It is stated here, Mr. President, that this amendment is proposed without the knowledge or consent of the Queen. On the other hand, it is stated that she has employed her attorneys and proposed to go into the courts and enforce her claim as a legal obligation. How untimely, then, it would be for the Senate to pass judgment on any case in which she might have a legal right on her behalf. The attorneys who would begin that suit would be glad that such a recognition should be given to her claim by this body.

Now, Mr. President, there are knocking at the doors of Congress to increase their little bounty or pension, and I would much prefer to take the $250,000, which is a gratuity at best, and give it to those poor old cripples rather than to place the Queen of the Sandwich Islands on our pension rolls.

Mr. BACON, I quite agree with the proposition that there can be no possible legal claim by the Queen against the United States Government or against the Hawaiian government on account of these Crown lands. Whether in conscience right or wrong, the results of a revolution always affect legal rights. It is a question, as has been suggested by Senators who have already spoken upon the subject, whether under all the circumstances under which the Queen was deprived not only of her crown, but of all her property of every sort and description anything is due in equity and good conscience to this deposed Queen. The circumstances I will not repeat, because I have no desire to refer to them, for the fact that a claim for indemnity is made dismally in any part taken by the United States Government in that matter.

I think it would be a mistake to adopt the language which is in the amendment, which calls for a reparation by the Queen of the United States through the United States Senate. This would enable the Queen to get more money than she deserved, because that would be a recognition on the part of the Government of the United States of a claim which she might afterwards rely upon with some degree of confidence. I therefore propose to offer to the amendment submitted by the Senator from Wyoming an amendment, in which certain words and inserting others, which I will send to the desk.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Georgia offers an amendment which will be read.

Mr. CLARK of Wyoming. That accomplishes the object I intended by my amendment, and so far as I am concerned, I accept the modification.

Mr. BACON. I understand the Senator from Wyoming accepts the amendment. I simply desire to say in response to the suggestion of the Senator from Wyoming that the money thus raised should be used for the benefit of the Hawaiian Islands and devoting that much of it to the compensation of the Queen. That really the United States Government will pay not one cent of it. The fund, unless it is devoted in part to this purpose, will go to certain specific funds which may be used for the benefit of the Queen. The money thus raised should be used for the benefit of the Queen.

Mr. MORAN. I am not.

Mr. BACON. I will state to the Senator from Virginia that I have very little personal familiarity with this matter, for I have been spoken upon the subject, whether under all the circumstances under which the Queen was deprived not only of her crown, but of all her property of every sort and description. I therefore propose to offer to the amendment submitted by the Senator from Wyoming an amendment, in which certain words and inserting others, which I will send to the desk.