

Fraternals and Lodge Notes

Drawing his comparisons from Hawaiian scenery and Hawaiian things, declaring his love for the islands to be a great "aloha" and the strength of his order mighty and protecting as the great monkey pod tree, Head Consul I. J. Bork of the Woodmen of the World, who with Mrs. Bork is making a short visit in Hawaii, talked heart-to-heart with members and friends at a banquet on Thursday night at the Young.

"We are in love with your city and we are coming back some day," Consul Bork told his hearers. "We did not know much about the islands nor of Honolulu when we left the mainland; it seemed almost that we were going to a foreign country; but when we stepped down the gangplank here and saw that group of faces that we had known before, it seemed like coming home."

The consul's words formed an eloquent talk rather than a speech. In fact, he declared at the beginning that he would talk as to home folk. "We represent a great army," he said, "an army which is mightier than our own Uncle Sam's, and an army of peace rather than of war. It has always been my desire, and it is the desire of the head consul before me, to place a Woodmen Camp in this fair capital of the Hawaiian Islands. One which will be a power for good, building for the future as well as for the present, and which shall host a banner never to come down."

"One of the greatest and best tasks of the world is to build character," he said, "and it is this power of the Woodmen of the World which makes the order so great. Wherever it goes it makes a higher standard of manhood and of womanhood."

The speaker in concluding his talk, put up to the "neighbors" gathered the plan of organization. He said that if those present desired such a camp, men would be sent from the mainland to initiate the movement, and that a camp could be established in from two to three months. At the end of the talk every Woodman present rose to signify this desire, and the movement for a Honolulu Camp of Woodmen was declared started.

Two of the members present at Thursday night's banquet represented the two oldest camps of the Woodmen of the World. These were Consul Bork of the first camp and John McTaggart of the second. The announcement was hailed with applause.

Will Borthwick, asked for a few words by Senator James L. Coke, toastmaster, gave a short and eloquent talk that was spiced with keen wit. The speaker introduced himself as an undertaker—a boxer rather than a gladiator. He followed the doctor's profession he said—a little way behind. Fraternal orders, he declared, were as various kinds of vegetables for various kinds of men, and as necessary. The order of Woodmen represents the great "spud" family, being indispensable.

Borthwick turned to the serious side after his opening remarks, however. He defined fraternalism as "religion in motion" following the one definition of religion—visiting the widows and the orphans and caring for those in trouble.

"Without the long roll of fraternal organizations in America, I do not believe we could claim as advanced a civilization," he said, "as much for this long trail over which we have traveled."

Mr. McTaggart and A. G. Horne both spoke following Mr. Borthwick, urging the need of a Woodmen Camp in Honolulu. At the close of the banquet final plans for organization were considered.

Plans are forming six weeks in advance of the tentative date for another Elks' dance to be held at the Strand. So successful was the moonlight dance that immediately afterward the Elks entertainment committee began to receive requests for another dance at the beach. Halowen was suggested, the suggestion was considered a good one and the date tentatively determined. Decorations are to be typical of the season, with pumpkin lanterns as a special feature and autumnal colorings will also be much in evidence. That it will be one of the biggest dances of the season is considered assured.

Rebekah degree of the Odd Fellows, of the women's branch is known, has

passed its 55th birthday and the anniversary was duly celebrated Thursday evening in Odd Fellows' hall. Pacific Rebekah Lodge No. 1 and Olive Branch Rebekah Lodge No. 2 united in the celebration of the occasion and held the ceremonies together. Melville T. Simonton, district deputy grand sire of this jurisdiction, delivered the chief address. Following the ceremonies progressive whist for handsome prizes was the order and later refreshments were served. The attendance of Rebekahs and Odd Fellows was large.

Following the meeting of Phoenix Lodge Thursday evening there was started a pedro tournament which is to continue after meetings each Thursday night. Five games were played and prizes were awarded for the highest individual scores for the evening. This is the program that has been determined upon for each meeting night until the close of the tournament.

Reports received from the Grand Lodge, B. P. O. Elks, show that the subordinate lodges have assets of \$28,373,628.62 and cash in their treasuries amounting to \$1,748,755.45. The order now numbers 453,216 members in good standing.

Schofield Lodge will have held two sessions this week. The lodge met Wednesday for work in the first degree and tonight third degree work will be in order.

Honolulu Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., conferred the Royal Arch degree at its meeting Tuesday evening.

Excelsior Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F., met in regular session at Odd Fellows' hall Tuesday evening.

Honolulu Lodge No. 3, I. O. O. F., met Monday evening. The third degree was conferred.

Honolulu Commandery met Thursday afternoon for the transaction of regular business.

The Order of Elks last year disbursed in practical charity \$656,245.97.

Honolulu Lodge No. 616, B. P. O. Elks, held a short business session Friday evening.

Mystic Lodge No. 2, K. of P., held a regular business meeting Friday evening.

Officers of Hawaiian Lodge No. 21 met for practice Thursday evening.

Officers of Perfection Lodge held practice Friday evening.

DAWSON READY FOR LONG TERM OF ISOLATION

DAWSON, Yukon Territory, Sept. 22.—The last steamer of the year from Dawson for Fairbanks, Alaska, and other lower Yukon river points probably leaves here tomorrow. The last boat from Dawson for Whitehorse, Y. T., the head of navigation on the Yukon and the terminus of the White Pass & Yukon Railroad, will leave October 10.

Thin ice forms on the river each night, and the great stream will soon be locked for the winter. As soon as solid ice forms above the water winter stage service between Whitehorse and Dawson, carrying mail, passengers and express matter, will be begun, to continue until the ice rots next spring.

The cruiser Yankee, which sank in Buzzards Bay, near Pekinese Island, will be removed by the War Department. The Yankee struck Spindale Rock in a fog in 1909.

President Wilson vetoed a bill allowing cities and townships to buy public lands including forest lands in their vicinity for parks, and sewage.

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U. S. IS WORLD'S LEADER NOW IN REFINED SUGAR EXPORT TRAFFIC

One-Half of World's Product Comes From Cane; Europe Falls Behind

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The United States has suddenly become the world's largest exporter of refined sugar. A compilation by the Foreign Trade Department of the National City Bank of New York shows that the refined sugar exported from the United States in the fiscal year just ended exceeds that exported from any other country of the world. In the fiscal year 1916, the second year of the war, our exports of refined sugar were one and one-half billion pounds against about one-half billion in the first year of the war and less than one-tenth of a billion in the year immediately preceding the war.

This marked change in the nation's status as a sugar exporter is due to the fact that the world's greatest exporters of refined sugar are now cut off from foreign markets. Germany, Austria-Hungary and Russia have been in the past the world's chief exporters of refined sugar. The exports of Germany were in 1913, 2,460,000,000 pounds, Austria-Hungary, 2,369,000,000 pounds, and Russia about 1,000,000,000 pounds. France in normal years exports about 400,000,000 pounds, but is now importing from the United States about as much as she normally exports, her sugar production having been cut down more than one-half by the war. Belgium, which normally exports about 350,000,000 pounds is now exporting none, and the exports of the Netherlands, usually about 400,000,000 pounds are now below normal.

These six European countries, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Russia, France, Netherlands and Belgium, have been in the past the world's chief exporters of refined sugar. The sugar supplied by them is produced from beets and exported in the refined state. Their exportations of sugar aggregate, under normal conditions, about 7,000,000,000 pounds annually. The cane sugar of the world, chiefly produced in Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii, Java and India, when exported from the places of production goes in the unrefined state, that of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Hawaiian Islands being sent to the United States for refining, that of Java largely to Hongkong, China, Japan and India also in the raw state, while India, although producing large quantities, has practically none for exportation. With the European exports of refined sugar practically suspended, the sugar consumers of the world have been com-

pelled to call on the United States, now the only country able to supply any considerable quantity of refined sugar.

About one-half of the 40,000,000,000 pounds of sugar produced in the world under normal conditions is from cane and only a very small proportion of it is refined in the place of production. Cuba, which produces about 6,000,000,000 pounds, sends practically all of her crop in the unrefined state to the United States, and this is also true of Porto Rico and Hawaii which now produce in combination about 2,000,000,000 pounds, mostly exported in the raw state, and that of India about 3,000,000,000 pounds, but none for exportation.

This unusual demand upon the United States for refined sugar has materially increased the importation of raw sugar, the quantity brought into continental United States in the past year having been about seven and one-half billions from Cuba, more than a billion from Hawaii and nearly a billion from Porto Rico. In addition to this, the production in continental United States was about one and one-half billion pounds of beet sugar and a half billion of cane, making a grand total of over 9,000,000,000 pounds refined in the United States, of which amount about 1,650,000,000 pounds were exported against 601,000,000 pounds in 1915, 37,000,000 pounds in 1914 and 63,000,000 pounds in 1913.

A large share of this exportation of 1916 went to Great Britain and France, though smaller quantities were sent to other European countries and also to Canada, South America, Asia Africa and Oceania. The quantity exported to Argentina alone in the past month amounts to about 25,000,000 pounds. The total value of the sugar exports from the United States in the fiscal year 1916 was, in round terms, about 80 million dollars, and at the present time running at the rate of over 100 million dollars per annum.

JEFFERSON DAVIS' BODYGUARD DIES IN MISSISSIPPI

GULFPORT, Miss.—Ben Williams, once bodyguard for Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, and President Wilson's caddy when he played golf at the Country club here two years ago, is dead here. The negro was well known over the country because of his history, thousands of postcards bearing his picture being sold.

The report that the German Crown Prince, Frederick Wilhelm, was wounded at Verdun is authoritatively denied.

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