

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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Defer not till tomorrow to be wise.—COURT.

## FREE SUGAR SCARE AGAIN

Honolulu is going through its periodic state of near-panic because of a rumor that something is going to happen to the sugar tariff. The market is weakening, some of the brokers are apparently worried, and not a few of the holders of sugar securities are wearing anxious looks.

Now, in the opinion of this paper,—an opinion shared, we happen to know, by not a few conservative, keen-thinking businessmen, there is no need to worry over the prospect of free sugar, and no use in worrying, anyway.

Champ Clark, speaker of the House, is reported to have declared for free sugar. William Jennings Bryan is reported to favor free sugar, and other Democratic leaders are talking free sugar. But the House is going to be a comparatively small factor in sugar-tariff legislation.

The probabilities are good that the House will affirm its stand for free sugar by the passage of just another such bill as that which came out of Democratic caucus last year and passed the Democratic House only to be defeated by the Senate refusing to consider it. As a matter of politics, the House is virtually forced to favor free sugar again. But between the time and perfected free sugar legislation there will first, a Senate, next, President Wilson.

The Senate is not going to pass any free sugar bill, in the opinion of men who know the congressional game from the inside and outside. The House will pass a bill as a matter of making good on pre-election announcements from its campaign and of making political capital for its future. The Senate, still strongly protective in complexion, still with a staunch Republican membership, with Democrats from tariffed states, will play better politics than the House—it will stand by the business interests of the country.

It is a certainty that the Democratic administration as a whole will do everything in its power to avert a clash with the big business interests of the country. The most dangerous campaign argument used against the Democrats since Cleveland's last administration has been that of the empty dinner-pail, the life workshop, the laborers tramping the streets in search of work. The Democrats are as loyal as guardians of the nation's business. Their old doctrine of free trade is thoroughly discredited among the masses at large, is repudiated by many of their former workers, is touched only with extreme reluctance by anyone in the party. With this national situation, the senate and the president will, as a measure of party preservation, not allow a tariff revision in industries that will be potentially by such revision.

Woodrow Wilson is not the type of statesman who will yield to popular clamor for free sugar. He knows that the consumer is not going to get the benefit of free sugar. He knows that the sugar trust will get the benefit. He knows that the beet-sugar grower, the cane-sugar grower, the men with their money and their livelihood in beet and cane sugar production, will suffer and the wealthy sugar trust. And repeatedly he has been a candidate for president. Mr. Wilson has declared that under his administration no legitimate business interest shall suffer from tariff revision. Mr. Wilson, we feel confident, is the kind of man who would veto a free-sugar bill if it came to him. We feel equally confident he will get no free-sugar bill from the Congress that goes into power on March 4. The senate will block it.

Turn now to Hawaii's situation. The physical condition of the plantations is excellent; dividends are large and regular; surpluses are large; good crops are in realization and in prospect. The territory is in good shape to meet moderate tariff revision. Its leading sugarmen have stated that a cut of a fourth or a third in the tariff could be borne with equanimity; probably the plantations could bear up under slighter greater reductions.

The Star-Bulletin does not pose as a prophet in making the prediction that Hawaii need not worry over free sugar, and that the present anxiety is uncalled-for. No prophetic powers are needed to make such a prediction. Common sense, the consensus of opinion among keen businessmen here, the news from the mainland,—and Champ Clark's political statements, but not his dispassionate and judicial attitude,—all these elements go to make up a situation in which there is small need for unrest.

During the next few months there will be many free-sugar scares emanating from Washington. But have no fear, they will be inspired for political effect; they will be either the foreboding moans of the politicians going out of office, or the loud trumpets of politicians going into office.

Hawaii has re-elected a Republican as delegate to Congress and thereby placed this territory in a position not only to oppose free sugar, but to oppose the Democratic attitude in the House.

This territory is in a position to fight free-sugar consistently and will do so. Meanwhile, we advise those holding sugar stocks not to be alarmed. They can't unload, anyway, in the present state of the market, and they might just as well go through the winter in a cheerful as in an anxious frame of mind.

## A NEW VIEW OF CANAL DEFENSE

Thoughtful students of military affairs will find much of good sense in an article on Panama Canal defense that Admiral Mahan, U. S. N., has recently written. Believing that a laissez-faire policy on the part of the United States invites only disaster, he declares that a seizure of the canal in case of war would be a legitimate act, and that the United States is playing to its own hurt if it builds the great waterway and fails to safeguard it.

Says Admiral Mahan: Granting even that the treaties with the two states named imply more than an engagement on the part of the United States to insure and to secure the neutrality of the canal, and pledge also Great Britain and Panama to an active support of that neutrality, their pledges do not involve any other state.

The last few weeks in the Balkans have attested sufficiently that a recognized general interest of the European states has not been able to insure either neutrality or inviolability. But in addition, the canal zone being United States territory, it is evident that its seizure would be a legitimate act of war, of so determinative a character that a neutral state intervening would assume the belligerent in a most critical instance, and become itself belligerent. Nor that alone; a certain sense of right would deter such neutral unless its own interests were so essentially affected as to necessitate intervention. This would not be the case if seizures were prompt and the transaction amounted to no more than transfer of ownership without prolonged interruption of traffic. Even were traffic long interrupted, it can be so made as safely assumed that other nations would interfere.

The ultimate and only certain provision is a superior navy. If a navy for other defense is sufficient to secure Panama, then so far the canal may be regarded as adequately defended; but this is only to beguile with words. The extent and distribution of our coast line make the canal, which is now part of it, at once the most important to the general interest, and through its isolation the most exposed. It is intrinsically the weak link of the chain. That the navy should be efficient for the defense of either coast, not of one only, depends upon free passage to either from the other by seizure of the canal. The British and associated troops are to insure this hold upon the canal while the navy may be absent on its mission of action in other oceans; but neither works nor troops will insure ultimate security if the navy be inferior to the enemy's.

When Victor L. Berger was elected to Congress, the first Socialist to receive the honor, his party jubilantly announced that his victory was but the beginning. In the recent election, Berger was defeated. Milwaukee has rejected Socialism in both municipal and congressional elections. One trial was plenty.

Secretary Fisher announces that he will make an elaborate report on the Hawaiian Islands, separate and apart from his conclusions on the governorship matter. Whether he will set forth his ideas on public commission control of sugar mills is worth watching for.

Honolulu is always on the verge of learning just who are the "higher-ups" in the opium traffic here, but as yet the sleuths have failed to make good on their dark hints.

Somehow, the Wyoming contingent does not seem much dashed to earth since the election. Perhaps the victory of Senator Warren may account for it.

William Jennings Bryan for secretary of state is the guess many mainland newspapers are making.

No Democrat has yet had the temerity to suggest ousting Kappelmeister Berger from his municipal office.

While discussing the Hawaiian exhibit at San Francisco in 1915, what's the matter with Honolulu's mayor? President Taft, it will be noticed, was able to issue a Thanksgiving proclamation on Nov. 7. Oyster Bay is now making a noise like a clam.

## LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

### IS HONOLULU GOING TO THE DOGS?

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.  
Sir:—Has Honolulu a poundkeeper or has it not? If it has one, why does he not make periodical trips, say once ten years, to the suburbs of the city and clean up some of the curs that are getting so numerous that one has to kick them out of one's way? If we haven't a poundkeeper, then let's by all means have one appointed if we ever expect a tourist to put in more than one night in the city beyond the fire limits.  
Kalili, Palolo and Kaimuki have be-

come so overrun with dogs that, outside of their becoming a nuisance during the night hours, it is getting positively dangerous to travel the outlying streets after dark.  
Last night a roaming band of dogs in the suburb where I live became such a sleep-chaser and peace-disturber that somebody in the immediate neighborhood threw up a window and fired two shots from a revolver at the howling, fighting brutes, and for a time there was peace.  
I don't wonder that the dog-poisoner gets abroad occasionally.  
FOR PEACE.

## FREAR'S PLANK

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false rumor that has gained circulation in Honolulu and doubtless on the other islands, Governor Frear has announced the form of commission government he proposes to recommend for Honolulu will not include the appointment of the commissioners by the Governor, but will provide for their election by the people.

He will recommend virtually the same system as at present in vogue on the mainland, where the commissioners are chosen without regard to party affiliation, but with close attention to their ability as successful business executives, because the city government is nothing more nor less than a large business concern, which requires men of commercial and industrial experience at its head.

On this understanding the Governor's idea already has received the endorsement of Mayor Joseph W. Park and Supervisor Elmer Long, both of whom have openly announced today are in favor of the plan.

The Governor probably will recommend that the city's government be placed in the hands of a commission consisting of three or five men, chosen by the people, because of their known ability to handle business of large scope, and that they be paid salaries enabling them to devote their entire attention to the municipal industry, leaving private business alone as insofar as it affects the community at large.

## CHINESE HERB DOCTOR MAY FACE CHARGES

Chew Fong, the Chinese herb doctor, who treated a patient for compound fracture of the leg last week, will be brought before the board of health for investigation. At the inquest held over the body of Lau Lam Mok, the Chinese who died at the Queen's Hospital last Monday evening as a result of blood poisoning, it was alleged that the herb doctor who attended him had been employing mysterious fetiches as well as the aid of herbs.

On October 30, Lau Lam Mok was kicked by a horse and was ordered to the hospital by the police, but refused to go. It is alleged that he sent for the herb doctor, but after a few treatments in which he failed to find relief, he finally decided to go to the hospital at a time, however, when he was beyond medical aid. Germs set in soon after his arrival at the hospital and it was followed by the physicians that the man's life could not be saved.

As a result of the death of the Chinese, the herb doctor will be arraigned before a meeting of the board of health, to take place in the near future, and at which time Chew Fong will be examined as to the part he played in trying to relieve the Chinaman of his sufferings. It is probable that a charge of malpractice will be filed against him.

## BOARD TO DISCUSS EDUCATION BUDGET

The commissioners of the board of education will hold a special meeting tomorrow in the senate chamber to decide upon several items of business and considering the financial budget. The budget will go before the committee of estimates, which is composed of supervisors, and which will be called to a meeting by the secretary of the Territory sometime before the fifteenth of December. It will then be taken to the Governor who will present it to the legislature with his recommendation.

## WAILUA HITS PAR FOR 137 SHARES

Heavy slumping of sugar stocks is shown on the stock sheet today. Wailua is down two and a half points (a par, Hawaiian Commercial is off two points, Ewa has shaded down a half point and Oahu a quarter point.

Sales are as follows: Wailua, 39 and 50, between boards, and 30, 50 and 7 on the board at 100, a total of 137 shares; Hawaiian Commercial, 7 shares at 37; Oahu Sugar, 15 and 60 shares at 24.75; Ewa, 10 shares at 37; Natomas 6s, \$1000 and \$1000 at 94.25, a drop of a quarter point.

## BIG WAR-JUNK BELIEVED SEEN

The big Chinese war-junk, Ningpo, manned by an intrepid little company of European officer and Chinese sailors, dispatched from Shanghai, China, to southern California is believed to have been sighted by officers in the Japanese freighter Unkai Maru, Number "2" which has arrived at Honolulu with a cargo of coal and in being fumigated at in instance of the Federal Public Health and Quarantine officials.

Sailing from Karatsu, Japan, in October 29th, with five thousand tons coal consigned to the Interisland Steam Navigation Company, the vessel pursued a more southerly course upon leaving the islands of Japan. Some days after leaving the coast of Japan behind, an officer on watch reported sighting a large sailing junk, which after much careful comparison is said to have answered in every essential detail to the description of the Ningpo, which is hoped will survive a voyage across the Pacific to take part in the big Panama exposition to be held at San Francisco.

The vessel was a number of miles off, and it was with much difficulty that the rig and outline of the junk could be ascertained with the aid of a glass. As far as the Japanese officers could detect they were unable to note the display of any flags or signals. The fact that a sail was noted so far away from the Japan on China coast gave color to the general belief that the vessel was nothing other than the now famous junk that has been sent for the third time on a trans-Pacific voyage.

It is claimed that the three attempts to sail the old vessel across the ocean have cost the promoters in the neighborhood of fifteen thousand dollars. Captain Mori, master of the Japanese freighter reported some rather rough weather on his long passage from the Japan coast port to the Hawaiian islands. The Unkai is not rated as a very speedy traveler, and the freighter was not crowded to make speed. The Unkai Maru simply fogged along using a minimum amount of fuel.

## BIG ISLAND WANTS A NEW COUNTY BUILDING

HILO, November 15.—County officials are discussing a plan to secure from the legislature an appropriation for a concrete county building here. It is believed that \$75,000 will be about right. The present county building is in so bad a condition that it will soon be necessary to subject it to extensive repairs in order to make it safe.

County Engineer Southworth is now busy getting together data and information in regard to the proposed concrete building. From Architects Ripley and Reynolds, who designed the Kaula building, he has secured a set of these plans, which are being used as a basis of comparison and for the purpose of letting ideas for the ground plan.

The new building should be erected on the site of the present county headquarters, and this brings up again the proposition of a civic center for Hilo.

## WANTS

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