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This country possesses an incalculable advantage since it is the greatest civilized power entirely removed from the possibility of being drawn into the maelstrom.—Henry Clews.

THE PRIMARY AND THE CAMPAIGN.

Mention was made in these columns some time ago of some dissatisfaction with the direct primary nominating method, voiced in various of the states. The recent primary election in New York brought out some criticism of the plan, but it is interesting to see that such a competent observer as the New York Evening Post believes the direct primary is effective where the people take enough interest in political affairs to get out and vote.

Commenting on recent primary results the Literary Digest notes that the nominations of Penrose for senator in Pennsylvania, Glyn and Whitman for governor in New York and Roger Sullivan for the senate in Illinois, have raised some suspicions "that the direct primary might not bring in the political millennium."

The Digest quotes the New York Evening Post as saying:

"Cool-headed advocates of the direct primary recognized all this from the beginning. The disappointment is only for those who dreamed that, somehow, the direct primary would be a device to give us automatically high-grade and independent candidates, and to defeat the bosses and smash the machine. But the truth is that you can't smash the machine simply by more machinery. A given piece of machinery is better than another; and the really sound argument for the direct primary is that it is a great improvement over the old system. This means only that it can be used with greater ease and effect, if the determination to use it exists. But short of some great and exciting issue, some outrage of boss nomination, this weapon will not be seized upon eagerly by the rank and file of the party, and the consequence is that the leaders will generally have their way."

The New York Times has this interesting comment:

No light has been shed either by the Illinois or the New York primaries on what would happen in a time of popular ferment or uprising. It is certain that under the primary system the people could and would make themselves felt, though whether they would do so more effectively than they did under the old system there is nothing as yet to show. It is interesting to note that in the various districts where a local boss had opposition the votes almost invariably overruled the boss. Whatever may be the case in larger affairs, it has become easier to overthrow a boss.

Hawaii's experience with the direct primary is not extended enough to reach very definite conclusions as to whether it has greatly changed the character of the political tickets. We fancy that about the same nominees as were named at the first primary, on September 12, would have been chosen had the convention system been maintained. Perhaps in a few cases very good men would have allowed their names to be used at a convention who would not get out into a direct primary and make the sometimes unpleasant fight for a nomination. On the other hand, there is considerably less bitterness between party factions now than there was after the Republican convention of 1912.

The principal disadvantage of Hawaii's first primary, at least for Oahu, is that it took away much of the popular interest in the general campaign itself. Many voters undoubtedly made up their minds during the primary campaign upon a choice of candidates and as the choice of the majority were nominated, these voters are not showing much interest in the present campaign. This lack of curiosity as to what the candidates have to say is reflected in the small audiences that attend the meetings of both parties. In spite of the packing of the Democratic meetings with road-laborers sent out nightly under the orders of the Bourbon campaign managers, these Democratic meetings are usually much smaller than was the case two years ago. The Republican meetings are comparatively small also. And yet the feeling is general that this is a "Republican year."

For those in Hawaii who have some misgivings about the efficacy of the direct primary, it may be said that every community has to try the system thoroughly before it produces the best results. Always this system is at the hand of the community that wishes to drive from power unscrupulous or incompetent officials. But the direct primary will do little good if the voters prefer to sit comfortably at home instead of going to the polls and nominating good men and then seeing that these men are elected.

Three young men indicted by the territorial grand jury last week for second-degree burglary were sentenced to two years each by Circuit Judge Ashford this morning, after they had entered pleas of guilty. The men are Oscar Moton Humphreys, Albert Pappas and Eneasong. The first named pleaded guilty to three counts and was given a concurrent sentence of two years for each offense, which means that the same sentence applies to all three. Eneasong drew a concurrent sentence on two counts, on which he had confessed guilt.

John Makia, the lone representative of the Progressive party running as a candidate for the house of representatives in the fifth district, this morning announced his withdrawal from the race and asked Secretary Thayer to remove his name from the list of nominees. He gave no reason for the action. It is thought, however, he did not care to invest the \$25 necessary as a nominating fee.

One of the charges used against William Henry, candidate for county sheriff, is that he removed some pigeons from the territorial prison when he retired as high sheriff. The pigeons belonged to Mrs. Henry, but that seems to have made no difference to the Democrats making these profoundly weighty, serious, important and disastrous charges.

The Chicago packers are working night and day to fill European orders and even the entire stock of hides has been sold. It used to be said that those Chicago men canned the whole hog, including the squeal, but from recent observations it would appear that Europe has no need for the latter article.

The road department of the city and county is being run for political purposes. The supervisors are employing a tremendous number of men for the month before election and ordering those men to work for the success of the Democratic ticket. This is all at the expense of the tax-payer.

A typographical error in yesterday afternoon's paper made it appear that German "submarines" were leaving Antwerp to rejoin the fleet at Kiel. The despatch should have read "marines", these being recalled from the land attack to join their ships.

Sometimes what seems like a wild rumor materializes into cold fact. Such is the appearance of the Japanese cruiser off this port early today. The report some days ago that a Japanese warship was drawing near these waters was scoffed at by a good many people.

Gen. Pancho Villa's little scheme of throwing 18,000 soldiers around the seat of the Mexican conference indicates that he is going to have something to say about the choice of the next president. It is hard to believe that Pancho wouldn't like the job himself.

It looked for awhile as though the army and navy would break off relations over the quarrel about the annual football game, but having exchanged a few White Papers, both sides are satisfied and the historic battle will take place in Philadelphia this fall.

Germany has 200,000 tons of sugar to export now and 900,000 more later on. The problem will be for Germany to get this sugar safely overseas. The British navy will have something to say about that export trade.

One exploding shot from a big siege gun does injury enough to keep a relief expedition busy. The aggregate of damage, human and otherwise, daily occurring is beyond ordinary comprehension.

The soldiers who complain that they can't get protection from the police department are not the victims of discrimination—civilians in Honolulu complain about the same thing.

City Engineer Wall thinks that the water meters are a failure. It will be a surprise to hear the admission that anything is a failure under Democratic administration.

An ex-candidate for mayor wants to start a shoot-the-chutes, figuring, we suppose, that he is eminently qualified from his previous experience on the primary toboggan.

Truth is stranger than fiction. If you don't believe it, watch these official European announcements for about a week.

A good deal of the European war funds, we suspect, are used up in firing these White Paper broadsides.

Live warships of hostile nations are now added to Hawaii's scenic attractions.

Vodka is ruled out of Russia but caviar goes marching on.

It looks like an extra-inning game along the Aisne line.

Does the River Yser run backwards?

Letters TIMELY TOPICS

(The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space for anonymous communications.)

CONCERT AT QUEEN'S HOSPITAL.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir: Through the thoughtfulness of Rev. Father Valentin, the patients in the Queen's Hospital were treated to a fine concert from 3 to 4:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by Messrs. Ramon Montenegro, Cajetano Francisco, Jacinto Heronimo and Eusebio Ebor, who played selections from grand opera and popular music. The instruments employed were violin, mandolin and guitar, and they were played with much ability. The patients herewith express their appreciation and wish the musicians unqualified success.
COMMITTEE.

OFFICIAL REPORTS INACCURATE.

Honolulu, T. H., October 21, 1914.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin:
Sir—Just how little reliance can be given to the various reports sent out from the seats of war will be shown in this letter. A week or two after the declaration of war a very descriptive account was published in the various newspapers here and all over the United States of how two German cruisers jumped into Hongkong with their decks and sides running with blood. I did not think at that time that any German warship would seek a refuge in a hostile port and thus augment the fighting strength of her enemy.
Neither German sailors nor British nor Americans would for a moment consider the surrender of their ship to an enemy.
An American gentleman, who arrived here a few days ago direct from Hongkong and whose name and address may be obtained from me by

anybody interested, now tells me that the only warship which entered the harbor of Hongkong was a British torpedo boat; she was said to have had a running fight with a hostile vessel and was supposed to carry on board six dead and a number of wounded. This latter report, however, could not be confirmed. No other warship of any nationality has been seen anywhere near Hongkong. The German reservists taken from the Pacific liner and the German prisoners are living in tents on "Stonecutters' Island" in the harbor and are strongly guarded. They receive the equivalent of 50c American money for their maintenance. Two of the prisoners attempted an escape and were killed by the sentries—it was rumored.
Thus even within the war zone you encounter lots of rumors and few real facts.
Thanking you for the space in your valuable paper, I am
Yours truly,
F. SCHURMANN.

THE SOLDIER'S VIEWPOINT.

Fort Shafter, H. T., Oct. 20, 1914.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir—A soldier's opinion.
The unpleasant accident that occurred last Sunday night was caused by the police not giving us proper protection. I think the police force of this city is a farce. If the force will protect us this would not have happened. If we do not get this protection, can we afford to be assaulted? Therefore, we will have to stop it our own way. One of them said, "Why don't you call the police when they try to whip you?" Where were the police Saturday night when one of our men was "beaten up"? They are never around, but let them reverse it and see how quick they come. They say they are not able to cope with the gang of toughs in Dowsett lane. If they can't, why not let us try it? We are never molested by the high-class of people; it is the low, degenerate class. Hoping to see this in your valuable paper, I remain
Yours respectfully,
A SOLDIER.

"The Watch on the Rhine"

"The Watch on the Rhine" was written by Marx Schneckenburger, a Wuertemberg manufacturer, in 1840, when France was threatening the left bank of the Rhine. It was set to music by Carl Wilhelm, and during the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71 was adopted as the national folk hymn and rallying cry of the army. It is the war song of the Germans today:

A voice resounds like thunder peal,
Mid dancing waves and clang of steel:
The Rhine, the Rhine, the German Rhine!
Who guards today my stream divine?

CHORUS.

Dear fatherland, no danger thine:
Firm stand thy sons to watch the Rhine!

They stand, a hundred thousand strong,
Quick to avenge their country's wrong;
With filial love their bosoms swell,
They'll guard the sacred landmark well!

The dead of a heroic race
From heaven look down and meet their gaze;
They swear with dauntless heart, "O Rhine,
Be German as this breast of mine!"

While flows one drop of German blood,
Or sword remains to guard thy flood,
While rifle rests in patriot hand—
No foe shall tread thy sacred strand!

Our oath resounds, the river flows,
In golden light our banner glows;
Our hearts will guard thy stream divine:
The Rhine, the Rhine, the German Rhine!

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—CHIEF OFFICER ROHANAN: I heard today that much of the material required to refit the boilers in the German cruiser Geier cannot be procured at Honolulu and may have to come from the United States or Europe. Should this be the case the vessel will be delayed much longer at the port.

—JUDGE H. E. COOPER: If one-half of the people who for the past few months have importuned me for the chance to pay a visit to Palmyra Islands will come forward and join the proposed Kilauea excursion the vessel will be overcrowded and additional tonnage to accommodate the throng will have to be secured.

—CAPTAIN H. EELBO (by wireless): It is to be regretted that myself and officers were in our early and unannounced departure from Honolulu prevented from witnessing the arrival of the Japanese battleship Hizen. We may see that vessel should it proceed to Hilo and later act as escort to the long-detained steamer Kiyu Maru.

CLOTHING NEEDED FOR SUFFERERS IN EUROPE

*** Have you clothes for the war sufferers? ***
—The war relief committee finds that clothes are as much needed as money among the innocent sufferers from the European war. Consequently the committee solicits clothing to be forwarded to Europe.
—The American-Hawaiian Steamship Company offers to transport to New York free of charge all clothing contributed to and forwarded by the war relief committee and it is believed that free transportation can be secured from New York to the European port.
—So if you have clothes which you can give, preferably warm clothing, send the package to W. R. Castle's office and it will be taken in charge by Mr. Castle or Mr. Rath.

Three workmen were struck and killed by a freight train on the Mountain railroad at Hammond Station, near McDonald, Pa.

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Governor Pinkham today made three appointments of members to the boards of registration on Hawaii. S. W. A. Kaleiho-a of Hilo is appointed to the board of the first representative district, East Hawaii. The other members of this board are Jack D. Easton and Joseph Vierra. Easton is appointed to the chairmanship, succeeding W. H. Johnson, who recently resigned. Basil Apiki succeeds John Kaelemakule, Jr., on the board of the second district, West Hawaii. Kaelemakule, Jr. died October 13. The other members of this board are Sam Woods of Kohala and Alfred G. Patten of Pahala, Kau.

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