

# The Pacific Commercial Advertiser

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, February 13.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, trace. Temperature, Max. 79; Min. 69. Weather, fair and cool.

SUGAR.—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.42c.; Per Ton, \$68.40. 88 Analysis Beets, 8s. 9d.; Per Ton, \$76.40.

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## GAMBLERS WOULD BRIBE POLICE OUR COOLIES MAY NOT GO TO THE MAINLAND

### Chinese Hui Offers Taylor Fourteen Hundred Dollars a Week for Protection and Monopoly.

PAKAPAO	\$ 700 a Week
CHE-FA	400 a Week
FAN-TAN	300 a Week
Total	\$1400 a Week

Fourteen hundred dollars a week, for every week, has been offered A. P. Taylor, chief of the detective bureau, to allow a certain Chinese hui to open gambling games under his protection in the city of Honolulu and to guarantee them a monopoly of the gambling business. This offer was made during the past two weeks, the proposal of the bribe offerers being that they were to be allowed to open two pakaplo banks now, for the protection of which Taylor was to be paid one hundred dollars a day, payment to be made every night after the lottery drawings. Later, within a few days, two che-fa banks were to be established, the price of protection for these to be four hundred dollars a week, payable at the end of every three days, and two fan-tan games, for which to be conveniently blind the head of the detective force would receive three hundred dollars a week, making a grand total, as soon as the gambling business of the hui was flourishing through the suppression of all the independent gambling houses, of fourteen hundred dollars every week.

In addition to this amount of money the hui offered to supply Taylor with a list of all the gambling houses and games in Honolulu and the vicinity and put at his disposal a force of Chinese detectives, whose business it would be to ferret out all the games being run outside of the ring and to act as informers in securing the arrest and conviction of the players and proprietors of these games. This was to serve a double purpose, to allow Taylor to "make good" in his crusade against the gamblers for the eyes of the public and also to force out of business any opposition to the hui's banks and tables.

According to the proposition made by the Chinese go-between, the game of pakaplo was to have opened last night and the amount of hush money for the first three days, three hundred dollars, was to be paid to Taylor on Saturday night. As a proof that business was meant the go-between advanced to Taylor on Saturday night last fifty dollars in gold, or one-half of the first day's receipts. This was to bind the bargain.

To these proposals and to the acceptance of the advance of fifty dollars of the bribe money Taylor submitted, acting under the advice of Attorney General Peters, Sheriff Iaukea, W. A. Kinney and Walter G. Smith, to whom every move made in the whole proceeding was submitted. The intention has been to see to what lengths the audacity of the Chinese gamblers of Honolulu would carry them in their efforts to prevent justice and bribe the public officials of the community. Now, still acting under the advice of his chief and friends, Taylor has resolved to expose the conspiracy and the attempts made to seduce him through the offers of large sums of money from the path of his duty, bribes offered with the assurance that hitherto other officials had accepted equally large sums of money under the same conditions.

The first advances came to him through a newspaper friend, then through a member of his family, in both instances the movement being made in such a way that while a lot was intimated nothing incriminating was actually said. These advances were reported by Taylor to the ones mentioned above and he was advised, as stated, to carry the matter as far as it would go.

Acting on this advice he had a meeting arranged being taken to the store of Yuen Chong, on King street, between Maunakea and Smith streets, where he was introduced to Lee Tong and Lee Let, two of the leading Chinese merchants and business men of the city. After some desultory talk Lee Tong withdrew, leaving Taylor and Lee Let alone. Then the direct bribe was offered, Taylor pretending to fall in with the scheme of the briber. Lee Let admitted that he had been familiar with the big gambling hui which had before operated in the city, naming the conditions under which they had before been protected, some of the conditions being that the bribed official had not only to let the games run free of molestation, but was pledged to use his influence with the prosecuting attorney and the magistrate to let any protected gamblers off as lightly as possible, to pay their fines and legal expenses out of the protection fund and to pay

whatever hush money was needed to silence other members of the police force who might get wise to the presence of the protected gambling houses.

To get positive evidence of the attempted bribery, Taylor asked for an advance fee and a time was appointed for him to call at the Yuen Chong store and receive it from Lee Let. In order that he would have proof that this money was actually received in this way, Taylor submitted to being searched by Sergeant Aea, at the police station on the night of Saturday last, the search being made in the presence of an Advertiser reporter, who is also a special police officer. This reporter accompanied Taylor to the store mentioned and watched the door until Taylor reappeared. He kept Taylor in plain view until he joined him on Nuuanu avenue, accompanying him to the police station, where Sergeant Aea again searched him, finding the fifty dollars which he had received from the Chinaman. This money was placed in an envelope, initialed by the Deputy Sheriff, Taylor and the reporter, and placed in the receiving clerk's safe.

On Monday, Taylor, accompanied by the same reporter, visited the Chinese store again, both going in, the object being to force Lee Let into committing himself in the presence of a witness. Lee Let, however, was not in, but a note from him was handed to Taylor. The note read:

"Answer you everything this afternoon p. m. 3 o'clock, Monday."

The note was signed with the initial "L."

Taylor and the reporter paid another visit to the store yesterday afternoon, being met at the door by one of the Chinese clerks, who informed them that Lee Let was holding an important meeting, but wanted particularly to see Taylor, asking him to return at 6 o'clock. This hour was finally changed to 7 o'clock, at which time he and the reporter again went to the place, only to find the store shut. Lee Let was either away arranging for the opening of his pakaplo bank or had smelt a rat and was keeping out of the way. An inquiry at his residence on Vineyard street failed to bring any information as to his whereabouts, the Chinese there saying that he would probably be back around midnight.

Taylor had made up his mind that the business had gone far enough, authorizing the publication of the facts as given and the further publication of the statements as dictated by him day by day to the stenographer in the office of Sheriff Iaukea, copies of which were filed with the Sheriff, with the Attorney General and with the editor of the Advertiser.

Now that the public has an opportunity of learning plainly what the gambling situation in Honolulu is, what sums of money are involved in these "small" Chinese games, and with what impudence the chief gamblers propose to violate the law of the land with the connivance of bribed officials, it is to be supposed that the determination of the police to pursue a relentless campaign against the gambling evil will receive even more than it has the backing of all the law-abiding citizens of the community.

Following are Mr. Taylor's signed statements from day to day, which he is ready to put into affidavit form for the use of the grand jury:

#### STATEMENT OF A. P. TAYLOR.

Taken at Police Station, February 5, 1907: On Wednesday, January 23rd, 1907, while I was about to enter the office of the Hawaiian Gazette Co., H. M. Ayres, a reporter for the Advertiser, spoke to me, saying in substance: "Suppose a hui of Chinese offered you a certain sum of money to permit them to run a game of pakaplo, say for instance, for a week; and suppose you accepted that offer, would you pinch them at the end of the week?" I replied, "Why, certainly, I would, just as much as I would at the beginning of the week."

On Saturday, February 1st, 1907, I went to the Queen's Hospital to see Ayres who had been taken there the night before at my orders to have some scalp wounds attended to, such wounds having been received by him in Palama. On the way back to town, Mr. Ayres accompanied me in a hack. He approached the subject of protecting a gambling game again. He said, "You remember that matter that I spoke to you about; well that is a go I believe. There is a hui which wants to play pakaplo and they came to me instead of direct to you (Taylor), because they thought that they better not go to you directly. Now this hui is willing to make an offer. If you want to look up on it as bribery, there is a chance for you to make a record for yourself. I think that a meeting could be arranged."

I replied: "It certainly is a good chance to make a record. You go

### RECEPTION BY CHINESE CONSUL

#### Many Pay New Year Calls on Official Representative of Flowery Kingdom.

For several hours yesterday the rooms of the Chinese consulate were thronged with guests at the reception given by Consul and Madame Chang Tso Fan in honor of the Chinese New Year, many of the prominent citizens of Honolulu paying their respects to



CHANG TSO FAN, CHINESE CONSUL.

the Chinese representative. The callers were received by the Consul and his wife, assisted by their daughter, Miss Chang Amoy, and by Princess Theresa Wilcox. Both the Consul and Madame Chang Tso Fan were dressed in rich Oriental costume, Miss Amoy wearing a simple American dress suitable to her years.

The rooms of the consulate were decorated in Chinese magnificence, while in each room a table was set, from which Chinese sweetmeats were served. During the reception the Hawaiian band, stationed in the grounds, rendered appropriate music.

ahead and arrange for any meeting, the sooner the better. I want to go to the bottom of this business." Mr. Ayres said: "Well, how would Monday do?" (meaning Monday, February 3rd), and I said, "Monday is just as good as any other day; go right ahead."

And this projected deal I reported to Walter G. Smith, editor of the Advertiser, and to Sheriff Iaukea, and discussed the matter, and it was decided that the best thing to do was to carry the thing out and capture the bribers.

On Tuesday I found the enclosed note on my desk at the police station.

"February 4, 1907.

"A. P. Taylor. "That matter is going through O. K. A rendezvous is being prepared for tomorrow about 3-5 p. m., so keep unengaged. Will see you here at 4:30 p. m."

"(Sgd.) H. M. A."

(I append Mr. Ayres' original note to me to this statement.)

#### VISITS FROM CHINAMEN.

On the morning of Tuesday, February 5th, before I had arisen from bed, a Chinaman whose name, I believe is Chung Soon, and is related to a former Chinese janitor of the High School, came to my house in Manoa Valley and said that he wanted to see me very much, to inquire, as it was reported to me by Mrs. Taylor, about "informing" about gambling games, that he wanted to be an informer. And he wanted to see me to see what I looked like so that if he had any business with me at the Police Station he would know at once who I was. He came into my bedroom and there stated that he would like to know if he could be an informer or even go on the regular police force if possible, but I told him that there was no chance to go on the regular force as far as informers were concerned, and if he wanted to inform on any gambling game he could do so. He said that he wanted to know the law. Then he asked in Hawaiian through Mrs. Taylor as interpreter if we (meaning the Iaukea administration) were going to allow gambling to go on during the Chinese New Year, say for at least three days, saying that — had always been very accommodating to them in this matter. He said that Lam Young Hoo, (stating that this was the real name of Ah Hoo), had always paid for the privilege of permitting these games to go on during the Chinese New Year.

I immediately came to the conclusion that Chung Soon came to my house, not to ascertain anything about informers, but to ascertain for parties interested whether I was going to permit gambling to go on as a privilege during the Chinese New Year. I told him at once that I would give no such privilege to any Chinese hui or to any

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### INTEREST IS GROWING KEEN

#### Floral Parade Committee Talk Over Main Features of the Event.

Everything points to the success of the second annual Floral Parade, to be held on Washington's birthday. At the meeting of the general committee held yesterday afternoon, every report was of the most encouraging nature and many of the details of the final program and arrangements for the parade and the inspection at the baseball park were completed. Nearly the whole committee was present at the meeting.

The pa-u feature of the parade will be in nearly all respects superior to that of last year, both in the numbers of those in line and in the special features to be introduced. For one thing, there will be a systematic grouping of the different colored pa-us this year, which will add appreciably to the beauty of this part of the fiesta. The pa-u riders representing the other islands, who will be accompanied each by a costumed escort and attendant pages, will also be something which the parade of last year lacked. It is now promised that every island in the group will have a fair representative in the parade and a genuine rivalry has been created; each island promising to have a fairer rider and a more elaborate retinue than all the others. Altogether there will be nearly seventy riders in the pa-u parade, Frank Andrade, who has that part of the program in hand, reporting that horses for nearly that many have already been promised, while of riders there is no lack.

Things are looking up, too, in the automobile department, many owners promising to have their machines in line, although possibly the decorations throughout are not going to be so elaborate as were those of the first parade. That is all the way along the line, auto owners being asked to have their machines out no matter how simple the decorations. There are going to be some very elaborate and unique turnouts though, some promising to outdo anything that has hitherto been attempted.

Money to the required amount will be forthcoming, the committee reporting very favorably as to the subscription list. The fact that the committee know exactly what they want and are limiting themselves to the amount absolutely necessary seems to be appreciated by those who are depended upon to contribute.

The arrangements for the sale of tickets for the boxes and reserved seats at the baseball park will be completed within a day or two and the plan of the grandstand will be ready for ticket buyers to go over. It is probable that there will be a rush for these tickets as soon as the plan is out.

A Roosevelt prize will be given for the best family group in the parade, a suggestion to this effect being heartily approved of by the committeemen.

### MAY WITHDRAW THROUGH SERVICE

The Oceanic S. S. Co. is to lay up two of its through steamers. The S. S. Sonoma is slated to be laid up as soon as she reaches San Francisco from her present trip from the Colonies, and it is very probable that the Sierra will be laid up when she returns to San Francisco from her present trip to the Colonies.

No reason for this announcement by the company is given. It is thought in some quarters, that it means that the Colonial service may be suspended indefinitely, pending some favorable action by Congress with the ship Subsidy measure. Certainly there would be no other reason for laying up the S. S. Sierra. She has just made the run from San Francisco to this port in five days 18 hours and 45 minutes, keeping schedule time, as formerly. She is in need of no repairs. The Sonoma has had about \$15,000 spent on her in repairs and overhauling at Sydney and San Francisco so it seems hardly likely that she should be laid up for any overhauling.

No mention is made of the possibility of laying up the Ventura or the Alameda. If the Sierra and Sonoma were laid off, there would hardly be any occasion to run the Ventura alone, especially when she is not able to keep schedule like the Sierra.

## OUR COOLIES MAY NOT GO TO THE MAINLAND

### Agreement Between the President and San Francisco Upon an Amendment to the Immigration Bill Excluding Them.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

WASHINGTON, February 14.—The Japanese matters at issue with the San Francisco officials have been settled on the basis of an amendment to the Immigration bill excluding Japanese coolies from entrance to the mainland from Hawaii. The matter will now be passed over to Congress.

## LARCHMONT'S CAPTAIN PLAYED THE COWARD

PROVIDENCE, R. I., February 14.—The captain of the Larchmont is charged with cowardice. Of the passengers 138 were lost and 19 rescued. Seventy-one bodies have been recovered but scores are missing from the wreck.

## WOMEN SUFFRAGISTS ATTACK THE COMMONS

LONDON, February 14.—Hundreds of women suffragists attacked the House of Commons yesterday and many were badly hurt by policemen on galloping horses. Twenty were arrested.

### TO SAVE PUBLIC LANDS.

WASHINGTON, February 14.—The President has sent a message to Congress in which he advocates conserving all Government pasture and fuel lands and public utilities.

### PULAJANES ACTIVE.

MANILA, February 14.—The Pulajanes have burned two towns in western Negros, killing six of the constabulary. Two American teachers are missing.

### THAW CASE MAY BE POSTPONED.

NEW YORK, February 14.—There is a possibility of the indefinite postponement of the Thaw trial owing to the serious illness of a juror's wife.

### JURY TO TRY HERMANN.

WASHINGTON, February 14.—A jury has been obtained in the Binger Hermann case.

### AFTERNOON CABLE REPORT.

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., February 13.—A shortage of \$560,000 in the bank of New Britain has been discovered. The cashier is missing.

LONDON, February 13.—Hon. James Bryce, the new British Ambassador to the United States, sailed today for his new post of duty.

LOS ANGELES, February 13.—One man was killed and many others wounded here today in a boiler explosion.

LONDON, February 13.—The British battleships Albemarle and Commonwealth have been injured in a collision.

### WORLD'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Rear Admiral Kautz died in Italy. The Guggenheim interests will exploit Alaska. New York, last week, was deep in snowdrifts. Trains in Utah have been held up by snowslides. Thirty degrees below zero is reported from Minnesota. Olga Nethersole, the actress, is to become an American. Earthquake insurance companies have been started in England. Louisiana strawberries have appeared in the Chicago market. Plans have been submitted to Congress for a battleship of the largest type. There is a general movement among all lines from Chicago to the Atlantic. Rush orders have been given at Mare Island to put submarines in commission.

Richard Olney, former Secretary of State, declares that California's position on the school question is sound.

In a riot on board the cruiser Tennessee the chief master of arms was fatally wounded and two others stopped bullets.

The President stated to a correspondent of the London Morning Post that the mobilization of the fleet in the Pacific would be regarded by Japan as an unfriendly act and might bring on war. While not doubtful of the ending of such a war the President said that at the outset America would suffer a great humiliation.

There are 600,000 soldiers in Japan, fresh from war. The Government is doing its best to control the turbulent and warlike elements among the people. It must move with extreme care, and it dare not make any arrangement with the United States that would look like a surrender of its claims as an equal of any of the great powers.

While the Kaiser was automobiling in Unter den Linden he was struck full in the face with a snowball. The boy who threw it stood aghast when he saw the missile, which was intended for another boy, burst on his majesty's face. The Kaiser brushed off the snow, laughed and playfully shook a menacing finger at the boy, who, recovering from his momentarily paralyzing terror, fled.