

## AFFIDAVIT

Of Harry A. Juen in the Matter Relating to the Dynamite found on the McKibbin Premises, near Miller Street on the 31st day of May, 1893.

Honolulu, Oahu, ss.

Juen being duly sworn, says: I, in the month of May, Harry A. was a police officer serving as a Captain of the Honolulu Police under E. G. Hitchcock the Marshal. At this time I was approached by Klemme, an officer in the mounted police who made a proposition to me to join him in a plot, the object of which should be to blow up with dynamite the residences and persons of the Queen, Colonel Claus Spreckels and Charles Nordhoff. Klemme made me understand that he belonged to a secret organization which had the aforesaid purpose for its object. He stated that he could not at the time let me into the details of their plans, but would keep me posted as to the movements of the organization. He also made me understand that there was a big sum of money in it for the men who would assist. I pretended that I was willing to join him, because I considered it advisable to get to the bottom of the business. In answer to a question, he further stated that there were a good many men connected with the plan, and that no fear need be entertained as they had big and influential backing. He refused to give me the names of any of the members of the organization, but told me that the dynamite was easily procured in any quantity, as one Wagner, also a member of the police force, could manufacture the necessary explosives. When everything was almost in readiness, as I was told, I came out flat-footed, and refused to have anything to do with such a cowardly and dastardly affair. Up to this time, I had not got any deeper into their plans and I had not spoken to anybody about the matter. As I positively refused to join them Klemme proposed another scheme, the main feature of which was as follows: We would place the explosives, which Wagner was to manufacture, in the neighborhood of the Queen's place for the purpose of making it appear as if an attempt was made to blow up the barracks across the way, and by accusing the Royalists of being the authors of the plot, create a strong feeling against the Queen and give the government sufficient reason for transporting her out of the country together, with her principal friends and supporters. To this plan I agreed and the work was done in the following manner: Wagner prepared the stuff at the house of Klemme and gave it to that officer. On the night of May 31st, we were ready to move. Wagner was ordered to remain at home as his presence might have created suspicions. Klemme put the explosives in a gunny-sack and placed it, according to his understanding with me, close to Miller Street in the lot adjoining the Queen's residence. Shortly after 2 o'clock Klemme placed officer Cortis of the mounted police on Beritania street not far from Miller street; at the

same time it was arranged that I should leave my house at the corner of Palace Walk and Punchbowl street ostensibly going to the Station House on duty, but really to be present on the scene of our work and do my part upon hearing two pistol shots, the signal agreed upon between us. I consequently started down Beritania Street, and when I was nearly outside Central Union Church I heard two shots fired on Miller street, and some horses running. I rushed up to Miller street and stopped at the appointed place where two horses were standing; their riders (Klemme and Cortis) being on a pretended chase after the parties that had dropped the bundle; the report which we had agreed Klemme should make to the Marshal and which he did make was as follows: About 11 o'clock, I, Klemme, had been talking for a few minutes with officer Cortis on Beritania Street near Miller, whereafter we parted. Upon passing a sentinel of the government at the back entrance to the barracks, I asked him if he had not seen a suspicious person or more lurking around on Miller Street that night. The soldier said he had not that night, but at other times. Shortly after I saw two or three men walking rapidly up Miller Street. I followed them and noticed that one of them carried a bundle which he seemed to be very careful of. I called to them to stop whereupon they started running. By this time I was pretty close to them, and I noticed that they were tall and looked like half-whites, one of them having a red lei around his hat. They jumped through the fence back of McKibbin's place and ran toward the Queen's place. I fired at them twice, jumped off my horse and chased them on foot. I saw the man who carried the bundle drop it, and run with the others. I thought all the time that it was opium. Earlier in the evening, I had seen a carriage with two trunks passing through Miller Street.—So far Captain Klemme's report. When I arrived at the place on Miller Street I called out to Klemme whom I knew was back of McKibbin's place, asking what was the matter. He answered that he had chased two fellows with opium and that they had run towards the back entrance to Washington Place. I jumped over the fence and we three together with two young fellows, who came out from McKibbin's house started looking for the bundle which Klemme stated had been dropped. After a little while I went to the place where I knew the bundle was, and picked it up pretending to be surprised at my find. I then began to examine the contents of the bundle when Klemme warned me to be careful as we might get blowed up. In the bundle were several sticks of dynamite, a bottle of fulminate silver some fuse and percussion caps. I rolled them carefully up again and we proceeded to the Station House. The balance of our scheme was easily carried out. It was the arousing of the town, Officials, the military forces, the citizens guard and all the rest were stirred up. Klemme didn't leave the telephone before everybody was astir and many hard expressions were used against

the Queen and her adherents that night and afterwards. Sometime afterwards I noticed that Klemme was getting rather shy of me and I realized that I could learn no more of his plans. I then concluded to lay the whole matter before Marshal Hitchcock. As soon as he returned from Hawaii I went to him and told him all about it. I did not go into all the details of our work but I told him the plan in general. Captain W. Larsen for some reason suspected our game and in making enquiries at the drug store he found that Wagner and his gang had at different times been purchasing material for explosives at several stores. I told the Marshal that to my knowledge Klemme and his friends had stolen quite a lot of giant powder from the Pali road, and that Klemme had told me that it was buried in his yard on Fort Street. The Marshal told me that he knew it and made me understand that he desired that the whole affair be kept quiet. He then told me to prepare myself to go to Mani where he would give me an appointment as Deputy Sheriff and he gave me again to understand that I was not to say anything about the dynamite affair. I made the necessary preparations to leave town, but when the time came, the Marshal refused to give me a commission and sent another man. Although aware of the full history of this dynamite scare which created such a great sensation, the Marshal has never moved in the matter, but has retained all the officers connected with it on the force.

The plot against Spreckels and Nordhoff's lives was abandoned on my refusing to join Klemme, but after the dynamite episode Klemme told me that he intended to put a placard of a threatening nature on the gate of Claus Spreckels, so as to scare him out of the Islands. This I did in company with him. The card is well known here. The inscription was: Gold and Silver won't stop Lead. Beside this the card was ornamented with a coffin, daggers, bullets, and other fearful pictures.

That all of the above is true, I solemnly affirm under my oath.

HARRY A. JUEN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of December, A. D. 1893.

CHAS. T. GULICK,  
Notary Public, Island of Oahu.

HARDEN'S AFFIDAVIT.

Hawaiian Islands }  
Island of Oahu } SS:

On this 13th day of December, A. D. 1893, personally appeared before me Francis L. G. Harden, who being duly sworn on his oath deposes and says; that within a week preceeding the arrest of Col. V. V. Ashford in 1892 Wagner now on the Honolulu Police force, told me that he had buried in Klemme's yard on Fort street, Honolulu, a quantity of giant powder, said giant powder having been stolen by said Wagner from the deposit at Nuanu Pali, belonging to the party at work cutting the new road; that to affiant's personal knowledge said Wagner experimented with fulminate of silver as a detonator in the manufacture of bombs; said fulminate of silver having been made by said Wagner from an old silver watch case together with old coins and

the like; that certain bombs were manufactured by August Herring and by him buried at his place on the slope of Punchbowl hill, after having experimented with some of them in the crater of the hill.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of December A. D. 1893.

F. L. G. HARDEN.

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What R. W. Wilcox Says.

The fact of the dynamite sticks having been found refreshed the memories of several people; amongst whom was R. W. Wilcox. It brought recollections of the frustration of an attempt at revolution in the early part of 1892. D. L. Huntsman, now deceased, occupied himself in securing certain chemicals for the purpose of making dynamite sticks, while Wagner, now detective, put them together. When Wilcox and others were arrested, the dynamite sticks were buried in (now Capt.) Klemme's yard, it was supposed never to be resurrected. Before they were buried A. Herring, now in prison, used to take these sticks and experiment with them on Punchbowl, blowing up trees, Wagner was jubilant of his success and used to boast about being able to blow up the whole town.—*Daily Bulletin*, June, 1893.

R. W. Wilcox was seen concerning the above statement made by him at the time and said that it was a correct statement. In addition he said that upon one occasion Wagner came to him and said that there was a large quantity of giant powder at Nuanu and asked him to help him to steal it and he refused. That he was told by several concerned in the matter that afterwards a portion of the material was buried in Klemme's yard and a portion was buried on Punchbowl.

The Official Guillotine.

The vacation which the executive council is taking is swelling the manly bosoms of the patriots of the Club, and the League, and the Reserve with a just indignation. It does look suspicious when we see that the ministers appear tired out, after the killing of only three victims and all these in the department of the minister of finance, who pretended to fight against the "killing" move. The following are some of the more prominent victims of the hatred, spite and personal ill feelings of the supervirtuous members of the P. G. Wilson, Cleghorn, Boardman, Tripp, Lloyd, Merhten, Thrum, Hill, McGurn, Oliver Stillman, Charles Stillman, Maule, Stupplebeen, Chester Long, Reuter, Pikao, Wundenberg, Woods, Widemann, Smithies.

In a few days it will be too late to add any more scalps to this list, so we must encourage the government to make haste even if Mr. Dole considers it advisable to be sick and stay home until the Alameda arrives.

By the Mariposa is received a rumor, that H. B. M. S. Rapid, which was at Apia when the Mariposa touched there, received orders to immediately proceed to sea. It is presumed that the vessel has been ordered to Honolulu.

## LOCAL NEWS.

The steamer Waialeale is up to leave for Hamakua on Friday.

A detachment of P. G. soldiers were treated to new shoes this morning.

A dance will be given on board of H. B. M. S. Champion this evening.

The Mariposa leaves for San Francisco tomorrow forenoon at 10 o'clock.

Mr. E. A. McInerny has been appointed clerk in the Finance office, in the place of Mr. Carl Widemann.

The Tiser imbecile need not bother himself about Mr. Blount and that Constitution. Think about something else old man.

The annexation club and the American League, are evidently running the government. Rebut events show that fact very plainly.

The Associated Press correspondent has made the brag that they have control of the telegraph wires in America, and that only his reports will be telegraphed East. "Large ain't it."

Say, 'Tiser imbecile, those "eminent jurists and statesmen," who "concocted the Constitution of 1887" made a nice mess of it; didn't they? Your political Chief Justice, even acknowledges that.

We understand that the minister of Foreign Affairs is aware of the presence of the Naniwa in this harbor. In fact he has received a visit from Captain Togo, and returned that visit at the Legation. Why so quiet about it?

Mr. Oscar Unna the manager of the Kipahulu Plantation will leave on the Mariposa for a visit to his native country Denmark. Mr. Unna who is a well known kamaaina and a most successful and experienced sugar planter takes a five months vacation, and we wish him much joy and a safe return to Hawaii nei.

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