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ITALY STEADILY NEARS WAR.

If Italy and Austria go to war, the ill-luck that seems to be dogging the house of Hapsburg will again be exhibited. That and a continuation of the sort of diplomacy which irritated little Serbia until the Serbs dared the Dual Monarchy to do its worst.

The German ambassador to Rome, Prince von Buelow, had apparently accomplished a task that called for the most delicate of finesse as well as the most direct of firmness—the task of keeping Italy from seizing the opportunity to vent her grievances against Austria. Under the circumstances this would, of course, mean a fight with Germany, too. Von Buelow has always exercised a great influence in Italy and as was pointed out in these columns many months ago, his appointment as ambassador to Rome was regarded as an exhibition of real statesmanship.

Austria and Italy have been drifting further and further apart. Old wounds smart in Italy's side; old sores break forth afresh. And the European desire for expansion of territory, bred of the crowding populations of Old World countries, is showing very plainly in the utterances at Rome. Yesterday the Italian chamber of deputies was spoken of as ready to advocate war to "realize the national aspirations" of Italy—which means more territory, a larger field for commerce.

Austria's "Red Book," latest of the official gazettes dealing with the events immediately preceding the war, shows plainly how strongly Vienna was forcing the hand of the Serbs. Since then the Austrian minister of foreign affairs has retired and given place to an Hungarian, Baron de Burian, but very likely it is too late for a change in diplomats to avert hostilities. Had it not been for the earthquake disaster, Italy would ere now be warring with Austria, in the opinion of many observers.

DIFFERING VIEWS.

Sir John French predicts the war will end soon. Henry Clews, the American banker, does not agree with him. Clews says:

"As for the end of the war, that does not yet appear to be in sight. A military deadlock exists on the Continent which cannot be broken without terrific loss of life on both sides. It would seem as if nothing short of military, financial and economic exhaustion on one side or the other would really end the war."

GRATIFYING.

The College of Hawaii is beginning to take its rightful place in the territory. Its importance; the desirability for increasing its facilities; its just claim to the attention of public officials, have been emphasized a number of times recently in the way that counts most—action. Scholarships and an athletic field have been given to it; the legislature is preparing to assure its financial support; the Conservation Commission has made certain the establishment of the engineering test laboratory by setting aside \$8000 from the conservation fund. Good! These are steps toward making the college what its proponents say it should be—the largest and best-equipped educational institution in the territory.

THE STRIDES OF SUFFRAGE.

There has come to the office of the Star-Bulletin the remarkable suffrage edition of the New York Evening Post, a 34-page paper telling in graphic detail of the dramatic fight for suffrage being made by the women of the east Atlantic states. The suffrage forces are cutting their way through the last stronghold of

conservatism—reactionary New York. That they can induce a paper so conspicuous for torism as the New York Evening Post not only to issue a special edition but to violate its time-honored rule against "streamer" headlines—that itself is significant in showing the change in attitude toward the vote for women. Gradually but steadily the women are crumbling opposition before them in every part of the country. The west is now won, the middle west practically converted, the Atlantic coast wavering and even the south opened to see the light. Suffrage is as inevitable as a human force can be. And though the demand in Hawaii is less insistent, less dramatic, it is none the less there.

ACTION WILL TELL.

The Star-Bulletin is informed by one of the house members that there is no personal hostility to House Bill No. 210, creating the commission to reform financial procedure in public office and to appraise public property.

If there is no personal hostility to this bill, and if the only reason why its third reading is delayed is so that the bill can be strengthened by amendments, the facts should show in early action by the house. The danger is that the bill will be too long delayed. The measure of the sincerity of purpose behind the postponement of third reading will be exhibited in the speed with which the bill is amended—if amendment is needed—and sent to the senate.

HAVE YOU A FEW BOOKS YOU WILL GIVE?

Residents of Honolulu have an opportunity to assist at very slight trouble to themselves in building up a library at Schofield Barracks. Gen. W. H. Carter has in contemplation the construction of a suitable building at Schofield Barracks for a library and reading and writing rooms for the garrison. The government makes no provision for this and Gen. Carter has undertaken personally to assemble a library and to secure the building material and equipment. Books donated by friends are arriving by every mail from the mainland. In every household there are novels, books of travel, etc., not valued as part of the family library. It is possible that many residents of Honolulu may desire to add to this service library from their own collections. If so, they may send their books to Gen. Carter's headquarters in the Young Hotel Building.

Vice-president Marshall refers to the president as the great peacemaker. He might have made it "pacemaker" without much exaggeration.

The Progressive party of Michigan at its state convention declared for state and national prohibition.

Senatorial courtesy is never better exhibited than in taking a polite whack at the other fellow's bill.

Perhaps Austria expects to be more successful in the Pyrenees than in the Carpathians.

"Across the Alps lies Italy"—and straining to get into the fight.

All those in favor of raising the territorial income tax say Aye!

Second-term movements will soon begin to interest the Sultan.

The nation that drinks the least will win.—Kaiser Wilhelm.

Resist alcohol as you would the enemy.—Lord Kitchener.

Y. M. C. A. TO GIVE INTERNATIONAL DINNER; RACE HARMONY KEYNOTE

Fletcher S. Brockman to Be Present and Deliver an Address

The international dinner which is being planned by the Y. M. C. A. for all-races connected with the association will be held in the association building on the evening of April 6. Invitations have been sent to 150 representative men of every important race in Hawaii.

The two-fold purpose of the dinner is to promote the inter-racial friend-

ship for which Hawaii is already noted and to acquaint the leaders of each race with the extension plans of the Y. M. C. A.

Fletcher S. Brockman, national secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in China, will be the guest of honor. Other speakers will be: M. G. Santos for the Portuguese; Dr. I. Katsuki, Japanese; B. T. McKapagal, Filipino; C. K. Al. Chinese; Rev. Akaho Akana, Hawaiian; Dr. Sygman Rhee, Korean; Frank C. Atherton, American.

Mr. Brockman, who will speak on the Y. M. C. A. as a world factor, has been in Honolulu on a number of

occasions en route to the Orient. He is now returning to China after a four months' tour of the United States where he has held conferences with Y. M. C. A. leaders about his work in the Orient.

This gathering will be the first definite step toward enlarging the scope of the Y. M. C. A. Until now the central building has maintained several branches, but the recent growth of the Japanese association promises to necessitate a new department. Associations of Koreans and Filipinos have been formed, and the Chinese association is being reorganized.

As souvenirs of the dinner the committee is planning programs with flags of all races represented on the covers. H. H. Trent will preside. The committee working with Lloyd R. Killam is:

W. D. Westervelt and W. A. Boyen, American; Y. Soga and H. Koyasu, Japanese; C. K. Al and Yap See Young, Chinese; Sam Kamikopi and

Letters of 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.)

SMALL FARMING IN THE OLA A DISTRICT.

Hilo, Hawaii, March 21. Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: I was looking through your book published December, 1914, and offer you a few remarks about a part I happen to know—Olaa.

I state that between Hilo to the Volcano House there are very few residences left. In fact, almost none excepting those congregated around the plantations. One of the last was sold a few months ago, the last of the "coffee planters," \$2000 house with outbuildings in good order, with 20 acres fenced land, for \$500.

He has considered lucky to get that. All the other places have long since been sold for old lumber at give-away prices and the land left. The fact is the land is little good and small farmers around have a hard time making their salt, let alone a living. All the coffee growers, as you are probably aware, were ruined and glad to escape with whole skins, and since then quite a few Gallicians and others, practical farmers, went a little off the road and

founded a little village they called "Squatterville," built a good school house and put in their all in the land and their cottages. After two years they one and all left the place and everything there, not being able to make a living; and even the lumber there was unsalable. A fine place, truly, for small farmers, who with the same means in California and other places could build up a comfortable income-bearing home! Bananas, pineapples, etc., which undoubtedly will grow, have been killed by high freights and other causes, which are prohibitive to anyone raising them. The few that were shipped after dumping considerable overboard owing to careless handling on board, landed the shipper in debt.

About the only thing that does pay is the sugar as handled by the large plantations. Even this rarely pays individual growers who have no mill and has to sell to the plantations at the best price they can get, which you may be sure is none too much.

The little coffee now grown is in the Kona district and as far as I know there is not a large amount shipped but I do not know enough about it to say what the possibilities are beyond the fact that all those who had coffee plantations in the Olaa district were ruined.

I could criticize some of your other statements had I the time, but knowing Olaa, thought I would give you these facts.

Yours truly, LEONARD CARTER.

Personal Mentions

C. D. LUEKIN of Wailuku, Maui, may sail for the mainland in the Manoa.

H. B. WELLER, representing the Union Oil Company, expects to depart for San Francisco on the steamer Manoa on a business mission.

J. K. BROWN is booked for San Francisco in the Matson Navigation steamer Manoa, to leave Honolulu next Tuesday.

JUDGE L. A. DICKEY of Kauai will leave for Washington April 7 to appear as attorney before the United States Supreme Court in the now famous Acherly case.

MR. and MRS. F. F. BALDWIN are numbered with the passengers to depart for San Francisco in the Matson liner Manoa. They will join the vessel at Kahala.

G. W. BADGER, formerly chief engineer of the Marconi wireless station, who left Honolulu on the Glenroy some time ago, is now on one of the British submarines in the North Sea.

DR. R. RUNGE, a German physician from New Guinea who was among the last of the prisoners liberated according to the terms of the Rabaul agreement, is a through passenger in the Sonoma to San Francisco. Dr. Runge has been identified with the detention camp hospital service at Sydney since he was taken from the German South Pacific possession. He said today that he had been offered a position under the British government on the government troopships which he refused to accept.

LITTLE NEWS

WM. WOOD: Conditions at the Country Club golf course have been very favorable for good scores of late. When the trade winds get back to their usual form the cards will begin to climb.

LIEUT. C. K. LYMAN: On a recent visit to Kaula I spoke to a number of Garden Islanders about the proposed troop of National Guard cavalry. There is considerable interest shown there in such an organization.

Esteban B. Cahano, Filipino, of Kilauea, is dead and his wife and her sister are wounded as a result of a shooting affair in which Esteban attempted to kill the two women. He then committed suicide. The suicide thought he had killed his wife, for in a letter written before pointing the revolver at his own head he consigned his children to Filipino friends.

S. M. Kananani, Hawaiian; Dr. L. R. Gaspar and M. G. Santos, Portuguese; Rev. H. P. Hong and S. M. Choi, Korean; V. A. Lionzon and Leo M. de Jesus, Filipino.

FARRINGTON TO SPEAK TO YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE

The Young People's League made the following announcement today:

"The problem of the proper adjustment of the races throughout the world is as big as the life of the human race itself, and it is a problem which is stirring the minds and hearts of the leading educational and religious leaders everywhere. Perhaps nowhere else is this problem so noticeable as it is here in Hawaii, and perhaps nowhere else can there be found a more suitable place for its solution than right here on Hawaiian soil. For this reason the leaders of education and of world interest in Hawaii have given much time, thought and study to the problem and through their endeavors some ways and means for its solution have been worked out and partly laid before the public.

"Some time ago a conference for the free expression of opinion on the subject was held at the University Clubhouse. Mr. Mathews and Dr. Gulick, who returned from Japan recently, gave very stirring addresses on the matter, especially in relation to the American-Japanese question. In addition to the thoughts of these two men, practical suggestions were contributed by many Honoluluans. And among those who spoke was Mr. Farrington, who presented some very valuable and very practical ideas for the young generation of men and women of all nationalities in Honolulu and in the territory.

"Hearing these practical ideas Rev. A. Akana, the general superintendent of the Young People's League, who was present at the conference, extended an invitation to Mr. Farrington to present in detail the development of these ideas to the members of the league, and with his consent next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock he set for him to address the young people. The public is invited, especially those who are interested in international questions. Mr. Farrington has given much time and thought to the study of the subject and it is certain that his contributions will be of great value to the educational forces of the city and of Hawaii."

NO MEETING FRIDAY

There will be no meeting of the Young People's League at the Kamehameha School for Boys Friday night as planned, and as announced last Sunday morning. The fact that the examinations are on at Kamehameha, and that the boys are preparing for camp next week make it impossible for Mr. Thompson to begin his work with the league this week.

The opening meeting is therefore postponed to Friday night, April 9, at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Thompson for 25 years has given much thought and study to the science of eugenics and his lectures, some of which have already been published in the Educational Review of the Star-Bulletin.

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NEW ROAD SIGNS ON OAHU URGED BY AUTO CLUB

At a meeting of the board of governors of the Honolulu Automobile Club late yesterday twelve new members were admitted to the club and the committee on emblems submitted a design for consideration of the organization. It is in the form of the steering wheel of an automobile, the rim of the wheel being black, with aluminum colored spokes. Between the spokes and the rim the letters "H. A. C." have been inscribed in cherry color.

The board of governors' legislation committee went on record as favoring the California traffic law and announced that it is now drafting a similar bill for presentation at this session of the legislature. The road signs committee reported in favor of certain designs for road signs and the board of supervisors of Honolulu will be asked to install the signs.

With the shooting of Bernard Schwab a few days ago in a barn near Westport.

HONOLULU'S GIFTS WELCOMED IN LONDON

In a letter to Phillip C. Hall of the Paradise Tours, Mrs. Charlotte C. V. Jenkins, at London, declares the gifts of Honolulu to the women beggared in London because of the war came as a godsend. Mrs. Jenkins writes she announced the gifts of the Aloha and Honolulu donation chairs at a meeting of the Society of American Women in London recently and that the announcement was greeted with enthusiastic applause.

Charles Ember, Jr. and Walter Messers were arrested in connection

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