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U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, JULY 25.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, trace. Temperature, Max. 85, Min. 76. Weather, fair.

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WANT AMERICAN POSSESSIONS IN TROPICS TO PAY

The Washington Administration Is Beginning to Ask Leading Questions About Productions and Possibilities in Hawaii.

The administration at Washington is beginning to sit up and take notice. Not a doubt of it. Island conditions are being studied by trained minds, and those matters which are not in altogether satisfactory trim will be asked about in ways and by people that will not be denied. And so it behooves the people of these islands to get busy and prepare to be looked at with close scrutiny.

Land Commissioner Pratt has received a letter from the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics in the Department of Commerce and Labor which indicates that there is a deep and well-settled purpose in the minds of the head men at Washington to make the tropical and sub-tropical possessions of the United States pay—to make them produce those things that should be produced in the sub-tropics, and, if they do not, to know the reason why.

Now, the Hawaiian Islands can produce a lot of things that they do not produce now. Everybody here knows that. Most people have a pretty shrewd notion as to why these things have not heretofore been produced. The Chief of the Bureau of Statistics in the Department of Commerce and Labor thinks that very much money that now goes abroad can be saved by promoting the production in the tropical and sub-tropical possessions of those things produced in like regions under other flags, and he wants to know about what the possibilities of Hawaii are in this line. Here is his letter:

AN EPOCH-MAKING LETTER.

Department of Commerce and Labor, Bureau of Statistics, Washington, July 5, 1906.

Commissioner of Public Lands, Honolulu, Hawaii.

"Sir: This Bureau receives many requests for information regarding conditions in Hawaii, and I desire to publish at some convenient time in the near future a monograph on commercial conditions and possibilities in the islands. This should include, of course, statements of the available agricultural and pastoral lands, the classes of articles which can be produced on the lands available, the method by which such lands can be obtained, and any other information of this character.

"I am strongly impressed with the belief that the tropical islands of the United States should, in combination with American capital, be able to produce a large part of the five hundred million dollars worth of tropical and sub-tropical products now brought into the United States from foreign countries, and if I am right in this view, I want to bring the facts to the attention of the American public with the hope of rendering it possible to divert to our own islands and the people much of the money now necessarily sent to other countries for these tropical products for which there is such a large and growing demand in the United States.

"Our imports, as you doubtless know, now include about fifty million dollars worth of india rubber, annually, over fifty million dollars worth raw silk, about forty million dollars worth of fibres, including hemp, jute and sisal, seventy million dollars worth of coffee, about ten million dollars

worth of cocoa, fifteen million dollars worth of tea, and twenty million dollars worth of tobacco, to say nothing of one hundred million dollars worth of sugar in excess of that which we now obtain from the islands.

"I should be glad to receive from you any information which you can conveniently supply which may prove of service in the preparation of a monograph such as that which I have in mind, and should appreciate any co-operation which you may be able to give me.

"Yours very truly,
(Sd.) O. P. AUSTIN,
"Chief of Bureau."

LAND COMMISSIONER WANTS HELP.

That reads like the letter of a man who meant business, and who knew how to go about the doing of it.

"I acknowledge that this letter has rather put me up against it," said Land Commissioner Pratt yesterday. "I am more than willing to give the Department of Commerce and Labor all the information in my power, and to aid Mr. Austin in any way that I can, but I do not know where I am to get as full and complete information as he evidently wants. I would be more than glad to receive any help that I can get in the matter. If anybody has information of the kind desired, on any of the heads spoken of, I will appreciate it if he will bring or send the information to me.

"Of course, in the matter of land acreages it will be all right. I have that in my office. But as to the other points, I am not in possession of as much knowledge as is asked for, and as I would like to give. I therefore ask the help and co-operation of all those interested in the matter."

The Land Commissioner should not ask in vain, either. This is a thing in which the people of the entire Territory are interested. Jared Smith should be able to give points, and the pineapple people, and those men like Bruner who have experimented with coffee. The Washington government is evidently interested in the diversification of industries in the tropical and sub-tropical possessions, and will help the people who help themselves.

PAUL ISENBERG IS NOT A CANDIDATE

"It is due my friends," said Senator Paul Isenberg to a reporter for the Advertiser yesterday, "that I declare myself at this time. I am not a candidate for the Senate and will not be. My friends are calling upon me and asking me to be a candidate, but I have declined and will continue to decline the honor. I do this now so they may have the time and opportunity to secure someone to succeed me."

The Senator has been in rather poor health lately and he feels that he can not afford to go through another campaign, nor will he take upon himself the responsibilities of the position.

"I am too nervous," he said, "to go through another session, much less a campaign. The baseball controversy has upset me and I have notified the other trustees that the report must be made at once and the thing got off our hands. I have already spent several sleepless nights over the matter and do not want any more of it. Say to my friends through the Advertiser that I will not be a candidate for any office, but that I will continue to feel a deep interest in the affairs of the Territory."

GAMBLERS ARE RAISING A POLICE CAMPAIGN FUND

The respectable Japanese residents are indignant over a sudden revival of Japanese gambling here and some of their number called on the Advertiser yesterday and made the following statement:

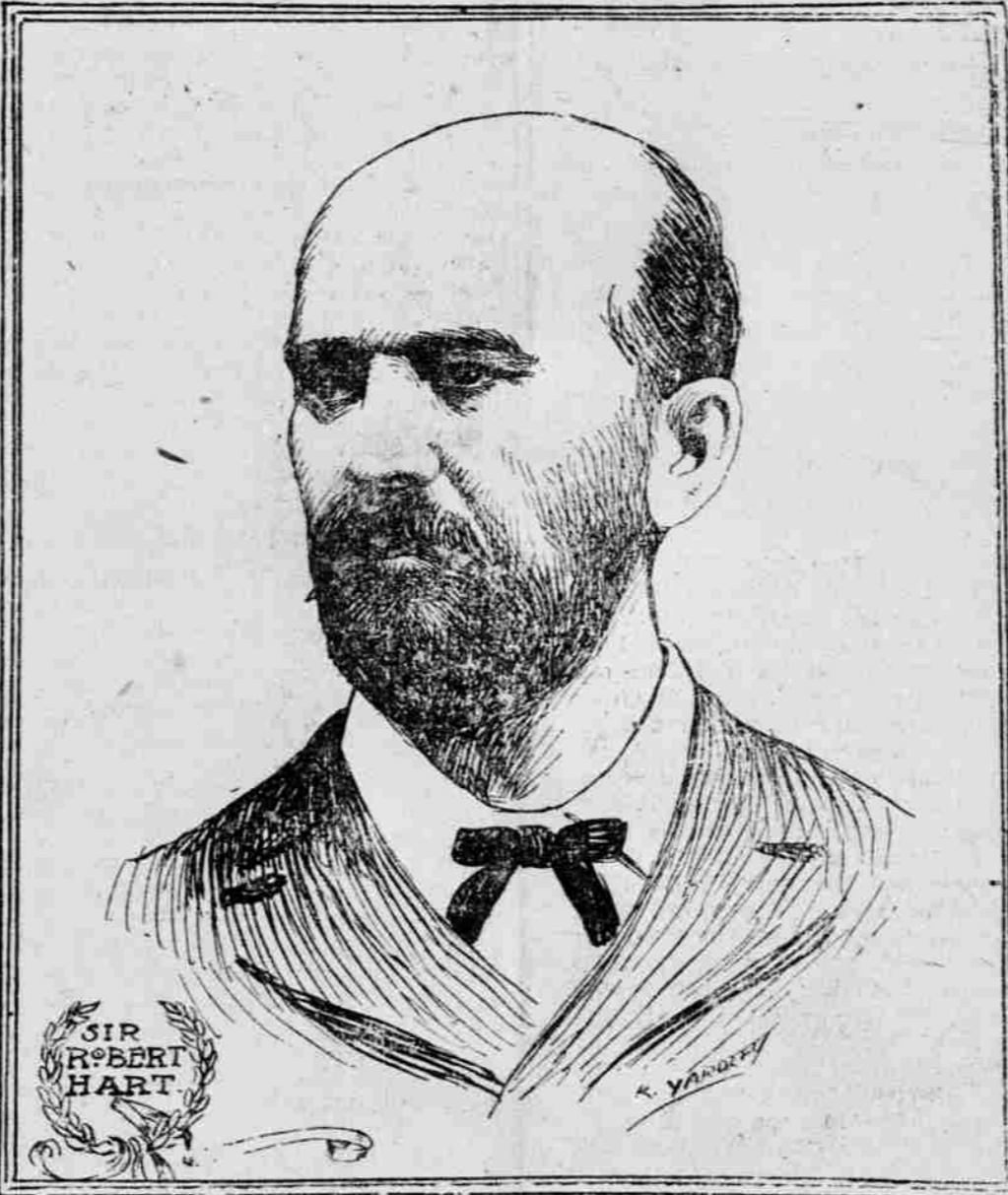
"A large number of Japanese gamblers have returned to town from the plantations and resumed business. Some of them say that permission has been given them to ply their evil trade in return for which they must contribute a percentage of their gains to a police campaign fund. The same arrangement has been made at Iwilei and with the Chinamen. Each protected person must pay from \$5 to \$10 into the fund.

"In one of the cottages in the rear of the Saikaiya hotel, on Liliha street, just makai of the Chinese theater a game was running merrily all day yesterday and a starter on the campaign fund is said to have been made there, the collection being taken up by a police officer, assisted by Nagamori, a former employe of the Sheriff."

NOW SIR ROBERT HART LEAVES THE CUSTOMS SERVICE OF CHINESE

(Associated Press Cablegram.)

PEKING, July 26.—Sir Robert Hart has announced his retirement from the Chinese customs service. He will make his home in England.



Sir Robert Hart entered the Chinese customs service in 1854 and filled a number of important offices in Hongkong, Ningpo and Canton. In 1859 he resigned to accept a position in the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs, receiving special permission from his home government to do so. Since 1863 he has been Inspector General of Customs and since 1896 of Posts. While officially he has never been prominent in Chinese affairs, at the same time his work in that country has been the greatest of all. The revenue of the kingdom passed through his hands, the government of thirty or forty great ports and of 4000 miles of coast line depended upon him, with its gunboats, lighthouses and shipping. Under his control was a staff of 500 Europeans and 2000 natives, systematized into a model civil service.

Quite recently it was announced that the Chinese government proposed superseding him by a Chinese official, an announcement which met with a storm of protest from the European powers, who looked to Hart for the proper collection of the revenues and the surety of the payment of the various claims for indemnity held against China.

LABOR PLENTY WILL CRABBE IN SOUTH SEAS THROW ACHI OVER?

Hawaii Can Get All It Wants From the Islands. Political Gossips Say That Will Be the Next Move.

"The opportunity for labor in Hawaii at this moment lies in Australia," said Leybourne Davidson on the deck of the Mahone yesterday. "The people over there are calling for a 'white Australia' without thinking of the consequences for the result will be disastrous to that country."

The gentleman has been living in Ceylon for several years and for two years past has been interested in rubber in both Ceylon and Malay. He is from Inverness, Scotland, and a member of the Oriental Club of London and one time connected with the Standard. He is a large holder of shares in several of the big rubber estates in Malay and is familiar with the soil and labor conditions of that place. He was one of the early buyers of shares in the Selinger Company at a dollar a share and sold a few months ago at four pounds sterling. The same shares are now on the market at double that price. The Sandycroft Rubber Company, adjoining the Selinger has just made its first tapplings. From a few trees more than 9200 the company secured 8802 pounds of rubber. This company paid ten per cent on its capital of \$85,000 last year and has paid fifteen per cent this year. Next year it expects to pay fifty per cent for at this time only about one-sixth of the trees are in

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The men who are in the political know say that Crabbe is about to throw Achi overboard. The Brown Wolf of the Lantana is too wicked. Now, what do you think of that?

Fancy Crabbe throwing anybody overboard because he is too wicked? And fancy the feelings of Senator Achi when he learns that his dear friend seriously contemplates leaving him to his own devices and making the rest of his fight on the basis of non-association with Achi!

This purpose on the part of Crabbe is a direct outcome of the result of the Republican Precinct Club elections, wherein Achi says he was beaten by fraud, and that Sam Johnson in particular stole a precinct from him. Following those club elections, Brown was considerably strengthened, because the Hawaiians like to flock to a winning side, and it is said that Crabbe lays the result at the door of his erstwhile political mentor. If he does, and there has been a row about it, of course the Crabbe-Achi partnership will not last much longer.

JOHNSON FOR SHERIFF.

A result of the withdrawal of Jack Lucas from the race for Supervisor not altogether unlooked for may be the candidacy of Sam Johnson for Sheriff. It is conceded that Sam would make an energetic and efficient officer, and

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CITY OF TIFLIS ABANDONED TO THE TERRORISTS

The Officials Resign and Bandits Levy Tribute Upon the People---Armenians and Tartars Engage in Bloody War.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

TIFLIS, Russian Caucasia, July 26.—In consequence of the reign of the terrorists, the officers are resigning and a state of anarchy exists.

BANDITS EXACTING TRIBUTE.

Bandits are openly exacting tribute from the people of the town. ARMENIANS AND TARTARS FIGHTING. Armenians and Tartars in several districts have taken up arms and are engaged in bloody fights. Many have been killed on both sides.

STRIKE MAY BE POSTPONED.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 26.—The indications are now that the general strike called throughout the Empire will be postponed until the workmen are in a state of better preparedness.

LAWLESSNESS IS INCREASING.

WARSAW, July 26.—Lawlessness is increasing hourly.

CZAR WILL CARRY OUT REFORMS.

NEW YORK, July 25.—Premier Stolypin of Russia has informed the Associated Press that the Emperor intends to carry out the proposed reforms in the Russian empire.

NINE THOUSAND STRIKE.

RIGA, July 25.—There are 9000 people on a strike here.

TROOPS MASSES IN MOSCOW.

MOSCOW, July 25.—Troops are being massed in the city pursuant to orders issued by the Emperor.

RUSSIAN COLONEL ASSASSINATED.

WARSAW, July 25.—Colonel Samatoff was assassinated here today.

REVOLUTIONISTS BURN CASTLE.

MITAU, July 25.—Remplten Castle was burned here today by a mob of revolutionists who are in possession of the surrounding country.

Tiflis, where the officials are leaving their posts and bandits are levying tribute upon the people, is a town of over one hundred thousand people, the capital of Russian Caucasia. Like all of Russia, it is given over to the disorder of the revolution. From Poland to the Caspian, from Finland to the Black Sea, even in far away Siberia, all the dispatches that come out of the Czar's empire now tell the same story. The only ray of hope in this morning's news is in the statement of the probable postponement of the general strike—and that announcement may be contradicted tomorrow.

PEDRO MONTT CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF CHILE

SANTIAGO, Chile, July 26.—Pedro Montt has been elected President.

Pedro Montt belongs to one of the six great families said to rule the destinies of Chile, holding all the high posts and controlling the elections. The six, in the order of their importance, are the families of Errazuriz, Montt, Vicuna, Walker, Aldunate and Solar. With his brother, Admiral George Montt, Pedro Montt played an important part in the war against Balmaceda.

WILL NOT PAY LOSSES.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26.—It is announced that the Phoenix and Royal Insurance Company of Vienna will not pay losses in this city, amounting to \$200,000, because of the earthquake clause.

LEYTE PULAJANES MEET WITH SEVERE REVERSE

(Associated Press Cablegrams—Afternoon Service.)

MANILA, P. I., July 25.—A force of Pulajanes attacked the regulars and constabulary at Leyte and were repulsed with a loss of 150 killed and wounded. The troops sustained no losses.

GROWING UNREST IN PERSIA.

TEHERAN, Persia, July 25.—The political discontent here is growing serious.

INVESTIGATING SUGAR REBATES.

NEW YORK, July 25.—The Federal Grand Jury is investigating the sugar rebate abuses.