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CHARTER REVISION WITHOUT IMPROVEMENT.

The Call For Volunteers

Within the next few days will be determined the fate of the volunteer system as applied to the United States army.

The national administration apparently will not attempt to put through a universal service bill until the volunteer system has been given a tryout. President Wilson, after some years of evident opposition to compulsion, recently made it known that he now agrees with the army heads that the time-honored optional enlistment plan will not answer in the present emergency.

Signs point to the fact that the administration will now put the volunteer system to the test. It is significant that almost immediately after the Wilson-Clark-Kitchin conference the call for immediate enlistment of national guard organizations to full strength went out over the country, from the war department through the governors of states and territories.

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The city charter bill which came out of the senate Saturday afternoon offers no guarantee of improvement over the present charter. How it would work is, of course, only to be told definitely by experience, but some of its features seem certain to breed factionalism and encourage either indifference or incompetence in office.

The charter as proposed is not a step toward a short-ballot charter, and hence its alleged "concentration of responsibilities in the hands of a few" is not a real and hardly an apparent move of progress. The senate's charter would put tremendous power in the hands of two men—the mayor and superintendent of city works; it would reduce the supervisors' powers and discourage high-class men from running for the board; it would promote log-rolling and pork-barrel politics between the fourth and fifth districts.

The fact that the mayor is to make several very important appointments and that he must secure the approval of three supervisors for confirmation opens the way for all sorts of trouble. In practice the mayor would probably curry favor with three members in order to make sure his appointments would go through.

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PROMOTIONISTS WILL HOLD BIG RALLY MEETING

Members of the Hawaii Promotion Committee will hold a rally meeting for the first time in many months at the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. At that time W. H. Rice, Jr., of Kaula, George H. Viana of Hawaii and W. O. Alken of Maui will be present to meet with the local members of the committee.

BIG ISLAND HAS SPECIAL GUARDS

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence) HILO, April 13.—A guard of men still remains on board the Ahlers and they will be kept there for some time. When the Germans were taken from their ship they gave three cheers for her. There was no trouble at all in getting the men to leave the vessel.

DEATH IS END OF PISTOL DUEL

The liveliest Honolulu shooting affair in months was staged on King street near South street Saturday night in front of the Olympia rooming house by two negroes, J. Brooks, proprietor of the place, and Pvt. John Duncan, L Company, 25th Infantry. As a result Duncan is dead and Brooks is being held at the police station without bail, for investigation.

Between five and 10 shots were fired, only one taking effect when it pierced Duncan's heart. As a result of a long-standing quarrel Duncan emptied his five-chamber revolver at Brooks and the police believe the latter retaliated with as many although only one empty shell was found in his pistol. Capt. McDuffie says a queer angle to this, however, is that the gun is clean and shiny while only one shot fired through the barrel would have left marks of powder and smoke.

Just how the fight started and progressed has not been fully learned but will be brought out at the inquest. The police have the story that Duncan went to Brooks place Saturday night, got into an altercation with Brooks (reviving former trouble, left the place, was followed and fired upon by Brooks, returned the fire and finally was shot down.

Duncan was with other soldiers in an automobile and they say they saw Brooks going into his room after his revolver. Then they tried to take Duncan away with them but he refused to retreat. Duncan's companions' story goes on that Brooks chased Duncan around the machine in the street and finally fired the first shot.

The victim was hurried to the department hospital at Fort Shafter but died before he arrived. Policeman M. D. Barboza was despatched to bring Brooks in and arrested him with no difficulty. Both revolvers, each a .38 caliber gun, have been taken as evidence.

Brooks has an excellent reputation in Honolulu as an ex-navy man and a former employe of the Schuman Carriage Co. Since he was discharged from the U. S. S. Alert three years ago he and Mrs. Brooks have been running the rooming house in an orderly manner.

MARRIED MEN ARE NOT SOUGHT NOW

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AD CLUB WILL HEAR TALK ON BETTER ROADS

"Good Roads" will once more be the topic of discussion at the meeting of the Ad Club on Wednesday noon at the Alexander Young hotel. Representative C. H. Cooke will discuss the good roads question from every angle, and will also explain methods of bringing about a condition where Honolulu will have thoroughfares up to the standard of other five cities on the mainland.

CHILDREN WILL LISTEN TO ANIMAL STORIES

In connection with the "Be Kind to Animal Week" which is inaugurated tomorrow by the Humane Society, children will hear some good animal stories. It was announced today that the stories to be told at the regular Thursday afternoon story hour at the Library of Hawaii will be "The Cat That Walked" and "The Tar Baby." The story hour will begin at 2:30.

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BENJAMIN D. BALDWIN, manager of the Hawaiian Sugar Company, is in

the city from Kaula, Kaula.

GEORGE C. MUNRO, postmaster of Lanai, is a visitor in Honolulu. He arrived in the Mikahala Sunday.

J. H. REMMERS was one of the mainland business men on the Maui. He represents the Marchon Adding Machine Co.

MR. AND MRS. E. A. ADAMS, parents of Miss Kathryn Adams, principal of Kawalaho Seminary, arrived on the new Matsun liner Maui Friday for a visit with their daughter.

MR. AND MRS. LORRIN ANDREWS and William B. Pittman have moved to the Moana Hotel for the summer. Attorneys Andrews and Pittman constitute the law firm of that name.

Services of its members have been offered by Honolulu local, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers and Iron Ship Builders, to Capt. George R. Clark, commandant of the Pearl Harbor naval station. The Boilermakers intend to go their part in the United States war against Germany.

mented that there were 10,000 potential officers among the enlisted men of the occupation force. This is a striking tribute to the development of initiative in the American army together with discipline. Our soldiers are trained so that they may be officers if occasion arises.

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state of war exists, Filipinos would be acceptable as soldiers in the National Guard.

FARM CORNN-WARDELL CASE FINALLY CLOSED

Upon the filing of a confession of judgment in the sum of \$100 and a written retraction of language alleged to have been used by the defendant, the long-standing \$5000 libel suit brought by Farm Cornn against Juan S. Wardell, surveyor of the port of San Francisco, has been brought to a close in the local federal court. In the course of an argument on September 2, 1915, in the corridor of federal court, Corn alleged Wardell directed a number of epithets at him to the injury of his reputation.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas K. McGrath of Kaimuki announce the birth of a son, Thursday.

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VITAL STATISTICS

BORN

MACHADO—In Honolulu, April 13, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Machado of Kaula, Kaula, Kaula, Kaula, Kaula.

KAMAU—In Honolulu, April 13, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. George M. Kamau of Kaula, Kaula, Kaula, Kaula, Kaula.

GIBB—At Kapiolani Maternity Home, Honolulu, April 13, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. James Albert Gibb of Aiea, Oahu, Oahu.

MARSHALL—At Kapiolani Maternity Home, Honolulu, April 13, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. William Walter Marshall of Kapahulu road, a daughter.

MAI—In Honolulu, April 11, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mai of 10th avenue, Palolo valley, a son, Samuel.

MARRIED

DIVAUCHELLE-BAKER—In Honolulu, April 14, 1917, Raymond Divauchelle and Mrs. Catherine Baker, Rev. Samuel K. Kamalopili, assistant pastor of Kaunakapili church, Palama, officiating. Witnesses—James Baker and Mrs. Clara Baker.

MARINO-VIEIRA—In Honolulu, April 14, 1917, Edward H. S. Marino, Jr., and Mrs. Theresa Vieira, Rev. Samuel K. Kamalopili, assistant pastor of Kaunakapili church, Palama, officiating. Witnesses—Mrs. Francisca Andrade and Edward Marino, Sr.

DIED

DEWAUE—In Honolulu, April 12, 1917, Thomas Dewaue, aged 27 years.

HILL—At General Hospital, Tacoma, Wash., at midnight Saturday, April

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

DIRECTOR J. M. WESTGATE, U. S. experiment station: The Boy Scouts can do tremendous good by adding in the vacant lot and home garden movement. Our station is glad to be of any assistance possible.

WILLIAM THOMPSON: Regardless of whether the legislature amends the city charter or not, the city election is coming in a very few days and as yet there is nothing like a well-rounded ticket in the field which represents efficiency. By the way, what about the supervisors? Who is coming out?

MAJ. CHARLES S. LINCOLN: Capt. Boy-Ed, who saw the American disembarkation at Vera Cruz, com-

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