

Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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He Works for the Boys

About this time of year a rather smallish, smiling chap, so brimful of "pep" and enthusiasm that you forget his eye-glasses and the obvious fact that his hair is getting thin on top, always comes into the Star-Bulletin office. As the sporting editor would say, he "breezes in."

And he prefaces his remarks this way: "I want to tell you about our boys' clubs and tell Honolulu about them." Which he proceeds to do, in a direct, vigorous, wholesome way that can be heard above the clatter of typewriters, the clack-clack of linotypes and the dull roar of the Star-Bulletin's latest rotary press.

This chap is Samuel W. Robley, director of boys' clubs and extension work, Honolulu Y. M. C. A.

Everybody who knows him at all well knows him as "Sam." He's that kind of a fellow. Which accounts very largely for his striking success in dealing with the boys of a dozen different nationalities, from all manner of homes, many from no homes at all.

The point of "Sam" Robley's annual statement to the public about the boys' clubs is that he is on the eve of a budget campaign. He is the sort of a worker who maps out a program in which he believes, cuts his estimate of expenses as close as he can cut it with assurance that the work is not going to suffer, and then asks the public if his cause is not worth while.

The Star-Bulletin believes his cause is more than worth while. Here are some of the facts that "Sam" Robley offers this year:

In 1914 there were four clubs with a membership of 120.

In 1917 there are 13 clubs with a membership of 408, not counting the band at the boys' industrial school or the classes at Oahu prison.

All of the work is handled by Robley, two assistants who get a small salary, and volunteer assistants recruited through his own effective methods.

In three years the average monthly attendance at the classes has grown from 550 to 2900. Robley personally leads and conducts 18 club meetings a week, which include 24 different gymnasium classes. Incidentally, if Robley wasn't a crack athlete himself, whose mental and moral enthusiasm are combined with physical fitness, he couldn't do this.

There are boys' clubs in Kakaako, Bereftania, Kauluwa, Haleiwa, and half a dozen other districts. Hundreds upon hundreds of youngsters receive their lessons in cleanliness of body and mind through Robley and his work.

Furthermore, this work includes constructive citizenship for the future. Robley secures work for scores of men and boys each year and aids them to get a new foothold in the discouraging battle of life. This is just a rapid-fire sketch of Robley's work. There is much more of it. Robley is putting his heart and soul into it, and when a good citizen is doing that kind of a task, it's up to the community to give him not only a few kind words but a few kind dollars.

"Sam" Robley is going to devote the next few days to a first-hand canvass of Honoluluans on behalf of his fund. All the Star-Bulletin bespeaks for him is a hearing—Robley will do the rest.

Seattle Forced to Clean Up

Mayor Gill of Seattle has called for the resignation of his chief of police and has appointed in his place a former Spokane chief and later U. S. marshal in Alaska. Thus the mayor is forced to yield to public opinion and to the staunch attitude of the commander of Camp Lewis, who declared that until Seattle "cleaned up" not a man from this great camp of 50,000 men could visit the city.

While the Seattle mayor and many of the citizens have been temporizing with vicious conditions and talking about the army instead of acting, this city, the "Queen City of the Northwest" has won an unenviable reputation. Throughout the entire United States has gone forth word that Seattle is unclean morally, that it tolerates crime and vice; that law violation is winked at by the authorities.

Entirely outside the moral obliquity involved is the fact that the city is injured in trade by hundreds of thousands of dollars because it is "quarantined" so far as Camp Lewis is concerned.

It pays a city in morals and it pays a city in trade to be clean, to be wholesome, to be safe, to be law-abiding.

There are men in Honolulu, among businessmen who consider themselves shrewd, who have still to learn this truth.

President Wilson's insistence that the German government does not represent the people of Germany is likely to have far-reaching effects. When the German people begin to feel the pinch of war even more than now, they will know that if the rule of the autocratic Hohenzollerns is thrown off, the Allies will look with sympathy on peace moves. President Wilson has assumed the leadership of diplomacy in creating a situation favorable to a split between the German people and the ruling autocracy.

Inflexible determination, without rancor, with no thought of aggression, no dreams of spoliation, with the resolve that the new peace, the permanent peace, which will be the peace of people rather than governments; shall not be based on the old errors which, since time began has vitiated all peace in the lust of power and the bitterness of hatred—that is the American determination. The nation approves as President Wilson tells the world that the American people will to that end prosecute the war to final victory.—Brooklyn Standard Union.

Uncle Sam's Stamps

Uncle Sam's "War Thrift Stamps" are winning a tremendous support on the mainland. Just to give Star-Bulletin readers an idea of what the mainland is doing, read this from a San Francisco paper:

Of all the schemes calculated to separate father from his small change the campaign in the schools for the sale of United States thrift stamps appears to be the most productive.

Ever since thrift day in the schools last Wednesday the teachers have been filling in headquarters of the war savings committee in the Bankers' Investment building staggering under burdens emptied from toy banks or from father's pockets. It has rained pennies, nickels and dimes. The children are rapidly corraling all the small change in the world and giving it over to Uncle Sam to help win the war.

"Would you rather help the banks or help the United States government?" one teacher asked the children. "The government," was the response.

Out at the Edison primary school, Twenty-second and Church streets, the children have applied for forty-one war saving stamps. These are the stamps that cost \$4.12 now and will mature in five years at \$5. Miss Cecily J. O'Connor lugged \$113 in small change into headquarters, representing sales to 254 pupils.

Miss Nanno Livingston of the Grattan primary school, Grattan and Shradler streets, brought in \$153.50 in small change. The committee has put a man in charge of the receiving end of this work, for it takes a long time to count the pennies and count out the stamps in return.

Over in the Oxford school in Berkeley the pupils gave in \$26. Down in San Mateo one class of forty pupils bought \$139 worth of stamps. On the first day the children brought \$409 to school to put into the new investment.

The thrift campaign is effective because it is simple, direct and appeals to the popular imagination, has "pulling power" among America's millions of children.

And it is good national and good family business.

Hana's Fine Record

A friend sends this bit of news from Hana, Maui: Four hundred voters in the district and one thousand members for the Red Cross. Can any district or section beat that record? When you touch Hana people in the right way they are not unresponsive. Batley and his helpers did mighty well. Some people saw to it that any worthy person who wanted to join the Red Cross but did not have the dollars were made members in addition to their own membership. The "drive" was an eye-opener to some Hana people, but just what was expected by the people that know the men and women of this section. We can do it when we take the notion.

Mrs. Geo. E. Lake got busy with some of the little givers and got eighty dollars for the Armenian children.

The Wanaualua church has come along with an offering of forty dollars, a Thanksgiving offering, a little late but just as hearty.

The children of Hana had their usual Christmas tree in the yard in front of the house of Mr. Lake. They had a real treat and a good one. They had a good time if noise and excitement and movement indicate anything. Kind friends helped. We thank them.

Hana's splendid response for the Red Cross shows what community spirit can do. All Maui cooperated in the Red Cross drive and rolled up a record which few communities of similar size anywhere else in the United States will excel.

Patriotism at Home

The best American patriot at this critical time is he who is just as energetic in doing the vitally important work of his community as in denouncing Prussian militarism and upholding the Allies. It's all right to "cuss out" the kaiser and raise Cain about the Russian collapse, but don't forget that there are a few trenches at home that need to be captured. You can do something for your country by going over the top against lawlessness and civic slothfulness, and you can put your strategy and tactics to good use in battling for better roads, an efficient police system and an improvement in municipal management. There is value in running down spies and traitors, and there is also value in running down the victimizers of girls who sink into hiding while their victims must bear the burden of public exposure and disgrace. We hear a good deal of talk about local treatment of those who have betrayed the trust of their citizenship. How about local treatment of those who betray the trust of decent society?

It is announced that a shipbuilding firm situated somewhere on the Atlantic coast has succeeded in constructing a seaworthy vessel of concrete, with steel reinforcements, of 3000 tons displacement. Another, at the same yard, of 4000 tons burden, is said to be substantially completed. Molds similar to those used by Mr. Edison in making "one-piece" houses have been utilized. The vessels are said to be capable of withstanding rough usage, are fire-proof, lighter than wood, and are very strong structurally. The rigidity of concrete boats has heretofore been regarded as a vital handicap, but it is now said that the cement shipbuilders have discovered a method of treating the cement chemically so that it is flexible. As these vessels can be built within three months of the placing of a form, the project is somewhat inviting, other factors being satisfactory.—Rochester, N. Y., Democrat.

Baltimore is driving all idlers to work, and among idlers it has classed bootblacks, on the ground that blacking shoes is not a necessary vocation, and on a further ground that it is not work. Everybody, according to the Baltimore edict, should black his or her own shoes. Perhaps, in the interest of labor economy, it might be well if everybody would black his or her own shoes, but this is not saying that blacking one's own shoes is not work. There are great numbers of people who would rather do almost anything else, and who believe firmly that the bootblack earns his wage. Baltimore seems to have become a trifle too Bolsheviky in this matter.—Christian Science Monitor.

While making the world safe for democracy, Uncle Sam will also make it unsafe for plotters.

LETTERS

AS TO THE RODIEK SENTENCE.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir: The question has been asked me whether the purported short interview on the Rodiek sentence, appearing in the issue of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin of December 24, 1917, opposite my name, correctly sets forth the interview.

I was not correctly quoted; neither did the reporter ask my views on publication.

From the facts which have appeared in the public press of Honolulu and on the mainland, the Rodiek sentence is a light one. A more severe sentence was naturally expected.

I have enjoyed the pleasure and honor of the acquaintance of Judge Van Fleet, who pronounced the sentence. He is a man of probity and one whose judgment I respect. What facts were presented to the judge as a matter of record, and what matters were considered outside the records as presented by the United States district attorney in consideration of a plea of guilty entered, and evidence for the prosecution given are at this time not fully known. It may be that further information will be received shortly as to the reason for the sentence.

Respectfully,
A. LEWIS, Jr.

Honolulu, Hawaii,
December 26, 1917.

[The interview to which Mr. Lewis referred appeared in Monday's paper and quoted him as saying: "I haven't even considered whether Rodiek's sentence was too light or too heavy, and therefore am not in a position to express an opinion." It was not until Thursday evening that the Star-Bulletin received the letter above and then heard, for the first time, that Mr. Lewis said he was not quoted correctly.]

CASTLE TO WASHINGTON ON RED CROSS MISSION

Principally in behalf of the Red Cross, A. L. Castle will leave for Washington next week, where he will take up the subject of the extension of the work in localities beyond Honolulu wherever there is a colony of Americans.

At a meeting of the Red Cross executive committee yesterday afternoon F. N. Doubleday, noted publisher, told of the work now being done by the insular and foreign divisions of the Red Cross to establish chapters or auxiliaries in each foreign locality. At the meeting it was decided to increase the executive committee by two members from each auxiliary, including the Hawaiian Allied war relief, the Maui auxiliary and the Lahue auxiliary. It was also voted to subscribe to 100 more Red Cross magazines in addition to those received by the members.

LOCAL RED CROSS TURNS OUT 420,000 ARTICLES

The rapid increase in the output of Red Cross work in Hawaii is shown in a statement issued by the local chapter to the effect that while the number of articles made in 1916 was 29,741, the number made during this year was 420,225. The total value of the articles made this year was \$76,496.10. The figures show an increase in the number of garments made this year as compared with last year of about 400,000. The number of surgical dressings made last year was 18,830 while this year the figure is 286,485.

BOY SHOT BY BROTHER

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence.)
HILO, Dec. 24.—While lying on a couch reading the 17-year-old son of Engineer Freeman of Hutchinson plan eation was accidentally shot by his young brother and instantly killed last Wednesday. The younger boy was cleaning a gun which was supposedly unloaded. In some manner it was discharged, the bullet striking young Freeman in a vital spot, and he died instantly.

CHINESE NIGHT SCHOOL.

The Mun Lun Chinese school of this city will give a course in practical commercial subjects beginning the evening of Jan. 3 to any young men who are interested in learning their own mother tongue. The leading business firms in the city are seeking Chinese men who can read and write in Chinese. To date a large number has enrolled for the night school which will continue about six months with two hours of study and practise every night except Saturdays and Sundays.

Saturday will be naturalization day in federal court and the following aliens have been notified to be present at 10 o'clock: A. E. Jordan, Andrew Misinec, H. C. Waldron, Charles Lendvas, Martin Miemezyek, Dugold Blue, Mitchell Saulicki, Alexander Schmidt, Pedro Teixeira and Daniel Stone.

Another "Scrap of Paper"



"Lost my American civil rights, eh? Doesn't he know German efficiency has provided for this?"

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—W. R. HOBBY: Work on Waiolima swamp, Hilo, has been finished and an inspection trip will be made shortly to see if all is in shape.

—T. T. TROUTMAN: This is the finest Christmas weather I have ever seen, though I have spent the winters in various tropic and sub-tropic resorts for the past 15 years.

—A. W. HANSEN: Salmon shipments are much better recently than they were at the beginning of the season. About 50 barrels, weighing 200 pounds each were destroyed in November.

—HENRY W. KINNEY: I don't believe there are any public school teachers in the territory who have pro-German tendencies. But I would like to know definitely, so have asked the school commission to find out.

—CIRCUIT JUDGE W. H. HEEN: This custom of peddling young girls among soldiers for immoral purposes has got to stop, and the juvenile court will certainly do its bit toward bringing these frightful conditions to a speedy end.

—CITY ATTORNEY A. M. BROWN: The 1918 jury in Circuit Judge Heen's division will have plenty of work to do after its organization, as there are nearly 100 criminal cases now awaiting trial. The new grand jury will also be busy.

—L. W. DE VIS-NORTON: O, my brothers, we are passing through marvelous times, for even the heavens are trying new stunts. We read this morning that last night's eclipse was caused by the shadow of the sun thrown over the face of the moon. Science is making many discoveries these days.

—JOHN S. GRACE: It is hoped that there will be a good attendance at the New Year's races. It is a difficult matter keeping this fine sport alive in Hawaii, and those who are interested in the racing to the extent of entering horses do so with little hope of "breaking even" and less of any profit.

—CHARLES R. FRAZIER: I hope Country Club members will let the horse committee know at once whether or not tables should be reserved for them and their guests at the dance on New Year's Eve. Up to this morning we have had acceptances indicating 184 will be present and it is probable the number will run much over this, making special arrangements for dinner and supper necessary.

—BEN HOLLINGER: The palms destroyed by fire at Kapiolani park last night were probably the finest specimens of the "hula" palm in Hawaii, certainly in Honolulu. They were magnificent in their density of drooping leaves, some of which were 30 feet long. Once the fire got into the dense, dry leaves, the flames leaped up and stripped the trees bare. It's a shame that such a thing could happen in our largest park.

VITAL STATISTICS

BORN

KAHELE—In Honolulu, December 27, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kahale of Long lane, a son—Charles.
CROMER—In the Department hospital, Honolulu, December 26, 1917, to Sergeant Clayton Wesley Cromer, 1st Field Artillery, U. S. A., and Mrs. Cromer, of Fort Sill, Oklahoma a son—Clayton Wesley.
LUKELA—In Honolulu, December 26, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lukela, of 1827 Ahuula street, Kalihi, a daughter—Mary.
COHEN—In Honolulu, December 26, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Earl Cohen of 645 Hotel street, a son—Francis Scott.
HALEY—In Honolulu, December 27, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Haley of Alewa Heights, a son.

MARRIED.

CORREIA-ORNELLAS—In Honolulu, December 26, 1917, Alfred Correia and Miss Eva Ornelas, Rev. Father L. Windels of the Catholic cathedral officiating; witnesses—Adam Ornelas and Dieulinda Ornelas.
WONG-WAIOLI—In Honolulu, December 26, 1917, William Wong and Miss Mabel Waioli, Elder Ernest L. Miner of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints officiating; witnesses—En Neeg Wong and Rose Wong.

KING-KEANE—In Honolulu, December 25, 1917, William King and Miss Elizabeth Nancy Keane, Rev. Father Patrick St. Leger of the Catholic cathedral officiating; witnesses—Robert D. King and Helen K. Kellert.

KRANE-KUAIMOKU—In Honolulu, December 24, 1917, Kenneth Krane and Miss Kamala Kumoku, Rev. H. H. Parker, pastor of Kawaiahao church officiating; witnesses—Mrs. S. Kamai and Charles A. Mohiao.

HOKE-AKANA—In Honolulu, December 24, 1917, Jose R. Hoke and Miss Annie K. Akana, Rev. Father Philip of the Catholic cathedral officiating; witnesses—Abraham K. Amoy and Adeline Hoke.

BRANE-NELSON—In Honolulu, December 22, 1917, William Brane and Mrs. Isabella Nelson, Rev. H. H. Parker, pastor of Kawaiahao church officiating; witnesses—Alfred E. Rego and Rose—In Honolulu, December 22, 1917, Lul Vera Cruz and Miss Hali Kaliko, Rev. Father Philip of the Catholic cathedral officiating; witnesses—Joe Keola and Mary Machado.

FREITAS-SILVA—In Waipahu, Oahu, December 19, 1917, Franca B. Freitas and Miss Christine Silva, Rev. Father Charles L. Windels, pastor of the Waipahu Catholic church, officiating; witnesses—Oliver P. Soares and Miss Jane Silva.

HEWITT-MAGUIRE—In Honolulu, December 27, 1917, George C. Hewitt and Miss Emily C. Maguire, Rev. Samuel K. Kamaloipili, assistant pastor of Kaumakapili church, officiating; witnesses—D. Lloyd Conklin and K. Arthur Maguire.

HENRY-FAULKNER—In Honolulu,

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