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Delegate's Secretary And U.S. Building Before The Merchants

The Merchants' Association met in special session yesterday afternoon. The two matters before the Association were that of making an appropriation to assist in compensating a secretary to Delegate Kuhio at Washington and the matter of recommending a site for a Federal Building at Honolulu.

The secretaryship business came up in the form of a report of a joint committee of members of the Merchants' Association and members of the Chamber of Commerce, recommending that Geo. B. McClellan be endorsed as the Delegate's secretary and that the Association give the sum of \$50 per month toward the payment of his salary. The report of the same committee to the Chamber of Commerce had been adopted at a meeting of that body and a sum of \$50 per month voted. Congress allows only \$1200 per year as compensation for a secretary and the movement on foot here is to raise this to \$300 per month in order to give the Delegate the assistance of a competent and experienced man. Delegate Kuhio was so pleased with the work of McClellan, who had business before Congress last winter, that he desires to take him along in an official capacity this session.

The Merchants' Association as a body has been and is a firm believer in J. G. Pratt as a man who is able to do as much or more for the Territory at Washington than any other man. Consequently when the subject came up, Mr. Pratt's name was suggested and several urged that he be substituted in place of Mr. McClellan. No objection was offered to Mr. McClellan by any member, his ability and fitness for the position were generally recognized. At the same time members of the Association who were in touch with Mr. Pratt's work at Washington in connection with the Fire Claims, felt that such a fine record was the highest recommendation that he be returned.

Fred Macfarlane said: "It seems to me since Mr. Pratt succeeded in getting from Congress \$1,000,000 when none of us had hopes, that he is the man best able to assist the Delegate in looking after the interests of the Territory. I understand also that there are letters in town from Senators and officials in Washington asking that Mr. Pratt be sent as Kuhio's secretary. The belief seems to have formed among the friends of Hawaii at Washington that Mr. Pratt would greatly strengthen our representation there. Since we are to put up money for the compensation of the proposed secretary, it appears to me that we should have something to say in choosing the man."

W. W. Hall said he had been in close touch with Mr. Pratt while he was at Washington on the Fire Claims business and doubted if there was another man who could do more for the Territory than he. Mr. Hall was careful to state that he had the highest opinion of Mr. McClellan but thought Pratt would better serve the interests of the Territory.

W. W. Harris said that the business bodies had better not send any one unless that was agreeable to the Delegate. He understood that McClellan was Kuhio's choice and that ought to end it. After general discussion, Messrs. W. W. Harris, Fred Macfarlane and G. H. Angus were appointed to confer with Delegate Kuhio on the subject and report to the directors of the Merchants' Association.

The public building matter was brought up by a statement by President Geo. W. Smith. Mr. Smith said: "As a matter that will be of interest to the merchants I desire to say that I have been informed that the bill for a Federal building introduced by our Delegate last winter, has been taken up with the Treasury Department and will be pushed forward vigorously. A Federal official in this city has been asked to ascertain the number of square feet of floor space required by the different Federal officers in the city. The customs, internal revenue, judiciary, war, naval, postal and other departments are all to be given space under one roof. Business men now must get together and recommend a site. This is something that should be settled so that our Delegate may be able to go to work upon it as soon as he reaches Washington. The communication received from the Treasury Department would like to be spared any exhibition of wire-pulling among those who have sites to offer. The letter also indicates that the Federal Government does not want a donation of a site from the Territory and is averse to the scheme to exchange Territorial lands for private blocks in Honolulu, with a view of presenting such site to the United States. The Federal Government wants to pay for the site."

"The matter is brought up here for the purpose of giving it publicity among business men and in the newspapers. The letter from Washington asks a Federal officer to get opinions from the merchants and business men as to the choice of a site for the building. The building contemplated is to cost not less than \$1,000,000."

The members present informally discussed the subject of a site. W. W. Hall said the Federal building should be as near Fort street as possible. Some one mentioned the Gibson lot near the Opera House. "That is too far away," said three or four in a chorus. "Give the Government the Young hotel," said

another. "If a proper price is offered, it will be considered," said Mr. von Hamm. "I recommend the site where the Hackfeld building is," said Mr. Macfarlane.

The meeting adjourned to convene again in October to hear the report of the Committee on Transportation.

Kuropatkin's Skillful Handling Weak Army

London, Sept. 15.—The Daily Mail's correspondent with General Kuropatkin's army writes, under date of September 8th, an interesting analysis of Russian strategy at the battle of Liaoyang, bestowing the highest praise upon Kuropatkin's skillful handling and withdrawal of the weak, scattered Russian forces without demoralization—without, in fact, suffering the army to even understand that it was being withdrawn, and thus repairing blunders due to Viceroy Alexieff's ignorance and General Stakelberg's wild southward adventure, forced by the superior authority of the Emperor.

The correspondent says: "It is too early as yet to speak of the appalling and almost inconceivable difficulties that faced Kuropatkin during the first phase of the campaign. Some day it will be known how many, or rather how few, troops he had when he arrived in Manchuria, and what proportion, or rather disproportion, were keen, ardent young soldiers of Russia. Russia will know how far Siberia levies were equipped and qualified for the task they had to perform, and when the facts are known the world will realize the enormous responsibility cast upon this silent, resolute man, and with what strength, silence and resolution he faced and conquered it."

Port Arthur Garrison Has Buildings Mined

Chefoo, Sept. 16.—The Japanese troops, between September 8th and September 10th, captured a fort situated on a high hill two miles east of the Golden Hill by assault. The fighting was not severe. The Japanese were able to remain in the fort because the quality of the powder used at Golden Hill was so poor that many shells fell short and others failed to explode. The foregoing information was received from an intelligent Chinese who left Port Arthur on September 12th. He had been a dockyard laborer there for many years. He adds that the Japanese are tunneling under the Russian forts with the intention of blowing them up. He says that the work of tunneling is slow and arduous, and will possibly be unsuccessful.

The Russians have placed mines under all the public buildings, wharves, arsenals and everything that could possibly be of use to the Japanese, with the intention of causing their destruction should the Japanese enter the city. The house formerly occupied by Viceroy Alexieff was hit by a shell recently and partially wrecked.

Another shell struck a destroyer which was lying in the dock undergoing repairs, knocking it into kindling wood and killing seven sailors. This shell came from the Japanese fleet, which comes in much closer than formerly, daily throwing a few shells. One shell demolished several engines in the dockyards and killed an officer and two men.

Funeral Service For Private Montgomery

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock this morning at the undertaking parlors of Mrs. Williams, over the remains of L. N. Montgomery, a private in the 28th Coast Artillery, who died of typhoid fever Wednesday at the hospital. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Simpson of the Episcopal Church, the Artillery company of which the deceased was a member, being present in a body. The remains will be sent in a transport to the Coast and shipped to the Montgomery home at Crisp, Mo., for burial. The deceased had been with the 28th Coast Artillery for two years and had proved himself an excellent soldier in every way.

Geographical Scientists On Lost Pacific Islands

New York, Sept. 13.—At the after noon session of the eighth International Geographic Convention, James H. Hogue of New York presented a paper concerning the "questionable existence of a reported island or islands in the North Pacific between Hawaii and Panama, with results of the cruise recently made by the United States steamer Tacoma in search of such islands."

He discussed the reasons for believing that the United States sloop-of-war Levant, which disappeared mysteriously in 1850 on her voyage from Hawaii to Panama, may have been wrecked on an island in this neighborhood, with the possible survival of the ship's crew



Miss Agnes Miller, of Chicago, speaks to young women about dangers of the Menstrual Period.

"To Young Women:—I suffered for six years with dysmenorrhoea (painful periods), so much so that I dreaded every month, as I knew it meant three or four days of intense pain. The doctor said this was due to an inflamed condition of the uterine appendages caused by repeated and neglected colds. If young girls only realized how dangerous it is to take cold at this critical time, much suffering would be spared them. Thank God for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, that was the only medicine which helped me any. Within three weeks after I started to take it, I noticed a marked improvement in my general health, and at the time of my next monthly period the pain had diminished considerably. I kept up the treatment, and was cured a month later. I am like another person since. I am in perfect health, my eyes are brighter, my color is good, and I feel light and happy."—Miss AGNES MILLER, 25 Potomac Ave., Chicago, Ill.—\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

The monthly sickness reflects the condition of a woman's health. Anything unusual at that time should have prompt and proper attention.

SCHEME OF PEACE

RUSSO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE ONE OF POSSIBLE OUTCOME

LONDON TELEGRAPH GIVES VIEW OF UNNAMED RUSSIAN-DEVELOPING WAR INJURES BOTH NATIONS.

London, Sept. 17.—The Telegraph's St. Petersburg correspondent quotes an unnamed Russian statesman, "whose name," he says, "were I at liberty to reveal it, would cause his words to circulate with lightning-like rapidity around the world," as saying: "It is possible the war may end sooner than most people imagine. Mediation is as impossible as intervention. Russia cannot permit any interference, whether it emanates from friend or neighbor. I cannot describe the conclusion of peace as an impending event, but as a contingency which may be realized much sooner than people suppose. Mediation will not achieve it, but solely the conviction that the campaign must end as the battle of Liaoyang ended, in costly sacrifices on both sides and decisive advantage to neither. Russia, single-handed, can annihilate Japan if she puts forth all her strength and draws upon all her resources. That can be ascertained as any mathematical truth, but the effort would exhaust the nation without benefitting it, and Russia's consequent temporary weakness would operate as a temptation to enterprising states to make their voices heard. If we attempt, not merely to defeat but to suppress Japan, other states interested in the Far East will vigorously urge their right to be heard, and Russia, weakened by her losses, financial and military, of the long campaign, would find it hard to disallow their claims."

The Telegraph's informant then talks of the advisability of peace without waiting for the outcome of years of disastrous war, and says: "Peace eighteen or twenty months hence, with Japan embittered, but not utterly defeated, would be only an armed truce that would be followed by a more sanguinary campaign a few years hence. Alternatives may be formulated thus: Either the ruin of Japan, purchased by ruinous sacrifices, or a treaty of cordial friendship, to be followed in fullness of time by that offensive and defensive alliance which for years has constituted the ideal of the Japanese Government. Between the roads leading to these two goals there can be no third course. The problem is now being attentively studied in quarters where will and deed will follow each other at very short intervals, and as data for sound opinion is abundant, it is possible, and perhaps probable that, peace will be arranged sooner than most people imagine."

When asked whether there was any public man in Japan likely to entertain a similar view, the informant replied there was. He mentioned among others General Kuroki as realizing the advantage of a Russo-Japanese alliance.

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