

MR. BLOUNT MARKED

Annexationists Threaten His Life in Case of Trouble.

CLAUS SPRECKLES WARNED.

A Placard Posted Saying Gold Will Not Stop Lead.

CONSPIRATORS ARRESTED.

They Had a Plot to Overthrow the Provisional Government.

FEELING IN HAWAII INTENSE.

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Developments of the past six days have been three arrests for a conspiracy to overthrow the provisional government, a threat against the life of Claus Spreckels and the organization of a society within the ranks of the annexationists for the purpose of shooting down certain royalists in the event of an open attack upon the present government. Claus Spreckels found on his gate a few days ago a placard ornamented with skull and cross bones and bearing the inscription, "Gold and silver will not stop lead." He laid the matter before Minister Blount, and the latter forwarded Spreckel's statement to the provisional government.

The names of the persons arrested for conspiracy are T. B. Walker, F. C. Crick and Archibald Livelain. They are all English, and the British consul was disposed to interfere in their behalf, but dropped the matter when informed of the nature of the charges. The government claims to have evidence against those men showing they were forming a plot to blow up the government buildings, and then shoot down the annexationists when they should rush to the scene. A large number of persons are being watched by the authorities. Six or seven hundred annexationists have formed a "Citizens' reserve." They are armed with rifles and have selected certain prominent supporters of the ex-Queen, whose names are known, and marked them for slaughter in event of a Royalist outbreak. A member of this organization gives a list of those marked for assassination, and says that it includes Claus Spreckels and Minister Blount in case they interfere in any fight that may occur.

As soon as the Government received from Minister Blount Claus Spreckel's statement in regard to the threatening placard steps were taken to protect Spreckel from further annoyances. His home is now guarded by police. The Government, as well as members of the Annexation club, regret the occurrence and look upon the posting of the placard as the work of a practical joker or some crank. The victim of the alleged joke, however, has no hesitation in saying he believes his enemies here are trying to scare him off, and that there are men here desperate enough to attempt to kill him. In regard to the citizens' reserve which has been formed, the annexationists say they realize that the question of government is a vital one with them, that in the event of the return of royalty to power their lives, property and families would be in danger; in fact that their very existence depends on winning this fight. Therefore, they do not propose to take any chances and, to make doubly sure, propose to kill off all aspirants to the throne and their supporters at the first opportunity. It is safe to say that in any other place but Honolulu such a condition of affairs as exists here, would inevitably result in bloodshed. But here the people are so in the habit of making threats with no intention of executing them that no one places much faith in the fighting qualities of either party.

It is only fair to the provisional government to say that the officials in power have not been consulted in the making of these wild plans and that they are generally conservative, level-headed men who would not countenance such doings as are spoken of. With all this talk of conspiracy and murder, there is hardly any possibility of trouble here. The natives without whom the white and half-white leaders can do nothing are peaceably disposed and are generally of the opinion that the question of government should be settled by the United States and anything they might do would not interfere with that settlement. The hundreds of white and half white agitators who might be disposed to make trouble realize they could not stand before the well disciplined, well armed forces of the provisional government, and therefore any threats that are made should be taken as the idle boasting of men without power to execute them. The Annexationists are greatly elated over what they believe to be a reprimand to Minister Blount by the State Department at Washington on account of his action in the Nordhoff case.