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There is an evening twilight of the heart. Mallock.

THANKSGIVING, 1912

War and rumors of war, tariff revision and rumors of tariff revision, prospects of a lively political set-to between Republicans and Democrats for the next two years,—all of these external troubles need not interfere at all with Hawaii's appetite for Thanksgiving dinner tomorrow.

The troubles mentioned, and the host of others that perplex and irritate temporarily, are no more than a slight rash on the body politic, no more than a tiny abrasion of the skin. They are not serious enough to interfere with a territorial Thanksgiving. The only bodily ail that interferes directly with enjoyment of turkey and the fixin's is indigestion, and Honolulu and Hawaii are far, very far, from deep-seated ailments of that sort.

Most of our troubles, said a great philosopher, are those that never happen. How true of many of us in Hawaii! We pass through a recurring series of acute epidemics, for a day or a week or a month we tremble at unseen horrors and grow pale at imagined calamities. But the shadows of disaster over the community pass away, and we are surprised to find that even while the shadows endured, the territory moved calmly, irrepressibly forward, and prosperity heaped Hawaii's meadows higher and higher with material blessings.

Hawaii is in a strategic position to endure without serious economic disaster, without sinking under the blow, even the imagined mishaps. There is enough material wealth, industrial prosperity, enough of resource and enough of natural strength, to bear a far heavier burden than any we are likely to be called upon to bear.

To turn from material things, Hawaii may well give thanks for the steady growth, the onward march of knowledge, of kindness between man and man, of progress in ethical and spiritual development. It is a day of changing political ideas, and much of the twinkling of the old is being replaced by the clear brightness of the new. Throughout the territory, high-minded men and women are coming forward to help solve the problems of sound government and sane citizenship. There has never been a year in Hawaii's history more fraught with the spirit of the Golden Rule in politics than that just closing. There has never been a year when the fundamental relationship between good government, efficient government, and the "living of the people" has been so thoroughly recognized,—when the men carrying Hawaii forward saw so plainly that its political structure must be built not by one man or a set of men, but by all the people working with one mind and one steadfast ideal.

Materially and spiritually, Hawaii is progressing fast. She has within her sea-swept boundaries the elements of strength to solve her real problems, and to bear without disaster whatever she may be called upon to bear.

Hawaii can have no greater cause for Thanksgiving,—she needs no greater,—than the assured knowledge that her own men and women are moving rapidly and courageously along the best lines of progress in all fields of endeavor, and that this territory can continue to bring forth the citizens who will keep the standard just as high-held and as boldly waving.

WILSON AND AN EXTRA SESSION

Judging from the utterances in Washington papers and in mainland papers which maintain news bureaus in the national capital, President-elect Wilson has allowed the impression to get pretty strong that he will call an extra session of Congress to revise the tariff. As the Star-Bulletin's correspondent points out, some of the Democratic leaders who talked confidently of an extra session certainly thought they had the best of authority for their predictions.

In the absence of any denial from Wilson, it is fairly safe to assume that an extra session will be held, because of the president-elect's pre-election pledges for immediate downward revision of the tariff. Unless he were to call the special session, tariff revision would have to wait until a year from next month, which is a dangerous delay for the Democratic party to face. The Democrats of the last Congress, together with the Progressive Republicans upon whom they could call, framed radical revision of such schedules as those on wool and steel, and several more, notably the sugar schedule,

was nearly perfected. There is a feeling,—again judging by mainland newspaper utterances,—that it is entirely unnecessary to wait until next December before undertaking tariff revision. Several prominent House and senate members are quoted as saying that the Democrats know nearly enough what legislation they want to conclude an extra session in three months with most of the "indefensible" schedules well revised.

Of course there will be some opposition to an extra session. The Democratic Congressmen from tariff-profitting states will undoubtedly play to the interests of their constituents and demand further time for consideration. However, the demand just now for the special sitting seems to outweigh the opposition, and it cannot be doubted that party politics calls for a strategic move of this kind.

Should an extra session be called, the wool and steel schedules are almost certain to be first taken up, followed by the sugar and chemical tariffs and several others which are regarded as needing revision the most.

Ultimately, it will make little difference to Hawaii whether the sugar schedule is revised in April or December. In case of early revision, the loss due to selling the 1913 crop without tariff protection would be partially if not completely offset by the definite settlement of what the sugar industry has to stand in the way of a cut in the customs and the headjettment and relief of business on new lines. This is, of course, predicated on the supposition that no "free sugar" bill will pass, and that the cut in the tariff will be somewhere around one-third or one-half.

Wilson is unlikely to make any definite statement as to a special session until after the holidays. At any rate, it is just as easy to figure him as a friend as an enemy of America's industry, and to accept his declaration that "no honest and legitimate industry will suffer" as sincere and final.

According to dispatches from Baltimore, the old cruiser Detroit, long ago mustered out of the United States navy, has been bought by Henry Hitler's Sons, of Baltimore, for a number of Greeks, of Baltimore, who will renovate the craft and fit it up for service against Turkey. The Detroit has had an eventful career. For eighteen years she was one of the vessels sailing under Uncle Sam's colors. She has displacement of 2,075 tons and is about 300 feet long. When built, in 1892, she was one of the speediest in the navy, as well as one of the largest cruisers. She has been out of commission for a number of years and three months ago was sold to a junkman. He was stripping her when the Balkan troubles suggested to the Greeks that she would be of service against Turkey, and the junk dealer and the Greeks struck a bargain.

Washington newspapers quote extensively from the Hawaiian press in discussing the Fisher investigation here. In papers received today from the national capital, front-page stories are published on the attitude of the press of Hawaii and the Fisher probe. Editorials and news articles from the Honolulu Star-Bulletin are among those quoted.

The Powers are now exchanging notes. A few more pleasant little formalities, and the armies will be ordered to de-mobilize. After that, we will have the Christmas season, and then pretty soon it will be baseball again. Always "something doing."

Governor Frear is going to retire to a deserted island, it is rumored, but the rumor, like the governor's appointment, lacks confirmation.

Among other things, we are thankful that our turkey tomorrow does not have to be divided among all the hungry nations in Europe.

Mayor Fern probably will not greet this Rivenburgh gubernatorial boomlet with much enthusiasm.

The Sultan will be pardoned if he thinks that "any port in a storm" does not apply to the Sublime Porte.

It is beginning to look as if Great Britain will cheat us out of a lot of good war news.

They are able to say a good many things about the Unspeakable Turk nowadays.

Hail, Hail, the band's all here! Herr Berger is home again.

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

EFFECTS OF WAR ON SEA COMMERCE.

Honolulu, Nov. 27, 1912. Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Sir—The following letter appears in the November number of the Navy, Ocean and the Navy League, London, and it shows how and why war interferes with ocean commerce of countries involved. It is written by W. M. Simpson, a shipowner in the year 1865 and dated from Liverpool.

Your September issue contains remarks by "Vigilans" to the effect that if a few merchant ships were destroyed by sunken mines, insurance would become impossible, food in London would go up to famine prices, and a damaging blow would be struck.

I, sir, as a shipowner in the Alabama period of the American Civil War, would like to add that if at present Britain lost her command of her overseas food routes, the food supply for our people, to a most material extent, would not be embarked at all

from the Colonial and foreign ports of shipment, because insurance against capture and seizure would be impossible, except at prohibitive rates.

It looks as though the lawyers and amateurs generally of our Government were omitting to learn by the lessons of past history, and in ignorance were willing to incur a fearful responsibility with light hearts and fighter heads.

It was not primarily the Alabama's actual destruction of American vessels that swept the latter from the seas. Comparatively, the captures were not numerous. Few, however, as they were, they sufficed to put the "Alabama fear" into underwriters, owners and shippers, and to clear the Northern Seas of the American flag, because war insurance premiums became prohibitive under it.

Money makes the mare go all the world over. The Alabama caused the fear of serious loss of money to underwriters and shippers, and drove the Americans out of the carrying trade; so, too, would the fear of loss of money by capture prevent shipment of our food from abroad in case of even partial German control of our food routes.

Such a food siege would quickly starve our people, drive our ships and merchandise from the ocean, and paralyze our Government into terms of submission to the enemy, on such terms as probably would stagger humanity.

Never was case stronger for our having overwhelming naval superiority to ensure peace and prevent the horrors of a food siege.

THANKSGIVING TO ALL THE PEOPLE

"By the President of the United States: A Proclamation: A God-fearing Nation, like ours, owes it to its labor and its sincere sense of moral duty to testify its devout gratitude to the All-Giver for the countless benefits it has enjoyed. For many years it has been customary at the close of the year for the National Executive to urge upon his fellow countrymen to offer praise and thanks to God for the manifold blessings vouchsafed to them in the past, and to unite in earnest supplication for their continuance.

The year now drawing to a close has been notably favorable to our fortunate land. At peace within and without, free from the perturbations and calamities that have afflicted other peoples, rich in harvests so abundant, and industries so productive that the overflow of our prosperity has advantaged the whole world, strong in the steadfast devotion of the heritage of self-government bequeathed to us by the wisdom of our fathers, and firm in the resolve to maintain that heritage, unimpeded, but rather, improved by good use, to our children and our children's children for all time to come, the people of this country have abounding cause for contented gratitude.

WHEREFORE, I, William Howard Taft, President of the United States of America, in pursuance of long-established usage and in response to the wish of the American people, invite my countrymen, wherever they may sojourn, to join, on Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of this month of November, in appropriate ascription of praise and thanks to God for the good gifts that have been our portion, and in humble prayer, that His great mercies be ever ours to endure.

The White House, November 7, 1912.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

The President of the United States having appointed, Thursday, the 28th day of this month of November as a day of national praise, thanksgiving and prayer, I recommend that the people of this Territory join in the observance of that day in the traditional appropriate manner. The year has been full of good gifts to the people of Hawaii. In no part of our great country has there been a greater degree of prosperity and progress. There is more than usual reason here and now for the people to manifest a deep sense of gratitude. Let them, therefore, do this in the accustomed way by gathering at their places of worship or in their homes for praise, thanksgiving and prayer, by holding family reunions, by entertaining strangers, by ceasing from usual pursuits as far as practicable and by dispensing charity.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Territory of Hawaii to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in Honolulu this 21st day of November, A. D. 1912.

(Seal) W. F. FREAR, Governor of Hawaii.

By the Governor, E. A. MOTTSMITH, Secretary of Hawaii.

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John Schrank, Roosevelt's assassin has been declared insane by the alienists who've been examining him. The government is trying to get permission for a group of officers to go to the front to study the Balkan war.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

JACK ATKINSON (by letter)—I'll be in Honolulu shortly.

WM. BUSH—At least we may be thankful that we are not in Turkey or thereabouts at the present time.

GEORGE SMITHIES—Some people here don't know the election is over and are still trying to make "touches" off me as a candidate.

F. W. MAKINNEY—I didn't lose a thing in the fire. When I saw that the fire was in for it I got busy, and carried everything out and did not even break a dish.

H. L. HOLSTEIN—Hawaii county has a pretty good board of supervisors for next term. They are mostly young men. Kaubane is the only holdover from the present board, and he is a good man.

CHARLES CHILLINGWORTH—I think that about three days of varied attractions will be the Floral Parade program. Luckily, Washington's birthday next year falls on Saturday, which will close the program.

CHARLIE HOPKINS—I agree with Mr. Simonson that the firemen were a little reckless with their own safety when they were quelling water on the fire from Fred Makinney's parlour roof the other night.

JUDGE C. F. CLEMONS—Some attorneys think it is good advertising to have a lot of cases on the calendar. It is better advertising to get a lot of cases off the calendar. Yes, this applies to judges, too, and to trustees in bankruptcy.

ALEXANDER YOUNG—The Lemon road fire demonstrated the necessity for a fire alarm being placed at the entrance to Kapiolani Park. At present an alarm box is at the Moana Hotel and another at the public baths, with a large-size vacuum betwixt.

PERSONALITIES

PROFESSOR T. A. JAGGAR, accompanied by his wife and family, are guests at the Pleasanton.

MAJOR A. S. CONKLIN, U. S. A., is registered at the Pleasanton. He is accompanied by Mrs. Conklin.

FOOD COMMISSIONER BLANCHARD has gone to Maui to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with Mrs. Blanchard, who resides at Hamakua-poko.

RALPH LEE, a professional auto-demonstrator from Lodi, Cal., was an arrival on the last Wilhelmina. He came here for a vacation, but it is possible that he may locate here.

BERIBERI IN JAIL

A dispatch from Hilo brings the news that disease has again broken out in the Kailua jail, and this time it is in the form of beriberi. As a result of this disease one prisoner is already dead and another is now seriously ill. After an investigation it was learned that the man who had died of the disease had it before he entered the jail.

A race war is on in Fort Stockton, Texas, as a result of a drinking debauch of Mexican laborers. The whites killed two Mexicans and the town is now an armed camp.

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Table with 2 columns: Property Description and Price. Includes House and two lots, Palolo Hill (\$3500.00), House and two lots, Wilhelmina Rise (\$2500.00), House and lot, Park Ave., Kaimuki (\$2500.00), House and lot, Sixth Ave., Kaimuki (\$2700.00), 3 lots, cor. Kaimuki and Eighteenth Ave. (\$1450.00), Claudine Ave. lots (\$400.00), Lot on Palolo Hillside (\$500.00)

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