduras and Nicaragua in Central American affairs will become an accomplished fact, and the peace of the rest of Central America will be immensely strengthened.

The Secretary has also pointed out that not only will the treaties insure peace in Honduras and Nicaragua, and that we will thereby be carrying out our Monroe doctrine, but that there will be great material benefit in the matter of trade between those countries and the United States. The trade between the Dominican republic and the United States has increased from \$4,000,000 in 1903, before the American officials took charge of the custom houses, to about \$11,500,000 in the year 1910, while the foreign commerce of the country has also materially increased.

"As practical measures of peace," asserts Secretary Knox, "as wise measures of policy, as useful instrumentalities for commercial expansion I firmly believe that the Nicaragua and Honduras conventions will commend themselves to all thoughtful American citizens."

THAT WILL O' THE WISP COMMISSIONER.

People who will never be happy until they know the meaning of the slang word "guff" may have their hearts desire by reading the following extracts from the morning paper:

Now that it has been demonstrated that all the contradictions of The Advertiser's exclusive report that a special commissioner would come to Hawaii in the Kuhio-Frear matter have been based on anteroom gossip, there will be fuzzy ears in local editorial sanctuaries drooping lower than ever.

The "demonstration" referred to is the following from the Advertiser's Washington correspondent:

The Frear investigation continues to be a matter of some mystery. Those who did not have the original announcement that the President told the Delegate of his willingness to send a special commissioner to Hawaii, have been insisting strenuously all the time that there would be no special commissioner and have taken the assertions of the anteroom that there would be none. That the President did make such a statement to the Delegate, as well as the discussion of the case of Governor Frear before the cabinet, not once, but twice, there is no doubt.

After stating that he might have to go to Hawaii in May or June, in connection with the Governor's renomination, Secretary Fisher is now awaiting the Governor's reply. Just at present HE THINKS IT UNLIKELY THAT HE WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP.

That is almost as complete a "demonstration" as the one the Advertiser made in an interview with the Governor announcing his belief in the accuracy of the morning paper's "commissioner yarn," which the Governor promptly exposed as a hoax. A coming commissioner who says himself he is "unlikely to come" is a marvel to go by.

Walt Mason The Poet Philosopher

The water wagon goes its way with creakings long and loud. When it set forth on New Year's Day it held a merry crowd that filled the air with laugh and song, with pledge and noble vow; where is that gay and gladsome throng? Where are those heroes now? One passenger soon left his seat, hard by the bugjine mill; he said he couldn't stand the heat, although the day was chill.

Probably there will be no such luck as to induce Secretary Fisher to come to Hawaii and look around in a Presidential summer, but if he can be successfully urged to do so afterwards, a memory of the good that came of Secretary Garfield's visit will justify every effort. All Secretaries of the Interior should see Hawaii and know its conditions at first hand. It does not take more than a week to show any intelligent public man upon what people and what influences the progress of this Territory depends.

The Star hardly thinks that Mr. Desha cut out any of Kuhio's published letter. The latter does not show marks of excision, least of all those made by an unpracticed hand, and there is nothing in it that would look improper from Mr. Desha's standpoint. The letter as given out is probably the whole thing.

The story that the President wants to send a "commissioner" here and is being constantly thwarted by his subordinate, the Secretary of the Interior, is about probable enough to have come from Kuhio himself.

Woodrow Wilson thinks he opened his campaign yesterday. But he didn't. He opened and closed it months ago and was decently buried, but his habit of talking survives the tomb.

A plan to weaken the army and the navy, to which the House Democrats are committed, will be good campaign material for the Republicans.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

JUDGE HARTWELL—It is a pretty good plan to leave some needed political reforms to time.

D. P. R. ISENBERG—I predict that the importation of dogs will be nil, or very near it, from now on.

CHARLEY ACHI—There wouldn't be any color line, Mr. Star, if it weren't for you and Kuhio.

SAM F. CHILLINGWORTH—Governor Frear's reply to Delegate Kuhio is a fine piece of special pleading.

J. M. DOWSETT—If the Board of Agriculture is to be responsible for dogs that are detained in quarantine, a good man must be put in charge of the animals.

W. T. RAWLINS—When the Matina Koa came in on Saturday morning there were three naked men on the dredger Tarbine at the mouth of the channel. Not a very nice sight for the passengers to witness.

EDGAR ALLEN FORBES—The passengers on the Cleveland are finest kind of Americans and Germans one could wish to find anywhere. It looks

TOURIST STEAMSHIP

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ed ashore to be taken care of by friends and organizations, who have planned all sorts of entertainments for the trippers. The Cleveland will leave again tomorrow afternoon.

Soon after half-past six o'clock this morning the little steam launch Oahu started out for the Cleveland with Dr. Sinclair on board to grant pratique to the big visitor, and a few minutes afterward the Waterwitch containing the customs and immigration officials with the newspaper representatives aboard got under way, and then the Louise was a late starter with H. P. Wood, Sydney Jordan, Miss Beatrice Taylor, Miss Rose Cummings, Miss Mildred Kempster, and Miss Irene Davidson aboard. The little boat was laden with leis, and those on board undertook the pleasant task of decorating the five hundred odd passengers and officials.

The tedium of awaiting the conclusion of the doctor's inspection was whiled away by spasmodic waving from the little boat to the big one and vice versa. The passengers on the Cleveland took a great interest in the little bobbing launches and seemed to be hungry to get their hands on the leis that were piled up on the Louise. One man as he was about to go to breakfast shouted out that he wanted a red lei kept for him. He told the number of his room and specially requested that it be left there for him in case he was not about when the boarding party swarmed up the steps. He got it. Miss Taylor kept her promise and gave him a red lei.

Life on Voyage. "We have just the finest American and German crowd of people you ever saw," said Edgar Allen Forbes, the historian of the trip, to the newspaper representatives as he greeted them once more on the main deck. "Everybody is having a good time, and I know that they will make the trip one of the pleasantest of its kind that has ever been held."

The passengers are said to be, on

Mrs. Reed last night delivered an address on Hawaii. She will also deliver an address on Ceylon when those spice-scented shores are neared. Of course, there will be lectures on other subjects. Rev. George A. Hough is the lecturer and director of religious services of the steamer. He illustrates his addresses with moving pictures, the machine being operated by Mrs. Hough. The remarks by Mr. Hough are translated into German by Dr. L. Meckling.

The Coming Ashore.

Just as the eight o'clock whistle shrieked out its shrill notes, the prow of the Cleveland turned into the Alakea wharf. By a quarter past she was tied up, and pilot Macaulay was ready to step ashore. The passengers, too, were ready. They had heard a lot about what Honolulu was going to do for them, and they were anxious to sample it. The street cars were in readiness in Alakea street to receive those who wished to be borne around the Rapid Transit system and have the places of interest called out to them in English and German by kamaainas who know every foot of the city. The cars were soon laden, and away they started. The automobile men were around the doors ready for those who would see the sights by automobile, and many full loads of happy holiday seekers were quickly under way. Friends were there ready to greet others, and soon the bunting-decked ship was practically deserted the vicinity of Alakea wharf being haunted only by those who wished to view the mammoth liner as she lay at the dock.

Airship Trips on the Side.

There are no fewer than three prominent airmen on the ship. George M. Meyer of Kansas City is the president of the Aero Club of America, D. C. H. Thewaldt is the representative of the Parseval dirigible airship, and Mr. Votsen, director of the cruise, is the big man behind the Zeppelin dirigible balloon. It is with him that those who would have airtrips on the side must make their arrangements.

The reception at San Francisco was astonishing to the voyagers. San Francisco simply went mad over them, was the way it was stated on board this morning. The crowds had to be kept back, and the arrivals were struck by the way that San Francisco turned out to honor the arrival of the Cleveland. It will be handed down to posterity pictorially, and incidentally these pictures will be used to advertise the way San Francisco greets people to its shores. The agents who are looming the Exposition of 1915 will be supplied with films, which will be shown as part of their promotion literature.

There are many other prominent people from the mainland, including E. M. W. Savage and Daniel Frayley, well known in the theatrical world; Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Pillsbury, he a Minneapolis flour merchant; F. A. Hosman, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Aebly, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. and Theo. M. Boettger of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bohm of Denver, E. D. Brooks of Minneapolis, Colonel Cunningham, Boston; Colonel Fleischmann, ex-mayor of Cincinnati; Mr. and Mrs. Herzog of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly of Omaha, on a honeymoon trip, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morris of Philadelphia, George M. Meyers, Kansas City; Grant M. McDonald, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Mergenthaler, of adding machine fame, Mr. and Mrs. Peters and family of Philadelphia, Frank M. Ruf of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Sol. E. Sheeline of San Francisco, Charles Sheldon of Redwing, Minnesota; Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Dorten of Düsseldorf, Germany; Frau Aurelia Friedmann of Hamburg, Germany; Dr. J. Schich of Berlin. Dr. Schich was the first professor to go from Berlin to the United States under the interchange system of professors instituted by ex-President Roosevelt. The professor is going home, his family having gone direct.

The personnel of the ship is practically the same as when the Cleveland was last here. Captain Dempwolf is still in command, the only alteration being that assistants Mitau and Galke have been added to the tourist bureau.

Pali Transportation Arrangements. For the benefit of the Cleveland

visitors and other tourists in the city the Public Service Association has arranged to have the big autobuses run hourly from ten tomorrow morning to the Pali.

The round-trip fare will be one dollar. The big bus will leave the end of Nuuanu car line on the hour, from ten in the morning until four in the afternoon. The last trips will be more especially for the Honolulu people. Ample time will be given the visitors to enjoy the view of the other side of the island and throw small rocks off the precipice that they may be blown back by the wind.

NO PLAGUE AT ALL.

Last night and this morning there was a rumor around town to the effect that a plague case had been discovered in the Palama district. The Board of Health officials soon got active when the case was reported and a guard was thrown around the locality.

This morning, however, after an inspection by several doctors, the patient, a girl of ten years of age, was reported to be suffering from some other illness, not the plague.

The people in the vicinity of the supposed case of plague were somewhat scared, but the reports of the doctors this morning soon dispelled all fear.

HARTFORD, Conn., January 13.

The American hen is proclaimed champion of the world in a bulletin just issued from the Connecticut Agricultural Station at Storrs. The bulletin gives the detailed results of the recent international egg-laying contest, in which several hundred picked hens of all breeds and nationalities were the contestants.

English Wyandottes and Canadian Leghorns scored heavily in the early days of the contest, but after the beginning of the second month the American entrants forged to the front and the results as now footed up show that the Americans laid on the average four eggs each more than the foreigners.

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