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*There is no death! what seems so is transition.
This life of mortal breath . . .
Is but a suburb of the life elysian
Whose portal we call death.*
—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

GRASPING THE OPPORTUNITY

Director-general Dougherty and the Carnival directors have proved themselves responsive to public sentiment. The Carnival will not be dropped. Indeed, the whole incident should be valuable, for it centers attention on the opportunities now before Hawaii to secure more of the world tourist traffic than the territory has ever had.

The original plans for the Carnival must be considerably changed but the director-general has shown that he has originality of ideas and ability to carry them out, and Hawaii is confident that the fete next February will be worth while. In the meantime, by all means the Promotion Committee and the Carnival directors should turn attention to a big advertising campaign to get the tourists who for a year or more will probably be barred from the resorts of Europe and Africa.

MALICIOUS RUMOR OR THE TRUTH?

In a signed statement published in the Star-Bulletin yesterday John H. Fisher says that he was handed \$20 by a police officer under circumstances which give rise to the suspicion in some quarters that the police officer connived at keeping Fisher from testifying before the liquor license commission.

Fisher's statement, without directly making the charge, intimates that he believes he was taken to the windward side of Oahu and kept there to prevent giving testimony before the license commission as to the conduct of Waikiki Inn.

The territorial grand jury has declined to go into this case and there seems little disposition on the part of the license commission to conduct a further investigation. So far the investigation has been half-hearted, superficial and wholly unsuccessful in reaching any conclusion.

Either Fisher was gotten away from the city for a purpose or he was not. Either he was handed the \$20 as a bribe or he was not. Either an effort was made to "protect" Waikiki Inn or it was not.

The way in which the whole matter has been left unsettled is highly unsatisfactory. If the reports are wrong, the stories malicious, they should be stopped. The only way to stop them or to prove them is to get at the truth.

JINGOISM REPUDIATED

That now-notorious cablegram from Japan to the Nippon Jiji turns out, just as this paper prophesied, to be faked either wholly or in part in Tokio.

There was just enough color to the story to cause widespread uneasiness in Hawaii. The fact that the United States is endeavoring to preserve the neutrality of China and guard the integrity of the young republic lent some plausibility to the statement that a strong note on the subject had been handed to Japan. But the rest of the story—that Japan had been threatened with the Atlantic fleet—was so preposterous as to discredit the entire message.

This yarn, hatched in the irresponsible brain of some jingoist in Tokio, is typical of what Hawaii may expect from time to time during the European war. There are enough evil mischief-makers in Japan, and they shout loud enough often to overwhelm the less noisy but greatly more influential body of earnest and public-spirited statesmen who desire only peace. Count Okuma knows that there is nothing to be gained if Japan breaks with the United States and he knows much better than most people that Japan is in no position for a war with the United States. The Japanese government is quite aware of the extreme desirability of friendship with Uncle Sam.

On the American side of the Pacific there exists no popular feeling that calls for even a tension in the mutual relations. Nor does there exist a diplomatic situation that would call for hostile pressure upon Japan by President Wilson, Congress or the American ambassador. The administration must recognize—and in fact has recognized—the obligation upon Japan to stand by her ally, Great Britain. That obligation may be fulfilled without impairing the integrity of China, and in safeguarding China, the United States will certainly have the assistance of Great Britain and consequently of Japan.

The Hawaiian Japanese press as a whole refused to place any credence in the sensational report from Tokio and by doing so showed wisdom and a desire to maintain the utmost harmony of spirit in Hawaii. The Nippon Jiji will be taking a wise course if it declines to encourage the jingo spirit by "playing up" such re-

ports as that of Saturday. The Japanese press in Hawaii exercises a strong influence upon the large Nipponese population here and the Japanese editors, intelligent and able men, in true devotion to the public interest will endeavor not to incite but to compose, not to breed agitation against the United States but to foster harmony.

NO LABOR MOVE LOGICAL

The report published this morning that Japanese plantation laborers are planning to ask for a raise in wages is of very doubtful authenticity and even less logic. To put it plainly, Hawaii is in no financial condition for a raise in plantation wages and the Japanese know that the situation does not warrant any aggressive action on their part.

Sugar has been very low for many months. It is only within the last few days that the price has gone up, due to the war situation. Whether this increase in price is likely to be lasting no man can say. For two years plantations have been retrenching and for twelve months the screws of economy have been put on tight, with free sugar in 1916 staring the producers of this territory in the face.

Moreover, the Japanese know as well as the sugar producers that the plantations of Hawaii are no longer up against a demand for labor. The increase in European and Filipino laborers, together with the retrenchment on the plantations, has resulted for the first time in Hawaii's modern sugar history in a surplus of labor. Just now that surplus is not apparent, the pineapple canneries being in the midst of their busy season, but when that short season is over, the problem of the unemployed is sure to arise once more.

With the prevailing low price of sugar for many months past, the uncertainty of any stability for war-boomed prices and the certainty of plenty of labor for the plantations, the Japanese realize quite as well as anyone else that there is neither reason for an advance in wages at this time nor prospect for successfully forcing the issue should the labor agitators plan a strike or any other aggressive act.

FACTS ABOUT THE PANAMA CANAL

It is:
Forty-seven miles long.
Cost, when finished, \$375,000,000.
Salaries and wages paid, \$150,000,000.
Estimated annual cost of operating canal, \$4,000,000.
Will require 2500 employes.
Began work on canal May 4, 1904, with 74 employes.
At height of construction 44,661 employes engaged.
Eighty-seven nationalities represented by laborers.
Cost U. S. government \$16,500,000 to make sanitary, employing 1300 people on that work.
To July 1, about 6000 employes have died.
First commercial use of canal on May 18 of this year.
Earnings up to June 1, \$7356.12.

THE COST OF WAR IN DOLLARS

Working under full pressure the cost of ammunition consumed by the Iron Duke, flag-ship of the British home fleet, is:
1 minute—\$50,000.
1 hour—\$3,000,000.
1 day (24 hours)—\$72,000,000.

It takes more than a kona wind nowadays to put Honolulu in the dumps. People are just naturally getting together. Witness the unanimity of sentiment regarding the Carnival.

The Progressives are bobbing up and down on the River of Doubt.—Watertown Standard. Evidently the River of Doubt runs near Watertown.

Does the fact that King George has released all the imprisoned suffragettes indicate that the militants are good fighting-men?

The man who is disappointed in the war news unless there is a big battle partakes in nature of the ghoul.

"America remains Japan's great friend," says Premier Okuma. Let Hawaii live up to that spirit.

It has been a quiet year for the stock exchange—that is, if you don't count the last week.

The next war-scare from Japan will be pretty thoroughly discounted.

"Rumor Link Will Drop Out"—latest in the political chain of events.

Our yacht will not be seen in the North Sea this summer.

DEMOCRATS MAY HAVE NONE OUT FOR ATTORNEY

Democrats on the island are going to back a Republican for nomination and election to the office of city and county attorney, according to M. C. Pacheco, chairman of the Democratic central committee. This will be the only office in the city and county for which there will not be Democratic candidates, declares Pacheco.

Whether the Democrats will back John W. Cathcart, incumbent, or George A. Davis, the new Republican candidate for the place, is not stated by Pacheco.

Only one more day remains for petitions for nomination to be filed for either a county or territorial office.

A number of politicians have been waiting to hear from J. Lightfoot, feeling that he would make another race for city and county attorney. But, according to Pacheco, they have waited in vain, for he says Attorney Lightfoot is likely to be appointed a circuit judge any time and has no idea or desire to make a second race for the position now held by Mr. Cathcart.

George A. Davis' candidacy for the city attorneyship was announced yesterday afternoon. George S. Curry, the first candidate in the field, withdrew and Davis came out for the place.

Curry's candidacy was announced before it was known that Cathcart would run. It was admitted at the time that Cathcart's candidacy would upset the Curry campaign but after Cathcart had cabled from the coast that he was in the race to stick, Curry now says that he finds a vigorous campaign would interfere with his private engagements and business.

In announcing his candidacy yesterday, Davis attacks Cathcart for taking private cases in defense of people charged with criminal acts.

Personal, Mentioned

JAMES H. BOYD was a returning passenger from Hawaii in the Inter-Island steamer Mauna Loa.

J. A. MAGOON, who has been spending some time on the windward side of the island of Hawaii, returned to the city this morning as a passenger in the Mauna Loa.

E. W. QUINN was among the passengers from the coast in the Matson steamer Manoa who returned to this city last evening. He was accompanied by Mrs. Quinn.

H. W. KINNEY, superintendent of public instruction, has completed a tour of the island of Hawaii and returned to this city as a passenger in the steamer Mauna Kea.

JOSHUA D. TUCKER, commissioner of public lands, is back from a business trip to the windward side of the island of Hawaii. He returned in the steamer Mauna Loa this morning.

F. THEODORE SCHMIDT of the Levenson-Welll Company will be a passenger in the Matson Navigation steamer Wilhelmina on a vacation and business trip. He expects to return to the islands in about two months.

JUDGE H. E. COOPER, has completed a business and pleasure tour of the mainland, remaining for some time on the east coast of the United States. He was numbered with the passengers returning in the Matson steamer Manoa.

E. R. STACKABLE, who was sent to the coast to represent the Honolulu shareholders of a Mexican rubber estate, has returned with a report on existing conditions which will soon be made to local investors. Mr. Stackable was a passenger in the Matson steamer Manoa.

MISS FLORINE J. HYER, an artist of much prominence on the mainland, who has completed a course of study in France, has been commissioned by the Oceanic Steamship Company to paint a large landscape that is intended to adorn the San Francisco office. Miss Hyer, accompanied by Mrs. H. C. Motley, was among the passengers to arrive at the port in the steamer Ventura this morning. Miss Hyer will devote several weeks in making a series of sketches.

S. SHEBA, editor of the Hawaii

M'CANDESS NOT TO QUIT, SAY HIS SUPPORTERS

Democrats allied with the L. I. McCandless faction rose up in their wrath today and denied vehemently that McCandless will withdraw from the race for nomination on the Democratic ticket for delegate to congress.

Since Palmer Woods' advent into the race, rumors have been current that McCandless would withdraw, and these rumors were given new weight yesterday when Woods openly declared that under an agreement made some time ago, McCandless was to get out of the race in the event he, Woods, decided to run for the delegateship.

It was these rumors and Woods' assertion of such an agreement that were assailed this morning.

A few friends of McCandless arrived this morning on the Mauna Loa from Hawaii, where McCandless is campaigning. They declare they saw him just before sailing and that he had told them he had no intention of withdrawing. On Paunahi street, the Democrats deny that their candidate ever made an agreement with Woods. They say that such an agreement would have been absurd and un-McCandless.

M. C. Pacheco, chairman of the territorial central committee and a supporter of McCandless, was one who came forward to declare that there was no truth in the withdrawing rumor.

"McCandless does not propose to withdraw," he said. "We have not heard from him but we know he will not back out at this stage of the game. We deny that there was any such agreement between McCandless and Woods; the idea of such an agreement is absurd on the face of it."

"I, for one, am glad that Woods is in the race for it will decide for once and all which faction of the party is in the majority. I am tickled to death to see Woods made a fool of by the clique."

"We don't want it thought that McCandless has dropped out. It is nothing but a frame-up to confuse the public."

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—SUPERVISOR PETRIE: I can't see the reason for carnival postponement. Ask me some easier question if you want a definite answer.

—MAJOR A. S. CONKLIN: No word has been received at Department headquarters to throw any light on war rumors involving the United States.

—CHARLES K. NOTLEY: I'm just running. I have run before, and now I am running again. I don't propose that I shall cost me much more than the \$10 nomination fee.

—S. A. MARDEN (Philadelphia): I looked at the American league standings in the paper when I landed from the Ventura this morning, merely as a matter of form. We know that the Athletics are holding, and probably improving their lead, without seeing the printed word.

REPORT THAT JAPANESE WILL MAKE REQUEST FOR RAISE DISCREDITED

A report this morning that Japanese plantation laborers held a meeting yesterday and decided to ask for a general wage advance is news to everyone who could be reached this morning and who would be in touch with the situation.

At the office of the planters' labor bureau it was stated that so far as was known no such meeting was held. The entire report is discredited.

SECRETARY OF THE TERRITORY TO WORK OVERTIME TOMORROW

The clock will strike 12 o'clock midnight tomorrow before the office of the secretary of the territory is closed. For tomorrow is the last day for

Shinpo and who recently conducted the Hawaiian excursion party to Japan, has been appointed private secretary to Admiral Baron Urlo, head of the Japanese commission for the Panama-Pacific exposition. The position has been accepted by Mr. Sheba and, if the exposition is not postponed owing to the present European embargo, he will leave for the mainland in February to join Baron Urlo at San Francisco, remaining in that city until the close of the fair.

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candidates in the approaching primary election to file their nomination petitions. Failing to file them tomorrow, they are down and out so far as the coming election is concerned. There are still several candidates who have not paid the \$10 fee and filed petitions, Palmer Woods, the new candidate for delegate to Congress, is one of them. He swept the plant of the National Hedding Co. and four dwellings at Cleland, causing a loss of \$50,000.

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