

# STRONG DENIAL OF GRAFT CHARGE

## Manager of Iron Works Answers Speaker Holstein.

## HE DEFENDS CAMPBELL

## A Political Move and Unwarranted Slur, He Says.

Speaker H. L. Holstein, who besides being presiding officer of the legislative assembly is also the Republican national committeeman from Hawaii, is declared by local and Kohala papers to have made a direct charge of graft against Superintendent of Public Works Marston Campbell, who is now on the Coast.

The Honolulu Iron Works having been mentioned in connection with the matter, which concerns the building of the Mahukona wharf, Manager C. Hedemann was seen yesterday and was asked to make a statement. As he has been absent from the Territory for some months, Mr. Hedemann knows nothing regarding the wharf or any other contract entered into during his absence. He strongly and unhesitatingly stated, however, that his company does not countenance graft in any shape or form, that it pays nobody a commission to influence contracts, and he has never known one single instance in which Mr. Campbell has in any way laid himself open to such an accusation as that given publicity to by the papers mentioned. He looks upon the making of the charge as a political move and as a slur upon Mr. Campbell's character that is absolutely without foundation.

### The Charge.

The charge originally appeared in the Kohala Midget, and was timidly handled by Honolulu afternoon papers, which evidently got it from that source. It appears under a two-column heading which reads this way: "Campbell Queers Mahukona Wharf Charged with Graft by Holstein Civic League Appeals to Frear!" The article upon which the heading is based runs as follows:

"Some tabasco-smeared statements were dashed out by Speaker Holstein in a meeting of the Kohala Civic League, May 11, relative to Superintendent of Public Works Marston Campbell trying to strangle the Mahukona wharf, for which the legislature appropriated \$14,500. Mr. Holstein publicly charged Mr. Campbell with arbitrarily attempting to thwart the legislature, and with graft.

"The status of the case is this: Engineer Southworth, under the instructions of the board of public works, made a survey of the road and wharf construction desired, blue prints of which Mr. Holstein had secured for the meeting. His estimates are:

Road cut, culvert and wharf field	\$4,500
Bridge and approach	2,500
Seawall and wharf	4,300
End parapet	500
Waiting room, toilets, etc.	900
Deck fenders and moorings	500
Total	\$13,200

Eight per cent for excess and contingencies, \$14,256.

### Iron Works Mentioned.

"This brought the construction within the appropriation. This estimate was based on the use of old railroad rails for reinforcing the concrete, the cost of which was put at \$400. Mr. Campbell insists that a certain kind of steel bar made by the Honolulu Iron Works must be used for reinforcing the concrete, at a cost of about \$40,000.

"This is where Speaker Holstein comes down flat-footed and declares that there is sufficient evidence in the records of Campbell's own office to convict him of taking graft in connection with the use of these bars in all the reinforced concrete work done under the board of public works.

"Mr. Holstein alleges that Mr. Campbell insisted that the wharf could not be built for less than \$50,000, and that he tore up the specifications.

"The matter would come under the new board of harbors, next June, but that would mean a delay of two or three months, and the stormy season would be on before the work was begun. The Kohala Civic League therefore appointed H. L. Holstein, George C. Watt

and Henry H. Benton a committee to prepare and mail to Governor Frear, by the steamer last Friday, a strong appeal to bring pressure to have the superintendent of public works to advertise for bids for the work according to the estimates of Engineer Southworth, so that the project may be pushed this season.

"It will be recalled that in the same bill an appropriation for \$10,000 went through for a wharf at Hanalei, Kauai, which is being held up by similar tactics. The Hanalei people, we understand, will institute mandamus proceedings to compel Mr. Campbell to build their wharf. The cost of this will, of course, come out of the appropriation, which is large enough to stand it while that for Mahukona is not."

### That Iron Not Made Here.

That those who made the charge got off on the wrong scent when they said that "Mr. Campbell insists that a certain kind of steel bar, made by the Honolulu Iron Works, must be used," is shown by Mr. Hedemann's first statement after he was shown the article yesterday.

"We do not make that iron," said he. "I do not wish to say anything about the whole case; I know nothing about the contract. I have not heard of the matter before. I have just returned from a trip to the Orient, and during the three months I was away I did not read a single Hawaiian newspaper. I never knew that the legislature had appropriated money for such a wharf. It is absolutely new to me."

"We are agents for the Kahn system of reinforced concrete which is being used greatly in all construction here in this Territory, so far as I know. It is not at all strange to me that the superintendent of public works recommends it as it is acknowledged everywhere in the East to be one of the best, if not the best, kind of iron to be used in connection with reinforced concrete.

"However, you understand, we do not make it, as he says there; we are simply agents for the manufacturers and are selling a great amount of it."

### Depends Upon How Used.

"Would the use of old railroad rails for reinforcing the concrete be satisfactory?" he was asked.

"It depends upon how it was used," he answered. "In foundation work for machinery and things of that sort old rails are very often used, and there is no reason why they should not be so used as a matter of economy, but they can not be used satisfactorily in connection with a new building."

"Mr. Hedemann again stated that he knew absolutely nothing about any contract for the wharf and referred the reporter to other members of the staff of the iron works for any information on this subject. He did speak, however, on the subject of alleged graft, and used no uncertain tones in stating that the Honolulu Iron Works never has been connected with graft. Said he:

### Knows Nothing About Graft.

"We do not know anything about graft; we never have anything of that kind in our business. We are paying no commissions to anybody. For the many years I have known Mr. Campbell I have never, in one single instance, known that he has, in any way, laid himself open to such an accusation as that I never heard of it before.

"I can say with absolute assurance that not in our business has any such thing taken place, either with Mr. Campbell or anybody else. If Mr. Campbell has recommended that iron it has been because he considers it the thing most suitable for the work. I think the insinuation made is a wrong one entirely."

### No Inducements Held Out.

Strong as is this statement, Mr. Hedemann made it more so by adding: "We have never paid a commission to anybody to recommend the material we use of any kind. We have never paid commissions nor held out certain inducements to anybody, in our business, to produce work and procure orders through them, by commissions or graft of any kind. We have not done it in our business, and Mr. Campbell is the man who, least of all, could be approached.

"Mr. Campbell used to be in my employ and I know him personally very well. I think he is a man of high integrity. I know he is a man of great determination in regard to what he considers the best. Therefore, if he has recommended that material, I feel personally convinced that he has done so because he considers it the most suitable for the purpose, as so many other people do. We are selling tons and tons of that material right here in Honolulu.

"It seems to me," concluded Mr. Hedemann, "that it is a political move and a slur on a man's character which is absolutely without foundation."

## PROPOSING TO CUT WOOL TARIFF IN TWO

WASHINGTON, May 22.—It was decided by the ways and means committee yesterday to cut the wool tariff in two, as the members of the committee can not stand for the loss of \$23,000,000 in revenue in case wool was placed on the free list.

# PEACE AGREEMENT IS WIDE-AWAKE SIGNED AT JUREZ AS TO MISSIONS

## TERMS FAVOR REBELS—FIERCE FIGHTING IS REPORTED—TAKE HOSTAGES.

JUREZ, May 22.—Commissioners for both sides signed the peace agreement between the federal government and the insurgents at ten o'clock last night. Word has been sent to all the camps of the rebels and all towns in the hands of the federals in this district of the establishment of peace.

It is stated that the considerations for peace as contained in the agreement are that President Diaz and Vice-President Corral resign by the first of the month. Francisco L. de la Barra, minister of foreign affairs, to be seated as provisional president.

### Amnesty for All.

A number of reforms are alluded to and an amnesty for all the rebels will be one of the provisions. An indemnity is also provided for.

Another clause is that the rebels will name six of the eight members of the cabinet and also many of the governors of States, as well as minor officers.

### Capture Hostages.

CASAS GRANDES, May 22.—It is reported here that 3100 insurgents, marching through Chihuahua, are intent upon capturing hostages to compel reforms.

### Desperate Fighting.

LAREDO, May 22.—Desperate fighting is again reported in Torreón. Rebels took Dr. J. W. Lin, a Chinese banker, from his home, and placing a rope around his neck, dragged him to the plaza, where he was killed.

The two Sternman brothers, hotel keepers, were killed by the rebels after federals had fired from the windows of their hotel.

### Federal Loss City.

MEXICO CITY, May 22.—It is announced that the federals have evacuated Cuernavaca, which has been taken possession of by General Ambrasio Figueroa and his men.

# FIRST WHITE SLAVE ACT PROSECUTION

## CASE AGAINST GEORGE C. BERTRAM WILL SOON COME UP IN FEDERAL COURT.

Honolulu's first prosecution under the white slave act will be started in the federal court in a few days. George C. Bertram having been brought from Kauai Saturday by Deputy Sherwood of the United States Marshal's office to answer a charge following his indictment by the grand jury. Charlie Ah Num, indicted on a felony charge in connection with the same case, was also brought from Kauai by Deputy Sherwood. The girl in the case, Otoku Owe, whom Sherwood also expected to apprehend, was found this morning at Kawaihau Seminary, where she was placed so that proper care might be taken of her.

Bertram was released at one-thirty o'clock Saturday afternoon on \$2000 bonds to appear in court this morning at nine o'clock. Henry A. Jaeger and Cyrus T. Green went on his bonds. Charlie Ah Num is in jail to await his trial, while the girl was released on her own recognizance. The charge against her is perjury. She testified before the grand jury in connection with the charges against the men, and it is alleged that she swore falsely.

### Heavy Penalties.

Bertram and Charlie Ah Num both worked in a garage at Nawiliwili, at the period covered by offenses charged in the indictment. The Chinaman is merely accused of having improper relations with the girl, who is alleged to be under the age of consent. The maximum punishment in his case, were he found guilty, would be six months imprisonment and a fine of \$1000.

Bertram, however, is indicted under the white slave act, and the maximum penalties for proved offenses similar to those with which he is charged are five years' imprisonment and a fine of \$5000. It is said that he "transported" the girl to a house and that the pair had immoral relations.

### Wide Significance.

The white slave act, passed by the last congress, provides for heavy punishments. Among other things, it states that a man who causes a woman to be transported or aids in such transportation, for immoral purposes, is guilty of a felony.

The word transportation can be given a wide significance. Men who, after a supper at a restaurant, take a girl in an automobile or carriage to any place whatsoever and indulge in immoral relations can be prosecuted under the white slave act.

Bertram, it is asserted, lived with Otoku Owe and "transported" her to a house. She is a school girl, but she asserted when examined that she was over sixteen. Her parents are also said to have confirmed this.

The Bertram case will be followed with a good deal of interest, especially as it will set a precedent in Honolulu.

### Business Conference.

Washington Herald.—The boss wants you in his office right away," said the bookkeeper. "I guess it's the bounce for you."

"Nix," declared the office boy. "He only wants to find out what new players have been signed."

The case of Bert Lightfoot, who is charged with violating the board of health regulation prohibiting swimming at Waikiki during the recent cholera scare, will come up in First Judge Cooper's court tomorrow morning.

have have too much to spend." Of course it is not what they have to spend, but how they spend it which tells the story of life's upward or downward movements. Spend only on self, self-gratification, self-comfort, self-luxury, eating, drinking, making merry, then it must mean in the end decadence. It is not what we have, but how we use what we have which makes character."

### For Advancement.

Bishop Restarick concluded with an earnest appeal to his hearers to make the church more and more a power for good in all that means the advancement of the Kingdom of God among the varied people of these Islands. He said:

"We shall be called upon hereafter to do more for missions than we have; our appointment has been more than doubled. The church began its colonization in America as a missionary movement and was plainly stated to be. We must keep up the movement. Let this be our spirit—onward at any cost to us of service or gifts. The conditions were never more favorable for a forward movement."

# HEARING OF CELTIC CHIEF CASES IS ON

## NAUTICAL TERMS ARE FREELY HEARD IN FEDERAL COURT—JURY ACQUITS KOREAN.

Nautical terms are freely heard in the federal court now, Judge Clemons having started Saturday to hear the salvage cases arising out of the stranding of the British bark Celtic Chief. Only one witness was on the stand yesterday, he being Frank Lonske.

Kim Dyoung Kan, a Korean, was found not guilty of bigamy by a jury in the federal court. There are two other charges against him in connection with the case of the woman involved. He was released on \$500 bail yesterday, to come up when called upon.

Lee Yun Kwai, who was found guilty in the federal court some days ago of importing unstamped opium, was sentenced by Judge Clemons to serve six months in jail, pay a fine of \$500 and the costs of the case, \$95.95, yesterday.

### Ching Pow Sentenced.

Ching Pow, who pleaded guilty in the federal court to a felony under the Edmunds act, was sentenced to one month in jail and to pay costs, amounting to \$43.21, by Judge Clemons, Saturday.

James W. Kershner, who was indicted by the territorial grand jury on a charge of assault and battery with a deadly weapon, was arraigned before First Judge Cooper in the circuit court Saturday, and will plead on Wednesday.

Asking for \$20,000, Oshino Okasaki, a Japanese girl, aged fifteen, fled suit, through her guardian, against the Hawaiian Electric Company, Saturday, on account of the death of her father, who was electrocuted April 23, last, by coming in contact with a live wire in a building at 239 South King street. The girl's father was painting the house and came into contact with wires belonging to the defendant company, which, it is asserted, were carelessly and negligently placed. For the purposes of the action Third Judge Whitney appointed S. Okasaki as guardian of the minor.

### Divorce Decree Signed.

Judge Robinson signed the decree of divorce in the case of Lucille Knauber versus Fred Knauber, Saturday. Desertion and non-support were the cause, and the custody of the couple's children was awarded to Mrs. Knauber.

Before leaving for San Francisco, Saturday, F. A. Richmond, former principal of the Hilo High School, returned Lorrin Andrews to endeavor to get expunged from the records of the federal court that portion of the grand jury's recent report which refers to him in a critical way. The matter is expected to come up before Judge Clemons this week. Counsel for Richmond claims that the jury had no right to comment in regard to his client.

# WANT TO KNOW HOW TO GROW FINANCES

## COMMISSIONERS CONFER WITH GOVERNOR IN REGARD TO EXPENDITURES.

In order to know where they "are at" in the matter of finances, three members of the board of commissioners of agriculture and forestry, H. M. Von Holt, D. P. R. Isenberg and Albert Waterhouse, waited on Governor Frear Saturday morning and discussed the monetary question with him. Later the deputation conferred with Secretary E. A. Mott-Smith.

Since Marston Campbell has gone to the Coast and there will be no executive officer until the new president comes in on July 1, the members of the committee wished to take up the finances and see how they could spend their money with best results to the Territory.

They desire to spend a little more at present on more pressing things than their pro rata. The members of the committee will have a financial statement made up, showing their present standing and what they may do in future.

"Have you considered any names for the office of executive officer?" the Governor was asked.

"I have not," was the reply. "During the legislature we tried to find a man, but we were not able to. There have been one or two names recommended, but we have not really got down to the matter seriously because the person cannot take office until July 1, under the law, and there are other things which have to take place now which occupy our attention."

"There is only a little over a month now," was suggested.

"Quite so," said the Governor, "but we are taking the most pressing matters first. We have our minds directed to the matter and our eyes open for any good man who comes along, and we are open to suggestions."

# BERTEAUX KILLED IN STRANGE MANNER

## French Minister of War Hit by Monoplane and Mangled.

## AVIATORS NOT HURT

## Son of Premier Monis Is Very Severely Injured.

PARIS, May 22.—The most sensational accident which has yet marked the flight of heavier-than-air machines occurred here yesterday, when a monoplane, rendered unmanageable in a gust of wind, plunged into a group of cabinet officers and statesmen at the aviation field and killed Mons. Bertheaux, minister of war, and seriously injured the son of Premier Monis.

The occasion was the start of the long distance race between monoplanes and biplanes from Paris to Madrid. One of the monoplanes soon after rising from the starting point became unmanageable and swooping headed straight for the group near the official headquarters.

### Strikes Into Group.

It is estimated that over 200,000 people were spectators of the accident and a great cry of alarm went up when the swift flying machine dived out of the air, like a moiristron hawk, upon the group.

Most of those in the party managed to get out of the way, but Mons. Bertheaux was caught in the machine and the propeller sheared off his left arm, which was later found about ten feet away. His head and body were horribly mangled and death was almost instantaneous.

### Severely Injured.

Mons. Monis was buried in the wreckage, and one of his legs and his nose were broken, while he suffers severe bruising about the breast and abdomen, where he was crushed by the machine. Strange to say, the aviator and a passenger in the machine escaped without injury.

Following the accident there was a rush by thousands to the scene, but the gens d'armes and attendants quickly formed a ring about the injured, and Mons. Monis and the few that were slightly hurt were rushed to the hospital.

### May Reorganize Cabinet.

Mons. Cruppi, minister of foreign affairs, will act as minister of war temporarily. Meanwhile it is rumored that the cabinet will be reorganized.

Mons. Bertheaux has taken a prominent part in the diplomatic service, and established his reputation in the Moroccan controversy and his settlement, in which he was recognized as the master hand.

# Crying for Help

## Lots of it in Honolulu But Daily Growing Less.

### The kidneys cry for help.

Not an organ in the whole body so delicately constructed.

Not one so important to health.

The kidneys are the filters of the blood.

When they fail the blood becomes foul and poisonous.

There can be no health where there is poisoned blood.

Backache is one of the first indications of kidney trouble.

It is the kidneys' cry for help. Heed it.

Doan's Backache Kidney Pills are what is wanted.

Are just what overworked kidneys need.

They strengthen and invigorate the kidneys; help them to do their work; never fail to cure any case of kidney disease.

Read the proof from a Honolulu citizen.

B. T. White, Pearl City, Oahu, Honolulu, Hawaii, says: "I am ninety-two years of age and I suffered from backache and kidney disease for eight years. I have given Doan's Backache Kidney Pills a fair trial and have been so greatly benefited that I cheerfully recommend them to other kidney sufferers."

Doan's Backache Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists and storekeepers at 50 cents per box (six boxes \$2.50) or will be mailed on receipt of price by the Hollister Drug Co., Honolulu, wholesale agents for the Hawaiian Islands.

Remember the name, Doan's, and take no substitute.

### Safer and Surer.

Judge—"I want you for my very own," said the rich old gentleman when he had succeeded in getting the beautiful girl to listen to him.

"But how can I be your very own?"

"Why—why, you can marry me, can't you?"

"I suppose I could; but don't you think, if you really want me, it would be safer to adopt me?"

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