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## PLANS FOR HAWAII.

### Commission Meets in Washington to Perfect Its Report

### PREPARING THE BILL FOR CONGRESS.

#### A Territorial Form of Government, with a Governor and a Delegate in Congress Contemplated—Property in the Islands.

Washington, Nov. 24.—The commission appointed by the president to recommend a form of government for the Hawaiian islands as a part of the United States met in Senator Cullom's committee room at the capitol Wednesday for the first time since leaving Honolulu, Senators Cullom and Morgan, Representative Hitt and Judge Fear being present. The meeting was devoted to discussing details of the bill, and the report that the commission will present to congress. The legislation that will be recommended by the commission will be included in a bill which to all intents and purposes will be an enabling act and very much like the bills providing for the admission of new states into the union, except in the one important detail that it provides for the admission of a territory and not a state.

#### Bill Is Completed.

The bill has been completed, but probably will be amended somewhat in detail. The report has not been completed, but the commission has decided upon its important features. One of these is a recommendation that the system of importing laborers under contract shall be discontinued. The commissioners have concluded that as the system is contrary to the laws applying to this country as a whole it would not be wise to continue it even temporarily in Hawaii. It is understood that a majority at least of the members of the commission do not accept the theory that Americans and Europeans cannot do manual labor in the islands.

The commission will recommend a regular territorial form of government, with a governor, a delegate in congress and a legislature. The legislature will be elected by the qualified voters of the islands, but there will be property and educational qualifications imposed upon those who vote for members of the upper house of the legislature. The franchise will not be extended to the Japanese or Chinese in the island, but the Portuguese who become citizens will not be excluded under the restrictions imposed.

#### Property in the Islands.

The commission will present full details of the value of the property acquired, the income from tariff, taxes and other important facts bearing upon the government of the islands. They estimate that the property secured to the United States will amount to more than \$10,000,000. The public lands alone are believed to be worth about \$5,000,000. The report will be presented to congress soon after it convenes.

#### Great Trotter Sold.

New York, Nov. 24.—The feature of the night session of the Fasig horse sale was the sale of Croesus, the great 2:09 1/2 trotter. Croesus was in the company from the Ketcham farm, Toledo, O., which contained a dozen others of the get of McGregor, the sire of Croesus. Croesus was sold in ten minutes from the time he was brought in. William Brown, of the Kalamazoo stock farm, Kalamazoo, Mich., was the successful bidder, securing the horse for \$14,000. The bidding for the fine animal was started with \$6,000. This was immediately raised to \$10,000 and then to \$11,000. The price then went up by \$500 jumps to \$13,500 and then Brown bid \$14,000 which was not raised.

#### To Control Peanut Trade.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 24.—There has been practically completed within the last three days the formation of a big trust, with a capital of \$3,000,000, whose intention is to control the entire peanut product of the United States. It is stated that the signatures of all the principal concerns of this city and section have been secured, with the exception of the big Waltney & Bunkley factory at Smithfield, which handles about \$1,000,000 worth of the crop, and two minor concerns. It is expected that within 30 days the company will be in operation.

#### Writes to His Wife.

Paris, Nov. 24.—Mme. Dreyfus has received a letter from her husband in his own handwriting. It is reported that Gen. Zurlinden, military governor of Paris, and former minister of war, has signed a decree ordering the trial of Col. Picquart by court-martial for forgery and the divulging of secret documents concerning the safety of the state. The trial has been fixed for December 12. Col. Picquart's examination before the court of cassation in the Dreyfus affair will be continued to-day.

#### Victims of Dynamite.

Middlesboro, Ky., Nov. 24.—Charles Nikirk and Henry Lemon, formerly privates in the Second Kentucky regiment, were killed by the premature explosion by dynamite at limestone quarries near here. Several others were injured.

## TWO RULERS MEET.

### President McKinley Pays a Short Visit to President Iglesias, of Costa Rica.

Washington, Nov. 24.—President Iglesias, of Costa Rica, arrived here Wednesday afternoon, and although traveling incognito, he was accorded all the honors fitting to the visit of the president of a sovereign government and a sister republic. Col. Carter, of the adjutant general's office, had met the president and his party and accompanied them to Washington. On their arrival here they were met at the station by Col. Bingham, as the personal representative of the president, who escorted the party to carriages in waiting. President Iglesias, minister Calvo, of Costa Rica, and Cols. Carter and Bingham entered the first carriage, and were driven to the Arlington hotel, where they were joined by the remaining members of the party. The party was assigned the extensive suite of apartments used by distinguished guests, including presidents-elect prior to their inauguration.

Shortly after the president's arrival, Secretary Porter called to ask when it would be agreeable for Mr. Iglesias to receive the president of the United States, who desired to pay his respects. An immediate engagement was made, and soon thereafter President McKinley, accompanied by Secretary Porter and Col. Bingham, the latter in full uniform, drove from the white house to the hotel. They were met at the doorway by Minister Calvo and Col. Carter, and escorted to President Iglesias' private parlor. The meeting of the two presidents was most cordial, and entirely devoid of formalities. They chatted together about five minutes, exchanging good wishes, and then President McKinley bid President Iglesias goodbye, after wishing him a most pleasant visit in this country. This official formality over, another one of a like nature followed when President Iglesias returned Mr. McKinley's call. The Costa Rican president was accompanied to the white house by the officials of his party, and was received by President McKinley with another exchange of well wishes. The party then returned to the hotel, where dinner was served in their private dining apartment. A dinner will be given at the white house in honor of the visiting president some time next week.

#### Rates Are Reduced.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road has made heavy reductions in rates on flour, crockery, hardware, dry goods, binding twine and canned goods. The new rates, which in some instances, cut over half the old rates, become effective November 25 and apply from Chicago, Milwaukee and Racine to the Missouri river. Competitors of the road declare they will meet the cut.

#### Mayor's Costly Act.

Havana, Cuba, Nov. 24.—The mayor of Havana, on his own responsibility, without the sanction of the city council and board of aldermen, increased the city budget for the salaries of municipal officers and employees from \$34,000 to \$54,000. The board of aldermen at their last session, resolved not to confirm the mayor's action, thus compelling him to pay the difference out of his own pocket.

#### Train Robbers Indicted.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 24.—A Fergus Falls (Minn.) special to the Pioneer Press says: The arrested Great Northern train robbers have been under consideration by the grand jury, and it is understood indictments have been found and will be handed in when court meets again Friday. The trials which will be separate, will begin on Monday.

#### Protest Against Dipping.

Guthrie, O. T., Nov. 24.—Great numbers of cattle dipped according to the new quarantine regulations have died during the recent cold spell in this part of Oklahoma. Out of a herd of 500 dipped last week, 50 have died here in two days. Cattlemen protest against dipping and declare that cattle cannot endure cold weather after being dipped.

#### Sentence Commuted.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 24.—Gov. Bradley has commuted to life imprisonment George A. Portwood, of Lexington, Ky., sentenced to hang November 30 for the murder of Richard Perkins. Portwood comes of a well-known Anderson county family. Gov. Bradley is convinced he is insane.

#### Gaining Ground.

Seoul, Korea, Nov. 24.—The reform party in Korea is gaining ground. The emperor has assured the foreign ministers of his desire to institute reforms. Various officials, including the Korean minister to Japan, have been banished.

#### Presented to the President.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Secretary Hay on Wednesday presented formally to President McKinley the newly appointed Japanese minister, Mr. Komura, who succeeds Mr. Hoshi, who was retired to enter the Japanese parliament.

#### Proclamation Goes Into Effect.

Panama, P. R., Nov. 24.—Gov. Taft's proclamation declaring martial law in Panama was posted in numerous places throughout the city Wednesday morning. The act went into effect at five o'clock in the afternoon. All is quiet.

## PORTER CONFIDENT.

### Ambassador to France Makes a Notable Speech.

### THANKSGIVING BANQUET IN PARIS.

#### He Makes a Definite Declaration That a Satisfactory Treaty of Peace Will Be Secured Within a Week.

Paris, Nov. 24.—The American University club gave its Thanksgiving banquet Wednesday evening at the Hotel Continental. The dining-room was draped with the stars and stripes and the French tri-color. In the absence of Mr. Whitelaw Reid, due to indisposition, Gen. Horace Porter, the United States ambassador, presided. Covers were laid for 100, and the company included all the members of the United States peace commission, except Mr. Whitelaw Reid, the members of the United States embassy and consulate and representatives of the American colony in Paris. M. Bartholdi and several other Frenchmen were present. Gen. Horace Porter, in the course of his remarks, dwelt upon the special reasons America has for giving thanks in the present year, saying that special thanks were due to Providence and the soldiers of America for the outcome of the war with Spain. Gen. Porter said:

Peace Within a Week.  
"Within a week the United States will have concluded substantially a peace treaty. It will be such a treaty as will secure all the fruits of our victories. Our people have endorsed the principle of expansion. Many Americans who opposed the war now admit that America is justified in discarding the swaddling clothes of infancy and extending the privileges of her freedom as widely as possible. The war has made us respected abroad and stopped sectionalism at home. They were wise and patriotic Americans who saw the wisdom of freeing Cuba and of giving good government to the Philippines. The war made the Americans so that where America's interests are concerned none is for the party and all are for the state."

M. Bartholdi, in an effective speech, foretold a great artistic future for the United States.

An enjoyable programme of songs followed the speeches.

### COST ONE LIFE.

#### Explosion of a Locomotive's Boiler Kills Fireman and Injures Three Others.

Cincinnati, Nov. 24.—At nine o'clock Wednesday night, one mile north of Jones station, five miles south of Hamilton, the locomotive boiler of a north-bound freight train on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railway blew up on a viaduct, hurling the engine into the air, wrecking 23 cars and tearing up 50 yards of the road. The casualties are: Fireman Dan Donaldson, crushed to death; Engineer Charles Boyer, pinned to his place in the cab, fatally injured; Assistant Fireman Ed Martindale, blown into a field, badly dazed; Brake-man Harry Metz, thrown through a tree and badly bruised, crawled to the rear and flagged an incoming passenger train, saving many lives. All trains on the road were detained. Wrecking and relief trains are at the scene.

### Attempt on the Czar's Life.

Berlin, Nov. 24.—A dispatch from Elbing, the seaport of West Prussia, says an attempt was made upon the life of the czar while his majesty was returning from Copenhagen. Just before the czar's special train crossed the bridge over the Boehmehofen and Lagern a switchman discovered that the bridge had been barricaded. By almost superhuman efforts, as a result of which he is now in a hospital, the switchman, it appears, succeeded in removing the obstacles sufficiently to permit the passage of the imperial train.

### Needs More Men.

Milwaukee, Nov. 24.—A special to the Sentinel from Ironwood, Mich., says: The Curry shaft at the Norrie mine, of this city, commenced hoisting ore Wednesday. This shaft is the largest on the Gogebic range, and a scarcity of men is apparent. A call for 500 hands was put out, but very few reported, and the miners' wages were raised 25 cents a day. The increase in the ore demand has been large, and this year's output was far in advance of all previous years. People of this range are looking forward to a prosperous winter.

### Loving Cup to Sigsbee.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 24.—The Commercial club of St. Paul has presented a loving cup to Capt. Charles D. Sigsbee, who as commander of the auxiliary cruiser St. Paul had an active part in the victories of the recent war, both in disabling the torpedo boat destroyer Terror and in capturing the British boat Restormel, which, loaded with coal, was taken as a prize by the St. Paul near the harbor of Santiago.

### German Emperor in Austria.

Pola, Austria, Nov. 24.—The imperial yacht Hohenzollern, with the emperor and empress of Germany aboard, arrived here Wednesday. It was saluted by the forts and Austrian warships. The latter were decorated with flags. After visiting the Austrian warships the emperor and empress of Germany took luncheon on the archduke's yacht and then boarded a train bound for Munich.

## STEAMERS WRECKED.

### The Tampa and Arthur Orr Lost on Lake Superior—The Crews Are Saved.

Duluth, Minn., Nov. 24.—The steamers Tampa and Arthur Orr are wrecked on the north shore of Lake Superior. The two vessels represent about \$150,000 with their cargoes, and they lie within nine miles of each other. The Tampa, Duluth bound, with coal from Buffalo, is a complete wreck on the rocks at Beaver bay, 66 miles east of Duluth. She went ashore Tuesday morning in the fearful gale and snow-storm that swept Lake Superior all of Monday and Tuesday. Her crew is safe at Beaver bay. The Tampa was owned by David Whitney, of Detroit. She was built in 1890, and is of 2,000 tons register. She is a total loss, and was insured for \$100,000. Her cargo was insured for \$8,000.

The tug W. P. Castle has returned from the scene and she brought news of the wreck of the Arthur Orr, at Baptism river, nine miles east of the Tampa. She went on at about the same hour the Tampa was wrecked. She is not in as bad shape as the Tampa, although she is broken in two. The Orr left Duluth Monday morning just before the storm broke. She had a cargo of flour and copper, bound for Buffalo. The Orr is owned by C. W. Elphicke, of Chicago, and is valued at \$150,000. She is only three years old, and is one of the best boats on the lakes. A wrecking expedition leaves this morning to rescue her if possible.

### Third Bridge for New York.

New York, Nov. 24.—Mayor Van Wyck has directed the board of public improvements to take prompt action on the preliminary work for the construction of a third bridge across the East river, the structure to cost \$1,500,000. The mayor has frequently declared that, next to the erection of new schools, he regarded the building of bridges over the East river as the most important of public improvements, but his communication caused much astonishment, in view of the financial condition of the city.

### She Will Not Suffer.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—By an order of the probate court, entered by Judge Kohlsaat, Mrs. Hattie S. Pullman, widow of the late George M. Pullman, will receive \$9,000 a month as her share of the estate. This amount is declared to be materially less than the actual income accruing to her from the division of the property. An account of the executors of the estate showing that \$83,734 has already been paid to Mrs. Pullman was approved by Judge Kohlsaat.

### Claim for Cutting Cables.

London, Nov. 24.—At the meeting of the Cuba Submarine Telegraph company the chairman, C. W. Parish, referring to the cutting of the cables off the province of Santiago de Cuba by the Americans, said he had requested the assistance of the foreign office to obtain compensation from the United States. The foreign office, he added, had promised to do its utmost to assist the company, but it was pointed out it was doubtful if the claim would be admitted.

### Held for a Child's Death.

Oakland, Cal., Nov. 24.—The coroner's inquest over the remains of Lillian Brandes, the 13-year-old girl who was supposed to have committed suicide by hanging at Berkeley last Sunday, resulted in a verdict charging her father with murder and naming her stepmother as an accessory. Neither Brandes nor his wife were taken to the inquest, as there was talk of lynching, and it was thought best to keep them safely confined in the county jail.

### Weyer May Be Premier.

Washington, Nov. 24.—It is currently rumored now in Madrid, according to cable advices, that Gen. Weyer will be made prime minister as soon as the peace conference with the American commissioners is concluded in Paris. This statement, of course, carries with it the assurance that Senor Sagasta will resign as soon as the treaty of peace is signed and that Gen. Weyer will immediately be chosen as his successor.

### The Baldwin Hotel Fire.

San Francisco, Nov. 24.—Four lives were certainly and 11 possibly lost and hundreds of others persons were placed in deadly peril as the result of the fire which laid the Baldwin hotel in ruins early Wednesday morning. The monetary damage will approximate \$1,500,000, not figuring the incalculable loss on property which neither money nor science can replace.

### Flees to America.

Moscow, Nov. 24.—Dimitri Friedmann, a Russian Jew, employed as the Moscow agent for large mercantile houses, has embezzled upward of \$1,000,000 rubles (\$750,000) and has fled, taking with him a quantity of diamonds belonging to his relatives. He is thought to have escaped to the United States.

### Diamonds Forfeited.

New York, Nov. 25.—The jury in the case of the United States against Max J. Lasar, diamond dealer, for the forfeiture of about \$40,000 worth of diamonds, which it was charged were smuggled into the country by Lasar, returned a verdict Wednesday forfeiting the diamonds to the government.

## GIVEN NO WARNING.

### Six Men Are Killed in a Powder Manufactory.

### THOUSANDS OF POUNDS EXPLODE.

#### The Unfortunates Are Blown to Atoms and Their Remains Are Picked Up Piece by Piece—Affair Occurs at Ashburn, Mo.

St. Louis, Nov. 24.—A special telegram to the Post Dispatch from Louisiana, Mo., says a terrific explosion occurred at the Hercules powder works, near Ashburn, in this county, about eight o'clock Wednesday morning, causing the earth to tremble for many miles around. The packing house was completely demolished, several other buildings damaged, and at least six men killed. The known dead are: Willie Wilson, Jr., son of the superintendent; Will Charlton, J. Hollingreen, Abest Wenzle, Lloyd Smith, Albert Miller. It is impossible at this writing to learn whether other men were killed or the names of the injured.

The cause of the explosion is not yet definitely known. There was a terrific roar and the walls and roof of the packing house were thrown into the air as though shot from a volcano. Window glass was shattered for a radius of ten miles. The employees were thrown into the air by the force of the explosion, and then their bruised, battered and torn bodies fell back amid the wreck and burning debris.

Half a dozen persons were injured by flying timbers, and a number of nearby houses were struck. One house half a mile away was almost demolished by a huge mass of brick and mortar that fell upon it, while it was still rocking from the force of the explosion. Rescue parties are at work with all their might trying to reach the men.

The exact cause of the explosion will never be known as all the men in the packing house at the time were blown to atoms. Something like 10,000 pounds of powder was usually kept in the packing house, which was a frame structure.

### A Growsome Task.

During the day men were engaged with buckets gathering up such bits of flesh and bones as they could find. A piece of spinal column was found half a mile from the scene of the explosion. Those who were injured were employed in another building. They were struck by flying debris but none of them fatally injured. There is always some loose powder on the floor of the packing room and it is supposed that something was dropped upon it that caused it to explode.

### LYNCHERS FOILED.

#### White Men at Monticello, Ga., Rescue Three Negroes from a Furious Mob.

Macon, Ga., Nov. 24.—A special to the Telegraph from Monticello, Ga., says: Ed Merriwether, the negro who was lynched Tuesday, confessed before he was hanged, to the murder of a young white man, and said three other negroes, Irvin Chaney, Jake Glover and Mary Ramey, assisted him. After disposing of Merriwether, the mob rushed back to the jail to get the other negroes who had been arrested on suspicion. Ropes were put around their necks and they were dragged to the place where Merriwether's bullet-riddled body was hanging. A large number of citizens had heard of the effort to lynch the other three negroes and they hurried to the scene. It was only by the most vigorous efforts that this lynching was prevented. One of the negroes was about to be drawn up on a limb when a young white man jumped forward and cut the rope. The mob then gave up and the three negroes were turned over to the sheriff. They are now in jail.

### Denied by Spanish Ministers.

London, Nov. 24.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail says: Ministers deny that the Americans have offered Spain equal commercial privileges in the Philippines. They declare, on the contrary, that the United States commissioners have only offered to negotiate, after a peace treaty has been signed, a special commercial treaty with regard to Spanish commerce. The Americans have demanded Young island, in the Caroline group, as a coaling and cable station.

### A British Journal's View.

London, Nov. 24.—The Daily News in an editorial referring to the "open door" policy in the Philippines and the constitutional difficulty it presents to America, says: "In the United States themselves opinion is sharply divided over the future of the Philippines. Enthusiasm for American expansion will be considerably abated if it means a proportionate extension of the Dingley tariff."

### Goes to Harvard.

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 24.—Capt. Higginson, of the Harvard university crew, announces officially that the Australian oarsman O'Dea, lately coach of the University of Wisconsin crew, had been engaged to teach rowing at Harvard, and will begin his work December 1.

## LABOR LEGISLATION.

### Samuel Gompers Makes Some Suggestions to the President in an Interview.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Mr. Samuel J. Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, accompanied by the secretary of the federation, had an hour's conference with the president Wednesday in regard to legislation in the interest of labor, now pending in congress. Mr. Gompers' purpose was to secure, if possible, the endorsement of these measures in the president's forthcoming message to congress. The president was deeply interested in Mr. Gompers' remarks, and without indicating what, if any, specific recommendations would be made in his message on these subjects, said that he regarded it the duty of every man, whether in public or private life, to use every effort in his power to improve the condition of the workingman, and to bridge the chasm between him and his employer.

Mr. Gompers favored the eight-hour labor law which limits a day's work to eight hours whether the work is being done directly by the government or by contractors and the bill having for its object the improvement in the condition of American seamen. The bill gives to seamen the right to leave a vessel when she is in safe harbor and abolishes corporal punishment. He also urges the Lodge immigration bill, which limits immigration to persons who can read and write, and the convict labor bill, which prohibits the transportation of the product of convict labor from one state to another.

### FOREIGNERS BUY WHEAT.

#### Nearly Half the Stock in St. Louis Elevators Has Been Sold for Export.

St. Louis, Nov. 24.—The Republic says: A lively time is expected in the grain pit at the Merchants' exchange Friday morning, when it becomes generally known that of the 1,560,074 bushels of wheat in St. Louis public elevators, 650,000 bushels, or nearly one-half of the total stock, has been sold for immediate shipment and will be loaded out as fast as possible. Of this amount 300,000 bushels will go by the river—the loading has already begun—and 350,000 bushels will be shipped by rail. Nearly all of this wheat is sold for export and bids have been received for considerable more. Foreigners are showing their anxiety to get wheat by snapping at any offer within reason. The only limit to the sales of St. Louis exporters at present is the scarcity of cars and their inability to get vessel room. The car famine is being felt by all shippers and the railroads are unable to guarantee any special time for shipment.

### Meets with Favor.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Gov. Bloxham's call for a national convention to assemble at Tampa, Fla., February 8, to suggest and formulate plans for reorganizing the national guard, is receiving favorable support from state executives. The object of the convention will be to aid the government in placing the national guard on the most effective possible footing. The Florida state superintendent of education has extended invitations to superintendents of education in all states, inviting them to this convention, to consider the introduction of a military drill system for public schools of the United States, in the interest of patriotism, subordination and physical development.

### En Route for Honolulu.

Washington, Nov. 24.—The battleships Oregon and Iowa have resumed their long cruise to Honolulu. Capt. Barker, commanding the Oregon, and the senior officer of the expedition, has notified the navy department that his little squadron sailed last Saturday from Rio de Janeiro for Montevideo, where another stop will be made for coal. After leaving that port the ships will head for Punta Arenas, in the Straits of Magellan, almost at the extremity of South America, which will mark the accomplishment of about one-half of their voyage, unless they are ordered at Honolulu to proceed to Manila.

### Favors a Discount.

Washington, Nov. 24.—The commissioner of internal revenue in his annual report, the principal features of which were made public in July last, recommends that the war revenue law be amended so as to allow a discount of three per cent. to purchasers of \$100 or more, instead of one per cent., as is now provided. Unless such action is taken, the commissioner says, a very large increase in the number of stamp deputies will be necessary. The number of internal revenue stamps issued during the year was 1,442,274,189, of the value of \$192,163,933.

### Life Sentence for a Murderer.

Cambridge, O., Nov. 24.—Orrin D. Law, indicted for murdering his father-in-law, Squire Boyd, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Wirick, pleaded guilty to murder and was given a life sentence in the penitentiary.

### Peoria Distillery Sold.

Peoria, Ill., Nov. 24.—The Great Eastern distillery was on Wednesday bought by Jacob Woolner and other capitalists. The house will be operated immediately with a capacity of 4,000 gallons daily.