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GUARDING AGAINST THE "WAR IMMIGRATION."

Congressman Burnett's immigration bill, reported yesterday as ready for introduction on the opening day of Congress, will have more than usual support because of the strong belief that after the war our shores may be made the dumping-ground for an immense number of unfit immigrants.

The tide of immigration which for two decades has been setting toward the United States was checked by the outbreak of war. For a time there was reported an excess of departures over arrivals. But now, even though several countries are preventing their able-bodied men from leaving, the immigration is again increasing.

Such figures as are available in Honolulu show that for September the influx was greater than since last May. The immigration of September exceeded that of August by 11.6 per cent. Meanwhile emigration is less than formerly, 2 per cent less emigrants leaving in September than had left in August. It must be reckoned, moreover, that Italy's call to the colors had drawn many thousands of reservists from the United States in the last few months, which increased the number of departures materially.

The immigrants are from all European countries, even those of Germany and Austria, where, it would be supposed, the able-bodied men would be staying at home to fight. It is well-known that Great Britain had to take restrictive measures to keep Irishmen from shipping to America. If the tide of immigration is again beginning to rise, in war-time and when every effort is made to keep the men at home, what will happen when the war is over?

Of course the pressing demands of reviving industry in the war-countries will assure work for a great number of men, once peace is declared. At the same time, living conditions will certainly be hard. The enormous debts being piled up by all the belligerents mean burdensome tax-rates for many years to come. Wages will be low; the workers will be driven to the limit; the governments will absorb most of the earnings.

There is, therefore, good reason to expect an abnormal immigration to the United States for the decade immediately after the war closes, whenever that may be. To restrict this immigration, to bar out as "undesirables" those without education, to protect American labor, is the purpose of the Burnett bill.

IGNORANCE OR SELFISHNESS.

Only an ignorant man or a selfish man can consistently object to the frontage-tax system of getting public improvements. The ignorant man may object because in his ignorance he knows nothing about the system and does not realize that it is the logical and the progressive way of financing street and highway improvements. He may believe that the city should pay for such improvements out of the general fund. The selfish man might be consistent in his objections because he would want somebody else to be paying for his improvements if possible—the city, or his neighbor, or the man in the other part of town—just so it didn't have to come direct from his own pocket.

Men who get up and oppose public improvements simply because these are on the local assessment basis, at this stage of Honolulu's development, are advertising themselves either as ignorant or selfish. They are advertising also that they want Honolulu to remain with dirty, unkept streets, whose appearance and condition cause a shudder to come to those who know what a clean, well-conditioned, well-ordered, twentieth-century street should be.

VODKA-LESS RUSSIA.

Vodka-less Russia is unbelievably prosperous, even in the midst of war, writes the editor of the Dagens Nyheter after a long trip through the Russian provinces, but there is still a great danger, for the peasant has as yet found nothing to take the place of the saloon as a center of recreation and amusement. Stories are told of cases of suicide owing to the dullness of life now that the "dear little water" has been put out of reach.

"In the towns there has never been so much prosperity as at present," remarks the editor. "Beggars have disappeared from the streets and the masses are better fed and better clad than ever before."

"It is, however, in the villages that the blessings of teetotalism are most apparent. The

hundreds of millions formerly spent in the spirit shops now remains in the pockets of the peasants. Millions of working days, formerly wasted in drinking bouts and their after-effects, help to line the pockets.

"The net result is that the Russian villages, so to say, roll in money. Meat, formerly eaten once or twice a year, is becoming part of the daily fare, and dwellings and farming utensils and decent clothes are being purchased out of savings by the agricultural population.

"The one danger with the increase of economic strength is the possibility of a decrease of moral strength. Vodka filled a void in the empty and lusterless life of the peasant. He wonders how he shall spend his free time and his superfluous money.

"The teetotalers are alive to this danger, and already, in certain districts of Russia, 'people's houses' are being provided, equipped with libraries, tea, lecture and reading rooms and cinematographs.

"All this is to the good, but big effort is essential in order to raise the intellectual and moral level of the nation if Russia's teetotal year is to be more than a little episode in her history."

"Uncle John" Burnett, the diminutive but bellicose statesman from Alabama, who visited Honolulu with the congressional party last spring, came to the islands an ardent believer in the restriction of immigration, and in private conversation intimated before he left that what he had seen here had not changed his views. He intends to shoot the old immigration bill right at the congressmen on the opening day of the session, next Monday, and there are plenty of indications that it will be again passed and sent up to the president for signature. The "literacy test" is really the only feature of the bill to which serious objection has been made. Many people, including Presidents Taft and Wilson, do not believe that a man's desirability as a future citizen should be measured by his inability to read or write. As a matter of fact, a good many of us wouldn't be American citizens today if our grandfathers or great-grandfathers had had to read forty words before being admitted to the United States.

The appointment of Mrs. A. E. Murphy as humane officer emphasizes the increasing work which is being handled by the Humane Society and draws attention also to the splendid discharge of her duties by Miss Lucy Ward, the regularly-appointed humane officer. She is carrying out in a vigorous and sympathetic manner the work so well conducted by the late Rose C. Davison. With Miss Ward and Mrs. Murphy actively in the field, the Humane Society's effectiveness will be much increased. It does a fine work and too much support cannot be given it.

If Postmaster Young should quit his position and return to the mainland, on account of his wife's health, it will be a matter of general regret in Honolulu. He has emphatically made good here, in his position and with the people. Efficient, courteous, tactful and anxious to cooperate with the community, he has steadily improved the postal facilities and is still improving them.

The Hawaiian Engineering Association announces an open meeting tonight at the Library of Hawaii at which the weather man will tell why it rains. That, of course, is of interest, but it would be of a good deal more interest to find out how to stop the gentle downpour when the Great Northern arrives tomorrow.

Henry Ford has found one governor who is willing to go to Europe on that "peace ship." This governor, the executive of North Dakota, says that German, English, Scotch, French and Russian residents of the state urged him to go. What did the American residents do?

Effective work is being done to break up the "drug-ring" which operates around Honolulu. The men operating the ring ought to be sent to prison for long terms. They are as dangerous as madmen.

After Greece and Rumania have taken a good look at Serbia, how can anyone expect them to want to join the warriors?

It's a safe assertion that Alexander Hume Ford's trail up and down the coast is marked by luncheons.

He who fights and runs away may some day be president of Mexico.

RAWLINS WOULD ALLOW TOURISTS TO IGNORE LAW?

Makes Plea for Leniency in Speed Case; Macy Acquitted After Novel Defense

George W. Macy's unique defense, that he had to drive his auto 24.9 miles an hour in order to pass another machine, and that after he started to pass the auto going in the same direction another machine coming toward him threatened to collide with him if he did not speed up and get out of the way, served to save him from being fined this morning in the police court.

"And if the other machine had hit me, I would have been way over on the wrong side of the road," Mr. Macy said, which also seemed not to call for a fine.

Macy was arrested on King street, near Alapai, at 6 o'clock, when the street was crowded with traffic, and did not deny that he was going a little fast. However, although another man was fined \$5 a few days ago for driving 23.9 miles an hour in Moanalua Gardens, Macy was acquitted.

Another unique twist to the speeding question came this morning when Attorney W. T. Rawlins told the court that R. A. Bernstein was a chauffeur for Mrs. Kimball of Salt Lake City, visiting here as a tourist, and rather indicated that tourists should not be fined for speeding. Rawlins said Bernstein was a very careful and slow driver. At the time of his arrest on Kalakaua avenue he was burning up enough gasoline to carry the big Pierce-Arrow car 32 miles an hour, which is 12 miles over the speed limit.

"We get tourists here, but we don't have much to offer them," Rawlins said, while pleading for dismissal of Bernstein.

"We have fine boulevards, like Kalakaua avenue, for them to drive on," the court said.

Bernstein must be some chauffeur if he can drive 32 miles an hour on that road," Chillingworth ventured.

The court imposed a fine of \$5 and costs in the case, in line with previous decisions.

During the trial Rawlins said it was a shame there were no signs on the roads here telling people what the speed limits are.

"All over California there are signs telling the speed allowed and the routes, but I do not know of more than two signs in Honolulu which have to do with speed," he said.

"There should be signs at every road crossing and all along the high ways here, so that tourists who come here will know how fast they can drive. How can a person who has just come here to visit keep the speed laws when they are as complicated as they are now, and there are no signs to guide them?"

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

JOHN WISE: Feathers are beginning to grow out on the peacocks at the park again, as their moulting season is over. They are going to be beautiful this year when fully feathered.

R. W. AYLETT: I am instructing the garbage men to take especial pains with their cleaning work this month in view of the approach of Christmas. I want everything spick and span about the city during the holidays.

ARTHUR McDUFFIE, chief of detectives: The Japanese who complain of lack of police protection seem to go on the principle that if they are molested the right thing to do is to conceal the fact from the police and a week or so later "kick." Most of the reports of robberies of Japanese come to us through the news papers.

SUPERVISOR DANIEL LOGAN: Slick roads in the Waikakalua gulch are not the fault of the city supervisors. Everyone knows that this is one of the best stretches of road in the island. The slipperiness is caused by the military authorities having a lot of soil hauled over the road. Some of it has evidently jolted through and given the road a thin coating. Oriental gardeners who haul fertilizer in the district give us the same trouble.

W. R. FARRINGTON: A letter from Private Secretary Meyers today states that the pictures of Hawaii—transparencies—have been received at Secretary Lane's office and will be properly placed in the department. Visitors in Washington from Honolulu will please take note that Hawaii now shines in the office windows of the secretary, along with the scenic beauties of other parts of the country over which the interior department has jurisdiction.

ROTARIANS HEAR DISCUSSION ON TIMELY TOPICS

Need for Road Improvements, and Early Closing of Stores Among Subjects

Through the cooperation of Gen. Wisser, commanding the Hawaiian department, and Col. Rafferty, commanding the Oahu artillery district, Kalakaua avenue is to be temporarily put in condition by the city authorities, reported Raymond C. Brown, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, at the Rotary Club luncheon today.

The Rotarians had a variety of interesting topics to discuss at their luncheon in the Commercial Club private dining-room, Kalakaua avenue, and the slowness of the city government to put it into reasonable condition proved one of the topics variously referred to. Members around the table made no secret of their feeling that the supervisors and the city engineering department are inexorably lax in "getting something done."

Brown reported that the city officials told him work had been suspended on the boulevard because no coral for top-dressing could be secured. He then told of visiting Gen. Wisser, and of the proposal that coral be secured from the Diamond Head quarry, which is under the control of the army officials, and because of the use of Diamond Head for coast defense purposes, directly under the control of Col. Rafferty. Both he said were anxious to cooperate with the city.

Emil A. Berndt, chairman of the Hawaii Promotion Committee, gave a snappy talk on his recent coast visit, his participation in a Rotary Club luncheon at Los Angeles, and Los Angeles' keen interest in the success of the Great Northern passenger service here.

He also brought up the matter of early closing of Honolulu's stores during the Christmas holidays, a subject which immediately evoked some live talks from businessmen present. Arguments for and against early closing were advanced. Finally R. C. Brown brought the discussion to a climax by moving the appointment of a committee to take up with the Oriental merchants the subject of getting a general early-closing movement touched in time to be operative during the holidays. Incidentally, the discussion brought out that there appears to be less and less valuable night trade for the merchants, and that even though their total business is increasing, the night sales, for instance on Saturday night, show that people nowadays are "shopping early."

The visitors spoke briefly, Rotarian Upson of Cleveland and W. H. Newstead, manufacturers' agents, who make periodical trips here, and each neatly complimented Hawaii and the local Rotarians.

SHERIDAN BRINGING THIRTY PASSENGERS TO STOP AT HONOLULU

The transport Sheridan, bound for San Francisco from Manila, which will arrive late Saturday or early Sunday, has 30 military passengers to stop at Honolulu, according to wireless advices. Those who stop here are:

- James F. McIndee, Lieut. Col. of Engineers; Edward B. Winans, Jr., Major of Cavalry; Walter H. Whiteman, Capt. of Quartermaster; Alven C. Gillan, Capt. of 15th Cavalry; Wm. T. Mommed, Capt. of 7th Cavalry; Robert H. Lewis, 1st Lieut. Field Artillery; Gilbert P. Stollinger, 2nd Lieut. 27th Infantry; T. J. Brown, 2nd Lieut. 7th Cavalry; C. J. Hemick, 2nd Lieut. Field Artillery; H. Getzmecker, 1st Lieut. 14th Scouts; Jacob C. Johnson, Major, Inspect. General Dept. 1; Fethowad, 1st Lieut. 14th Scouts; John C. Montgomery, 1st Lieut. of Cavalry; William H. Rucker, Lieut. 2nd Field Artillery; Frank H. Chapin, 1st Lieut. 15th Cavalry; Mathew J. Gunnor, 2nd Lieut. of Cavalry; Horace M. Higkam, 1st Lieut. 2nd Cavalry; Elmer Lindsley, Major of Cavalry; Charles E. Stogter, Capt. of 7th Cavalry; George B. Tomley, Capt. of Cavalry; Lincoln Furnival, Capt. of 86th Company, Coast Artillery John T. Keeler, Major of 96th Company, Coast Artillery; Andrew W. Smith, 1st Lieut. 15th Cavalry; Edward M. Zell, 1st Lieut. 7th Cavalry; Joseph C. Jint, 1st Lieut. 15th Cavalry; John W. Strohn, 1st Lieut. Philippine Scouts; J. C. Land, 2nd Lieut. Cavalry; M. T. McTado, 2nd Lieut. 14th Cavalry; H. L. Clarkson, 2nd Lieut. 2nd Field Artillery; E. B. Lettinger, Vet. Horse Doctor, 7th Cavalry.

The widow's cap is as old as the days of Julius Caesar. An edict of Tiberius commanded all widows to wear the cap under penalty of a heavy fine and imprisonment.

Turkish parents always beat their children on the soles of their feet.

'SUIT IS FIGHT BY DELEGATE ON QUEEN'—DOMINIS

Says Liliuokalani is Entirely Satisfied With Trust, and Wants No Change

That the suit in equity brought by Prince Jonah Kūhū Kalanianoʻole to break the trust in which is held the property of Queen Liliuokalani, is nothing more than the commencement of a fight by the delegate against the former ruler, is the declaration of John A. Dominis, clerk in the local circuit court, who is one of the respondents in the action.

Statements given the Star-Bulletin by Mr. Dominis today are similar to those of Col. Curtis P. Lauka, another respondent, in that they declare the suit was brought by Kūhū without the queen's consent, although he brought action in her name as her "next best friend."

"The queen does not want to break the trust deed," said Dominis, with considerable emphasis. "The whole thing is nothing more than a fight by Kūhū against the queen. There is no animosity existing between the queen and Col. Lauka, and the former desires to keep her property in trust, as she is being benefited by it."

Queen Very Much "Put Out." Dominis went on to say that the queen is very much "put out" over the fact that she has been named as a plaintiff in the action.

"The queen is perfectly satisfied with the trust deed," he continued. "Her financial condition was never

better than it is now. She has no fault to find with the trustees of her estate. Kūhū only wants to get the whole of the queen's property. He claims to be the only heir."

The respondents in the case have eight days more in which to answer or otherwise plead in the action. Dominis said today that the respondents have not yet selected their counsel.

"I don't think the trust can be broken," Dominis added. "They are trying to make out that the queen is an incompetent person. Her mind is as good today as it was when the trust deed was made."

Dominis said that those who have been named respondents in the suit had anticipated some action on the part of Kūhū, but that they had no idea that it would be of the nature of the suit which has been filed.

W. O. Smith, one of the three trustees, said today that the queen is opposed to the bringing of the suit.

"She is not a party to it," he added, "and it was filed in her name without her approval."

PERSONALITIES

L. D. TIMMONS, editor of the Garden Island, Lihue, Kauai, will be returning to Honolulu in the steamer W. G. Hall this afternoon.

MRS. CHARLES R. FRAZIER will return to Honolulu in the Great Northern tomorrow after a two months' visit to the mainland.

MRS. M. HANNA of Kaimuki, who has been spending the last four months on the mainland, will return in the Great Northern tomorrow.

CONSUL H. ARITA is in receipt of a picture of Crown Prince Hirohito which was taken recently in Tokyo. The picture arrived on the Chyō Maru, and may be seen at the Japanese consulate.

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