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## Panama Affair At Nation's Capital.

(Special Correspondence of THE INDEPENDENT, by Charles A. Edwards.)

WASHINGTON, D.C. Nov. 30:

Over half the membership of the House of Representatives has returned to the bosom of its constituency to await the date for the opening of the regular session of Congress. Hardly a quorum of members of the House is adjourning over three days at a time and waiting for the Senate to do something, the chief topic of conversation among them is the Panama situation. There is but one single note among the democratic chorus, and that is condemnation of the administration for its act of piracy against Colombia. They say that if any European power, or all the powers of Europe combined, had done to us what we have done to Colombia, the American people would be resolute for war. There would be a universal demand for the shedding of the last drop of American blood, and the spending of the last American dollar to bring back the seceding state and restore the integrity of the Union. It is well to bear this in mind if Colombia's excitement is to be understood. In the eyes of her people we have ceased to be a great, free and liberty-loving Republic. We have become a robber power and have adopted for our rule of conduct the brutal maxim that might makes right. In their eyes we are lost to all perception of justice and sentiments of chivalry and deaf to every appeal that is not addressed to our material interests. They say that this piratical foray, which disgraces us before mankind, has been made by President Roosevelt without warrant in law or excuse in necessity. He has trampled on the treaty under which we guaranteed the sovereignty of Colombia over the Isthmus, and is continuing to defy the plain mandate of the Spooner Act. That statute provides that if the President cannot get from Colombia permission to dig the canal on reasonable terms and within a reasonable time he shall turn to Costa Rica and Nicaragua and conclude a treaty for the construction of the canal by that route. The people demand an Isthmian canal; the vote in the House in favor of the Nicaragua route was practically unanimous, but the bill was held up in the Senate and the Spooner substitute adopted to placate and deceive the people with the delusion that a canal was to be built, but it was to be one which, if built, would be of no practical use, could never antagonize the railroad interests, and the men on the inside would get the benefit of the rise in the price of Panama bonds. Several birds were killed with the Spooner stone. The persistent enemies of any Isthmian canal, the transcontinental railroads, apparently have accomplished their object and have succeeded in forcing upon the government the adoption of the Panama route, well knowing that if the work

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## DOLE WAS SAFEST MAN

The Independent, since its inception over eight years ago, has always opposed Dole while in the conduct of the affairs of this country from the overthrow in 1893 up to his retiring from the gubernatorial chair last month, but we always believed that he was the Hawaiians' best friend during all those trying years. When he broke his oath of office and became one with the revolutionists ("forcible minds," according to Judge Hartwell's estimation) and was chosen as head of the propaganda, it was the best thing that ever happened to the people of the country in which he first saw the light of day, by accident of course. He was always conservative, and as such he maintained it during those years of political strife for supremacy, when feeling ran high at times to such a tension almost beyond his control, but he always maintained his stand and carried his point.

Had the revolutionists chosen another person as head of the junta in 1893, the Hawaiian people, we are certain, would have fared worse than they have. Those who urged the "rub-it-in" policy, championed by Dr. Wood, "Rat Poison" Smith, Emmeluth, Bolte, Cooper, Ables and a few other hotheads, akin to the bloated Water G., who was imported to do the Hawaiians up for good and forever, it was Mr. Dole who stepped in the breach and prevented the carrying out of such an infamous act on their part towards the rightful sons and daughters of the soil. His conservativeness, although he then broke his official oath as a Justice of

the Supreme Court as well as his oath of fealty to the Queen, always saved the day to the people and the cause of their beloved country, knowing no other country but this insular speck in mid-ocean.

To him alone as President of the Provisional Government and of the Republic of Hawaii, and finally as Governor of this American Territory, are the Hawaiian people indebted for the preservation of whatever rights belonged to them, which the hotheaded revolutionists wished to carry to the farthest extreme by disfranchising them those inalienable rights as sons of the soil. But of course, he was not himself nor did he have all the say, for he was merely the tool and the instrument in the hands of such unscrupulous fellows as L. A. Thurston, W. O. Smith, Judge Hartwell, F. M. Hatch and the likes. Had it been either A. Francis Judd, L. A. Thurston, W. O. Smith and a few others, we might now be telling a different tale.

Now he is above and beyond them in a different sphere of influence. As Federal Judge, we hope that he will shake off the bigoted coil of their influence when, at one time, during his official life of the past ten years, he could not say that he was himself. But in his present position, he should soar above party and factional strife and struggle and far beyond the bickerings, gibberish and peccadilloes of his once narrow circle, and in the administration of his judicial service to his parental country, he should temper mercy with equity and justice and meet severity with wisdom and forbearance, treating all who may come before him, irrespective of color and class, as of the one family of humankind.

It was a month ago yesterday when he took the oath of his new Federal position, which we hope he will not so lightly break as he once did when wearing the ermine, in order to become the head of the revolutionary junta of missionary descendants. But that has gone by and is of the past; now we must look to the present and the future; and in this latter case, we herewith tender him our paeon of praise, weak and insignificant as it may be, for what he has been to the people of the land of his accidental birth. For the rest, we leave to posterity to record for and against him.

## TOPICS OF THE DAY.

One of the things that might make the stay of the American fleet here pleasant on both sides would be, in addition to aquatic and athletic sports, a program of fistic events. All of the war vessels have excellent fighters aboard and in every class. There are men in numbers fitted to meet any local pugilist, and an evening of ring events could be easily pulled off. The idea is commended to the committee having the matter in charge.

It is stated that when the American fleet was sighted the other day, Governor George R. Carter chartered a boat and went out to meet the boats but was refused the privilege of boarding any of them. The act of going out was undignified in the first place, it being the universal custom for visiting army or navy officers to call first upon the Governor. Then it was a particularly "strenuous" act, and showed the nerve of our Governor. But perhaps George was trying to arrange a foot-

ball game with the fleet and we will let it go at that.

The test case brought by Treasurer Kepoikal to determine the validity of the County Act in certain matters should be made to extend to the Act as a whole and should be decided as soon as possible. If the court is going to consider only one, two or three points at a time there is no telling when a complete determination of the questions before the people will be reached. Let the matter be completely threshed out and speedily.

President Roosevelt's reciprocity treaty with Cuba was simply a bid for the Wall street and New England vote in the next election. It was a good card, if New York is to be the pivotal State, but it may, after all, result in killing enough votes in the beet districts of the West to more than offset New York. The effect upon the South will not amount to much one way or the other, as Mr. Roosevelt has already hung himself in that part of the country.

What do the sugar planters of Hawaii, who have been so strenuously shouting for Roosevelt, now think of the President? He has given to Cuba a treaty that will make that country the greatest sugar producing spot on earth, and will reduce the price all over. Other countries are to demand the same treaty, under the most favored nation clause, and will probably get it. The President has struck a death blow to the sugar interests of Hawaii in order to gain the good will and support of the Sugar Trust.

Our remarks of yesterday in regard to Iwilei created quite a stir in certain circles. We have only to add that the proposition is one of common sense. Iwilei is a necessary evil. Young men coming here, whether in the army or navy, are going to satisfy the demands of nature. They naturally prefer to do so in quarters where no harm will follow, but if that opportunity is denied them they will resort to other sources. It is there that the danger comes. This is a serious matter. We understand conditions and the situation thoroughly, and say now and will continue to say, that the closing of Iwilei was a mistake and that it or some similar place should be provided.

The Advertiser says: "There are plenty of good men to be found in the party for road work and if it is given them to do they will labor very hard in the next campaign and cement the organization; and Home Rulers, getting nothing, will see a very practical reason indeed to enlist in the Republican party." How is that for a scheme of coercion? It will be well for every Home Ruler to cut out the sentence and paste it in his hat for future reference. If the political faith of a man is to compose his qualifications for office in the Republican party, there is hardly any reason why the same rule should not apply in the Home Rule-Democratic party in the outside counties and on Oahu after the election of next year.

That a man with Wray Taylor's chances of embezzling a large sum of money should skip away to England with scarcely enough to land him there is absurd on the face of it. That he intended to embezzle anything will be doubted by all who knew the man, and his statement that he became unconscious in San Francisco and did not

know what he was doing until he found himself in England will be believed. Mr. Taylor left property here valued at far more than his alleged shortage, and besides held a good Government position that was worth far more than the small sum he is charged with having taken away. Common sense and rumor are at variance on the proposition, and we believe that the appearance of the facts will disclose a different state of things from what has been supposed.

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**LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.**

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The schools begin their Christmas vacation today.

The China, from San Francisco, was sighted before noon.

The Federal Grand Jury has been excused by Judge Dole until January 4.

Kawaiahae Sunday school will have its Christmas tree exercises this evening.

Mr Hosmer, who has been appointed chief forester of the Islands, will arrive here in January.

The Spanish war veterans had a glorious time at their annual smoker in San Antonio hall last evening.

Bill Huihui, the Hawaiian lightweight, has challenged a fighter in the American fleet for a fistie bout.

Governor Carter will entertain naval and military officers at his home on some evening of next week.

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The H A Football League will begin its series of games the day after Christmas, to continue until March 19.

Lord & Belser have been awarded the contract for the storm sewer on the Iwilei road. The contract price was \$3,000.

A second combined concert by the Kentucky and Hawaiian bands will be given at the Hawaiian hotel Monday evening.

Five hundred Japanese laborers are reported to be on strike at Hutchinson plantation, Hawaii, on account of objection to the head luns, Mr Mann.

The band from the Kentucky and the Hawaiian band will play jointly at the Hawaiian hotel during the dinner of the Merchant's Association tomorrow evening.

James H Thompson, for a long manager of the Anchor, will open a beer saloon tomorrow afternoon on Richards street below Queen. He will probably call it the Kentucky.

The office of THE INDEPENDENT is in the brick building next to the Hawaiian hotel grounds on Beretania street, Waikiki of Alaska. First floor.

The Literary Circle of the Kilo-hana Art League will hold a meeting Saturday afternoon, December nineteenth, at three o'clock. Dr Mary Roberts Smith will address the club on "Household Administration." The following ladies will pour tea: Mrs S Kinney, Mrs W M Graham, Mrs Philip Dodge, Miss Clarke.

**Tomorrow's Football.**

There's more speculation about town over the outcome of the football game tomorrow between the H A C's and Punahou than has been shown for many years past over any game. The "wise ones" don't know or in other words are not willing as yet to put up any money, so even are the chances, though there are enthusiastic "hot air" backers of both teams with cash to burn.

Mr Woods has been putting in a great deal of time coaching his ends until they have come to that perfection that it is doubtful if Punahou will be able to work her strong card, end runs. If this can be done the H A C's, with their tremendous weight in the line, should find difficulty in holding Punahou with no gain.

Mr Babbitt, who has been coaching the Punahou has had much to contend with. Capt Anderson been unable to don his suit since the Artillery game, and such men as Marcellino, Johnson, Duisenberg, Forbes, Bush and Campbell have been laid up with injuries. This cripples the team to such a considerable extent as to worry Punahou's "Financial Backers."

**Will Not Contest.**

In view of the contest of the County Act brought by Treasurer Kepoikai, the Bar Association has decided not to begin a suit requested by the "town" meeting, believing that the Treasurer's case will bring up and settle the points at issue. The following resolutions were adopted by the Association yesterday:

Resolved, That a suit having been brought by the Treasurer against the Superintendent of Public Works and the Superintendent of Water Works, of the Territory, to test the validity of the County Act, it appears inexpedient at this time to bring another suit or action on the part of the Bar Association.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Association state to the attorneys for Treasurer Kepoikai, and also to the Attorney General, that if either side desires assistance in prosecuting or defending the suit to test the validity of the County Act, the Bar Association will stand ready to render assistance.

**High-Roth.**

The wedding of Dr Clifford B High and Miss Lucy R Roth took place in Central Union church at 8:30 o'clock last evening, Rev Wm M Kineaid officiating. Emmett May gave the bride away, and Miss Ethel Angus was bridesmaid, Emil C Peters attended the groom. The church was filled with friends of the popular young people. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's mother. Mr and Mrs High are spending their honeymoon at the Nuuanu valley residence of G H Robertson.

**Argument Begun.**

Argument before the jury in the E M Jones murder case began this morning. A G M Robertson, for the defense, took the floor first and spoke until 1:15 this afternoon. He is being followed by E C Peters, for the Government. It is not thought that the court's charge will be reached before tomorrow morning.

**With the Fleet.**

The Kentucky, Wisconsin and New Orleans have finished coaling and are now cleaning up and painting. They will be followed at once by the other vessels of the fleet. The coal steamer Pompay, which belongs to the fleet, arrived in port late yesterday.

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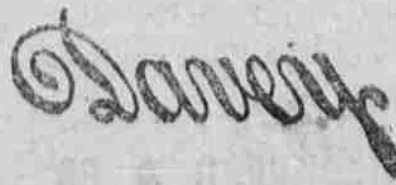
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