



CHILDREN PLAYED MOST IMPORTANT PART IN CARNIVAL, SAYS OBSERVER

Dr. E. S. Goodhue in Sympathetic Terms Tells of Play-week Impression

By DR. E. S. GOODHUE
Organized pleasure gets tiresome and the end of a week's carnival may be very welcome.

At last to be able to sit quietly at home without the call of the street, is a real privilege.

It was a great week, no doubt, pleasant and profitable to our numerous guests (in the end, the man who buys legitimate pleasure gets more for his money than the one who sells it); of lasting benefit to the city, and for every one, educative and stimulating.

Besides, the daily routine of work which may grow irksome even in Hawaii, needs shifting by some such process of gaiety.

We must be drawn towards childhood again, and come to a sense of joyous irresponsibility that knows no past or future.

Children played the most important part in our pageant; without them there would have been no Carnival, and only insofar as we became children again were we real participants in the festivities now so successfully ended.

There were some things to jar the spirit of an adult; to shock perhaps the sensitiveness and refinement which grows out of experience and knowledge of life.

It was only the child-spirit—the unconsciousness of youth, which would see no evil in the hula.

I am sure it was not suggestive to any normal child, and by men and women with young hearts it must have been taken as a very unimpressive incident in the long order of festivities.

I am not defending such an exhibition if it is to be emphasized as harmful by any one. Possibly, in a mixed crowd it would provoke remarks which should not be said or heard, but I am merely saying that, under the circumstances to most persons who saw it, the hula called for no more notice than the hasty mating of a bird or we.

They may be looked upon as a phase of life and nature; or they may not.

Certainly the children who did not see "such things" formed the principal joy-giving part of the Carnival.

The parade of floats represented an amount of thought and effort almost incalculable. All honor to the father of it.

But, after all, it only represented things; it was a picture always less than life itself; men, women and children—the people.

To see them as they thronged the streets in eager anticipation and satisfied pleasure, was the best part of the show.

Nothing in it was tawdry or insincere. Here were God's never-ending wonders—individual entity, racial types and characteristics, faces, smiles, laughter, talk.

The Japanese lantern parade was certainly wholesome and sweet in its entirety. It was not only a kindly evidence of what our Japanese citizens can do, and are willing to do; it was carried out with courteous consideration for the feelings of all nationalities at a time hedged by susceptibility.

There was only one flag—the Stars and Stripes—displayed by a people who love their own colors perhaps better than we do ours.

We may justly criticize the Japanese for many things, and their faults mix with their virtues, but we may well accept their considerateness at its real value.

The children's festival none of us may forget. There was no flaw in it, clean, pure, exuberant, dear as childhood is.

How the sweet voices of the little Japanese children as they sang their respective choruses—I hear them yet!

A lack of interest in tableaux, statuesque representation of things historical or otherwise, probably disqualifies me from an opinion on the series at Kapiolani Park. But it had its place; probably an important one, in the expression of our festivity.

As a phase of life, the various hulas were interesting. And for those who made them a serious entertainment, I am sure they were sufficient.

They gave occasion for an exhibition of face, form and dress easily available to most of our people.

But a dance is a very grown-up form of pleasure indeed, and, as such, has its limitations, like marriage, court gossip and the adventures of business.

Substantially and for permanent impression, perhaps the best of our carnival week was the military parade.

Any American whose heart did not prompt him to visible expression of feeling by cheer or hand-clap, must have been strangely cold.

It was not so much the parade itself as its suggestiveness; the sense of potential reserve and available power it conveyed; our physical adequacy to meet emergencies.

Yet there seemed to be a lack of enthusiasm. Hats went off to the flag, but there was little cheering such as one would find on the main-land.

Is it true that, as a people, Hawaiians are void of enthusiasm? Do we fail to respond to things which elsewhere give rise to noisy demonstration?

I am afraid so. Perhaps here it is repression due to a false sense of dignity? Or is it because we are over-cultured or biased?

Can it be due to Scotch temperament, Yankee reticence or Dutch phlegm?

Perhaps, too, it is because we are not homogeneous. An alien American may not cheer if by his side stands an alien absolutely without impulse or feeling.

Isolated individuals cannot very well be enthusiastic. It takes the psychologic wave which moves through a mass or crowd. The electric current should have full conduction, and here, I imagine, our enthusiasm must needs be more or less Faradic in quality.

HOW TO MASTER THE MACHINERY OF THE BODY

(By N. B. Cook, M. D.)
The machinery of the body needs to be oiled, kept in good condition just as the automobile or bicycle. Why should the human neglect his own machinery more than that of his horse or his engine? Yet most people do neglect themselves. Their tongue has a dark brown color, skin sallow, breath bad, yet they fail to see that their machinery needs attention. Everybody should take a mild laxative at least once a week. A pleasant way to clear the tongue and the highly colored water noticed in the morning is to take a laxative which will cure the inactive liver and biliousness.

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FOREIGNERS ARE SCARCE IN NAVY

The United States Navy Year Book for 1916, published by the government, and just made public, shows that the enlisted personnel of the United States navy is composed of nearly 60,000 men, of whom more than 91 per cent are native-born Americans. Of the remaining 9 per cent, only 130 are aliens and of those 97 have declared their intention of becoming American citizens and have taken out their first citizenship papers.

This is one of many interesting facts divulged in the new book. Another fact is that today the ships in the navy which are fit for service have a total displacement of approximately 1,450,000 tons, and when those contracted for or in process of construction are completed the total tonnage will be not less than 2,096,656 tons.

The ships which have been authorized but not yet appropriated for are 99 in number, and the total includes six dreadnoughts, two battle cruisers, six second-class cruisers, 30 gunboats, 37 submarines, three gunboats, one transport, one supply ship, two fuel ships, and two special type vessels.

There are now about 20,000 petty officers in the navy, and of these 17,868 are native-born Americans, 1758 are naturalized Americans, and of these the big majority are Scandinavians and Irishmen, while of the remaining 196 petty officers 147 are Filipinos, 8 are from Samoa, 9 from Guam, and 10 from Porto Rico.

Of the other 22, 13 have taken out citizenship papers, 4 are resident, and 5 nonresident aliens. Of the 34,500 enlisted men of other grades the showing is even better. There are 31,584 native-born Americans, 1676 Filipinos, 108 Guamanians, 76 Samoans, 31 Porto Ricans, 802 naturalized Americans, 222 nonresident and 93 resident aliens, and 20 who have taken out first citizenship papers.

The total number of active officers in the navy is about 4000 and of these 2100 are line officers, 730 are staff officers, and 1180 warrant officers. In addition to these there are about 1000 retired officers, most of whom are fit for service in some capacity. These include 145 rear admirals, 40 commodores, 58 captains, 103 commanders, 78 lieutenants, 33 ensigns, two former surgeon generals, 37 medical directors, 10 medical inspectors, 52 surgeons, 4 former paymaster generals, 47 paymasters, 48 engineer officers, 4 naval constructors and 8 chaplains.

In the first line of the Atlantic fleet there are 70 14-inch guns, 64 12-inch guns, and 307 guns of lesser calibers, included among them being a full complement of anti-aircraft guns for each of the ships except the North Dakota, which is now undergoing overhauling at the League Island navy yard.

In the reserve battleship fleet the main batteries of the ships include 80 12-inch, 28 13-inch, and more than 500 guns of other types.

In the near future the navy will have three new superdreadnoughts—the Mississippi, Idaho, and New Mexico. Of the new destroyers the Davis, Allen, Wilkes, and Shaw are all about completed, while the seven submarines of the new "N" class, are all nearing completion, and could be added to the submarine force within a few weeks in the event of an emergency. The M-1 is also completed, while all of the 16 "O" boats were well under way.

FOR ARMIES OF FRANCE
Solemn public prayers accompany the work of the French armies throughout Lent through a proposal made by Cardinal Lucon, archbishop of Rheims, and Cardinal Amette, archbishop of Paris. The cardinals sent to all the bishops in France a letter reading in part as follows:

"The hour is grave. Spring will bring, as everybody expects, a recrudescence of the intensity of war operations on each side. The belligerents will make an effort which each will want to be a decisive one. Our soldiers will fight every day. Must we not pray every day while they are making the supreme effort with arms? Let us make a supreme effort by prayer."

ARMY ORDERS
Capt. John C. Ohnstad, C. A. C., artillery engineer; Capt. Norris Statton, C. A. C., D. Q. M., and Capt. Thomas D. Sloan, C. A. C., C. D., ordnance officer, have been ordered to make one visit during the month of March to Forts Armstrong, De Russy and Rucker for the purpose of making inspections of these posts.

Capt. John C. Ohnstad, C. A. C., has been detailed as a member of a board of officers appointed to meet at headquarters Coast Defense of Oahu, relieving Maj. Joseph B. Douglas.

OPEN THEATERS SUNDAYS
[By Associated Press]
LONDON, Eng.—Because 20,000 soldiers wander about the streets of London every Sunday night with nowhere to go, the authorities have been prevailed upon to consent to allow a few theaters to be opened for their entertainment. The law requiring theaters to remain closed on Sundays is rigidly enforced in this country, only moving picture houses, and those in limited numbers, being allowed to run. Now, however, some of the large theaters where regular performances are given on week-days are to be permitted to remain open for the benefit of the fighting men.

FEDERAL BUILDING AT HILO FINISHED BY EARLY IN APRIL

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)
HILO, March 2.—According to Contractor Campbell, the federal building will be practically completed by March 31. Campbell will be leaving Hilo early in April and he says that all the work will then be done, unless it be a few minor odds and ends that a man or two will be left to take care of.

"It has been a much longer job than we expected it to be," said the contractor yesterday, "and my firm and I will be glad when the work is finished. There have been many delays that caused much trouble and it will be good to be able to call an end to the whole proposition."

Superintending Inspector Cohen also said that he thought the whole building would be completed in April and that everything will then be in order. Deputy Collector of Customs Byron K. Harnd is moving into the federal building next week, as soon as the furniture arrives for his office. The question of janitors may hold him up for a time, but it is probable that the appointments will be made soon from the available waiting list of those who passed the necessary examinations which were held some weeks ago.

The senate rules committee decided to recommend employment of 50 additional policemen to guard the capitol against bomb plots, feared as a result of the German crisis.

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