Q. Did you look for any trouble at the time these troops were put on shore?
A. We were apprehensive at that time of secret disturbance—attempts to create insurrection and disturbances. We were apprehensive about incendiarnism.
Q. Insurrection against what?
A. Attempt on the part of the natives to injure the whites.
Q. You mean race conflict rather than insurrection?
A. Well, I do not mean any organized insurrection—we were afraid of local disturbances in town. We were in a state of uncertainty and apprehension. We felt we needed protection. We had not organized Government forces.
Q. You wanted these forces here to preserve order until you had organized?
A. And after that if they chose. We were accustomed to have such forces landed—Mr. Merrill had had such forces.
Q. I am not questioning the propriety of it, but I am trying to find out the public mind in this situation.
A. I understand. Now I am expressing what my own view is as an intelligent person, knowing what the customs and proprieties of things would be internationally. I am only giving you my opinion.
Q. I am only asking your opinion. I am inquiring from you because you have the reputation of being an intelligent man, a man of character. These troops were landed at the instance of whom?
A. I understand that they were landed at the request of the committee of public safety—organized before the Provisional Government was organized. It was felt that the community was in great danger, and it was necessary to take immediate steps.
Q. The protectorate was established to continue during the progress of negotiations, was it not?
A. So far as it was a protectorate. I do not know how far it was entitled to be called a protectorate. I think the proclamation of Mr. Stevens settles that matter. I do not know anything outside of that. I think it was pending orders from the United States Government.
Q. Was there a fear here that were the troops aboard, the government would not be able to protect property—the Provisional Government?
A. The troops had been on shore all the time to assist in maintaining order. They took no active part then and were always confined to their barracks.
Q. Do you think that during all that period and up to the establishment of the protectorate that these troops were necessary on shore in order that order might be preserved?
A. Well, it is hard to say. I cannot judge. I will say this: I know from my personal knowledge of volunteers of the force that they considered themselves very hard worked in containing the town, and while they encountered hardly any signs or disposition to make disturbance they had a sense of insecurity. They were called off from their business to a degree that was a great trial to them, and the putting up of the American flag enabled martial law to be dispensed with and gave a feeling of general confidence and security which was agreeable to us all.
Q. Martial law and the United States troops you felt necessary to give adequate protection and restore confidence here. Is that true or not?
A. I should not say that the presence of the United States troops