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Govern your passions or otherwise they will govern you.—Horace.

THE MILITARY AND THE CARNIVAL

The fine spirit of cooperation shown by General Frederick Funston and his associates in all that pertains to the community welfare of Honolulu is emphasized by the plans for the military features of the Mid-Pacific Carnival.

Monday, February 23, will be made notable by a great military parade fittingly to commemorate the patriotic significance of Washington's birthday. But the military will do more than share in Honolulu's celebration of this national anniversary. With fully 6000 troops from Schofield Barracks in the city, with large numbers from the posts nearer-by, the Carnival will have a distinctly and agreeably military flavor for five days. There will be military sports and military social affairs.

General Funston's cordial enthusiasm has made possible one of the vital factors of success in Director-general Dougherty's Carnival program.

THE CURRENCY CLASH

Senate disagreement on the currency bill appears to be considerably wider than the administration is quite willing to have recognized. Up until recently Senator O'Gorman of New York was believed to be the only Democratic member of the upper house who would insist that no final action on the new bill be taken at this session, but a little more than a week ago he was definitely joined by Senators Hitchcock and Reed. The committee still contains four staunch supporters of the Wilson policy—Owen, Hollis, Pomerene and Shafroth.

These four, however, were outmaneuvered and outvoted by a coalition of the other Democrats with the Republicans on the committee. This coalition succeeded in voting into the bill amendments which, says Chairman Owen rather bitterly, "alter the entire theory of the bill." The amendments were as follows:

That the regional banks to administer the new currency scheme be capitalized by public subscription, the stock not taken by the public to be taken up by the member banks of the system.

That each regional bank be controlled by nine directors, five to be named by the government through the federal reserve board and four to be chosen by the member bank.

That the new currency to be issued be treasury notes, obligations of the United States, loaned to the banks, and not bank notes guaranteed by the government. This sustains the provision of the administration bill as it passed the house.

That the new notes be redeemable in "gold" by the regional banks and the treasury, and not in "gold and lawful money," as provided by the administration bill.

These are the amendments to which the Owen element on the committee, recognized as representing the administration, heartily objects.

The reports to the senate today bring out the conflicting views in the committee. Final action is now hardly probable, though President Wilson has held so many cards up his sleeve this summer and played them so deftly that his wishes hitherto have ruled congressional action with a certainty that is at least admirable.

THE SERVICE STANDARD UPHOLD

Gratification that the men of the 25th infantry have been fully cleared of an ugly charge against three of their number will be generally mingled with indignation at the gross exaggeration of the affair in a portion of the press.

The Star-Bulletin, after learning last Saturday of the alleged assault, ascertained that no report had been made either to the police or the army authorities and that the rumor itself was so vague and unsubstantiated as to be open to immediate suspicion. For that reason this paper declined to print the story, though of its own accord it began to look into the facts. Later, when a portion of the press gave the affair extreme and detailed publicity, and the police and army officials began their investigation, all the essential facts were printed in this paper and it was at once seen how distorted were the earlier versions.

The men of the service quite naturally have resented the unfairness of their treatment in the publication of idle rumor. We believe in giving a square deal to every man, whether in khaki or civilian clothes, and the 25th has come out of the affair with colors flying. In fact, the entire service has been exonerated of the worst features of the charge and the community is glad of it.

GET IT SETTLED

Following closely the opinion of the deputy city and county attorney, the supervisors give evidence of intention to restrict the civil service commission to little more than nominal powers.

The attitude of the board was shown last night in adopting two reports each of which refuses to accept as authoritative or advisable the work of the commission in making a large number of changes in the administration of the police and fire departments. With one exception, that of Supervisor Pacheco, the board adopted the reports, in which such criticisms as the following are thickly sprinkled:

"We recommend that the remainder of the report (as to rules and regulations and manuals for the two departments) be taken as a letter from three private citizens."

"As a report of the Civil Service Commission it is out of place."

"All of these powers are as far from the control of (civil service) commissioners as they are from that of the board of harbor commissioners."

Right or wrong, such criticism as this shows that the board of supervisors and the civil service commission have reached the point where a definite settlement of the commission's powers is imperative.

If the commission has no authority to promulgate rules, regulations and manuals for the conduct of the police and fire department, it might as well stop a useless expenditure of energy.

If the commission has no authority to work for the improvement of discipline in the departments, to work for more equipment, it might as well end a fruitless and thankless task.

"Such use of power is a usurpation of the powers of the board of supervisors," says one of the reports adopted last night.

If this is the case, it should be definitely established now. The courts are at hand for an interpretation of the law. Why not secure that interpretation speedily?

CHINA LOSING TERRITORY

The Republic of China is evidently losing territory by her inability to compose internal affairs and present a united front to the aggressions of Russia. On November 5 a new Russo-China agreement was signed at Peking, by which the autonomy of outer Mongolia was recognized. Associated Press dispatches say that Russia continues to acknowledge Chinese suzerainty and undertakes to refrain from colonization or military occupation of the country, aside from consular guards.

The agreement provides that autonomous outer Mongolia shall comprise those regions formerly under the jurisdiction of the Chinese governor at Urga, the Tartar general at Ulassutai and the Chinese governor at Kobde, but since no detailed maps of the country exist, the exact future frontier will be the subject of negotiations.

W. Averill Harriman, son of the railroad magnate, is going into the Union Pacific carshops next week. Yale men think this is no more than fit penance for the person who perpetrated the English rowing system on the Blue crews last spring.

Vice-president Marshall's mother-in-law has defeated him at croquet. We don't know Mr. Marshall's distinguished relative, but in general it is not a safe proposition to tackle mother-in-law on anything from abracadabra to zapateado.

Clarence Robinson, the gentleman put up as a victim of Detective Kellett's alleged brutality, is the individual who described himself on a now-famous occasion as "lawfully drunk." His testimony is obviously invaluable.

A good many people expect the Bandwagon to make its official start tomorrow, and a large number already hold reservations to be taken up at a moment's notice.

Home Buying continues to be one of the really worth-while topics in Honolulu just now—considerably more to the point than gubernatorial speculation.

Disappointed gubernatorial candidates haven't indorsed Mr. Pinkham, but they are making no particular noise about it.

The canal can be opened in three weeks if war made it necessary—but Josephus Daniels says there ain't goin' to be no war.

Whom the gods would destroy they first make Mexican dictators.

FUNSTON ASKS JAPANESE PAPER TO RETRACT TALE

Calling on the Nippu Jiji to make a public retraction and apology for the story published a few days ago, alleging a criminal assault on a Japanese woman by three colored soldiers, General Funston today sent a letter to Editor Soga of that paper, worded in straight-from-the-shoulder language.

The department commander, as soon as the sensational story was picked up and printed by the American morning paper, started an investigation and also had a translation made of the original Japanese article, which proved to be even more denunciatory against the American soldier than that printed by the morning paper. The investigation, as stated in the Star-Bulletin, proved the entire tale to be a fabrication, the truth being that three white soldiers had forced entrance into a house, bluffed a Japanese into taking a drink which he didn't want, and handled his wife somewhat roughly, after which disorderly conduct they were put out by the husband. No one was beaten up, and no criminal assault was accomplished or attempted.

General Funston tells Editor Soga in his letter that he must retract the false statements through the columns of the Nippu Jiji or stand confessed as a malicious disturber of the peace and a breeder of racial ill-feeling, in a place which is singularly free from the latter. He points out that the true facts could have been easily ascertained by the simple process of questioning the alleged victims of the assault, but that this was not done, and an incendiary article, calculated to raise ill-feeling between the Japanese population and the troops, given publicity.

"The publication of this article is one of the grossest pieces of injustice against the American soldier that I have ever come across," said General Funston this morning. "I do not mind the actual offense committed, and if it were possible at this late date to apprehend the three white soldiers who raised the disturbance in the Japanese home they would undoubtedly stand trial, and probably get heavy sentences. However, there is a vast difference between a 'rough house' disturbance and a capital crime, and to spread such a tale broadcast was inexcusable. I wish that our libel laws were such that suit could be brought."

WEDDING BELLS

SLATTERY-HUFFMAN

"Cupid" Thomas Treadway is gradually becoming inured to serve in the wee small hours in behalf of couples eager to marry. He was summoned from his bed at 1:30 o'clock this morning and granted a license to Nell R. Slattery and Miss Clara E. Huffman, members of a gay party who had participated in the benefit dance at the Walkiki Inn last evening. It is stated the party then went on to the parsonage of the Rev. R. E. Smith of the Methodist Episcopal church, where they roused that worthy gentleman from his slumbers and obtained his service in completing the nuptial knot. Slattery comes originally from San Francisco and is an employee of the Honolulu Gas Company, while Miss Huffman is a recent arrival from Rochester, N. Y. Max Lange and Mr. and Mrs. J. Battersby were witnesses to the receipt of the marriage license.

SLEDGE-FULCHER

In the presence of a few intimate friends, the marriage of Miss Carolyn R. Fulcher to William Porter Sledge was solemnized Monday evening at Kamehameha Chapel, the Rev. J. L. Hopwood officiating.

The bride was formerly a teacher at the Kalih-waena school and returned Monday on the Siberia from a visit on the Coast. The bridegroom is electrical engineer in the government's employ on the big drydock at Pearl Harbor. The couple will make their home in Manoa Valley.

Thirty-six applicants for positions within the gift of Uncle Sam are today taking the United States civil service examinations at the federal immigration station. This number includes a number of former soldiers, who desire to remain in the islands for a time, provided that they can secure good positions. The examination is in field service, and the clerical examination, first grade. It will probably take the greater part of the day to complete the tests.

REV. EBERSOLE BRINGS NEWS OF MISSION FIELDS

This evening at Central Union church, Rev. A. A. Ebersole, the associate minister, will take the hour usually devoted to the mid-week prayer service to tell about the work of the American Board of Foreign Missions as it is being carried on in the great missionary fields of the world.

Coming as he does directly from the annual meeting of the American Board recently held at Kansas City, where missionaries from the various fields gave red hot reports of conditions as they actually exist, Mr. Ebersole will have new and up-to-date information and his address should be full of interest to all who attend.

The general public, as well as members of Central Union church, are invited.

The meeting will be held in the Parish House at 7:30.

Personal Mention

B. D. BALDWIN and wife are booked to sail in the Kinau tonight for Makawell after a visit to the coast.

JOHN GUILD and John Waterhouse, of Alexander & Baldwin's office, leave in the Kinau tonight for Kauai on plantation business.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—DR. JOHN F. COWLES: I was surprised to learn, upon my return from the mainland, that the news of my marriage while away has been given considerable publicity locally. I wish to state that the report of this marriage has been grossly exaggerated so far as I am concerned. I understand that my former wife was married on the coast within the last few weeks and possibly that is how my name came to be mixed in the affair. Not guilty.

CHINESE-AMERICAN GUARDSMEN MAKE A SPLENDID SHOWING

The Chinese-American company of the national guard assembled at guard headquarters last night, the recruits being given their first instruction in the school of the soldier. The men showed a marked aptitude for the work, and soon mastered the rests, facings and steps, the instructors having no trouble in getting quick results. Sixty men turned out.

It had been intended to form the company into squads last night, but a heavy rain prevented work out of doors, and the two rooms of the barracks are too small to permit of any company formation.

Tuesday was chosen as the drill night, and until the new army is completed, the men of the new company will meet at guard headquarters on that evening at 7:30. It is expected that the army floor will be ready for drilling in two weeks.

MAINLAND FIRM GETS JOB; LOCAL BIDS ARE NOT GIVEN OPPORTUNITY

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nishing and erecting the steel-work for the big coaling-plant, a job that is distinctly within the scope of work of two or three local firms.

Furthermore, it has recently been learned that the bureau allowed an extension of time for preparing the bids, but the local firms did not receive notice of this extension until too late for them to take advantage of it, owing to the distance from Washington. So it was that only mainland bidders competed for the job, although local firms believe that they could have made a better figure than the winning bid and still realized a fair profit.

Whether there will be any concerted effort to prevent such happenings in the future could not be learned today.

J. G. B. Cameron, administrator of the estate of Frederick Gronhardt, has filed in circuit court an inventory showing the estate consists of cash in the savings bank and on hand amounting to \$2174.44.

FOR RENT

Kalakaua Avenue 4 bedrooms \$60.00
Pikoi Street 3 bedrooms \$45.00
Aloha Lane 2 bedrooms 20.00
Tantalus 3 bedrooms 45.00

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College Hills House and lot 7350.00
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Funeral services over the body of Franz Brezowsky, 95 years old, who died yesterday afternoon following a brief illness, were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from Williams' undertaking establishment. Mr. Brezowsky, who was a native of Austria, has resided in the islands for a number of years, and is survived by a daughter, Mrs. C. H. Eickler of 1933 King street.

The heavy rains in Honolulu during the last few days have relieved the irrigation situation considerably; in fact, in many parts of the city irrigation from the city mains has been unnecessary for nearly a week. Secretary Caldwell now announces an additional watering period for the Nuuanu system. Irrigation may be employed in that district between 8 and 9 a. m. and from 4 to 5 p. m.

Investment Opportunity

On Vineyard, near Emma street, property consisting of two houses, lot 50 x 131, for sale at \$5,000.

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