

Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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Solving the Fish Problem

The Honolulu Ad Club has done a great many things which the bigwigs of this city have said could not be done. This organization has taken hold of difficult community tasks, given them publicity, told the people the facts, put enthusiasm and determination into the work and pulled the enterprise through to success.

This remark is by way of an introduction of the Portland Ad Club to the city of Honolulu and the food commission of the territory. The Ad Club spirit of accomplishment does not appear to be confined to one city; it has a national scope.

The city of Portland has had its fish food problem. And it appears that the Portland Ad Club has undertaken to solve that particular problem. With what result the following from the Portland Telegram of September 27 tells:

After demonstrating that fish may be sold to consumers considerably less than in private markets, the Portland Ad Club today induced the council to take over its fishmarket at 185 Third street and continue it as a municipal institution. This will be done Monday morning.

Mayor Baker assigned Special Investigator Humason to take charge of the market temporarily.

City officials acting with W. B. Ayer, federal food commissioner, may advise the establishment of a permanent public fishmarket if they determine such action is necessary to keep down the price of fish. They propose to eliminate the jobber and big profits.

S. C. Bratton, president of the Portland Ad Club, headed a delegation which met this morning with the council, W. B. Ayer, State Dairy and Food Commissioner Mickle and Market Master Eastman. Mr. Bratton explained that during the three days the market has been in operation the club has made a profit of \$25 a day. The fish is sold at 1 cent a pound over cost.

Some hesitancy was expressed on the part of the council about taking over the institution when the question of securing a supply of fish was raised. The mayor suggested that the investigation started by himself and Mr. Ayer be continued by the council, while the market is in operation to determine the best plan to pursue. Efforts will be made to arrange for a permanent supply.

The price of fish already has been lowered in other markets to meet prices in the public fishmarket. Fresh black cod is selling today from 6 to 8 cents a pound in the Ad Club market. W. L. Finley, state biologist, called attention to the fact that culled pears from the packing plants of Southern Oregon, on which there are few blemishes and which are splendid for food, may be brought here and sold for 85 cents a box. These pears, he said, are being sold by the packers for hog feed at \$3 a ton. This matter will be investigated.

The Star-Bulletin does not recommend that the Honolulu Ad Club shall start a public fishmarket in order to regulate the price of fish in the Honolulu market. This paper has no doubt that the Ad Club could and would undertake and successfully carry through such a project.

The proposal is made, however, that the public organization whose business it is to handle this subject shall take a lesson from the Portland Ad Club and drive the work with the same vigor and the same refusal to accept anything but quick and complete success, that marks civic organizations which do things.

Not only does the fish question need treatment from the food commission, but the whole marketing scheme in which the territorial market is involved is obviously suffering for business management and development on a broader scale.

The food commission must carefully study its legal limitations, but we have also to recall that the nation is at war, and victories rewarding this country's effort depend largely upon the speed with which results are obtained.

Let the enemy be the one who in these days finds a means for delays through legal technology.

Fouler treason could hardly be imagined than the smuggling out of an American port of tungsten intended for the equipment of submarines to sink American ships, the confiscation of 200 pounds of which at New York being declared by the federal attorney there to be equivalent to the elimination of ten Tenthon submarines. No doubt those caught in the attempt to get away with the stuff will be made to feel the full weight of the law as an example to kindred scoundrels.

Holland is simply being told that she can't have her cake and eat it too. Nobody wants to starve her, but the Entente Allies will not furnish her with supplies to sell to their enemies.

Wheat conservation propaganda would make a stronger appeal to the consumer if millions of dollars' worth of the grain were not allowed to be burned up in shipping port elevators.

Those Russian sea fighters at Riga do not appear to know that Russia is out of the war, as the literary strategists have been proclaiming ever since the revolution.

While lionizing Charlie Chaplin don't forget that Mutt and Jeff are back in town.

Turkish cruelty has for ages been the world's stock horror, but in the present unholy alliance of "frightfulness" it is only a sideshow to Hun barbarity.

Facilitating of citizenship to the people of Porto Rico is an essential means of developing the island on American lines.

Von Capelle's resignation is evidence that the mutiny in the German navy has been a stunning event to Berlin.

Who is responsible for the wood yard maintained under the banyan tree of the Capitol building? John Wooden Head?

The Alien Spokesman

The trading with the enemy law that is now in force gives ample means for dealing with the alien who misinterprets American liberty.

In times of peace there is hardly any limit to what the alien has been allowed to say and do when exploiting public opinion. This liberty has been accepted as license to say and do most outrageous things, which more frequently than not, have been ignored because they were considered not deserving the dignity of attention.

But now the situation is changed.

Aliens who have been making a business of keeping their fellow aliens, alien in thought and action will be curbed as they should have been long ago. They will be brought to realize that at least while this nation is at war, the trouble makers, whether operating by direct attack or by innuendo, complaint or suggestion, are watched and must either fall in line with America and the Americans, or go out of business and get out.

This is not harsh treatment nor difficult to be understood by well intentioned persons of foreign birth and speech.

So far as Hawaii is concerned, the enforcement of this law might well result in the interring of alien thoughts and enemy propaganda voiced by the citizen who advisedly or ignorantly makes himself the mouthpiece and agent of the enemies of our country and the common cause of lasting peace.

Sweden's cabinet crisis shown in the reported failure to form a coalition government indicates that the forces of autocracy and democracy in that country have come to grips. The course of events in the world war, the democratization of Russia being an especially strong factor, has swung the common people of Sweden round from pro-Germanism to Ententism, but in court and aristocratic circles the philo-Teutonic sentiment is going to die hard.

Cable lines are crowded, business messages are delayed twenty-four hours, the wireless is put out of action by the pressure of government business on the great Pearl Harbor circuit and so forth. But you will notice in the midst of it all that the details of the world series has right of way and comes through on time.

So far the air reprisals announced by Premier Lloyd George have been confined to military positions of the Teutons, but with apparently such good effect that it may not be necessary to give Germans a taste of their own "frightfulness" in their homes.

Perhaps the slow moving minds who have asked "What's the use of doing anything?" will now realize that the water problem of the city of Honolulu is a serious one, and no greater civic crime has been committed than to leave it to the tender mercies of cheap and factional politics.

The lesson of the Manoa street improvement is that an improvement district that struggles to get something for nothing usually gets nothing. The original mistake of Manoa was in spending money for narrow macadam roads in the vain hope of saving money.

If the people on the other side of Nuuanu street want something worth while on which to occupy their time, why don't they tackle the tenement houses, and strive to improve the homes of the working men and their families?

Perhaps some of the back country statesmen will now be able to see that the United States of America needed a merchant marine in time of peace, that could be brought into use for the protection of national integrity.

The loss of their jobs is all that makes the general and secret police of the late Russian monarchy presently disturbing elements, but Kerensky will probably find means of putting them where they belong.

Honolulu authorities "got the dope" on the man who wanted to stir a bomb plot. But San Francisco developed the story so that the traveling public would stop to think whether it should go aboard the ships.

Count Luxburg is receiving more attention in the news than he is worth. A swift kick projecting him into the oblivion his treachery toward Argentina deserves is what he should get.

The decision of the grand jury to specialize on the Berg case is an evidence of good judgment and an appreciation of the crowded condition of the calendar.

If M. Widen succeeds in giving Sweden a liberal cabinet, the stain placed upon the Swedish escutcheon in Argentina may be wiped out.

On this day of the Liberty Bond canvass what have you done to help win the war for our country and the future of democracy?

If you cannot enlist you can at least invest a large share of your capital in a Liberty Bond.

Hawaii has broken into mainland high masonry with two "Jimmies."

Typoid lurks in the waters when efficiency sleeps.

10,000 MAKE MERRY WITH SAMMIES AT SCHOFIELD AT RED CROSS SHOW

"Up there," to paraphrase "Over There" civilians and soldiers alike took in Schofield circus "on the run" Saturday night.

It has to be taken "on the run" for there was so much to see and do at the fete that there was not time to do it sedately. And anyway no one wanted to be sedate, for everyone, civilians, high and low, enlisted men and officers, and all their women folk were out to provide funds for a serious purpose, and to do so with true American generosity.

Any estimate of the crowd which places it below 10,000 is conservative, because all of the Schofield troops were present with hundreds of others from the coast artillery from the sea posts and the infantry at Fort Shafter, augmented by at least 2,000 civilians from Honolulu.

Many of the civilians motored to Schofield, but many others and some 1000 soldiers went by a special train. It was on the train that the fun of the evening began, all being kept orderly by a caricatured, "county sheriff," protected by gray whiskers and an ancient gun. "Peanut boys" and Hawaiian musicians added the circus fun, even Gov. L. E. Pinkham, Gen. John P. Wisser, and staff in a special observation car at the rear, joining in the peanut eating contests.

Some of the separate batteries of the Schofield Barracks had special cars also in which their invited guests rode, as did members of the Honolulu lodge and their fair companions.

The opening and one of the main events of the evening was the circus parade, participated in by many in costume and the light and heavy field artillery batteries.

Many Enjoy Dancing
Dancing was the major form of entertainment for the evening, after everyone had "done the concessions," there was dancing on an open air pavilion, on the lawn tennis courts, over which there was spread a great piece of canvas, and in the officers' club quarters. One of the Herculean tasks of the evening fell to the master of ceremonies who had to try and keep the open air pavilion from being jammed by the dancers. He even resorted to guile to clear the floor for an exhibition of the sammy fox trot by Madame Lester and escort.

He announced that the exhibition would be given on the lower part of the tennis courts, and as soon as there was a stampede in that direction the two dancers appeared on the pavilion. So great was the crowd that only a small portion of those present were able to get near the cabaret show, where the singing of "Over There" by a quartet from the Y. M. C. A., and the "Marseillaise," by Mrs. Kourous Anderson, accompanied by Mrs. E. Roeder, brought great applause. Another enjoyable number was the dancing of the Alagus sisters.

It was in the "concession zone" that the thousands of soldiers and the sprinkling of civilians had a carnival of pleasure, making the rounds of side shows, where getsna girls, the "court of justice," the seven wonders of Oahu, tight rope walker and fortune telling kyesias entertained the money-spending crowd. Such a thirst was exhibited by the crowd that a sort drink establishment which advertised a drink guaranteed to "get your dander up" disappeared as quick as would a division of Hun soldiers, if they had suddenly materialized at Schofield.

Pink lemonade, "red hots" and peanuts supplied all circus coloring otherwise lacking. Many women in the costume of Red Cross nurses were a reminder that the circus was for the cause.

One of the interesting circus stunts was an exhibition of a caterpillar turning around in a two-foot space. Another hit was the shooting gallery where a man sat on a cross beam six feet above a pool of water. When a ball hit the trigger he submerged quicker than a German submarine in sight of an American gun.

Despite the tremendous crowd in such comparatively small quarters not a single incident marred the evening's pleasure. Soldiers and civilians met on terms of the greatest fraternity, many a civilian envying the soldier boys who were strong favorites with the dancers of the gender sex.

In fact, almost all of the male civilians got some idea of what it must be to wear "cits" in a country where only the uniform is the badge which gets respect. But, in spite of this, the soldiers did their best to make the male civilian visitors feel at home, even though they were conspicuous in their "cits."

Notable among the costumes were those worn by black-faced comedians, soldiers in the disguise of Red Cross nurses, another as blonde society belle, who really passed for a woman until closely inspected; clowns and a Harry Lauder, who sold "red hots." He sold so many that he got the first prize for the vendors, but a peanut seller on the train, by the name of

Atkins, ran him a close second. Other prizes were given to the tight rope walker, the winner of the Roman race, and a lady in a pink silk sport suit with a large floppy hat hid in "her" coy blushes. The men who took part were all artillerymen. The entire fete was gotten up by the artillery brigade at Schofield, and much credit is due them for their hard and faithful work in preparation for the big event.

Among those who deserve some special mention are Battery F of the 1st artillery for its float in the parade; Battery D of the 9th for its shooting gallery; B battery of the 1st and Battery Q in action, and B Battery of the 9th for its work in helping to put up the decorations.

Battery Q in action was the scream of the evening. The men were professionally uniformed, and had a small wooden gun which shot Roman candles at a terrific rate with a perfectly unaccountable aim from either end of the cannon. They had a number of mules for transport, which they had camouflaged with khaki overalls in judicious style, and the general scattering of men and mules when the gun went off wrong end first was the most laughable bit of the fete.

GARDEN FETE FOR SOLDIERS BRINGS OUT 200 SAMMIES

At the Lunaliilo street residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Lowery, a garden fete was held for the enlisted men Saturday afternoon. More than 200 soldiers from Forts Shafter, Ruger, De Russy and Armstrong were present, and enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The grounds were beautifully decorated with American and Hawaiian flags, and the lady in khaki added a patriotic touch to the scene.

Mrs. L. A. Thurston welcomed the soldiers, following which they were decorated with hibiscus blossoms. Each soldier had a slip of paper bearing his name pinned on his coat, doing away with the formalities of an introduction.

The musical program was delightful. Lady Sei Mei sang a number of selections, and Miss Bernice Kahanamoku sang several Hawaiian songs which were encored. Miss Katherine Kilbourne gave a violin solo, accompanied by Miss Martha McChesney. Mrs. Howard Mosher, making her first appearance in local musical circles, sang "One Fleeting Hour." She was accompanied by Mrs. D. Howard Hitchcock. Mrs. A. G. M. Robertson sang "The Gay Butterfly," by Hawley. One of the hits of the afternoon was the "Marseillaise," sung by Reynold McGrew.

Outdoor sports were planned by W. D. Adams and H. N. Mosher and a great amount of fun resulted. Refreshments were then served.

This is the first of a series of socials planned for the enlisted men by the Outdoor Circle and it is hoped the future ones will be as successful as the one given Saturday.

The committees were:

Invitations—Mrs. E. D. Kilbourne, Mrs. W. L. Emory and Mrs. J. W. Caldwell.

Tickets—Mrs. James Bicknell. Name cards—Mrs. A. J. Gignoux, Mrs. A. Lewis, Jr., and Mrs. Mae Scharlin.

Flower girls—Misses Ruth McChesney, Martha McChesney, Marie Ballyntyne, Ruth Soper, Dorothy Guild, Helen Pratt, Thelma Murphy, Florence Hoffman and Mary von Holt.

Decorations—Mrs. Chillingworth. Publicity—Mrs. John T. Warren. Music—Mrs. A. E. Murphy.

Sports—W. D. Adams and Howard N. Mosher.

Punch—Mrs. C. H. Atherton, Mrs. Tom Church, Mrs. Fred Bush, Mrs. J. W. Jones, Mrs. Byron Noble, Miss Doris Noble, Miss Letitia Morgan, Miss Helen Morgan and Miss Grace Morgan.

Cakes—Mrs. Archie Young, Mrs. John Lennox and Mrs. J. T. Wayson.

LETTERS

WHERE ARE THE SIDEWALKS?

Editor Star-Bulletin.
Sir: Equality surely has started an interesting line of thought on city traffic. Evidently conditions in the business district occupy his mind. Go but a block or two from King street and one finds a condition approaching equality, automobiles and pedestrians alike take to the center of the road. Some might think that favoritism is

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being shown in that what paving has been done is designed more especially for vehicles than pedestrians.

Even at as renowned a resort as Waikiki beach where there are frequently many pedestrians, what conditions are encountered. One either takes to the vehicle road or wades through grass, climbs hummocks, becomes entangled in barbed wire and numerous other obstructions, being forced to the conclusion very soon that the only place to travel either afoot or on wheels is the center of the road.

In most aspiring cities sidewalks are one of the first considerations but in Honolulu one usually leaves the business center and doesn't see any other country footpaths till return is made to the business district. A campaigner interested in selling cement could spread himself on this subject. Yours for better walks, PEDESTRIAN.

SUGAR COMPANIES WILL SECURE LIBERTY BONDS

The reports of the officers were read and approved at the quarterly meeting of the shareholders of the C. Brewer & Co. Friday. Meetings of the boards of directors of the C. Brewer & Co., the Onomea Sugar Co., Honouliuli Sugar Co. and the Pepeekeo Sugar Co. were also held Friday afternoon when a sum to be subscribed to the second Liberty Loan was decided upon. The applications will be filed today with the banks.

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