

Loyal Acceptance of Duty

There is only one request. That is that we be shown what it is the nation desires of us. When this is pointed out, we will respond on the instant.—The Advertiser.

The Star-Bulletin heartily agrees with the Advertiser on this point. So far as the nation has pointed out what its desire for Hawaii is, that desire has been that Hawaii stick to the line at which it can just now be of the most value—food production.

Men have to be in the furrows as well as in the trenches. In particular, every pound of foodstuff grown here saves the importation of a pound of food for the mainland, helping not only to conserve the mainland supply, but to release another pound of food for our Allies and to release cargo-space to carry it.

The war department looks at the militia from the standpoint of immediate usefulness. Can the guardsmen be more useful at home than at the war-front? If they can be more useful at home, is it in their daily occupations or in mobilization camps?

Delegate Kuhio's request of the war department that the Hawaiian militia be sent to France was made, it is understood, after receiving cabled information that such was the desire of the local guardsmen. That expression of readiness, even anxiety, to serve does the militia credit. Their desire to go into mobilization camps to prepare for possible active service also does them credit.

But they will not lose in credit if they "stand by" and accept loyally whatever duty the national administration assigns to them. Let there be no doubt that Hawaii's guard is ready to give the full measure of military service—and let there also be no doubt that the guard is ready to do its part just as effectively at home and in the production of food, as in more spectacular action.

LOCKED UP AT LAST.

Two years in jail, ten thousand dollars fine. That was the sentence given yesterday to Emma Goldman, notorious anarchist, and to her associate and fellow-conspirator, Alexander Berkman.

It was the maximum sentence. Since the judge was in the maximum-sentencing frame of mind, it is too bad he could not have given this precious pair about ten years apiece. They have long sown treachery and dissension in the United States; long taken advantage of America's freedom-of-speech principles.

In times of peace they would probably have been allowed to continue. In time of war the country is in no frame of mind to allow them to air their seditious views. They are enemies of America and belong with the other enemies—locked up where they can do no harm.

A CHANCE FOR BUSINESS:

(From the Maui News.)

Evidently the courts of Hilo believe that the laws against gambling were intended to stop gambling, and not simply to furnish a means of licensing gamblers through the assessing of nominal fines or cash bail forfeitures. Some weeks ago Judge Metzger of the Hilo district court fined two gamblers \$15 each for playing "seven-eleven." When they were brought before him again recently for a like offense, he soaked each \$100. The outraged gamblers at once appealed their cases to the circuit court, and Judge Quinn has just handed down a decision upholding the lower court. The Hilo gamblers will probably be migrating to Maui pretty soon if that sort of thinking keeps up. Maui makes a pretty good thing out of the gambling rackets through the police courts, so why not invite the poor oppressed gamblers of the rest of the territory to come over and help boost business?

Our Democratic supervisors are disappointing some of the critics who predicted before the election that Petrie and McClellan would buck the frontage-tax. Last night they voted to call for bids on an important street-improvement—that of Berea street. They voted with the majority of the board, making it unanimous. So far, the only differences they have had with the majority of the board have been over the "freeze-out" administered to the minority in the reorganization of standing committees, and they were entirely justified in their protest upon this point. They have been active in suggesting ways of reducing the city's "overhead" expense, and it is hardly likely anyone will blame them for this.

Marshal Smiddy said yesterday that he has received reliable information that alfalfa grown on California lands infected with anthrax is being sold on the coast. The statement should be all means followed to its source, either by the food commission or some other body or representative of territorial food supplies. If there is any possibility of anthrax being brought here by such means, the facts should be rooted out and studied in the light of the anthrax troubles Hawaii is experiencing.

A convincing orator is one who has sense enough to shut up before his audience acquires that tired feeling.—Chicago News.

It's queer, but the man who never says anything is often taken at his word.—Binghampton Press.

The draft is said to be particularly uncomfortable to cold feet.

One good loan deserves — another. — Boston Transcript.



He's kinda under weight for a strenuous campaign.

FOOD CAMPAIGN IN FULL SWING ON BIG ISLAND

That the food commission on Hawaii is progressing rapidly with its work and will soon have ready the first report on a comprehensive food survey of the island, and that the merchants of the Big Island are responding readily, is the report brought back from Hilo by Senator A. L. Castle, chairman of the sub-committee on marketing of the food commission, who has returned to Honolulu from a trip to Hilo.

W. W. G. Moore, with Judge Metzger of Hilo, is making plans for an extensive survey of the lands and crops which they will keep up to date by additional reports each month, according to Mr. Castle. The merchants of Hilo are working with the commission and two of the larger firms, Davies & Co. and the Hilo Mercantile Co., are doing all that is possible to utilize the island's products before importing foodstuffs.

Island potatoes will be sold exclusively in the near future. At least two of the larger houses will use Irish potatoes from Waimea and Hamakua instead of the imported product. Concerning the potato situation in Hilo Mr. Castle said that it was a fact that potatoes have often gone begging in Hamakua or Waimea and that it is the intention of the commission to meet this condition by informing the merchants just where they can get the crops they desire.

AUTO FOR TREASURER QUESTIONED BY BOARD

The question of whether the city treasurer's office should have an automobile again came up Monday night, when Supervisor Petrie moved that an appropriation of \$125 for its upkeep and maintenance be cut from the bill. On a vote the motion lost 5 to 2, with McClellan voting with Petrie.

Later in the evening McClellan moved that the same question be referred to the finance committee and this was adopted.

Charles Bellina then moved that in the same connection the committee should figure out the feasibility of having a city and county garage as a means of increasing efficiency in the city's transportation service.

Professor—The boys were so entranced this morning that they remained in my lecture all through the dinner hour. His Daughter—Why didn't you wake them up?—Tiger.

HAWAII CENTER IS ESTABLISHED IN GAY GOTHAM

Gotham took the lead in boosting Hawaiian music. The metropolis was first in establishing Hawaiian rooms in their brilliantly lighted cafes, and now New York has taken the lead in establishing a Hawaiian center, which promises to be a big boost to Hawaii.

In a letter to the Hawaii Promotion Committee Mrs. Mary Wilder Gunn announces that she has opened a Hawaiian center on West 47th St. The Hawaiian center is called Kalamo-Hawaii. The people are raving about the center, according to Mrs. Gunn.

Henry Clark and his boys were in attendance at the opening, which was a big success. Lenora Ulrich, who played the part of Liana in "The Bird of Paradise" for two years, was a visitor at the center, and was much pleased with the lunch which was served. Mrs. Gunn has arranged everything with a Hawaiian atmosphere. Hawaiian jellies and jams are on sale, and tapa cloths, koa wood and hundreds of things peculiar only to Hawaii are to be found there.

FORD TO TAKE THAT VACATION

Alexander Hume Ford will take his long promised vacation, and at once. His physician has ordered him away instantly.

"It took the doctor three months to convince me," said Ford this morning, "but he says it's now, and on the Maui tomorrow morning. Really I am a bit tired and I never knew I could feel that way, but I do and I surrender. Besides, I should consult with Mrs. London about the memorial fountain the Pan-Pacific club proposes to erect to the memory of her husband and Glen Ellen is a restful place for a day or two with many happy memories.

"I know that between a month in the hospital here and a month on the mainland it's a draw, but in the hospital I could still look out of the windows on Hawaii. However, there are some interesting spots in California and I can spend a week in Yosemite valley, studying the mountain trail

No Time For Idle Remarks

This is a time when idle remarks may be like loaded guns in the hands of the ignorant.

What might have been a grave injustice to a young Honolulu was caused by the probably thoughtless remark of someone which, reported to the board of military registration, resulted in a day of distress for Angus McMillan. The original action of the board withheld the certificate of registration because of this unconfirmed remark that McMillan said he had "beaten the national guard and knew a way to evade the draft."

McMillan pluckily decided to see the thing through and remove the intimation that he might be a "slacker." When the Star-Bulletin heard his side of the case this paper volunteered to assist him in every possible way to clear up the charges and to find out who first made the remark crediting McMillan with such conduct and intentions.

The result of the board's investigation last night is a complete vindication of McMillan and a reconsideration of the board's former action.

This investigation confirmed the report that some person, unknown to both McMillan and the board, had let fall a remark that did an injustice to McMillan and caused the board to act as it had done.

Whether the remark was made with malice or was merely a jest that by repetition at second and third hand took on a serious aspect, the board cannot now learn.

Whatever the facts about this, the main fact is plain—this is no time for idle comment that may by misunderstanding and misconstruction be even remotely construed as reflecting on any man's intentions or character.

"Obey the law—keep your mouth shut" is good advice, not only for enemy residents but for others.

THE COUP THAT FAILED.

President Wilson's invitation to Japan and Great Britain to join with America in frowning on China's monarchist uprisings has had its effect.

Even though the British and the Japanese adopted a policy of "hands off," the republican forces in China were immensely cheered by the fact that the moral support of the greatest republic in the world was theirs. They knew also that this moral support probably meant material even though unofficial support from Americans.

The temper of the Chinese people, slow to form, is adamant in its firmness when once moulded. They had overthrown the hated Manchus; they had set up their national hero, Yuan Shih-Kai, as president of the first republic; Yuan had succumbed to a fatal ambition to become an emperor, and they had destroyed him; through uncertainties and foundering the republic had gone its troublous way. Then came Gen. Chang Chun's political coup—the restoration of the boy emperor. The temper of the Chinese would not brook this. They rose on all sides and with that facility for rapid action in reforming government which has characterized them since the abolition of the monarchy, they set up a provisional republic and marched armies against the royalists.—The Chang Shun coup had failed.

It is said that it took the Chinese fifty-three revolutions to throw off the yoke of the Manchus. Fifty-two revolutions were unsuccessful and the leaders perished by the sword, under torture or in prison. The fifty-third was a success.

This fact in history is significant. The Chinese race has existed while nations apparently more progressive have risen, ascended to power, decayed and vanished away. The abortive royalist plot has shown that the country does not intend to return to monarchism.

WHEN SIGNS FAIL.

The war prophet is saying little these days. It was often remarked, when the war commenced, that it would not last three months. Engagements between the massive and terrible fighting machines of the present day, both on land and sea, it was thought, would result in the complete annihilation of the fleet or army of one or the other belligerent. Opinions and predictions on the duration of the present war, by those who are supposed to know the game, at the opening of hostilities have proved to be but guesses, and pretty poor ones at that.

Two years ago last May, James J. Hill told the world that the warring nations would fire their last shot before the end of October, 1915. General Francis Pienaar, a distinguished officer of the Boer war, said, in the latter part of 1914, "The war will be long and fierce." Count Baschieri, a soldier of France, on January 1, 1915, said that the Kaiser would commit suicide, Germany be vanquished and peace declared by April 27 of that year.

Even at this stage of the struggle signs fail whereon to form any reasonable conjecture as to the possible conclusion of the war. In the meantime it will be well to continue along food conservation lines, and not relax one iota on the possibility of it being "all over" by fall.

If the present board of supervisors completes the concreting of the Pali road, it will have brought to a gratifying conclusion a splendid piece of work begun by the preceding board. This improvement is one of the most important on Oahu.

The "Arm and Farm" campaign is bearing fruit. We have an army in France and the latest crop reports show a billion-bushel gain.

Mare Island is either an example or a warning and perhaps both.

TURN OVER SHOES

Into Money, Builds Bigger Business

Thru Paid Publicity.

President Bush of the St. Louis Brown Shoe Company says he urges the merchandisers to concentrate on few styles and quick turnovers.

One Texas Retailer began with \$750 and under this policy increased in 5 years to an annual turnover of \$350,000.

This Prospect is an attractive one for every retailer and such quick work in merchandising is not beyond the range of Honolulu merchants.

Paid Publicity Will Do It.

The net paid circulation of the Star-Bulletin on May 5 was 6387

THE CHEERFUL-CHERUB

I like to think that there's a plan for everything that each year brings. I feel important that I'm part of this impressive Scheme of Things.



system there. Then, there are some wonderful new surfing devices at the Southern California resorts, big stuffed fish that bear you in on the rollers. I want to see them in operation. Altogether, it may not be a bad idea to run up to the coast."

Ford expects to be gone for not more than a month unless he should be operated on while on the coast.

JAPANESE AIDS IN FOOD CONSERVATION

By translating from English into Japanese pamphlets and other publications through which the food commission reaches the people, Okumura, a Honolulu Japanese who recently re-

turned to the island after a course of study in the Yale academic school and at the Yale theological seminary, is "doing his bit" in the war against Germany.

After volunteering his services to the food commission, Okumura was given a pamphlet on the growing of alfalfa to translate. He completed his work and the translation is now with the printer. A man who can translate such publications into Hawaiian is now desired.

Harduppe—What is your opinion of Flubdub's honesty? Borrowwell—Mighty poor. He actually came around to my house and stole an umbrella I had borrowed from him.—Life.

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