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No Signs of Peace

President Wilson's significant remarks to callers yesterday—allowed to go to the press probably by design—do not hold out much hope for early peace.

Neither the Central Powers nor the Allies have yet come to the time of making mutual concessions for the sake of peace. They have still too many fresh or patched-up men to send on the firing-line; too many big shells left; too many generals with a belief in some overmastering stroke of victory.

Germany is not ready to surrender the spoils of Belgium and Northern France; nor are the Allies ready to give back the German colonies overseas.

The president says that peace cannot be made in the interests of any particular nation or group of belligerents. This view will be received in some British quarters with instant objection. A large section of British sentiment has held ever since the outbreak of war that Germany must be not merely defeated but crushed; not merely smashed militarily, but smashed industrially.

Germany's power and resources shown in these three months and more of hammering at Verdun; the new Austrian thrust into Italy; and the victory of the Turks at Kut-el-Amara, are all factors toward indefinite prolongation of the war.

ROADS AND INSANITY.

"California people think Honolulu is insane to tolerate such rotten road conditions as we have here," says Charles G. Böckus, returning from a trip to the mainland.

Not insane, perhaps, but something just about as bad.

A few years ago an attorney in a sensational murder case in New York coined the term "dementia Americana" to convince the jury the shooting was justified and to save his client's life.

"Dementia Honolulu" might be termed that state of local mind which allows the streets of this city to become so ruinously bad that they would be a disgrace to any American country town.

Suffering from "dementia Honolulu," we growl and grumble against the city powers that temporarily be, feel irritated a couple of times a day and the rest of the day comfortably let nature and politics take their course.

It isn't any use to grumble now at the supervisors or the city engineer's department because King street, Kalakaua avenue, Beretania street and the other delightful, chuck-holey highways are monuments to the ideal of "bumps."

The city hasn't money enough to pay for the adequate upkeep of the good streets we have, let alone fixing those which are rapidly dissolving into their original elements.

Mayor Lane's proposal of a \$750,000 bond issue for road, city hall, sewer and water-main purposes is worth going into carefully. It deserves study by the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations.

Honolulu is amply able to finance a municipal bond issue. What the tax-payers should and probably will demand is that if bonds are sold, the proceeds should be removed absolutely from the possibility of being wasted by incompetence; should be kept out of the clutches of wasteful politicians.

When experts disagree, how is the plain, ordinary citizen going to know just how much "preparedness" we need?

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NATIONAL INSURANCE.

(From Daily Financial America)

The General Board of the Navy asks for \$71,441,207 to put the United States in second place as a world naval power. Of this amount \$24,012,170 would be used in building the necessary ships.

We all believe in insurance. We all buy insurance. Yet we allow ourselves to stand back and be hoodwinked when it comes to the question of national defence insurance.

Aside from the aspect of invasion and defence the question naturally arises, how are we going to protect the foreign trade we are so earnestly endeavoring to uphold? We must have a fleet for that, and a fleet of sufficient numbers to permit it to scatter to the seven seas while a strong enough arm is left at home to protect the base.

The reasons are so potent for an immediate expansion of our navy that they do not seem to permit of argument. Let Congress act therefore, act quickly and decisively. Let the business-men who know the need of national insurance force this action. Do not let it become a political partisan question.

JAPAN IN THE PACIFIC.

Japan's plans for colonization in the South Seas offer curious and striking contrast to the protestations which emanated from Tokio when the first Japanese war-vessels entered upon their conquest of Germany's Pacific possessions.

But the well-laid and far-reaching colonization plans are patent evidence that Japan intends to do no such thing. Shortly after the islands were occupied, the Japan South Sea Development Association was formed.

When the war is over Japan will have come pretty close to a "benevolent assimilation" of the islands. If the statesmen to Tokio haul down the sun-flag then, it will only be in exchange for something they want more.

They are building fast and far and going deep. And they have a precedent to follow—the precedent of Germany, which got a foothold at Tsingtau through threat to China and rapidly widened the foothold into a rich industrial domain.

Two articles published in the Star-Bulletin put an end to the early-morning gambling on O. R. & L. trains. The police had been powerless and the company apparently so.

La Follette feebly draws attention to the fact that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for President—"as I was in 1912 and 1908."

President Wilson is taking his time about signing the army reorganization bill. But nobody fears that he will veto it.

"Lloyd-George and Asquith Would Pacify Irish Leaders." Apparently those executions didn't do much in the pacification line.

Representatives of England and Russia will form a commission to supervise the finances of Persia.

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The only decisive victories these days appear to be those won on both sides in China.

Our state and war departments are reluctantly compelled to play "The Man From Mexico."

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

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(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.)

THE IRISH EXECUTIONS

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Sir: Your editorial reference to the recent Irish rebellion is one that may be considered fair comment and contrasts strongly with the manner and spirit with which your contemporary thought fit to deal with the subject and who endeavors to defend Britain's blunder by mudslinging at her victims whose memory or reputation will not suffer or be enhanced by anything that may be said for or against them by your local contemporary.

Has he one standard by which to judge the solution of Irish problems and another to estimate the wisdom and justice of dealing with problems of a similar character elsewhere or is his voice an echo from barbaric days when savage tribes roared and ate their captured opponents?

Every true friend of Britain say it was unwise to show such haste in the execution of those men who, whatever they may be, are not "scum" or "trash" or "bandits."

Calling people nasty names is not argument. There is no stint of similar examples or precedents furnished by civilized nations where prudence, wisdom and justice dictates opposite course and not revenge and let the revenge in this instance is of a ten-fold character but unknown and unsuspected by those who are not acquainted with British domestic politics.

It has brought dishonor on Britain and has been plotted and perpetrated by the powerful privileged political party.

VITAL STATISTICS

NAIHE—In Honolulu, May 25, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Naihe of Peter-son lane, Palama, a daughter.

DOLE—In Honolulu, May 24, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Autota Dole of Dow-street, Palama, a son.

YAMASAKI—In Honolulu, May 20, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Somechi Ya-masaki of Waialakamilo road, Palama, a son, Masamichi.

GINI—In Honolulu, May 17, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gini of 1810 King street, a son.

MARTIN-SILVA—In Honolulu, May 25, 1916, Robert Martin and Miss Georgina Silva, Rev. Leon L. Loof-beurow, pastor of the First Metho-dist church, officiating. Witnesses, Ernest Gibson and Miss Agnes Po-ley.

SEU-LEE—In Honolulu, May 21, 1916, Seu Poi and Miss Lee Ah Mo, Rev. Tse Kei Yuena of the Fort street Chinese Christian church, officiating. Witnesses, Pan Ng and Seu Kam Yin.

GRACE-KAUIPIKO—In Honolulu, May 25, 1916, America Grace, age 27, to Emiline Kekipi, age 17. Ceremony performed by Rev. John Kekipi.

FOUNTAIN—In Honolulu, May 25, 1916, Edward Fountain of 2406 Mid-die street, Kalihi, married, war-berse foreman with C. Brewer & Co., a native of Hawaii, 47 years old. Funeral announcement later.

ITO—In Honolulu, May 25, 1916, Shoji, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shoichi Ito of College walk, Kapalama, a native of this city, one year, four months and 29 days old.

DOLE—In Honolulu, May 24, 1916, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Autota Dole of Dowsett lane, Palama, a native of this city.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Robert Martin, American, 25
Georgina Silva, Portuguese, 18

William A. Young, part-Hawaiian, 21
Rebecca Lima, Hawaiian, 19

America Grace, Portuguese, 27
Emily Kaupiko, Hawaiian, 17

Shigataro Okada, Japanese, 27
Nishi Nishimoto, Japanese, 22

Nobukiehi Kagawa, Japanese, 27
Hagame Arai, Japanese, 41

Representatives of England and Russia will form a commission to supervise the finances of Persia.

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JUDGE STUART NOT TO RETURN TO TERRITORY?

At Farewell Dinner Last Night is Said to Have Stated He is Leaving for Good

Circuit Judge Thomas B. Stuart does not intend to return to Hawaii. This, according to some of those present, is the summary of a statement he made at a farewell dinner given in his honor at the Alexander Young hotel last night by Attorney J. J. Andrews.

During the course of the dinner several brief speeches were made, the friends of the Judge congratulating him on his work on the local bench. Those present, aside from the host and guest of honor, were Chester A. Doyle, L. L. McCandless, Judge Horace W. Vaughan, U. S. Attorney S. C. Huber, Frank Andrade, Judge J. Wesley Thomson, Fred W. Milverton, P. L. Weaver, Alexander Hume Ford, Justice R. P. Quarles and W. H. Pittman.

Gov. venor went home ill early in the week. He will probably not return to the executive chamber until Monday.

REV. SAMUEL K. KAMAIOPIPI, assistant pastor of the Kaunakapili church of Palama, is planning a trip to Lahaina, Maui, soon.

H. F. WICHMAN, now of Boston will represent the Honolulu Ad Club at the convention of Associated Ad-vertising clubs this summer in Phila-delphia. He formerly lived here.

WALTER DILLINGHAM, who has been quite ill at the Beretania Hos-pital, is much improved and his friends announce that he is well on the road to recovery.

W. H. RAMAGE, San Francisco pas-

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sender agent for the Oceanic Steam-ship Company, is on the Sonoma, due to arrive here Monday. He is coming to get information for a new tour which the Oceanic line is getting up to these islands. Mrs. Ramage is with him.

WANT CRUSHED ROCK AND SAND AT RUSSY

Bids for crushed rock and crusher sand will be opened on May 31 at the office of the constructing-quarter-mas-ter of the Hawaiian department. The advertisements call for 153 cubic yards of crushed rock and 25 cubic yards of sand, the material to be delivered at Fort De Russy by the successful bid-der.

The trial of Thomas Mott Osborn, former Sing Sing warden, at White Plains, N. Y., for neglect of duty, has been indefinitely postponed.

Fire in the business section of Ra-leigh, N. C., caused \$200,000 damage. A slight earthquake shock, lasting five seconds, occurred at Los Angeles. Twenty-three children were killed in the streets of New York City dur-ing April.

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