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If a man tries, he may get results in reforming himself; but reforming the world is a big job and requires not only a lifetime but an age.—E. W. Howe.

## AMERICA'S POSITION PLAIN.

The grave offense officially attributed to the Austrian ambassador, Dr. Dumba, and likely to involve other diplomats representing the Germanic Allies in the United States, may bring a crisis comparable to that created by the sinking of the Lusitania.

Certainly no foreign diplomat who attempts to instigate disorders in the United States can be tolerated. It matters not that the trade he tries to hamper is a trade in munitions. There is not the slightest question in the minds of fair men who know international law that the United States, in refusing to declare an embargo on the shipment of munitions, holds an unimpeachable position.

Those who attack this position cannot quote authority for their attacks. They have had to fall back on two arguments—first that it is unwise for the United States to stir up hostile sentiment in Germany by allowing the exportation of arms when Germany is unable to get them; secondly, that though perhaps international law formerly recognized the sale and shipment of war supplies as right, the circumstances of this war have changed international law.

Unquestionably the strong, active, deeply-wrought supporters of the Teutonic nations, in their declarations that the munitions trade is wrong, have aided and abetted these diplomats who transgress propriety and encourage plots against American industry.

Yet we doubt if the great body of American citizens of Germanic extraction will endorse or justify the diplomats if it is conclusively shown that these diplomats or their agents have taken part in the alleged plots. Though their sympathies are with the Central Empires, such citizens cannot excuse conspiracy against the adopted land whose peace and honor they have sworn to uphold.

When the first exposures of the so-called activities of German agents were made in the New York World, the Germans under fire made prompt reply. They declared that innocent acts had been misconstrued. The American government is not proceeding on hearsay evidence and if the acts were innocent, the agents will not suffer. There is yet a vast mass of rumor to be separated from fact and it is well to wait for this winnowing of the wheat and the chaff, the true and the false. Press despatches, however, indicate that Dr. Dumba has admitted at least part of the serious charges against him, so that his recall cannot be said to be demanded on newspaper exposes.

This whole subject of international trade in munitions was treated at length by Secretary of State Lansing in his note to the Austrian government on August 12. In that note he not only pointed out the correctness of the American position, but proved conclusively that in the past Germany and Austria have indulged profitably in big war contracts. He quoted facts and figures showing how these Teutonic nations, which now protest against Uncle Sam's munition trade, held an opposite position not many years ago.

His note reminds Austria that during the Boer war both Austria and Germany sold munitions in huge quantities to Great Britain when the republics of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State were cut off from supplies by the British blockade. With a particularity which must be biting to Teuton supporters, he quotes figures as to the explosives and shot. He also reminds Austria that the Teuton nations did a thriving business in munitions during the Balkan wars and the Germans dealt with Russia in the Crimean war and with Turkey in the Turkish-Italian war.

A large part of Mr. Lansing's note dealt with a point which the Star-Bulletin commented upon several months ago—that the position taken by the United States directly helps nations to keep down their armies and stores of war supplies. On this point he says:

"The general adoption by the nations of the world of the theory that neutral Powers ought to prohibit the sale of arms and ammunition to belligerents would compel every nation to have in readiness at all times sufficient munitions of war to meet any emergency which might arise, and to erect and maintain establishments for the manufacture of arms and ammunition sufficient to supply the needs of its military and naval forces throughout the progress of a war. Manifestly, the application of this theory

would result in every nation becoming an armed camp, ready to resist aggression and tempted to employ force in asserting its rights rather than appeal to reason and justice for the settlement of international disputes."

He goes on to show that unless international trade in arms is maintained as legal, every nation must store up colossal supplies, because in war-time it could not buy abroad, and that weaker nations would inevitably be at the instant mercy of stronger nations unless they had devoted their whole national life to turning out armament instead of into commodity-producing industry.

Secretary Lansing's note puts clearly and with undeniable authority the position of the United States—a position which is officially violated when foreign diplomats attempt to hamper its munitions industry. In the face of this note Austria, the offense attributed to Dr. Dumba within less than a month of the sending of the note is particularly an offense which only his prompt recall can palliate.

## HOW CITIZENS SHOULD BE TRAINED.

After a reasonable interval of time, no young man should be admitted to the privilege of voting until his fitness had been passed upon by a competent committee. He should have some mental and ethical training in the duties and obligations of citizenship, and should accept not merely the established principle of liability to military duty, but also the obligation to be prepared to serve efficiently. The kind of training we have in mind would be valuable from every standpoint. It would not merely fit a boy to be a soldier or a junior officer in a company or regiment of citizens called to arms, but it would fit him to exercise the power and discretion of a policeman or to show the courage and skill of a fireman. It would make him understand the duties of a sanitary inspector. It would not only teach him how trenches are made in time of war, but it would teach him how good roads are constructed and maintained in time of peace. It would allow him to specialize and to learn many necessary modern things regarding inventions and the practical use of machinery. There are a great many boys who cannot learn mathematics, physics and chemistry by way of theory or the use of textbooks. But beginning with the practical machine as a concrete thing in its construction and its use, they can be led to a very earnest study of mathematics, physics, and other branches of science.—From "The Progress of the World," in the American Review of Reviews for September.

When lawyers disagree, where does the poor layman get off? The attorney-general's office and the city attorney's office contradict each other on the matter of paying the expenses of the charter convention. The legal minds in the city attorney's office declares the city can't legally foot the bill. The attorney-general's office says the city can if it wants to, or words to that effect. Meanwhile the charter convention has no visible means of support—not even for a \$10 a day clerk with political trimmings.

Maj. Gen. Goethals is willing to consider becoming city manager of Portland if the charter is altered so that the city is really managed by the manager. As a man who has directed a gigantic undertaking, he knows the desirability of "one-man rule."

The Chautauqua circuit will be overlooking something if it fails to get Col. Roosevelt, Bryan, Billy Sunday, Jess Willard, Congressman Gardner and Dr. Dumba on the stage at one time.

The U. S. commission on industrial relations has discovered that low wages form one reason for social discontent. This is indeed a novel and thrilling thought.

The district attorney's office in spite of eminently strategic denials and masterly inscrutability is now entirely surrounded by rumors.

Anyone can understand how grieved the Toyo Kisen Kaisha must be at the blow to American shipping.

Haiti is fatally handicapped in starting a real up-to-date war by the lack of an official announcer.

And now the danger appears to be overcrowding on the Pacific ocean. Such is rumor!

Bulgaria continues to have the bulge on the situation.

## WILL SELL COMMUTATION TICKETS TO PAY FOR UPKEEP OF BIG POOL

### Y. M. C. A. Directors Decide on Method of Raising Necessary Fund of \$125 Per Month

Four important facts resulted from the directors' meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Thursday afternoon, with F. C. Atherton, president; R. A. Cooke, Paul Super, general manager; Harold G. Dillingham, Robert Anderson, R. E. Anderson, C. H. Atherton, W. O. Love, Ed Towse, C. E. Ripley and Judge C. F. Clemons present.

The general secretary's report read by Paul Super showed the progress of the past year and pointed out subjects for profitable discussion at the meeting. An interesting feature of his report was the announcement of a membership of 1537. He stated that \$1400 was needed to complete payments for the swimming pool, but that the pool would be open for the big meet on the night of Sept. 25. Materials are now on hand for the completion of the bowling alleys, and the work is being rapidly pushed to a conclusion.

Mr. Super announced that all wishing to contest in the swimming meet should fill out application blanks, at the Y. M. C. A. as soon as possible.

Ed Towse reported that he had been on an extended trip through the western states and had visited many of the large Y. M. C. A. buildings there. Six establishments alone had a membership of 30,000 and the membership is steadily growing. The buildings are fast becoming too small to meet the demands which are being made upon them, and the enthusiasm of the members grows with the crowded conditions.

Several of the staff, who had been

at the Y. M. C. A. training school at Lake Geneva, Wis., told of the work in the courses there and the value which they had received from the instruction at the institution.

It was decided to give a banquet for the directors and the staff of the Y. M. C. A. on the night of September 23, and the meeting passed on to a discussion of the budget for this fall.

Mr. Super announced that \$125 a month would be needed to keep up the pool and the discussion centered around the advisability of raising the membership fee or of charging a small sum for each swim, probably 10 cents or less, and the issuing of a commutation ticket which would entitle the owner to a certain number of swims for \$1.

The latter plan was favored and a committee was appointed to decide upon the fee to be paid for admission to the pool. The committee is: G. C. Potter, chairman; H. G. Dillingham, G. H. Tuttle, Robert Anderson, Dr. A. F. Jackson, A. H. Tarleton.

Mr. Super is now preparing a booklet with the purpose of setting forth the advantages of the Y. M. C. A. as a club. The book is illustrated with drawings by Francis G. Cooper, the famous lower case artist, whose work was obtained through the aid of Hal Marchbanks of New York. Cooper has made wondrous little colonial figures to run with each department description. The title of the booklet is "Speaking of Clubs—Real Clubs."

The motto of the educational department this fall will be "21 Ways to Success," this being the number of courses which are given by the teachers of the institution. The motto will be placed on all advertising matter.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

**CAL STONE.** This is not my first trip to Honolulu. The city is even more beautiful and more active than when I was here the last time. I am going to see the volcano and visit other points on the Big Island.

**CIRCUIT CLERK DOMINIS.** It certainly looks like there is going to be a slump in divorces this month. Last month divorces were filed at the rate of about one a day. They are not coming in quite so fast at the present time.

**ROBERT W. SHINGLE.** I see that the secretary of the Promotion Committee says that there is room for improvement on the county road between here and Waialua. He will have a hard time finding any better road anywhere, at that.

## SPENDING MUCH CASH ON PUBLIC WORKS NOW

Expenditures to the amount of \$1,150,000 are to be made, soon by the territory, provided plans for improvements now on hand are carried through, according to figures compiled by the department of public works.

The work has already begun, or will be carried on in the islands with a proportion for each of \$680,000 for Oahu, \$295,000 for Hawaii, \$120,000 for Maui and \$55,000 for Kauai. Oahu improvements will include the remodeling of the capitol, the erection of the new territorial penitentiary, the territorial marketing division, together with work on roads and on other buildings.

Wharfs on Oahu, Hawaii and Kauai have called for a big amount of money, as have also the proposed improvements to water works on the island of Maui. Superintendent Forbes says the department has all the work on hand that it can attend to for some time.

## AFONSO CONGRATULATED; BEEN BENEDICT 18 YEARS

Godfrey F. Afonso, who "covers" the local courts and the capitol for the Advertiser, was receiving congratulations all along his "run" today. The reason for all the hilarity was that the well-known newspaper man was married just 18 years ago today. "What have you named it?" exclaimed one enthusiast, as he grasped the scribe's hand.

"Oh, it's nothing like that," grinned Godfrey. "I'm only celebrating a wedding anniversary."

Afonso has been with the Advertiser for the last five years.

Five vacancies on the board of governors of the Commercial Club, vacancies made by the retirement of C. G. Bockus, F. O. Boyer, W. T. Schmidt, C. G. Heiser and William Simpson, were filled at the meeting of the board last night when they elected J. K. Clarke, C. R. Frazier, S. M. Lowrey, H. W. Marvin and S. S. Paxson. The membership of the club is now 358.

## Personal Mention

**MATT McCANN** has returned to Honolulu after an absence of eight years in California. He expects to resume engineering work here.

**GEORGE RAYMOND**, territorial school inspector, left for Maui today on a business trip. He will return to Honolulu at the end of next week.

**WILLIAM McCLUSKEY**, the newly appointed supervising principal for the public schools of Maui, left for the Valley Island today.

**MRS. JOHN GUILD** and her daughter Marjorie, who have been spending several weeks in San Francisco, will arrive by the Matsonia on Tuesday morning.

**FRANK SULLIVAN**, local superintendent of mails, is ill at his home at the Johnson house, Punchbowl street. It is expected that he will be back at work in a few days.

**HIGH SHERIFF JARRETT**, who has been investigating alleged trouble in prison circles on Hawaii, has gone to Maui. He will return to Honolulu tomorrow morning.

**BRITISH CONSUL E. L. S. GORDON** will arrive home again from an extended tour October 5, on the Teny-Maru. He left here for England, by way of Japan, last February, and is returning from the same direction.

**MRS. EUGENE M. CAMPBELL** and her daughter, Louise, will be homecoming passengers on the steamer Matsonia next Tuesday. They have been spending a number of months visiting with friends on the coast and have seen the exposition thoroughly.

**MRS. M. A. GONSALVES** will arrive in Honolulu on the Matsonia next Tuesday from San Francisco, where she has been visiting the exposition. She will be accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Beall, and the latter's children.

**WILLIAM A. MCKAY**, district magistrate at Waialua, Maui, is a visitor in Honolulu. He was summoned here to answer charges brought against him in the supreme court by Eugene Murphy, an attorney at Waialua. Murphy asks that McKay be removed.

**REV. MOKUSEN HIOKI**, one of the greatest of the Buddhist priests of Japan, who represented Buddhism at the great international conference on religions held at San Francisco in August, will remain in Hawaii for a fortnight at the request of S. Asano, president of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha. Rev. Hioki was a passenger on the Shinyo Maru which arrived yesterday. He will speak at the Asahi

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## FILIPINO FLOCKING TO BECOME CITIZENS

Since August 25, local natives of the Philippines numbering 18 have filed in the federal court their declarations of intention to become American citizens. Four new applications were filed today as follows: Barnandine Duna, laborer, born in Santa Maria, Ilocosur, P. I.; Anastacio Gonzalez, laborer, born in Ilocos, P. I.; Louis Bell, laborer, born in Eduan, P. I.; and Sabro Nuen, laborer, born in Manila, P. I. It was expected that four more declarations by Filipinos would be filed this afternoon. It is reported that the Filipinos are being given road work by the county, and are therefore unusually anxious to become citizens of America.

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