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PRESIDENT MAY APPOINT NEGRO COLLECTOR FOR THE INTERNAL REVENUE OFFICE

Republican Executive Takes Steps to Prevent ---Commercial Bodies and Others Will Also Protect.

Cabled advices were received by The Advertiser yesterday from its regular Washington correspondent to the effect that President Taft was contemplating the appointment of Charles A. Cotterill, of Toledo, Ohio, as "collector of customs" for Honolulu.

The Advertiser cabled for further confirmation of the report, the word that a "collector of customs" was to be appointed to take the place of R. C. Stackable being startling. Ernest G. Walker, who represents this paper at the National Capital, replied to the effect that the news in circulation there was that the original cablegram was correct and that it was a new collector of customs who was to be appointed.

"This is possibly erroneous," he added.

Cotterill Is a Negro.

Charles A. Cotterill, of Toledo, Ohio, mentioned, is a negro, prominent politically in his home city, where Secretary Knox and MacVeagh are campaigning to prevent the reelection of Governor Harmon, the man generally acknowledged as the logical Democratic candidate for the presidency in 1912.

Republican Committee Busy.

The Advertiser got into touch immediately after the receipt of the advices from Washington with the executive committee of the Republican party and steps were at once taken by A. L. C. Atkinson to stop any further contemplation of the appointment, although it was generally agreed that the appointment would be—if at all—to the post of collector of internal revenue.

Kuhio was communicated with by wireless and a meeting of the executive committee was called at once. At this meeting it was resolved to cable a strong remonstrance to the President, based on the principle that absolutely no necessity exists for sending an outsider to fill the position of collector of internal revenue or any other position in Hawaii.

The fact that the appointee mentioned is a negro and on that account not a proper person to appoint to a responsible position in this Territory, was not mentioned in the cablegram despatched by the party committee last night to the President, but has been taken up with force and the necessity for appointing either a local Hawaiian or a local white man pointed out.

Already a number of cabled messages of protest have been sent by prominent Republicans to the President, the secretary of the treasury and others at Washington.

Commercial Bodies Will Act.

It is probable that a joint meeting of the chamber of commerce and the merchants' association will be called this morning to take immediate action.

Appointing Many Negroes to Office.

Several negroes have been appointed recently to federal positions, the news coming by Associated Press yesterday that William R. Lewis, a negro, had been nominated as assistant attorney general of the United States, this appointment having been under consideration for some time. Further special cables to The Advertiser yesterday stated that the President has under consideration now the appointment of several other Ohio negroes of prominence, the authority being the Cincinnati Enquirer, a paper owned and published by Charles P. Taft, the brother of the President.

Stackable Says "Mistake."

Collector of Customs Stackable was shown The Advertiser cables yesterday afternoon and was naturally staggered. After he had recovered he expressed the opinion that a mistake had undoubtedly been made in announcing any contemplated appointment of a new collector of customs, stating that undoubtedly a collector of internal revenue was meant. Not the slightest intimation had reached him from any quarter that any change in his office was under contemplation.

Republican Committee Action.

The members of the executive committee of the Republicans acted speedily. They met, discussed and drafted the following message, which is in the President's hands by now:

PRESIDENT, Washington:

Protest against nomination Cotterill of Ohio. Strong sentiment that Hawaii can furnish capable residents for local federal offices. Appointments made last eight years justify belief.

TERRITORIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, REPUBLICAN PARTY.

Prompt Action Probably Effective.

It is expected that the representation of the local Republicans will prevent the contemplated appointment. It is taken for granted that the President does not realize actual conditions here and has advanced the candidacy of Cotterill without appreciating the situation. The local Republican leaders, who have always consistently opposed the appointment of outsiders, will correct any misapprehensions the President and Secretary MacVeagh may have.

As in the case of the contemplated ordering of a regiment of marines to Honolulu, announced recently by The Advertiser, the prompt work of Delegate Kuhio and other leading Republicans in protesting for quick action in immediate change of orders.

The same prompt protests are expected to have effect in this case.

MACHINERY TO DOUBLE THE CAPACITY OF ELECTRIC COMPANY BEING RUSHED

Twenty-three days from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, to Honolulu will be the record established by a huge piece of machinery consigned to the Hawaiian Electric Company, due to arrive here next Tuesday morning aboard the Matson steamship Wilhelmina, machinery which will double the capacity of the Hawaiian Electric Company's power plant.

This engine of the turbine style, which was ordered recently by the electric company, was eight days on the road from Pittsburg to San Francisco, and lay there possibly two or three days before being loaded into the Wilhelmina. The Wilhelmina left San Francisco yesterday, and will get in on Tuesday.

F. C. Jones, the local capitalist, who has been a leading stockholder of the Hawaiian Electric Company, recently established a passenger record from Honolulu to Boston of eleven days, making close connections all the way across the continent, but while that was a feat, the record of the huge piece of machinery is more remarkable, as it is considered a more bulky item of freight, and not supposed to travel in fast or special trains.

The Hawaiian Electric Company is doubling its plant and capacity. About four years ago the plant was doubled to meet the growth of the city, and the continued growth has made it necessary to again double. The Rapid Transit company is also installing machinery which will double the power capacity, in order to meet the city's growth and increase of travel.

The new machinery will be installed under the same roof with the present machinery, although the building may be enlarged. The company owns vacant property lying adjoining the power building.

LIEUTENANT LEO SAHM WILL HAVE FULL CHARGE OF HAWAIIAN LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT

Lieut. Leo Sahm of the United States Navy, has been detailed as inspector of the nineteenth lighthouse district with headquarters at Honolulu. This information is contained in a dispatch from Washington, dated October 18.

Lieutenant Sahm was born in Dubuque, Iowa. He was on furlough and a visit in Dubuque at the time the announcement of his appointment was made. He went into the service about eleven years ago.

The post here is an important one and his Dubuque friends are elated over the navy department's choice. During his service at sea which has taken him into many parts of the world, Lieutenant Sahm has amassed a collection of curios and trinkets which are of considerable value.

Lieutenant Sahm is expected to arrive here in about a week or ten days.

Lieut. Comdr. Victor Houston, who has been relieved of lighthouse duties here, has been ordered to duty with the A-battle squadron, and will leave for the Orient as soon as his successor arrives.

GOVERNOR COMMENCES THE ACTUAL WORK UPON NEW Y. M. C. A. BUILDING

Six blows of a pick, three shovelfuls of dirt, four implements of the soil wielded by Governor Walter F. Frear, at the noon hour yesterday, marked the commencement of the building operations on the site of the soon to be erected Honolulu Y. M. C. A. home. In the center of a throng of business men and representatives of various churches, as well as the officers of the Y. M. C. A., Hawaii's Governor became a mechanic for the time being and, as the first of a battalion of men who will work upon the building.

Like a true workingman, the Governor threw off his coat, displaying a pair of blue suspenders over his shoulders. He spat upon his hands, took the pick handed to him by Superintendent of Construction Chalmers, and with a swish the sharpened implement sank deep into the soil. This was followed by five more blows which loosened up the soil which was removed in three scoops of the long handled shovel.

When the Governor had completed his work he was applauded. Wiping the honest sweat from his brow he drew on his coat again, the benediction was pronounced by Canon Atkins of St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral, the pick and shovel were taken in hand by Mr. Chalmers, the crowd drifted away and the men on the payroll entered the grounds and shortly afterward the dirt began to fly in real earnest.

The ground breaking ceremony was brief. A space had been roped in for a few board tones and in this stood the Governor, General Secretary Paul Super of the Y. M. C. A., President Trent of the association and Rev. A. C. McKeever of the Christian Church. Mr. Trent introduced Mr. McKeever, who invoked the blessing upon those who were responsible for this institution and also for the young men of the navy, and called for divine blessings upon those who had donated the funds to meet the expense.

Secretary Super followed with a brief talk upon the splendid response of the community toward the opening fund which has made possible the building.

The building will cost $125,000, and its architect's fee will bring the building cost up to $130,000. The cost of the lot added and other expenses bring the total to the $200,000 mark.

ESCAPED PRISONER RECAPTURED AND MANHANDLED BY THE POLICE

Caught on the fly (illegible) in a midnight dash of a long chase through the city, Harry Benson, the escaped convict, was once again returned to the city prison.

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