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## ROOSEVELT IN FRISCO

THE PRESIDENT REVIEWS TROOPS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE GOLDEN GATE CITY AND IS GREETED BY LARGE CROWDS—WILL SPEND TWO MORE DAYS IN THE CALIFORNIA METROPOLIS.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 13.—President Roosevelt reviewed the troops here today before an immense throng. There was also a parade of school children, which the President reviewed. He will spend two more days here.

### MASSACRE OF JEWS.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 13.—A massacre of Jews is reported from Kisscheneff. The bodies of the victims were terribly mutilated.

### STEAMER ASHORE.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

SHANGHAI, May 13.—The steamer Pembroke is ashore here and in danger of going to pieces.

### REBELS REPULSED.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

TETUAN, May 13.—In a battle with the government troops here today the rebels were repulsed.

### BAGDAD TO GET RAILROAD.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

PARIS, May 13.—The proposition to build a railroad to Bagdad has been revived by local capitalists. The scheme met with great favor a few years ago and some valuable concessions were secured.

### MARTIAL LAW DECLARED.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

VALPARAISO, May 13.—Extensive riots occurred here today, resulting in forty people being killed. Martial law has been declared.

### BRITISH VESSEL LAUNCHED.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

LONDON, May 13.—The warship Commonwealth was successfully launched here today, before a large crowd of people.

### AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT MEETS TODAY.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

MELBOURNE, May 13.—The Australian Parliament assembled today.

## USED A COFFIN FOR A HIDING PLACE

Bookmaker, Pursued by Officers, Puts Incriminating Papers In With a Corpse.

CHICAGO, May 2.—A coffin containing a body was the place selected by a bookmaker to hide the evidence of his guilt when pursued by detectives. Running out of Halpun's saloon, at 873 Milwaukee avenue, where he operated his hand book, with two detectives connected with Chief of Police O'Neill's office close at his heels, the fugitive dashed into an undertaking establishment and ran into the rear room. In his excitement the man raised the lid of a coffin, scattered a number of papers about the body therein, and then reclosed the lid.

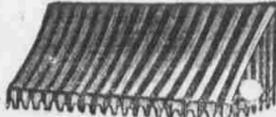
A few moments later, when the detectives followed, they found their fugitive in the room and placed him under arrest. He denied emphatically that he was guilty of operating a hand book, and demanded to be searched for evidence. His demand was complied with, but despite the closest search the police could find no evidence. They were about to leave the establishment when Detective Hughes noticed that the coffin standing in the center of the room had been disturbed. The detectives raised the lid and found lying about the corpse several papers which, upon investigation, were found to contain records of races being run at different tracks throughout the country. The prisoner admitted his guilt, and Justice Severson fined him \$25 and costs.



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## I HAVE NEITHER REMEDIES NOR LOTIONS TO GIVE

"I came to your city in the interests, particularly of immigration. Having only been in charge of the Bureau since June last, I am seeking now to familiarize myself with the conditions of immigration. Hence I came here. I have been the recipient of many kindnesses since my arrival, and have been afforded opportunities which have enabled me to learn much more in the short time of my stay, than would have been possible in months without.

"Before leaving Washington I was asked by the officers of the Congress of Commerce with which I shall be connected after July next, if I had time, to look into the subject of labor. And so I have. I have been impressed with the marvellous quality of these islands. I am satisfied that in these islands the United States have the richest lands within its borders, and in the business men of these islands some of the most energetic and resourceful men in our population. If you weren't, you wouldn't have put the investments here that you have.

"I have found a number of things here which have more or less surprised me, because things are different than I had heard they were. We had been told in the states that labor was oppressed down here; that you were hard taskmasters. Well, I have been out on some of your plantations and I have seen something of your labor and its conditions. I was impressed with the arrangements for the comfort, care and health of your laborers. Of course I recognize that some of these arrangements may not be fully appreciated, or utilized to their fullest by the laborers, but you have provided them. There were gardens, and sanitary appliances, and doubtless as the orientals become more Americanized they will more fully appreciate these things.

"As a labor man, as one who has been connected with labor organizations for the past eighteen years, I had thought it possible you might view me with some suspicion; that you might look on me as a sort of agitator, or walking delegate going about seeking to drive further apart two things which ought to be in cooperation, capital and labor. But I am not an agitator. I come here with no remedy or lotion to apply to your problems. I come here to see for myself, to learn at first hand, and to report what I have seen and what has been presented to me. When I go back if I am asked my opinions I shall give them without hesitation, and I shall say that if you are aided by proper legislation, you will develop here one of the finest portions of the American domain.

"I am very happy to have met so many of you personally, and to have had the honor and privilege of addressing this body."—Commissioner of Immigration, F. P. Sargent, to the Chamber of Commerce this morning.

## THE NEW BOARD DECIDES TO ACT

ATTORNEY GENERAL ANDREWS INSTRUCTED TO TAKE STEPS TO SECURE CONTROL OF PROPERTY COOPER REFUSED TO TURN OVER—OPINION RENDERED IN FAVOR OF LEGALITY OF THE COUNTY ACT.

Attorney General Andrews was instructed this morning by the Board of Public Institutions to "take such steps as are necessary to obtain immediate possession of property in control of the Superintendent of Public Works which the Board has demanded of him." The Board received an opinion from Andrews sustaining the county bill and acting under the instruction quoted, Andrews will proceed at once, probably by mandamus, to secure possession of the disputed property.

The Board met in the executive chambers, as a result of a call by the Governor, to receive Andrews' opinion. Governor Dole, Secretary Carter, Attorney General Andrews and Auditor Fisher were present, and Superintendent of Public Institution Atkinson arrived later.

A letter was received from Dr. Pratt, executive officer of the Board of Health, in reply to the demand that the Board turn over the Insane Asylum, stating that the matter would receive attention as soon as the new Board of Health was organized.

## THE PEARL HARBOR CASE

What Judge Ross of the United States Circuit of Appeals Says Regarding the Right to a Trial by Jury.

In the case of the United States of America, plaintiff in error, against the Honolulu Plantation Company, defendant in error, Judge Ross of the United States Circuit of Appeals, sitting with Judges Gilbert and Morrow, delivered the opinion of the court, reversing the judgment of the lower court, and remanding the cause for a new trial.

The action was brought to condemn 561.2 acres of land, bordering on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on which to establish a naval station. The fee of the land having been acquired by the Government, the only question presented for trial in the court below was the amount of compensation to be made by the Government for two leasehold interests, in and to, the land sought to be taken, held by the defendant. One of these leases expires in the year 1908, and the other then commences and continues for a long period. The testimony of the company's manager, Mr. Low, was to the effect that about 324 acres of the 561.2 acres were valuable for the growing of sugar cane. He, and a number of other witnesses, however, estimated the value of the leasehold interest at many hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The sole issue presented and tried in the court below was the value of the company's interest in the tract sought to be taken. The Government officials appraised this at \$20,000. There were two trials, in each

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## TO BURN VOUCHERS

THE CONTROLLING ELEMENTS IN THE HOUSE HAVE DECIDED THAT NOBODY SHALL KNOW HOW THE \$38,000 OF EXPENSE MONEY WAS SPENT—NOT EVEN MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE MAY SEE VOUCHERS.

The House vouchers for \$38,000 spent during the regular session are to be destroyed. The House is apparently afraid to show them to the public, and they will not be turned over to Secretary Carter as a part of the records of the session. No taxpayer who may be interested, not even a member of the House, is allowed to see these significant records which tell the story of where the money went. "They would create ill feeling," and "they would blacken the native character," are reasons given for the concealment and the grafters who grafted on the \$38,000 rest secure and happy.

There may not be stories of corruption in the \$500 odd vouchers which the House is afraid to make public, but rumor says there are. In one instance rumor is quite definite—and the vouchers are to be burned.

Representative Kumalae, who knows something about the vouchers, is quoted as saying that they ought not to be exposed because "they would blacken the native character." Kumalae is among the native characters and may know what he is talking about. Others also think there might be some blackening of characters.

The vouchers are even kept from members, since The Star called attention to them. If the facts they would reveal are clean, why is such careful secrecy maintained? Why was a consultation quietly held when it was found that The Star wanted the vouchers and why did the consultation result in a decision that the fateful documents must be put to the torch?

The House, which sets fire to its receipted bills for public money, is the honorable body which assumed to investigate and censure Governor Dole and Secretary Cooper for "unbusiness like" methods! It is the same body which hastily adopted a report saying that The Star was guilty of unjournalistic conduct in publishing one notorious scandal—still unexplained—and saying also that the scandalous reports were "utterly without foundation." The secreting and burning of records of payments is foundation enough for volumes of scandal. It would be admissible evidence in a criminal prosecution for embezzlement.

Is the report true that a certain individual who did little or no work was clerk of four committees at once, at \$5 per day per committee? Is it true, as stated by a member of the House, that one of the sets of vouchers so carefully hidden away, reveals "the worst steal of the session?" Is it a fact that a certain committee's expenses were "stuffed?" How about the report that the House paid twice for the same work? These are questions that have been indignantly discussed in certain quarters and to which answers are desired.

One suggestion is that the Organic Act was carelessly drawn in the matter of legislative records, and that an amendment should be made calling for the turning over of all accounts. Ordinarily legislative bodies are willing to show accounts, and the average community will not stand suppression of such records. But in Honolulu things are different so far, and \$38,000 of public money has been spent by men who refuse to let the public know in detail what the coin went for.

The explanation given for concealing the vouchers is a practical confession. "They would create ill feeling, and hinder the work of the session," it is stated, aside from the naive excuse that characters would be blackened as they perhaps need blackening, but if the records are straight there is no occasion for any ill feeling.

The latest idea in Graftdom is to have the journal of the House printed in the Hawaiian language as well as English. This is a wholly useless expense, but it would be a harvest for some of the hungry ones, and \$20,000 has been appropriated for House expenses of a session that can pass nothing but appropriation bills. The journal in Hawaiian would be a big fat volume, as large as Husted's directory, and it would provide a way to distribute quite a lot of the \$20,000.

### FORT GEORGE ARRIVED.

The ship Fort George arrived this morning 13 days from San Francisco. This is one of the best passages of the season. Captain Gove says that the sea was the smoothest that he has ever experienced on that run. The vessel will now load sugar for Delaware Breakwater.

### SPECIALS.

White dress goods at Sachs' in latest patterns 8 yards for \$1.99 yards for \$1. and 1 1/4 cents per yard. Turkish towels, \$1.60 dozen. White cotton face towels, \$1.10 per dozen.

### SAVINGS BANK.

Many people start in to save by fits and starts. They make deposits in a savings bank for two or three months and then stop and get into their old habits of spending what they earn. The Pioneer Building & Loan Association by requiring a monthly deposit of the same amount each month breaks them of the spending habit as they soon come to look upon their payments as a monthly expense that must be met.

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### ANOTHER JAPANESE ARREST.

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