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That Hospital Road

Selecting the Engineer

If anyone believes that the city engineer for Honolulu should be selected on the basis of his political faith, he at least has the sense to keep his mouth shut.

The universal sentiment of the city is that the million dollar road building job shall be under the direction of an engineer who is as nearly to being a million dollar man as Honolulu can supply.

Every consideration of any period would point to such a conclusion, but the pointed demands of war conditions drive home the absolute necessity for conserving dollar values and the prevention of waste through engineering incompetence or political jobbery.

The nation calls upon the individual to help support the army in the field through efficiency and economy in the home. This call becomes a direction and command for every person who is engaged in any line of public work from the manager to the laborer.

If there are any men anxious to have the city of Honolulu managed by cheap political incompetents, or who would put politics first and public welfare second, let him come forth and be branded for the weakling or the slacker that he is. Let him bear the bitter condemnation that must naturally fall to his lot under the message of this president to his fellow citizens.

"In it no man can win honor who thinks of himself."

The Uniform and the Dance

To people anxious to do full justice, the incident of the United States sailor requested to leave the dance floor of the Young Hotel is one of the most difficult.

An American community instinctively and immediately rises to resent the implied insult involved in the request made of any man in uniform who is behaving himself, to leave any social assembly that is open to the public. This rises to something approaching rage when the man is acting as the escort of a refined woman.

Sentiment and sympathy are entirely with the soldier and the sailor, and it is right that it should be so.

Then steps in the discipline of rank governing the relation of the officer, the petty officer and the enlisted man. It grates harshly on the nerves of the average civilian and is tolerated only as a matter of discipline.

The incident now in the public mind gives rise to the suggestion that if there has to be any rule of rank enforced in public assemblies of any character, the officers be asked to handle the matter.

JAPANESE AMERICAN PATRIOTISM

"Five Appeals to American Patriotism" is the title of a very interesting and instructive booklet issued from the publishing bureau of the Hongwanji Mission, under the direction of Bishop Y. Imamura.

The inspiration for this book, the bishop says, was furnished by the activities of the citizenship educational committee with which the Hongwanji Mission has always been in active cooperation.

In his letter sent with the book the bishop says: "To impress firmly upon the hearts of the Japanese youth of this territory what the true American spirit is, is one of the final aims of the work carried out by our Hongwanji Mission here. Believing that some of the most prominent historical papers of the United States would bring the best answer to this effect, we decided to publish this little book under the title of 'Five Appeals to American Patriotism.'"

The first article as might be expected is the Declaration of Independence; next the Farewell Address of George Washington; then the famous message of James Monroe, which established the historic Monroe Doctrine; President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and finally the War Message of President Woodrow Wilson. The address carries the constitution of the United States, and the final touch is given by the international song written by Philip Henry Dodge, and adapted to the tune, "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean."

The preface written by the Bishop suggests to his Japanese friends that they memorize these documents as they do the patriotic utterances of Japan. "These must be put into memory," says the bishop, "just as the five vows of the late emperor of Japan, his edict on education and his proclamation of 1908 are memorized by almost every Japanese. They are the right and long wanted scripture of American spirit, and I hope they will be adopted as such in the education for American citizenship."

The articles of the book are printed in English as well as Japanese, and certainly American parents will do well to follow the advice of Bishop Imamura in urging that these famous utterances be memorized by all American children.

Dr. Jordan is probably as premature in arranging the terms of peace as, before the trouble started, he was in arranging that there should be no war. He told a select audience in Honolulu that war was impossible because the bankers would not stand for it.

Bob La Follette and Boise Peurto voting together on any question causes one to wonder whether the negative side is crooked or crooked.

Next to a Liberty bond, an investment in Hawaii enterprises is the safest place for a surplus that is an income.

Even in bitter war the men at the front find time to care for the wounded and the distressed.

In the heat of a battle, the human man has the heart and thoughtlessness of self to turn to the assistance of a stricken friend, even an enemy.

For months, and almost years, the Punchbowl street approach to the Queen's hospital has been a veritable rocky road to Dublin. To what extent it has added needlessly to suffering, would be hard to estimate. Indeed there should be no necessity for summarizing the statistics of aches and pains in order to arouse the community to a proper sense of duty.

In the meantime, while the town is talking about it, every patient who goes to or from the Queen's hospital has to bump the bumps of community indifference.

USING AN AMERICAN WAR INVENTION.

Another American invention has been seized upon abroad and turned to war use, according to a story going the rounds of the mainland press. The Philadelphia Ledger's version of it is as follows:

It has been established by the sinking of the British steamship Gena, which was torpedoed by a German aeroplane, that Germany has appropriated the idea of Rear-Admiral Bradley A. Fiske's torpedo-carrying aeroplane and thus put into practical operation another weapon of war invented by an American but neglected in this country, according to a statement by the Aero Club of America.

Since it was announced by the British admiralty that the Gena had been sunk by a torpedo discharged from an aeroplane, officials of the Aero Club of America have sought information in England about the type of flying machine used by the Germans for this exploit. The British magazine Flying, which arrived today, brought pictures of a German torpedo-carrying seaplane which showed that the mechanism for discharging the torpedo was virtually identical with that patented by Rear-Admiral Fiske.

Tests of the Fiske torpedo-plane are now being made at private expense, but with the approval of the navy department. Rear-Admiral Fiske patented his invention in July, 1912, two years before the war started, and all experiments with it which have been conducted since that time have been at private expense.

Henry Woodhouse, a director of the Aero Club of America, said that a special torpedo, which meets the conditions of lightness and efficiency needed for aerial service, had been developed by Frank M. Leavitt, a torpedo expert of the E. W. Bliss Company, and would be discharged from one of the seaplanes at a target in a test which is to be held secretly this week.

The British, it was said, as well as the Germans, have been developing Admiral Fiske's invention.

Senator Sherman is not consumed with heart devotion toward the Germans, though he has been decidedly shifty at times. In the development of one of his ideas he gave a description of Prussianism that is enlightening: "We may criticize the German. I dislike his government. I dislike his kaiser. I dislike the governing heads about him who give him advice. They are brutal; they are conscienceless; they are cruel; they have no God but war; they have no standard but success; they have no method of warfare but unrestrained murder, stopping at no limitation with men, women, children, the sanctity of the household, or infancy in the cradle. That is their government. That is the embodied form of Prussianism. It is a barbaric relic of the dark ages, and Germany's government is Prussian government. It is not a government of the mild and gentle nature of the Bavarian, of the Saxon, of the Westphalian. It is not a government of any of the races or provinces of Germany who before this war began, and especially in former years, sent of their teeming population to our republic."

Most everyone will smile at the scheme presented by a Mr. Henchen of New York for building a tunnel under the English channel and thus ending the U-boat menace. Lots of things more foolish than such a tunnel have come true. The U-boat for instance.

Every business house that has kept on doing business in the old time aggressive way, has found business good. The reason for this is the very obvious fact that establishments whose motto is "service" never find themselves among the luxuries of any period.

Russia has been receiving "the moral and financial support of this nation" ever since the neutrality flag dropped here, and if the Root missionaries can define what further in reason may be lacking it will no doubt be given.

What man has reason to complain that the authorities do not enforce the laws against treasonable remarks, when the man himself fails to report what he knows of the enemy activities?

More improbable things might happen than that the first men of the Japanese race to fight on the western front should come from among the American citizens of Hawaii.

If New York only knew the condition of the road on "the other side" surely some rich man would come to the rescue of Hawaii's bonds.

Italy gained 100,000 men for her army by lowering the height four inches, and these will be harder to hit than their beanpole comrades

DR. KATSUNUMA MADE PRESIDENT JAPANESE BODY

Dr. Tomizo Katsunuma, interpreter of the United States immigrant station here, is now president of the Japanese-American Citizens' Association. His election to that office was made last night at the meeting held at T. Murakami store on Hotel street. Dr. Katsunuma succeeds the late Attorney A. K. Ozawa.

The question of organizing a Japanese company for the National Guard of Hawaii, was not officially taken up last night, as was expected. But almost all the members present, numbering 35, expressed their willingness to join the colors if called on. It is expected that at the next meeting the subject of a militia company will be taken up.

Dr. Katsunuma, though of mature age, stands ready to organize a Japanese company for the guard, he said this morning. He believes this to be a great honor to the Japanese and is therefore advocating the immediate organization of such a company.

As to the selection of white officers to command the Japanese company, Dr. Katsunuma said that the association did not have time to discuss the matter last night. Personally, he was not opposed to it. All other members who were interviewed raised no objection whatever to being officered by whites. But, at the same time, they think that at a future time, they should be given ranks in their own company the same as the Chinese company, which is officered by Hawaiian-born Chinese.

On the island of Hawaii there are about 170 members in the Japanese-American Citizens' Association. They, too, are willing to organize a company, if permitted, said a prominent Japanese merchant this morning. The Kaula Japanese have formed such an association, with a membership of about 90. The Maui Japanese are now organizing an association of like nature.

Port Shafter Notes

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)

FORT SHAFTER, Aug. 9.—The following changes have been made in Companies A, E, G, K and M. In Co. A, Capt. Lester Baker commanding. Corp. Jasper L. Harrington has been promoted to sergeant to fill the vacancy caused by the discharge of Sgt. Stephens, and Private First Class Miles W. Donnoyer was appointed corporal, taking the place of Corporal Harrington.

In Co. E, Capt. Edward F. Witsell commanding, Corporals Joe Rite and Harvey H. Walton have been made sergeants to fill original vacancies. Private First Class George H. Sutter was promoted to corporal, filling the vacancy caused by promotion of Sgt. Rite. Private First Class Walter W. Williams appointed corporal, taking the place left open by the promotion of Sgt. Walton, and Private First Class John F. Jansen appointed corporal to fill an original vacancy.

In Co. G, Capt. Robert H. Peck commanding, Corp. Roscoe Blevins has been promoted to sergeant, Private Harry Brown appointed a corporal, and Private Andy Sandell appointed a corporal.

In Co. K, Capt. Thomas L. Crystal commanding, Corp. Claude V. Watson was promoted to sergeant, and Private First Class Allen King was appointed corporal.

In Co. M, Capt. Henry C. K. Mullenberg commanding, Private First Class Louis Spisak has been made a corporal.

He entered the service in 1900 and is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His first station was at Fort Totten, N. Y., where he remained for some years in the school for submarine defense, after which he served at a number of Coast Artillery posts, being sergeant major at the Presidio of San Francisco at the time of his appointment as post quartermaster sergeant. While on duty at Fort Ruger, Captain Murphy has made a host of friends, both in and out of the service, who are sincerely glad of his well earned promotion and the fact that he passed one of the best examinations of a reserve commission ever held in Honolulu. All his friends wish him all the success that he deserves.

ASKS FOR MUSIC FOR MEN LAID UP IN HOSPITAL

"Have you people any new songs, patriotic or otherwise? Something with a catchy refrain so the wounded lads can easily join in. The last hospital I sang at there were thousands of Tommies, all more or less wounded, and the way the popular choruses went was a shame. The soldiers and sailors like sentimental songs just as much as patriotic, perhaps more."

From Llewellyn G. Farthing, who left Honolulu in 1915 to join the colors, was wounded when the transport upon which he was stationed was torpedoed in the Dardanelles, and is now again well and doing service at Port Said, Egypt, this plea for music comes to the people of Honolulu.

Farthing writes that he has been at an English hospital for six weeks and for three weeks previous to that time he was in an Italian hospital. Although he has written to many people here, he says that he has received answers to only a few of his letters and judges that the rest were lost in the ocean or elsewhere.

"We will stick it out to the end," he writes, "or until I stop another bunch of ironwork. I think we have them where they never expected to be, and the pressure is increasing. With Uncle Sam's help, we will have them absolutely on the run shortly."

SIX BRITISHERS SOON TO LEAVE FOR FRONT

Young Britishers continue to volunteer for service with the armies of their native country for service in France and a number have been passed in the last few days by the examining physicians. They will shortly leave for British Columbia. Among these are Thomas Strathairn, purser of the S. S. Mauna Kea, a native of Crief, Scotland; William Wilson Wright, son of the kamaaina coach builder of that name, Sydney Albert Levey, son of the late Lewis J. Levey, former leading auctioneer, a native of Sydney, Australia; William McLean, a native of Kilmun, Scotland; Peter Torrance, who hails from Roslin, Scotland, and John P. M. Thomson, a native of Fowls, Scotland.

HART DUE BACK AUG. 15 TO FACE INDICTMENTS

Accompanying Lionel Hart, who was recently placed under arrest for embezzlement, Arthur McDuffie, chief of detectives, will arrive in Honolulu on August 15 on the Matsuno. Word to this effect was received last night by Sheriff Charles H. Rose in a cablegram from McDuffie.

The party left San Francisco yesterday.

WOMAN DISLOCATES JAW WHEN SHE YAWNS

PUEBLO, Colo.—When Mrs. C. H. Seele indulged in a comfortable yawn as a preliminary to retiring she found herself unable to close her mouth. Investigation revealed that she had dislocated her jaw bone. Scarcely had a surgeon finished setting it when the bones again slipped out of place. A second operation was necessary. Now Mrs. Seele's jaw has been placed in bandages to keep her from yawning for a while.

WHEN UNCLE SAMUEL PEELS HIS COAT

When Uncle Samuel peels his coat And rolls his sleeves up tight, You can bet your final sou-markee There's going to be a fight.

He's very patient, is Uncle Sam, And peaceful is his notion, But when he gets his dander up, Just watch him get in motion.

He's had some hard knocks in his time, Through quarrels of others' picking, But never lost an inch of soil, And never got a licking.

The Stars and Stripes his oriflamme, The eagle for his token, From "Seventy-six" to "Seventeen," His record is unbroken.

Ten million men now at his call, And dollars without number, Your Uncle Samuel's on the job Awakened from his slumber.

He has no selfish aim to gain, No future domination; A lasting world-peace is his aim, An end to devastation.

And when this ruthless war shall end, With all its tribulations, He'll be the first to lend a hand To aid the stricken nations.

—Charles L. Tompkins.
New Jersey was added to the list of states whose quota for the regular army has been filled.

OUT OF THE RUTS

Ruts are most dangerous to every business carried on in an old town.

Get out of the Ruts or the Ruts will get your business.

Study your field. Get acquainted with changing conditions.

Avoid the ruts.

Paid Publicity Will Do It.

The general circulation of the Star-Bulletin on August 3 was 6702

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

E. A. MOTT-SMITH: It certainly is not an easy job being a member of the board of supervisors with 101 reports to investigate and on top of it all an ulcerated tooth.

PERSONALITIES

HARRY STONE, a graduate of the University of California, arrived yesterday on the Manoa to accept a position as farm manager of Mills school. He is a brother of Robert Stone who has been a year on the Mills faculty.

UNCLE SAM'S FIGHTERS TO GET BEST OF MEAT

CHICAGO, Ill.—Meat as fresh as that sold to the civilian population is to be sold to American soldiers and sailors during this year. It will come up also to the same specifications. This is said to be the first time in the nation's history that its fighting men will be so well fed.

Thirty-five packers conferred with representatives of the army and navy and worked out the plans for providing the best quality of food for Uncle Sam's men.

VITAL STATISTICS

BORN

VASCONCELLOS—In Honolulu, August 9, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Manuel L. Vasconcellos, of 516 Magellan street, Auwalimu, a daughter, NEVES—In Honolulu, August 8, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Neves, of 243F Kuakini road, a son, Raymond Albert.

MARRIED

HERSOG-MOAHLENKAMP—In Honolulu, August 9, 1917, Sgt. Henry Hersog, U. S. A., and Miss Anna Moahlenkamp, Rev. Samuel K. Kamalojili, assistant pastor of Kaunakapili church, Palama, officiating; witnesses, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Kelland.

DIED

REDDING—In the department hospital, Fort Shafter, Honolulu, August 9, 1917, Sherman A. Redding, private in medical corps, U. S. A., unmarried, a native of Michigan, 24 years old. Body will be sent in next transport to maintain for burial. PILA—In Honolulu, August 9, 1917, Benjamin, son of Kanekoa Pila, of Huestace street, a native of this city, two months and seven days old.

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