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VOTERS HERE WILL NOW DECIDE

Question of Prohibition to Come Back to Hawaii for a Plebiscite.

DO WE WANT PROHIBITION?

That Is What Hawaiian Ballots Will Answer—Unexpected Turn in Events.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, February 11.—The question of the enactment of a prohibition law for Hawaii by congress is to be left to the voters of Hawaii, according to an agreement made at the session of the committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico yesterday between Delegate Kalaniana'ole and John G. Woolley, with the approval of the committee. As a result, the committee will not report the Curtis bill at this time, but will present a report, recommending that the senate and house pass a joint resolution authorizing the calling of a special election of the voters of Hawaii, at which the question of prohibition will be submitted to a plebiscite.

WALKER.

The prohibition question took on an unexpected form yesterday, according to the cablegram above, received yesterday morning from the Washington correspondent of The Advertiser.

It had been expected, according to the prediction of Senator Depew, that the Curtis bill would be taken up for final discussion and reported back to the senate with a recommendation that it pass. Instead, the bill will be withheld and the matter will be turned over to the voters of Hawaii to decide.

What has happened is probably this: The Delegate has appeared before the committee, armed with the united resolutions of those associations in Honolulu of local rights; he has been met by John G. Woolley, with the petitions and requests from Hawaiians and others, asking for the passage of the Curtis bill; the committee found a sharp division of sentiment and has passed the ball back up to Hawaii, to fight the question out at the polls and settle definitely whether Hawaii does or does not want a prohibition law passed by congress.

This, at least, is what those in closest touch with the situation believe has happened.

Other Cables.
In addition to the special cable received by The Advertiser, several other messages came to Honolulu from the Capital. The Associated Press said:

WASHINGTON, February 11.—The senate committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico today reported on the bill to provide for prohibition in the Hawaiian Islands. The report is in favor of having the matter submitted to the vote of the people of the Hawaiian Islands.

Woolley Cables.
W. R. Castle, president of the Circle Federation, received the following from John G. Woolley:

WASHINGTON, February 11.—I have agreed with Kalaniana'ole and numerous senate estimates congressional joint resolution ordering plebiscite.

It is expected that Woolley will start back for Hawaii without delay, taking a part in the special election on whether he has helped to bring it.

Thompson Also Returning.
Frank Thompson, whose former cablegrams precipitated the change into which this placed committee has been thrown during the past few days, wired his partner, Judge Wilder of Thompson, Clemens & Wilder, as follows:

WASHINGTON, February 11.—Committee will recommend joint resolution to have submitted Territory for question of prohibition. Hearings tomorrow New York Press.

Delegate Cables Governor.
The Governor received a message from the Delegate and the bill for a special election, which, as published, stated that "the Delegate intend the hands of the autonomous council on the proposition by submitting it. What 'it' may be is not clear from the rest of the special cable, but whatever it is, the Delegate submitted it."

HAWAII FORCED TO CONSIDER IT

People Must Decide Question of Prohibition Whether They Like It or Not.

CONGRESS IS MANDATORY

Mott-Smith Outlines Course of Preparatory Routine in the Impending Election.

It will be about forty days after the receipt of the congressional notification that a special election must be held here before the people go to the polls. This is under the statutory provision that the Governor's proclamation shall be issued that period of time in advance of election day, and depends whether proclamation itself is issued as soon as that notification is received. The reported coming action of congress will force the prohibition question on the people whether they like it or not, the registry of voters last used at a general election to be used now. This is the gist of a statement made last night by Secretary of the Territory Mott-Smith.

"Only the territorial laws would prevail at such an election," said Mr. Mott-Smith, "and I believe that they make an election day a holiday. This is the second time that a special election has been held here, the first being that which made W. W. Harris a representative to fill a vacancy in the house and which was held in 1902. As far as I know this is the first time congress has ever ordered a special territorial election anywhere."

"Had congress deferred action on the prohibition for Hawaii question which has come before it, it would have forced the necessity upon Hawaii of considering it at its next general election. It would have devolved upon the people to consider the question at the polls and it would have devolved upon the next legislature to enact such laws. It would be placing the Territory in such a position that it would be virtually in a trust; with the inference that if it did not settle the prohibition question itself, congress would again take the matter up, convinced that in this instance federal interference would be necessary."

"I believe that the question of government by commission did figure in this reported favoring by the committee of the plebiscite. It seems an evident assurance that congress believes Hawaii is capable of managing its own affairs. If government by commission ever comes up, it will do so flat-footed, but it would be contrary to American ideals. We have solved questions here ourselves that the United States, with all its machinery, has never been able to do. We have drawn together a homogeneous population without conflict."

It is on the secretary that the brunt of the routine work involved in the calling of a special or general election devolves. In regard to the feature of the present question, Mr. Mott-Smith said:

"When congress directs by joint resolution or by act that the question of federal prohibition in Hawaii shall be submitted to a vote of the people of Hawaii, such action is mandatory and in that sense instructs the people of Hawaii to consider this question whether they wish to or not. In the same sense it may be considered as special legislation and in some sense as participation in local affairs."

"Which ever way it may be considered, I think that the precipitation of discussion on any live question affecting vital and fundamental interests is a good thing. It may provoke warring opinions, sharp division and severe and bitter debates, but it gives every one a fair show. This subject at least is for those who after the smoke of battle has cleared are strikers or wounded."

"There are two ways of solving the prohibition question in Hawaii: one by all the people—I advise only to say: 'a' (Continued on Page Eight.)

TRUEBLOOD READINGS TODAY AT PUNAHOU

This afternoon at a quarter past two in the R. Bishop Hall, Mrs. Thomas C. Trueblood will present her dramatization of George Eliot's famous novel, "Middlemarch."

At eight o'clock this evening, Professor T. C. Trueblood will present in the same hall, the beautiful drama of "Languor."

Both Professor and Mrs. Trueblood have put their pieces in hand in order to help the Hawaiian College of Oahu College foster its work among the poor and unfortunate in this city. So Hawaiian to have the privilege of hearing them, read for about a fifth of what it would cost to hear them read in any other part of the world.

P. C. JONES RETIRES FROM BUSINESS LIFE



P. C. JONES. Retiring from business after many years of commercial and industrial leadership in Hawaii.

P. C. Jones yesterday retired from the directorates of Onomea and Wailuku plantations and on Wednesday next he will sever his active connection with Honoumua and Hawaiian Agricultural. During the last few months Mr. Jones has been gradually drawing out of active participation in the affairs of the various concerns in which he is financially interested and when he retires from Honoumua and Hawaiian Agricultural the last active business tie will be severed.

On Thursday last Mr. Jones retired as an officer of C. Brewer & Co., a firm with which he had been connected for thirty nine years, Alonzo Gartley, manager of the Hawaiian Electric Company and secretary of Mr. Jones, will succeed to the vacancy on the board of directors of C. Brewer & Co.

At the time of the last annual meeting of the Bank of Hawaii Mr. Jones announced that he did not care to be re-elected a director as he had determined to retire from active participation

in business. The news of Mr. Jones' determination was received with regret but it was realized that he was entitled to a rest and no effort was made to induce him to change his plans. Nevertheless the loss of Mr. Jones from the bank directorate was keenly felt for he had been an officer since the founding of the institution. A. Lewis, Jr., another son-in-law of Mr. Jones, was elected to fill the vacancy on the bank's directorate.

Mr. Jones has been an active figure in the financial and commercial life of Honolulu during the past forty years. He has been prominently associated with many of the largest concerns, serving as president of Honoumua and Onomea plantations and vice president of Hawaiian Agricultural and Wailuku.

Mr. Gartley and Mr. Lewis succeed Mr. Jones on all of the directorates from which he has retired or is about to retire.

Mr. Jones will continue to serve as an officer of the Hawaiian board and as a trustee of Oahu College.

SOGA MAY HAVE TO STAND TRIAL

Three Indictments Hanging Over Him for Obscene Use of the Mails.

It may be a good joke for Soga and Negoro and their associates and confederates to insinuate that United States District Attorney Breckons' threatened loss of eyesight is a punishment by Providence for his having prosecuted so many Japanese, but the joke loses its savor, so far as the Japanese are asked to explain, what they are held before the federal grand jury and asked to explain, what they mean by the joke. And that is what happened to Soga, Negoro, Tasaka and Kawamura yesterday morning.

What action the grand jury will take is, of course, uncertain, but at any rate, Soga is in a bad fix. It is possible that when the Jiji published the insulting remarks concerning Breckons, the editor and forgotten that there were still three indictments for sending obscene matter through the mails hanging over him. These indictments have never been pronounced and Soga is liable to be brought up for trial at any time. It seems to be up to Soga to hire a lawyer, if he hasn't one already.

The Japanese address got very cocky in Breckons' private office yesterday, and as a result they were told to get out and get out fast. They did, cocky Japanese are not wanted around the office of the United States district attorney.

CALIFORNIA BANK IS ROBBED OF \$1000

HIGHLAND, Cal., February 11.—The city bank at this place was robbed last night. Only \$1000 was seized by the highwaymen, who made good their escape.

CHEAPER TO PAY RENT THAN MOVE

But Max Schlemmer's Offer of \$12.50 for Laysan Was Refused.

It is sometimes cheaper to move than to pay rent, but once in a great while it happens that the reverse is true and a man can save money by paying his rent. That's what Max Schlemmer thinks now.

About two days ago King Max went to the territorial authorities and offered to pay his rent for the islands of Laysan and Lisianski. The amount was the sum of twelve dollars and a half, gold coin of the United States, but strange to say, it was refused. All Schlemmer wanted was to continue his sovereignty over the two bird islands where he so long reigned in solitary grandeur, but even this little favor was refused him, even though he was willing to pay for it.

That is hard on Schlemmer, for he, or his lawyer, had apparently thought out a nice little scheme to enable King Max to escape prosecution for poaching. If Schlemmer were paying rent for the islands, of course he could not be considered as having poached on them, and in order to escape the annoyance and inconvenience of a criminal prosecution, the Laysan island bird fancier was willing to sacrifice twelve dollars and a half. But the scheme didn't work.

Schlemmer, accompanied by his attorney, Arthur Wilder, warily climbed the stairs of the executive building with his twelve dollars and four bits when he marched up a hill, he marched down again with the twelve bucks and four bits in his hand. His offer had been turned down.

No statement has yet been made by the federal authorities as to just what course they are going to follow in regard to Schlemmer and his twenty-three Japanese. United States District Attorney Breckons it is understood, is waiting advice from Washington before taking decisive action.

SEVEN HUNDRED VISITORS TODAY

Cleveland Calling for Second Time With Globe-Trotters—Welcome Awaits Them.

ENTERTAINMENTS PLANNED

Vessel Will Be Off Port at Six o'Clock—Greeting to Be Carried Out.

Over seven hundred American tourists from all parts of the American mainland will arrive in port this morning aboard the Hamburg-American steamship Cleveland, on tour of the world, the second cruise which the big Cleveland has undertaken. The vessel, according to a wireless message sent from the Cleveland to Haekfeld & Co., agents for the line, will be off port at six o'clock exactly on schedule time, and will probably be alongside the Alakea wharf by eight-thirty. Honolulu will be the first port at which the tourists will call on their twenty-five thousand mile voyage, and they will be royally and characteristically welcomed to the Hawaiian Islands, for each passenger will be decorated with a lei and the promotion committee, accompanied by the best Hawaiian musical organization here, will board the vessel at quarantine and hand over the keys of the city to Mr. Clark, who heads the tour.

Can Board Steamship.

In order to make sure whether the promotion committee, lei bearers, musicians and press would be allowed to board the steamer outside this morning, Secretary Wood of the promotion committee sent the following wireless to Frank Clark on Thursday:

"Would like to board you off port with ladies and flowers. Can you assure, positively, that this will be permitted by the captain. Answer."

Yesterday Secretary Wood received the following message from the Cleveland:

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POWDER EXPLOSION ON BATTLESHIP VIRGINIA

Two Men Are Seriously Hurt When Charge Goes Off.

GUANTANAMO, February 11.—The explosion of a gun charge today on board the United States battleship Virginia, now at this port, seriously injured two of the ship's crew.

BUT ONE SAVED WHEN FRENCH SHIP SINKS

Passengers and Crew Lose Lives When Vessel Founders.

PALMA, Minorca, February 11.—The French steamer Chanzy foundered today off this port and only one person survives of a passenger list of seventy-five souls and the crew of sixty-five. The survivor reached the land today.

HOUSE TAKES CARE OF HAWAIIAN HARBOURS

Liberal Appropriations Are Made for Honolulu, Kahului, and Hilo.

WASHINGTON, February 11.—The house committee on rivers and harbors reported a bill today carrying a total appropriation of \$432,552,276. The appropriations carry out the plans for deepening the inland waterways of the country. The bill as reported from the committee carries \$150,000 for Honolulu harbor, \$200,000 for Hilo harbor, and \$150,000 for Kahului harbor.

\$20,000,000 FOR RELIEF OF THE PARIS SUFFERERS

PARIS, February 11.—The French government has proposed the issue of bonds to the amount of \$20,000,000 for the purpose of relief and reconstruction work resulting from damage by recent floods.

WHITE SLAVE BILL PASSES THE SENATE

WASHINGTON, February 11.—The bill to prohibit the white slave trade passed the Senate today. It now goes to the President.

PEARY WON'T GET HIGH RANK

House Committee Is Opposed to Making Explorer Rear-Admiral.

WOULD CREATE PRECEDENT

Hollyday Only Civil Engineer in the Navy With Admiral's Rank.

WASHINGTON, February 12.—Commander R. E. Peary is not likely to receive the rank of rear-admiral in recognition of his services to science in discovering the north pole. The house committee on naval affairs is unanimously opposed to granting Peary the increase in rank.

Representative Roberts of Massachusetts declared yesterday that Commander Peary has done nothing to entitle him to receive such signal recognition as is provided in the bill which passed the senate. He declared that the discovery of the pole has benefited nobody and that there is no reason why Peary should be rewarded for his achievement.

The bill granting Peary the rank of rear-admiral passed the senate in record time and but for the obstacle encountered in the house the intrepid explorer would have received his commission in short order.

The granting of the rank of rear-admiral to Peary would upset all precedent. Peary is a civil engineer with the rank of commander and not a line officer. The only civil engineer in the navy who bears the rank of rear-admiral is Hollyday, the chief of the bureau of yards and docks. He holds the rank simply by virtue of being a bureau chief and his permanent grade carries with it the rank of captain only. Raising Peary to the rank of rear-admiral would necessitate creating a supernumerary in the grade.

DENVER DOCTOR COMING TO WORK ON MOLOKAI

DENVER, February 12.—Daeter Stover started yesterday for Hawaii to make experiments in treating the lepers of Molokai.

FRENCH EXPEDITION FAILS TO REACH SOUTH POLE

PUNTA ARENAS, February 12.—The Chinese expedition which started for the Antarctic in search of the south pole with the hope of planting the French flag upon the south end of the earth, arrived here yesterday. The expedition failed to reach the pole.

HERMANN CASE GOES TO THE JURY TODAY

PORTLAND, February 12.—Francis J. Henry yesterday closed his argument in the Hermann case. The jury will receive its instructions from the judge today.

DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR BILL PASSES THE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, February 12.—The diplomatic and consular bill passed the house yesterday.

HOUSE WOULD HAVE PEARY CONTENT WITH A MEDAL

WASHINGTON, February 11.—The house committee on naval affairs proposes that congress show its appreciation of the great work done by Commander Peary by striking a medal in his honor, rather than by a promotion to the rank of rear-admiral as proposed by the senate.