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AMERICANS DID NOT TAKE PART.

Held Back By Orders From Fighting at Taku.

KEMPF IS ACTIVE NOW.

TRANSPORT GRANT WILL PROBABLY CARRY TROOPS FOR CHINA.

Two Squadrons of Sixth Cavalry Expected to Sail on Her from San Francisco.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—The Navy Department received a long cablegram to-day from Rear-Admiral Kempf, which was the most important to the State and Navy Departments which has reached Washington.

Admiral Kempf now informs the world officially that the American forces did not take part in the capture of the forts at Taku. This discloses the fact that he had received, before the battle, instructions from this Government not to act jointly with the powers in any aggressive act against China.

Admiral Kempf, however, significantly declares that he is now making common cause with the foreign forces for the general protection. This reveals another important fact, that since the attack on the fleet, in which the American vessels were an integral part, the American forces in China are to assert themselves just as it seems done by the other troops, regardless of previous instructions and by reason of the act of war committed by China.

Other important declarations by Admiral Kempf are that there was an attack on Tien-Tsin on the 17th inst., which verifies the press reports, and as he does not mention Minister Conner, there is not information at Taku as to the fate of the Ministers of legations at Peking or the relief column.

It appears from this official bulletin of Kempf that there are 9000 troops now at Taku. The cable from Kempf was severely edited at the White House, the State Department and the Navy Department.

The President had the heads of several departments before him this morning, and criticized them for what he considers unnecessary delay in getting news to and from Taku.

There will in future be frequent communication between Taku and Chee Foo until the army of relief shall have at least captured Tien-Tsin and the cable office.

While it is possible that the Russian, German, English and Japanese forces will advance probably to the relief of Tien-Tsin at once if a reconnaissance shows it to be feasible, it is not likely that the movement against Peking will begin until the arrival of the American troops from Manila.

GRANT TO CARRY TROOPS TO TAKU.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—The Government is in a position to forward reinforcements to China from San Francisco without the loss of much time, as arrangements already have been completed for the dispatch of two squadrons of the Sixth Cavalry, numbering about 900 men, and a battalion of marines, numbering 320 men, to Manila by the transport Grant, which is scheduled to sail from San Francisco about the 1st proximo.

The original intention was to send this force to Manila for the relief of volunteer troops to be brought home for discharge June 30 next, in case it is desired it will be a simple matter to change the destination of the Grant from Manila to Taku and by so doing place over 1000 well-drilled troops at the disposal of the officer in command of the American forces in China.

The Grant is a fast ship and can make the run between San Francisco and Taku in about 30 days. Such an assignment would have a double purpose. It would augment the strength of the American forces in China, and at the same time serve to render unnecessary a further depletion of the garrisons in the Philippines, a course which, it is said, would be somewhat embarrassing to General Mac Arthur in the execution of his plans for the preservation of order in the distant islands.

The dispatch of the Grant last night to the effect that the United States transport Thomas, with troops from Manila, was diverted at Nagasaki and had arrived at Taku with 1200 men, is said by the War Department officials to be without foundation.

GERMAN CRUISERS UNDER RUSH ORDERS.

BERLIN, June 21.—The responsibility of the Chinese Government for recent events," said a high official of the Foreign Office, "is now clearly proved. It has been ascertained that 10,000 Chinese troops who deserted to the Boxers did so under direct orders from the Chinese Government. The promotion to the highest positions of notorious anti-European officials also points in the same direction. This is the war of China against all foreigners, including Germany, and the point now is to go ahead vigorously, quickly,

and resolutely, no matter what the final outcome may be.

The government has ordered the German Consul at Chee Foo to establish a service by sea between Chee Foo and Taku immediately. The gunboat Leichs, which arrived at Kiel yesterday, destined for South America, has been ordered to proceed to China, and is hastily preparing to sail to-morrow.

The new armored cruiser Puerst Bismarck is under orders to be ready to sail for China within a week. The naval authorities in the shipyard at Kiel are showing extraordinary activity. An order has been issued directing that marines whose terms of service expire next month shall be retained in service. Major General Von Hoepfer will command the battalion of marines sent to China.

UNCLE SAM IS NOT BACKING THE EMPEROR.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—The State Department officials do not hesitate to give a flat denial to the story from Rome to the effect that the United States has suggested to the powers the restoration of the young Emperor of China, with Li Hung Chang as his adviser. The United States Government has made no suggestion whatever to the powers respecting the restoration of the Emperor nor has it even discussed measures for the future government of China. All of the exchanges it has had respecting China with foreign powers have related solely to the support of the legations and missionaries and the military and naval matters connected therewith.

COMPANY B "HIGH JINKS."

OLD AND NEW MEMBERS HAVE A JOLLY TIME.

New Rifle Butts to be Taken Up Monday—Boys Firm in American Allegiance.

Company B had a very enjoyable "High Jinks" at their company room for the drill shed last night. About forty of the boys turned out and enjoyed the beer and soft drinks, interspersed with crackers and music in the most informal, but enjoyable manner. Ex-Sergeant Fraser was there, and assisted by Corporal Kiley and Musician Rensler, made some of the music which made the street at Camp Jones so popular during the quarantine times. "Colonel" Rodgers was not there to add his big voice to the chorus, he having left for the Rio to take charge of a theatrical business in the States.

Companies A, Captain Klemme, and H. Captain Murray, had a drill in the drill shed and vicinity last night. The music brought a good many people to their doors.

Preparations go on apace for the new rifle butts. Something definite may be decided upon at a meeting of the officers of the regiment next Monday night. It will probably cost about \$1200 to \$1500 to build a proper rifle range and put in the appliances in proper shape, part of which sum they expect the Board of Health to pay on account of having used their old rifle butts for a pest house.

The boys indignantly deny that they consider the status of the regiment is changed on account of the Organic Act having passed. They say the old oath of allegiance required to the Republic of Hawaii had also a clause which made the applicant for enlistment swear allegiance to the Constitution of the United States, and as one of the officers remarked, "There can be no allegiance to two powers. It would not make any difference if you took an oath of allegiance to the 'Republic of China,' if in the same oath you swore allegiance to the United States and the American flag floated over the country, you would have to obey the orders of the United States Government. The trouble with ex-Sergeant Wilson of the artillery was that he thought he was going to be pushed for a commission, because he was formerly in the regular army, at the expense of all the faithful fellows who have stood by the regiment and their companies. He must understand, as all the boys who have belonged to the regiment since the beginning of time now understand, that one is as good as another, whether he happens to be an officer or a private in the rear."

The regiment hopes to turn out in fine form for the Fourth of July exercises, notwithstanding the difficulties under which they have been laboring, ever since the quarantine was lifted.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Orpheum was filled to the doors last night for the first production of "El Capitán." This is the best, bill the Southwells have given. Quite a lot of special scenery was prepared for the production, and it added much to the stage settings. William Wolf, as Don Enrique Melgare, the recently appointed Viceroy of Peru, was at his best. His drinking song was great. Hattie Belle Laird has never done anything better than the hero-worshipping maiden. Esmeralda, notwithstanding her charming and her acting lively, Winifred Goff entered into the spirit of the ex-Viceroy, as he has done in no other character that he has portrayed here. Grafton Baker sang and acted well, while Phil Henson, as the poor chamberlain, extracted all the humor there was in the role. Miss Salinger and Bessie Fairbairn were up to their usual good standard. Tills Adair's troupe should be complimented as to her makeup, for it would give anyone the "headache." All the chorus sang well and marched as if they enjoyed it. The climax of the second act, with its "Stars and Stripes Forever" as a finale, received a rapturous encore. This is the best attraction the Southwells have presented since their season here began.

MOST PROMISING NEW INDUSTRY.

How Rocky and Worthless Land Can be Utilized.

THE SISAL FIBRE PLANT.

WHAT IS BEING DONE IN ITS CULTIVATION HERE.

Praiseworthy Work of a Local Company in Making of the Desert Blossom and Produce.

At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Hawaiian Fiber Company, Limited, the following stockholders were elected officers: Cecil Brown, president; M. P. Robinson, vice-president; W. C. Weedon, secretary and treasurer, and W. G. Ashley auditor. E. F. Dillingham and other prominent business men, as well as the Ewa plantation, are largely interested in the company.

Yesterday Mr. Weedon accorded a Republican reporter a very interesting interview on the work of the company and how barren and unproductive land could be profitably utilized in growing the fiber plant.

"The company," said Mr. Weedon, "has secured from the railroad company 3900 acres of land. This land is two miles west of the Ewa plantation. One thousand acres of this tract is laid out. Six hundred acres are fenced in with a stone wall built from stone taken from the land. Three hundred and two acres are cleared. We have planted 50,000 plants, or 25 acres. We have built a manager's house and comfortable quarters for the laborers. We have sunk a well and are getting a good supply of water. We are pushing the work, clearing ground, laying out walks and erecting permanent stone fences. The farm or plantation is called 'Sisal Farm,' after the name of the plant.

"Sisal belongs to the aloes family. It is a desert plant and can be raised profitably on rough, rocky, arid flats, where a grow cannot be used—land unsuited and worthless for sugar growing or anything else. It can be grown without irrigation, although the fronds of the plant, from which the cordage is made, might be larger and plumper if the plants were irrigated. During the late dry and hot weather our 215 acres set to the plants have grown surprisingly well. We have scarcely lost a plant.

"It takes from two and a half to three years for the plants to mature from the suckers. From plants two and a half years old we obtained sisal fiber four feet in length. The fiber was made by hand specimens of it were sent to experts on the mainland, who pronounced it unexcelled in quality by any sisal fiber grown elsewhere.

"Sisal is different from Manila hemp. It is superior to hemp for marine or naval cordage. Two years ago prepared fiber brought in the market from 3 to 3 1/2 cents a pound. Now it fetches from 5 1/2 to 6 1/2 cents a pound.

"The cutting of plants after they reach their growth occurs twice a year. When the lower fronds obtain a horizontal position they are ready for cutting. From 16 to 30 fronds are taken from each plant. The process of peeling continues for five to seven years. Each frond makes a separate fiber. After the fronds are cut the pulp is extracted and the fiber is washed and baled for the market.

"We set the plants from nine to 11 feet apart. In Bermuda they are set much closer. The fronds of the plants must not touch each other. There is a hard, horn spike, sharp as a needle, on each end of each frond. When they come in contact they tear and bruise and materially and injuriously affect the fiber.

"The company believes that this industry will become one of the most profitable industries of the Islands. Land valuing for the purpose can be utilized, as I have said, in growing sisal; the cost of production is nominal and no irrigation is necessary in its cultivation.

"There are many thousands of acres of land in the group that will grow sisal and nothing else. When our entire acreage comes in bearing we probably shall erect a plant to manufacture the fiber. It is a very promising industry."

A CHATAUQUA MAY BE ORGANIZED HERE.

Y. M. C. A. Camp Plans Bulwarging Rapidly—Splendid Site in Upper Manoa Valley.

There is a prospect of Honolulu having a full-grown Chatauqua. It lies with the Territorial government to say. The rest can be arranged, if the Commissioner of Lands will give the 20 years' lease desired.

The Y. M. C. A. camp plans have grown to this. Permission has been given to hold the camp on the slopes of upper Manoa valley on government land. The Junior camp will open July 16 and last ten days, and the Senior will then have ten days to spend in one of the most charming spots in beautiful Manoa valley. When they are ready to leave there may be another

ten days given up to the members and their wives and friends.

Arrangements are not complete, as the directors of the Y. M. C. A. did not meet last evening; but when the committee that has the matter in hand gets to work, they are expected to ask for a ten or twenty years' lease on the property. In that event they will be able to build permanent cottages, plat the ground and sell lots, and ere another year rolls around another American institution will have been planted on Hawaiian soil—the renowned summer Chatauqua encampment.

THE TROUBLES OF AN ATTORNEY.

Miss McKeig's Testimony in the MacPherson Case.

TALKS ABOUT MARRIAGE.

THE WITNESS TELLS ABOUT A COURTSHIP OF THE PAST.

Lawyer Brooks Says That the Suit is Brought to Extort Money Out of Him.

Of willowy form is Miss Gertrude McKeig. She is of medium height, with luxuriant black hair and of prepossessing appearance. She was attired yesterday, as she appeared before Court Commissioner Lucas, in fluffy white.

Miss McKeig was present to give evidence in the action brought by Mrs. J. H. MacPherson against F. M. Brooks, a member of the Honolulu bar, to recover \$4,750, money alleged to have been loaned Brooks when the now Mrs. J. H. MacPherson was Mrs. Mary Porter.

Miss McKeig was accompanied by Mrs. MacPherson, a comely lady, bordering on the blonde type. She was attired in a becoming gown of black tulle.

Miss McKeig is about to leave the country, and as she is an important witness for the plaintiff, the Court Commissioner was instructed to take her testimony.

Miss McKeig, when she first took the stand, was somewhat embarrassed, but as the hearing progressed, her perplexity wore away. Coxy she gave her age as 22. She was acquainted with Mrs. MacPherson when she was Mrs. Mary A. Porter; in fact, she was her intimate friend, residing in the house with her. This was before Mrs. Porter's marriage to MacPherson in January last.

When staying with Mrs. Porter she became acquainted with the defendant Mr. Brooks. He used to visit Mrs. Porter frequently, and finally Mrs. Porter told her that the legal luminary had offered his hand in marriage and that she had accepted. The couple seemed very much attached to each other, and she inferred that there would be a wedding and a luau.

It was under these conditions, with the prospect of a marriage in the near future, that Mrs. Porter loaned the attorney \$1,500. With this money Brooks went to the Philippines to blaze a name and make a fortune in a land where the spat of the bullet could be heard and the warwhoop of the Filipino resounded through the tropical jungles.

Mr. Brooks returned to Honolulu. On his return, according to the witness, he told her that Mrs. Porter had given him \$1,500 to go to the Philippines. Mrs. Porter had frequently told the witness that she had given Brooks this money to start him in business in the far off land. That Mrs. Porter and the defendant had first contemplated being married in Honolulu, but on Mr. Brooks' departure they had changed their minds; that upon Mr. Brooks' being nicely established in a lucrative business Mrs. Porter would go to the Philippines and meet her intended husband, and then wedding bells would make the tropics vibrate with joy.

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THE COUNCIL IN SESSION.

QUESTION OF SALARY FOR PRESIDENT OFFICIALS.

Suggestion of Inspector Flint About Postoffice—Other Matters of Interest.

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Mr. Wray Taylor, who received his commission Saturday last, was formally introduced to the members of the meeting and took his seat. Governor Dole read the correspondence between Minister Mott-Smith and Secretary of State Hay, relating to the pay of the present official heads of departments from June 14 until the Legislature meets in next February. The correspondence shows that Mr.

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Mott-Smith had sent a schedule of salaries to be paid during that period.

Secretary Hay replied that the authorities at Washington did not care to take any action in the matter. This leaves the present officials to draw the salaries which, under the republic, were paid for the corresponding positions. Under this interpretation all the present heads of departments will receive a pro rata of \$8,000 per year, except the Commissioners of Public Lands and Agriculture, the latter receiving but \$2,100 a year and the former about \$2,400.

The Governor asked Superintendent McCandless what had been done in the matter of new plans for the rebuilding of Chinatown. Mr. McCandless replied that there were now completed two maps, showing the new streets and proposed improvements, which he would shortly lay before the council meeting.

Treasurer Lansing read a petition asking for articles of incorporation for the Union Soda Works of Oahu. This was returned for the correction of an error in the draft. He also read the application for articles of incorporation for the Hawaiian Orphanage and Industrial Association, Limited. In reference to this application, Attorney General Dole gave it as his opinion there was no legal reason why they should not be filed.

An application for a dealer's license for Hilo, made by S. I. Shaw, was approved.

Treasurer Lansing stated that Mr. Murray, chief of the postal money order department, had drawn his attention to the difficulty they were having in getting in the postal bank pass-books and in issuing certificates therefor. The certificates were difficult for the layman to fill in, as he was not acquainted with the technicalities thereof. The matter was discussed, but no recommendation was made.

A letter was read from H. M. Flint, postoffice inspector, to Postmaster Oat, about the Hawaiian postage stamps lately ordered to be sent by the postmaster to the United States authorities for cancellation. Mr. Flint stated that the order had been issued under the impression that the Hawaiian stamps belonged to the Government; but he had since learned that in most, if not in all cases, they had been purchased outright by the postmasters and were their private property. Most of the postmasters, his letter said, had obeyed his order and forwarded their stamps to Washington.

The matter was discussed and will probably be settled by the United States Government exchanging with the Hawaiian postmasters an equal amount of current stamps for those sent.

Superintendent McCandless spoke of the recent meeting of the board of underwriters, at which he was present. The underwriters had expressed themselves as willing to do everything in their power to help prevent frame buildings from being erected in the new Chinatown. They further said that while they could not make the rates of insurance prohibitive they would place them as high as they possibly could under their system of rating.

Continuing, Superintendent McCandless said that Mr. Chance, agent of the Treasury Department, had called on him and talked over the matter of the postoffice building and property; Mr. Chance had suggested that the local government should take a trip to Hawaii during the next few weeks and look into the advisability of having the trees on the property cut.

HER AUTOMOBILE BALKED.

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani Ends Her Ride in a Tram Car.

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani started out for a ride to Waikiki on her American automobile yesterday morning and returned in an English "horseless carriage."

It happened this way. The Queen brought with her to Honolulu an automobile of the latest pattern, propelled by gasoline. Five gallons of oil will run the machine forty miles. Thinking she had plenty of power in the tank, she anticipated a pleasant ride to Waikiki. The going was according to schedule and part of the return, but just outside of Hon. Paul Neumann's house her machine stopped. Someone had borrowed her vehicle and the fuel had run low. After telephoning for a hack and waiting what seemed an interminable time, the ex-Queen decided to make haste slowly and took a parking tram to Washington Place in the most democratic fashion.

VERY NEARLY DROWNED.

Serious Accident Narrowly Averted at Waikiki Sunday.

Mrs. Al Hilleary, a recent arrival in Honolulu came near being drowned at the Hawaiian Hotel Annex while in bathing last Sunday. She had been out pretty far and doubtless became exhausted, for she had a hard time reaching the neighborhood of the bathroom in the water, but none in her neighborhood. A wave pushed her down, and although she got up laughing, she fell again. The incident happened on the Ewa side of the bathroom and few saw her peril. A young man well known about town, who was sitting on the bank of the bathroom, quickly drew off his coat and would have jumped over the railing into the water, 15 feet below, but a male companion appeared in the nick of time. He at first did not seem to think the lady in much peril, and only upon the people, who saw the situation, crying repeatedly, "Pull her out! Pull her out!" did he finally sense her and draw her from the water by a main force. Fortunately, he was in time to prevent any serious results following the experience.

Was Robbery Intended?

L. Endloch, a young man with a pocket full of money and a skin full of bad whiskey, was brought to the police station early this morning and locked up for investigation. J. S. Kahahawai was on his way home last night and was stopped at the corner of School and Nuuanu by Endloch. Kahahawai yelled for help and Endloch started to run. He was followed by the man he stopped and officer Espinosa, hearing the cries for assistance, ran up and arrested Endloch. He started for the police station with the fellow and when Love's Bakery was reached Endloch turned on the officer and a hand tussle ensued in which Espinosa's coat was badly torn. The man was finally got to the station where, when searched, he was found to have quite a sum of gold on his person.

He was locked up and began to cry then to pray in a fashion that would have done credit to a revivalist. The man claims to be the son of the British Consul in Cebu. He appears to be a sailor.

Matt Howard the horseman was taken dangerously ill at Long Branch on Sunday. He was attended by Drs. Winslow and Murray at the resort and later removed to his home on Vineyard street.

ATTORNEY GEAR'S EASTERN TRIP.

Object of His Visit to the National Capital.

THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED INTEREST TAKEN BY HIM IN A CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION.

Harold M. Sowell's Appointment as a National Committeeman Warmly Commended—What it Means.

George D. Gear, the well-known attorney, returned on the China. "I left here on the 1st of April," said Mr. Gear to a Republican reporter last night, "and went direct to Washington. I visited the national capital on a matter of vital importance to the people of these islands. It was to labor for the appointment of able lawyers and men of upright character to positions on the bench of Hawaii.

"I had a very pleasant time in Washington. Senator Gear of Iowa is a relative of mine, and through him I met many prominent men in Washington, among them Congressman Dooliver of Iowa, who was a prominent candidate for Vice-President at the Philadelphia convention. I saw the President a number of times and was accorded several lengthy interviews with him.

"This was my second visit to Washington. The first time, as a member, was to test a constitutional question through habeas corpus proceedings before the United States Supreme Court in the Galician matter. On that occasion, before I reached Washington, the Galicians were liberated.

"At Washington I met Mr. Stevens, a very eminent lawyer and attorney for the Japanese Ambassador. We discussed the Ihara Ishiguro case. Ihara was charged with and tried for murder committed in the Kahuku riots. He was convicted under the Hawaiian law of murder in the first degree, two jurors dissenting, and this, too, at a time when Hawaii was under the American flag. My talks with Mr. Stevens induced him to write to Governor Dole, asking him to relieve Ihara until such time as his case could be heard by the Federal courts. This, as you know, Governor Dole granted. It is the opinion of the ablest lawyers and most profound jurists in the States that the Constitution of the United States was in force here on the day the flag was raised. In my judgment, there is no doubt about the matter.

"Times in the States are good, and the material of the people seem to be prospering. I returned by way of the Canadian-Pacific. You have no conception of the wonderful growth and development of the Dominion. The wheat fields of Manitoba are a revelation. Seattle is a fine business place. It is getting the cream of the trade with Alaska.

"What do I think of the ticket? Personally, I favored Dooliver for second place. He extended many courtesies to me when in Washington, and, of course, being a friend of his, I should like him to have been nominated. Roosevelt is a strong man, and will strengthen the ticket.

"Will I take an active part in Honolulu politics? No. Just at present I am out of politics. I wasn't here when the parties were organized. In the States I used to be a Republican, and carried the banner and shouted with the boys. But just at present I don't feel like participating in political torchlight processions.

"One thing that heartily pleased me was the selection of Harold M. Sowell as national committeeman from Hawaii. He will make an efficient member of the committee. Mr. Sowell stands well among the prominent leaders of the party. He commands respect, and he is influential. His influence will be exercised in building up the party in Hawaii and making its power felt nationally."

Bicycle Riders Arrested.

The police are still on the lookout for bicycle riders who pass in the night without showing a light. Last night Ah Chin and Oliver were locked up for not carrying a light on their vehicles.