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AMERICAN PROTEST JUSTIFIED.

Germany's offer to pay indemnity for the torpedoing of the American steamer *Gulflight* is tacit acknowledgment on the part of the German government that the vigorous American note of a few days ago was quite justified.

That note was not based solely or even in chief on the sinking of the *Lusitania*, but on Germany's whole theory of submarine warfare. And the points that President Wilson made against this theory of warfare are abundantly borne out by the *Gulflight* case.

Here was a vessel flying the American flag and attacked in broad daylight by a German submarine. The captain and two of the crew lost their lives and the vessel, sinking, was towed to a beach. The only possible excuse that Germany could offer is the excuse she did offer—that the attack was a mistake.

Now it is plain that no country can permit "mistakes" of this kind, just as it is plain that Germany cannot guard against such "mistakes" with her present system of submarine warfare. Under this system, no halt and search of merchant vessels in the war-zone is made. They are sighted—usually from a distance of at least a mile—the submarine dives and sends the dart toward its distant mark. Carelessness, as in the *Gulflight* case, may prevent the submarine commander taking any heed as to whether the vessel flies a belligerent or a neutral flag.

Germany must observe international law—must make sure that a vessel is a belligerent vessel or carries contraband before attacking it—or else stand convicted of utter lawlessness. That is the sum of it.

The United States in a note remarkable for dignity, reserve, sound basis in law and kindly spirit, asked Germany for a definite statement as to its intentions. Germany replied in an extremely unsatisfactory manner, endeavoring, for instance, to make out that the *Lusitania* carried mounted guns and troops. Now the United States is patiently sending another note. It is for Germany to make a reply that will show her worthy of respect as a great and just power.

ADVERTISING—A BUSINESS FORCE.

Advertising is a business force. It deserves study as such. In order that the readers of the *Star-Bulletin*, businessmen present and prospective, may enjoy the opportunity of such a study in comfortable instalments this paper today begins a series of ninety articles on advertising written by an eastern advertising expert. Every wide-awake businessman of the present day is a student of advertising, and every young man must have an understanding of advertising if he is to make a success. If some of the *Star-Bulletin* readers have not come to realize this, it is worth their while to closely follow the chapters published in this paper each day. The people of business force will profit and enjoy the brief and pithy instalments, which present many suggestions and throw new light on old problems.

WHERE THE "SHORT BALLOT" WON.

Advocates of the "short ballot" city government will have plenty of opportunity for political evangelism this summer, for with the approaching charter convention, there is already evident a disposition on the part of the "old guard" in local politics to squelch any talk of non-partisan, commission government. Yet the "short-ballot" idea continues to make progress on the mainland.

Bloomington, Ill., has recently adopted the commission plan of city government. The city electorate once voted down this plan, but after a continuation of waste and inefficiency under the old form, turned to the new. The offices now made elective are:

- Commissioner of public affairs and police.
- Commissioner of finance.
- Commissioner of public property.
- Commissioner of public improvements.
- Commissioner of health and safety.

Law enforcement was the paramount issue in the recent election and the commissioner of police selected as his chief of police a successful businessman. It is interesting to note that Bloomington's problems are about the same as Honolulu's—financial economy, greater water supply, sanitation.

The commissioners began by eliminating many useless employes, paying better salaries to those remaining, getting better general results and saving thousands of dollars monthly. Apparently Bloomington does not regret its

CENSORING THE FILMS.

Honolulu has its first official board of moving-picture censors, a committee of the supervisors, whose activities are yet too limited to afford a basis for criticism, except that it makes itself ridiculous by exhibitions such as that of last night. Last night the committee recommended as a fitting Sunday "movie" a current film offering which is anything but appropriate for the Sabbath. The recommendation was rejected but later the committee recommended three pictures, one of which was that previously rejected. This time an easy-going board approved the recommendation. Still, the committee is new at the censoring business and perhaps will gain judgment by experience.

Berkeley, Cal., has reached some valuable conclusions on moving-picture censorship. A committee of the City Club, unofficial but evidently with the respect and cooperation of the city officials, made a "survey" of the situation. One of its conclusions is this:

"The worst offenses against good taste were found in the comedies. The producers of motion pictures seem to believe that what the public desires is farce comedy of the slap-stick variety. Some of this comedy is vulgar in the extreme and all of it is in bad taste. Children are prone to imitate and exaggerate the gestures of the popular comedians. Thus there is danger that these comedies will inculcate bad manners or at least awkwardness and roughness in the bearing of children. From the moral standpoint, there is great harm in these comedies which make light of the sacred relations of life. As for the rest if they do not seriously corrupt the morals, they do seriously corrupt manners."

The committee also concludes: "It is clear that we cannot greatly change the kind of pictures shown without ruining the popularity of the motion picture theaters. Our attention, then, must be turned to improving the quality of the pictures, especially those of adventure and comedy, and to securing as large a proportion of educational films as possible in each program. Our figures show that the children will stand a good deal of this latter sort of picture when properly mixed with some of the more exciting varieties."

The Austro-German forces are making a brilliant campaign of it in Galicia now. Starting their offensive along the San three weeks ago, they recaptured Przemysl within a week after their big guns were shelling the fortress. The Russians had time to withdraw in good order but the Teuton allies followed their Przemysl victory so closely that the Russian retreat in spots resembled a rout. Very likely the Teutons will regain Lemberg before another week has passed. Perhaps, however, they will prefer to hold the Russians in Galicia and detach a large part of their army to meet the Italians on the south.

The New York World, which has not been distinguished for its advocacy of woman suffrage, undertook to settle the question of whether women really wanted the ballot. Its poll showed that 77 per cent did. This settled it for the editor of the World, but it is a safe wager that the next time a group takes up the discussion the same number of positive-minded gentlemen who know women do not want the vote will be on hand to urge that as an objection.—The Commoner.

Sixty-five million dollars' worth of food has been furnished to the Belgian people by the American commission for relief in Belgium, and \$5,000,000 has been supplied by American charitable organizations. Yet this sum would finance one of the European armies for only two weeks.—Tacoma News.

Mayor Lane's action in incurring \$2000 expenses for his now-famous luau without authorization is upheld by the city attorney, and the supervisors have appropriated the money, so there's nothing for the taxpayers to do except to indulge in some heavy thinking.

An anonymous letter received by the *Star-Bulletin* refers to President Wilson as an "Anglomaniac." The sympathies of the writer may be guessed, even though he is careful not to sign his name.

Albania is also among the famine-stricken countries. Oh, war is indeed glorious!

"Biblical and educational" is covering a mul-

OLD DOC'S TALK

EQUIVALENCE

If you think, my son, that right and wrong will even up at the end of a man's life and strike a balance sheet, you're wfully off your base. There's a general compensation, it's true, and things level out pretty well in the long run, my boy, but every good action is rewarded and every evil one paid for in one man's life; not by a long sight.

Some things are carried over like a poor doctor's bills, and settled by an estate. Or else they're not settled, but are apparently overlooked, to be squared for some great-grand-son who doesn't care a peanut shell who his ancestors were or how much they worked for what he gets.

Life's no small racket, my boy. It's a big scheme and's universal, impersonal, general, rather than personal and individual. Individualism'll never spread beyond small, pet communities which have theories to ventilate. Things outside will go on just the same whatever ranting is indulged in by extremists who would regulate the world.

Children will be born in the old way

AFTER SEEING TILLIE.

Taffy was a gay dog,
Taffy was a thief,
But Taffy for a Sunday film
Is quite beyond belief.

Now Tillie is a gay girl
Who steals her father's coin,
And goes off to the city
To enjoy the tenderloin.

She drinks too many cocktails,
And, falling cash for bail,
She ends her time of rioting
By being locked in jail.

Her Charlie is a worthless chap
Who steals her stolen bills
And takes up with another girl—
Leaves Tillie to her ills.

And so the pretty story goes:
The charmed spectator sees
Dear Charlie raise a woman's skirt
Quite high above her knees.

A staircase waltz, a tango, too—
Oh, there is nothing slow
In this six thousand feet of film;
And it's a Sunday show!

The Supervisors give the right
To run the film, and say
'No, it's not Biblical, but still,
We think it's quite O. K.'

Why waste your time at church or
park,
Or that poor kind of bunk?
Go to the movies Sunday night;
See Tillie when she's drunk!

KEEN CONTESTS WHEN TOY BOATS RACE IN TANKS

(Special *Star-Bulletin* Correspondence) PUNAHOU, June 5.—The boys' miniature boat races were held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Alexander swimming tank. There were many children in attendance, and grown-ups, too. There were three races, three heats in each race.

In the first race Orlando Schoening and Tyson Norgaard were contesting. In this race Orlando Schoening's boat won, it starting immediately and going to the opposite side of the tank at fast speed. Tyson Norgaard's boat went crooked in the first heat, and in the second heat it went under in the middle of the tank.

In the second race Ellsworth Derby and John Warner's boats competed. John Warner's boat was run by Chandler Woods. Ellsworth Derby's boat, run by electricity, won the second race.

The third race was between Ellsworth Derby and Orlando Schoening, the latter being the victor.

GERMANS MAY ORGANIZE FRATERNAL ORDER HERE

Acting Governor Wade Warren Thayer has approved the application of a number of local German residents for permission to establish a branch of the Order of Hermann's Soehnes in Honolulu. One of the objects of the organization, as set out in its application, is to advocate the teaching of the German language in the public schools, and to assist members in case of sickness and death.

Does Advertising Benefit?
Read Chapter 1, Page 17.

For Sale.

- Matlock Avenue—2 bedroom modern bungalow;
- Lot 50x90, with servants quarters. \$3350.00
- Puunui—a fine residence site, 150x200. 2700.00
- Prospect Street—2 large lots, good view.
- Lots on 16th avenue, Wai'alae. \$450 and \$500

On easy terms.
For further particulars and list of other property call on

Guardian Trust Company, Ltd.,
Stangenwald Bldg., Merchant St.

“What shall I give the June Bride?”

Not necessarily a vexing question, as WE have given such careful thought to the matter that our advice will probably help quickly to furnish the solution of the problem.

There are such exquisite articles in Jewelry, in Gold, Platinum or Silver, in Crystal, in Leather—such an abundance at prices as low as quality will warrant, that the selection of one particular gift is not a hard matter once you think of the recipient's tastes and desires.

May we assist you in choosing?

Wichman & Co.,
Leading Jewelers

refrain from discussing the European situation when at the motion pictures where war films are being shown and he has asked the people of this country, so far as it is possible to remain neutral at heart.

The case of Allan McGowan, charged with embezzlement, has been continued in Circuit Judge Ashford's court until Wednesday morning, June 9, at 9 o'clock, for disposition.

At Wahiawa For Sale!

Large lot of five and one-half acres; located in village on the bluff overlooking the Reservoir. The Railroad Station is but a short distance away. This is an ideal spot for a country home—high elevation, cool and invigorating climate.

Trent Trust Co.

Watch Repairing

Done by skilled workmen. Work Guaranteed. Prices right.

Vieira Jewelry Co., Ltd.,
113 Hotel St.

Henry Waterhouse Trust Co., Limited.

FURNISHED

2568 Rooke St., Puunui	4 bedrooms	\$75.00
1147 Young St.	3 "	32.50
1252 Kinau St.	3 "	35.00
Waikiki	4 "	40.00
Kinau and Makiki Sts.	3 "	50.00

UNFURNISHED

1028 Piikoi St.	2 "	30.00
602 Wylie St.	4 "	45.00
1270 Matlock Ave.	4 "	32.00
2205 McKinley St., Manoa	3 "	45.00
1704 King St.	3 "	29.00
1579 Piikoi St.	3 "	37.50
7th and Kaimuki Aves.	2 "	21.00
1454 Thurston Ave.	2 "	25.00
1313 Makiki St.	3 "	33.00
1205 Wilhelmina Rise, Kaimuki	3 "	35.00
1328 Kinau St.	3 "	35.00
770 Kinau St.	4 "	32.50
1148 Lunalilo St.	4 "	32.50
1377 Kalakaua Ave.	3 "	23.00
1126 King St.	5 "	50.00
Kalakaua Ave. (beach) partly furnished	10 "	75.00
1317 Makiki St.	3 "	30.00
2144 Lanikuli Drive, Manoa	2 "	41.00
704 Wylie St. and Puunui Ave.	4 "	45.00
1251 Lunalilo St.	3 "	45.00
2130 Kamehameha Ave., Manoa	3 "	40.00
Lower Manoa Road & Hilsdale	2 "	37.50
1913 Young St.	2 "	35.00
Kewalo St.	3 "	43.00
Adams Lane	3 "	33.00
McKean and Oahu Sts.	2 "	35.00
1023 10th Ave., Kaimuki (July 1, 1915)	2 "	35.00