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A POLICE PROBLEM, NOT A NATIONAL GUARD NEED.

Nothing but a real emergency of great proportions warrants calling out the National Guard to quell disorder in any community.

That emergency has not arisen on the waterfront, and there is no necessity, as matters stand at this writing, for the governor to order out the territorial troops.

This is said in full realization of the fact that inadequate police protection and the rising desperation of the waterfront strikers may at any moment result in an outbreak far worse than has yet developed. It is said in realization of the fact that yesterday morning and this morning property was insecure and life was menaced because first lack of numbers and then of effective organization made the police painfully powerless to protect laborers on their way to the wharves.

The problem on the waterfront is essentially a police problem. It is yet far from a hopeless police problem. The sudden turn of the strikers to organize violence in stopping railroad cars loaded with laborers caught the police unprepared yesterday. Today the ruse of the strikers in concealing themselves in the railroad yards again caught the police unprepared. This lack of preparation the police officers in charge fully admit. But they are getting down to their work and the Star-Bulletin does not believe that the time has come for the grave resort to the militia.

But the time has certainly come for the community to demand of Sheriff Rose that the police force in his charge shall be better handled. Every incident on the waterfront since the strike began has demonstrated that efficiency in the department is at a disgracefully low ebb, and this is not said in criticism of individual officers or patrolmen but of the entire organization. When lawless mobs of men and boys spring up, the police are at a loss to handle them. They have not had the training for their jobs which police should have. Lacking training, they show hesitation which mobsters at once put down as timidity. They have no clear conception of their duties and in many cases do not know how far a police officer can go in physically handling the law-breakers.

Individual courage and the willingness to work long hours and face danger which several members of the police force have shown repeatedly during the last few days is of little avail unless coupled with efficient organization. It is in this problem of preparing his men for emergency calls upon them, in preparing for a really serious police situation, that the sheriff has failed before and is failing now. The Star-Bulletin does not lay it to politics, for mob incidents have happened here involving no politics when the lack of organization of the police force was painfully demonstrated.

Nevertheless, the problem is not yet beyond the police. It will be the sheriff's fault if it gets beyond them. Fearless arrest not only of one or two of the lawless gangsters but of a few dozen of them, and prosecution that will put the enemies of peace and order in jail, will show the mobs that Honolulu police mean business. If necessary, the sheriff can keep a large part of his men on the waterfront, and if these are not enough he can get some extra men for special duty. Determined patrolling of the waterfront will check the gangsters, for most of them will not face a policeman who can handle himself and has orders to "get his man." The gangster is usually a coward when facing constituted authority. And if there are any of the sheriff's men who are afraid to look a mob in the eye, he might as well get them off the waterfront.

Calling out the National Guard involves so many serious problems, it is such a last-resort act, that it should not be done unless it is evident that the police are utterly powerless. Up to now neither the size of the mob nor its temper has been beyond what the police can control if public sentiment demands an end to dilly-dallying, and certainly public sentiment now demands it.

LORD BRYCE'S WARNING.

Lord Bryce is under no illusion as to the danger of a "trade war" such as British extremists are proposing.

He warns his countrymen against a "campaign of hate" upon Germany, and between the lines of his warning one may read a similar criticism of the unfair trade discrimination the British government is allowing to be practised against the United States.

If British trade now and after the war has to be supported by the boycott and the blacklist, it will not be permanent trade. Other nations will come against the British and their artificial aids will soon prove but weak crutches, for it is obvious that nations which depend on the blacklist and the boycott instead of on intrinsic ability, enterprise and acumen will lose in the long run.

Even more serious is the certainty that discriminatory trade wars lead to wars of arms. The economic struggle preceding and underlying the European conflict is now pretty well understood. European nations fight not only for patriotism but for markets. Great Britain cannot crush Germany

economically without hitting hard at every nation that trades with Germany.

Already the British blacklist has evoked a storm of perfectly justified protest from the United States. Lord Bryce knows that world-peace cannot be maintained if one great nation tries to annihilate another by discriminatory measures against trade which affect not merely two parties but the whole world of commerce.

OBSTRUCTIONISM APPEALS TO INDEPENDENCE.

Democratic leaders of Oahu have waked up to the fact that there is a large independent vote on this island and are frankly making a bid for its support.

They are appealing to "Mr. Independent Voter" on the basis of national and local legislation credited to Democracy, and on the basis of legislation to which local Democrats pledge themselves.

On several items of their count they may with reason ask for the support of independent voters. All citizens pretty well agree, for instance, that Hawaii should encourage schools, amend and modernize the city charter, enlarge promotion work, aid prison reform, support the leper settlement, assist homesteading by the construction of homestead roads—and should demand that the delegate to Congress stay on the job. These are not party issues, they are general issues, and except for a failure to demand that the delegate stay on the job, the Republican platform is much like the Democratic on the foregoing points.

But there is one item in the Democratic platform which is thoroughly reactionary, thoroughly out-of-date. And it is a big item.

In their appeal to the independent voters the Democrats declare: "All Democratic candidates are pledged to support the Democratic platform, which believes the present frontage-tax law impracticable in the older and thickly-settled portions of the city, but workable in the opening of new residence districts."

In this respect the Democratic party in Hawaii is living up to the reputation of the organization on the mainland—it fails to profit by the mistakes and learn by the experience of the past. Apparently the Democratic party here does not yet know that the frontage-tax law is being accepted all over Honolulu, that improvement after improvement is being started under it; that it has a broad, firm, emphatic supreme court decision in its favor—and that the independent voters are for it!

Two years ago the Democratic municipal candidates tried to win an anti-frontage-tax fight. The beating they got is a matter of history. But they are not profiting by that experience—they are coming back for more!

Two years ago the independent vote spoke out in favor of the frontage-tax plan. Since that time many needed local improvements have been started which would have been impossible without this plan.

If the Democrats had their way, Kalakaua avenue would remain indefinitely in its present disgraceful state; Lusitana street would be rut-holes; Beach Walk would be asking in vain for paving. The old patchwork policy would still rule.

The Democratic policy regarding local improvements is the McCandless policy—obstruction.

The spirit of obstructionism which McCandless showed in blocking the Beretania project once and trying to block it again is behind this impossible, reactionary plank.

It should be rebuked both at the primaries and at the November election—rebuked by the independent vote to which obstructionism is appealing.

The Master Brewers' Association, in convention at Buffalo, proposes that the percentage of alcohol in beer be reduced, to meet the prohibition sentiment in the country. The master brewers, like all the Big Business of Booze, never begin their reforms until forced to do so by danger to their business. Brewers, distillers, wholesalers, jobbers and saloon-keepers work their business to the limit until an outraged public opinion begins to hit at them with legislation, and they come down from their perches and begin to talk of improving conditions. Some booze-sellers in Hawaii take credit to their business because it is strictly regulated here when as a matter of fact the regulation was forced upon them.

To show their impartiality, the British have begun to blacklist South American firms having German connections. Yet it is not a crime for a citizen of a neutral nation to do business with Germany. When the time for reckoning comes, Great Britain is likely to discover that she has accumulated a big load of liabilities which is will not be easy to discharge.—New York World.

How agreeable it must be to the Mexicans to be in a country where order is maintained and soft shell crabs, boiled lobsters, frapped champagne and non-Mexican cigars are so easily obtainable at public expense.—Hartford Courant.

Now that Roosevelt and Taft have shaken hands they can go on with their regular opinions about each other.

"Hello, Summertime!" says New York Motion Picture Mail. Waddy you drink?—Gary (Ind.) Times.

Late News At A Glance

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ket at a reduced rate, the other one to be made up into tallow and poultry food. Incidentally the witness took a fling at Dr. J. H. Raymond's slaughtering system on Maui, which the doctor lauded yesterday afternoon at the hearing. Walker read letters of February and April, 1915, complaining against colored meat from Raymond and meat otherwise unsatisfactory.

BOYS' GANG STEALS BRASS FROM GEIER

Harbor Officer Cummins this afternoon arrested two Hawaiian boys, said to be members of a gang of four, who are alleged to have stolen a quantity of brass fittings from a barge moored alongside the interned German cruiser Geier. Their case has been referred to the juvenile court.

"LEAGUE FOR GOOD FILMS" ORGANIZED

Permanent organization of a movement for Friday afternoon moving picture matinees for children was perfected at the Library of Hawaii today when several local women met and elected Mrs. F. J. Lindeman president of the League for Good Films. Other officers elected were Mrs. Charles Bon, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Clifford Kimball, vice-president, and Mrs. C. M. V. Forster, Mrs. F. F. Hedemann, Mrs. Clarence Cooke and Mrs. W. A. Love, directors. The Friday afternoon matinees were begun at the Liberty theater two weeks ago.

HILO BREAKWATER CONTRACTOR FACES SUITS

A bill for specific performance of contract, for the appointment of a receiver and for the issuance of an injunction to restrain him from collecting any claim from the federal government for his services, was filed against George E. Marshall, in charge of the construction of the Hilo breakwater, in the circuit court late this afternoon by the American Surety Company of New York, Marshall's surety.

George S. Curry has been appointed receiver of Marshall's claim now alleged to be due from the government for the breakwater work on the Big Island. Bond on the injunction has been filed by the surety company in the sum of \$20,000.

According to the bill, Marshall, under his contract, was to deposit in the First National Bank at Hilo all moneys received from the government. It is charged that he intends to collect this money in violation of his contract. Marshall's bond with the surety company for the completion of the breakwater work amounts to \$225,000. The bill further alleges that Marshall is indebted to the company in the sum of \$146,000 for advances made personally to him, and that the surety company "verily believes he is indebted to the First National Bank of Hilo in the sum of \$28,000." It is further alleged that Marshall discharged labor on the Waipio quarry without paying for such labor.

The surety company is represented by the law firm of Frear, Prosser, Anderson & Marx.

STEVE TALKS TO AD CLUB MEMBERS ON INVESTMENTS

"The principle of mortgage insurance is a sound one and has stood the test of time," said Robert Stever, in a talk on mortgage insurance as an investment at the Ad Club lunch today at the Alexander Young hotel. Stever explained the principle of mortgage insurance and compared the workings to that of a saving bank.

"Mortgage insurance is the insurance or guarantee back of the first mortgages and first mortgage participation certificates, which a mortgage insurance company issues and sells to investors."

"A mortgage insurance company is a corporation that loans its own capital on first mortgages and resells them in various forms to banks, trust companies, insurance companies and private individuals at a slightly lower rate of interest than they have obtained on the original mortgages. The profits for thus insuring or guaranteeing these mortgages are from 1-2 to 1 per cent per annum."

"While on the mainland the businessmen spoke of the Ad Club and this organization is well known. Every railroad and steamship office has posters telling of Hawaii, and the Great Northern are advertising extensively."

"United States lost many millions of dollars when the railroad strike was ordered. Trains were packed to the limit going out of the big centers and business was at a standstill. I found that many of the railroad men believe that there will be another strike after the election."

"Mexico will be invaded before November if the statements of many politicians are true. The mainland people say that a short time before the November election takes place all the troops massed on the border will invade Mexico. This is a significant move."

J. W. Jennings of Maui addressed the members of the Ad Club, and in a few words said that the mainland people will come here in numbers this winter, and he expected that Honolulu would have a hard time entertaining them.

George Andrus favored the members with the famous Irish ballad entitled, "Just a Bit of Heaven." A. E. Larimer was the accompanist. Reports were received from various committees.

LEG OF WOMAN IS FOUND ON BEACH NEAR KOKO HEAD

A portion of the body of a woman presumed to have been drowned was buried this morning by Deputy Sheriff Asch and Police Surgeon R. G. Ayer, who went to Koko Head Point to investigate a report which came to the police late Tuesday afternoon of the discovery.

Only one leg of a body was found and a close search along the beach revealed no other trace.

Ayer says the leg is that of a Hawaiian woman and that it had not been in the water more than 48 hours.

No drownings have been reported to the police from that vicinity recently and Asch is at a loss to know where the leg came from.

An old Hawaiian woman, living alone on the beach, found the leg Tuesday while fishing and brought the news to town.

BOURBONS TO BRING CAMPAIGN TO CLOSE AT RALLY THURSDAY

Democratic candidates left Honolulu this afternoon for Kaneohe entertainment hall, where a rousing campaign rally was scheduled to begin at 4 o'clock. After the Kaneohe meeting the candidates will go to Waikane, where a meeting will be held this evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Last night's meeting was held at Waianae.

The meetings this afternoon and tonight bring to a close the primary campaign talkfests. The final rally will be held at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow evening at Aala park, at which time all the candidates, as well as voters, will have an opportunity to be heard. Special music will be a feature of the program.

METTLER AT SCHOFIELD

Maj. Charles G. Mettler, Hawaiian ordnance officer, who has been making an inspection of ordnance at Schofield Barracks since Monday morning, is expected to return on Thursday or Friday.



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MAUNA KEA TAKES BRIDAL COUPLE TO HILO AND VOLCANO

When the Mauna Kea steamed out of the harbor this morning she carried a very happy bridal couple although rice trickled from every crevice and fold of their clothes; in fact, the dock and steamer were more or less covered, giving the appearance of a snow storm. They were Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Perry, who were married Tuesday night at the Christian church and left this morning for Hilo and the volcano. Perry is connected with E. F. Ehlers & Company and Mrs. Perry was Miss Georgia Armstrong.

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