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THE QUEEN AND HER BIG CLAIM

Hatch and McClellan Argue Her Cause From Many Standpoints.

By Ernest G. Walker.
(Mail Special to the Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, January 18.—Queen Liliuokalani's claim has been presented before the House Committee on Claims and is receiving considerable impetus before Congress. The arguments in her behalf before the House committee were apparently received with some favor, although there was some divergence of ground on which these arguments were advanced.

Former Judge F. M. Hatch appeared in his private capacity solely as one who had participated in the changes of government in the islands. He ignored the argument that the change of government was due to the armed forces of the United States and that therefore the government ought to recompense the Queen, in some part at least, for the property she lost thereby.

Judge Hatch pointed out to the House committee the various steps by which the reigning house of Hawaii had consented to a constitution and granted two-thirds of the land to the people. He likewise pointed out the legal steps by which the Queen had acquired a life estate in the crown lands. There had never been any legal act by which she was deprived of that property right. The United States had simply become the beneficiary of the revolutionists of Hawaii, who had appropriated those lands to their own uses. The argument was so well fashioned and sounded so sensible that it commanded close attention from the committee.

Mr. George B. McClellan also spoke in behalf of the claim, but he urged an appropriation on the ground that the landing of marines had hastened and aided the overturn of the monarchy. Yesterday the Queen granted an interview to several newspaper correspondents, an account regarding which appeared in the Washington Herald of this morning as follows:

The Interview.

Liliuokalani, former Queen of the Hawaiian Islands, bent with age and her face scamed with lines of care, received, with a pitiful semblance of former days, when she wielded the royal scepter, a delegation of newspaper men yesterday afternoon, through whom she made her last appeal to the people of the United States and members of Congress for recompense for the loss of crown lands in her native islands.

Through the interview, the former Queen sat staring into space, inclining her head only when interrogated by Prince Cupid, her nephew, who, with George McClellan, her personal representative, acted as spokesman.

Received by Prince Cupid.

The callers were received by Prince Cupid, or, to give him his proper title, Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole. When all had arrived, Queen Liliuokalani entered the room leaning on the arms of Princess Elizabeth Kahanu Kaaunui Kalaniana'ole, and Mr. McClellan. She was dressed in a holoku dress, the native royal attire.

The gown, which hung straight from the shoulders, was of dark gray velvet, trimmed down the front and around the bodice with deep red velvet and lace. Her principal ornament was a large cameo pin, an heirloom in the family, made in Europe and presented to Kamehameha II. by a reigning monarch. She wore only two rings and a bracelet of native design.

After greeting the newspaper men, the former Queen lapsed into silence until shortly before the interview was at an end, when she said:

"I want nothing from the United States but justice, and, having failed to receive recognition from Congress, have decided to appeal to the people, through the press. If the people knew the exact status of my case they would have their representatives in Congress do something in the matter."

Has Aged Greatly.

Queen Liliuokalani is in her seventy-first year, and yesterday was the first time she has received newspaper men in ten years. Since being deprived of the Hawaiian throne in 1893, the Queen has aged greatly.

"I have come to Washington again in my declining years to make a personal appeal to Congress and the American people for some compensation for the Crown lands of Hawaii, of which I was deprived in 1893," said the former monarch. "I shall employ no attorneys to prosecute my claim, but shall leave it entirely to Prince Kalaniana'ole, the Delegate from Hawaii, and to those members of Congress who believe that justice requires some action should be taken on my behalf."

The statements of the aged Queen were not harsh toward the United States, and showed nothing but mild reproach. Facts and figures were quoted as the strongest argument for the granting of her claims.

She said the Crown lands of Hawaii were separate from the general public lands of the kingdom, and were in trust for the reigning monarch and heirs. All the lands were divided into three groups by Kamehameha III. One part went to the chiefs and people, another part became general public lands, and the other became a trust fund or property for the personal use and benefit of the monarch and his successors to the throne.

Area of Crown Lands.

The statement of the former Queen was in part as follows:

"During my reign as Queen of Hawaii, the area of the Crown lands was

about 1,000,000 acres; the present value of these lands is over \$12,000,000.

"The income from the lands at the time my government was overthrown was over \$65,000 per year. This sum went direct to the occupants of the throne, in addition to the privy purse, amounting to \$20,000 a year, for maintaining the royal household.

"Three separate and valuable pieces of the Crown lands of Hawaii have been taken for the direct use of the Federal government. One tract, adjoining Honolulu harbor, is occupied by the Honolulu naval station, including the coaling yards and two wharves; another is the site of Camp Shafter, now equipped as a permanent military post. The third is just being occupied as a military post at Waianae-uka, in the interior of Oahu.

"The portions of these lands directly held and used by the United States for military and naval purposes are alone worth \$1,000,000.

Furnished Armed Forces.

"This government did not take these lands from me directly for itself, but it did furnish the armed force that enabled others to take them. A President of the United States, in a message to the Congress, based on carefully collected evidence, said:

"The lawful government of Hawaii was overthrown without the drawing of a sword or the firing of a shot by a process every step of which is directly traceable to and dependent for its success upon the agency of its diplomatic and naval representatives."

"And now the United States is holding these very lands, having taken them as a gift from the temporary government which it had enabled to seize them by aid of Federal forces.

"Hawaii has cost the nation nothing, and besides adding valuable lands to this nation by its acquisition, it has been a source of cash revenue. Although this government assumed \$4,000,000 of Hawaii's debt, the cash revenues to the Federal treasury since annexation have amounted to over \$10,000,000.

"Through the loyalty of the Hawaiian people I can end my days without actual want; but if this nation does not soon act, it will forever lose the opportunity to make some reparation for what one of its own Presidents called an unwarranted act.

"I am now reconciled to the change of government in Hawaii; but I am too loyal to the United States to be willing to be the occasion of reproach to this great nation when future historians shall tell how the government was enriched by accepting, without compensation, land it had assisted in talking from a weaker sovereign.

Was Temporary Step.

"When, in 1893, I was induced to surrender my authority in order to avert bloodshed, that action was represented to me as a proper temporary step till appeal could be made to the government at Washington.

"My relinquishment of authority stated that 'I yield to the superior force of the United States of America,' and not to the forces of the revolutionists; and, 'now, to avoid any collision of armed forces, and perhaps the loss of life, I do, under this protest, and impelled by said force, yield my authority until such time as the government of the United States shall undo the action of its representatives and reinstate me in the authority which I claim as the constitutional sovereign of the Hawaiian Islands.'

"The time has long passed when restoration to my throne could have been made. But, though fifteen years have passed, I have not given up hope that this government will yet make some reparation for my financial loss, which can still be done, with injury to no one and with honor to this nation, to which I now belong."

The former Queen is staying with her nephew, Prince Cupid, at 1410 Massachusetts avenue northwest. She will remain in the city until Congress adjourns, when she will return to her native island. Her decision to appeal to the people was made, she said, because of former unsuccessful bills presented before Congress.

It is her belief that public sentiment may be aroused to a point that will force Congress to pay the bill appropriating \$250,000 for her in lieu of the lost lands.

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