

# THE MAUI NEWS

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## HAWAII'S WAR BURDEN

The wisdom of the food preparedness campaign inaugurated in the Islands becomes all the more apparent with the requisitioning of the Matson steamers Maui and Matsonia by the federal government. Their going will take away thousands of tons of space facilities per month, hitherto available for bringing supplies to the islands. Particularly will it effect the food supply because of the cold storage facilities which are to be lost. The truck gardeners of the Islands must hereafter supply the cauliflower, brussels sprouts, celery, artichokes, et cetera used, or we must do without these luxuries.

The taking off of these vessels is a serious though not unexpected blow. And there is good reason to believe that still other ships will also be taken. It is one of the burdens that Hawaii must bear in the war, and it should be borne with patience.

It is reasonable to believe that the government will make an effort to supply in part the deficiency, either by selling to local shipping interests some of the seized German tonnage, or by the removal of the coastwise shipping law which would permit foreign bottoms to handle freight and passengers between here and the mainland. The reason for this belief is that the government is appealing to Hawaii to furnish every pound of sugar that can be produced to make up the world shortage, and without ships this cannot reach the market.

There has been talk, emanating from Washington, to effect that the coastwise navigation laws are to be suspended during the war. If this is done it is possible that some of the freight carriers engaged in carrying munitions and other materials to Siberia, would return by the Islands to complete their homeward bound cargoes. This relief would be an uncertain and irregular quantity, particularly from the fact that shipping everywhere is taxed to its capacity, but it would be a relief nevertheless.

## WAR VENOM TOUCHES MAUI

To longer pretend that the presence of anthrax in this territory is an accident, does violence to common intelligence. The appearance of the disease in an isolated Maui pasture, with a hundred miles of ocean intervening between it and the nearest of the two other foci of infection, must be taken as the final piece of circumstantial evidence needed to prove it the work of human hands.

From the comparative insignificance of these Islands, it seems scarcely credible that the diabolical attack should have been directed from Berlin. More likely is it the product of venomous fanaticism on the part of a single person or small group of zealots, inspired with the desire to injure through handicapping the food supply of Territory. But be this as it may, the result is to throw suspicion on scores of innocent persons of German birth or ancestry. And the more of this kind of work that develops, the more difficult is it going to be for these persons. England three years ago placed all German subjects in concentration camps. The United States has promised freedom in person and property to all Germans in the land who obey the law; but it is easy to see how a comparatively small number of spies might make more drastic steps necessary. Hence for their own sakes, if from no motives of loyalty to this country, the law-abiding German-Americans should join hands with the rest of the community in a determined effort to bring the perpetrators of all outrages against the public to a speedy justice.

## KEEP UP THE SUGAR OUTPUT

One of Maui's plantations is reported to be putting 40 or 50 acres of cane land into alfalfa, on the theory that food for horses is likely to be badly needed soon. It is. But food for men, women and children is likely to be needed still worse. And sugar is a food.

The people of these Islands can render no more patriotic service right now than to produce sugar. Never in the world's history has sugar occupied the important place it does today. Recognized as it now is for its concentrated food value, the present food crisis finds a sugar shortage also. With Europe producing none, and with the Cuban crop away below the average, and an active revolution in Cuba tending to still further curtail production, there is not a pound in sight today that can be spared.

Hawaii's output is limited solely by an inadequate labor, but it is quite certain that there is nothing to which such labor as we have can be put to better advantage. The growing of forage for animals and other kinds of food both for man and beast should be diligently prosecuted also, but should be confined to lands not suitable for sugar.

Kauai objects to teachers from the mainland because they will not stay put. Also to other missionaries of the big outside world, such as pianists, lecturers, theatrical people, landscape artists, jugglers, hypnotists, et cetera, et cetera, which she indiscriminately dubs "tramps." With apologies to ex-President Taft—"Poor Kauai!"

Honolulu women are learning to drive an automobile as a preparedness measure. At least 30 of them are, but the list is full and announcement is made that no others need apply.

A few years ago every regiment had its own booze canteen. Now a soldier can't get a drink anywhere unless he wears a bathing suit. Next!

With a few more ships taken away finicky housekeepers may be exceedingly glad to get Maui's onions and green peas.

## Maui Cases Submitted To Supreme Court

The damages case of Eugene Murphy against the Maui News Publishing Company, was argued and submitted yesterday in the supreme court. Judge Kemp's court recently the plaintiff was awarded \$1000 damages. In the supreme court yesterday Andrews Pittman represented Murphy, and Attorney D. H. Case and Enos Vincent for the defendant company.

The County of Maui Howell and others was omitted yesterday in the County Attorney E. R. for the county, and Enos Vincent for the county, and Attorney D. H. Case and Enos Vincent for the defendant company.

## Joses--Fitzgerald

Last Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Marx in Nuanuu Valley Miss Alice Fitzgerald became the bride of Doctor Maurice Josefs of Lahaina, Maui, Rev. Canon Ault reading the marriage service. The bride was most becomingly gowned in pale pink crepe de chine and carried a bouquet of pink begonias and maidenhair fern. Mr. C. H. W. Norton gave the bride away, Mrs. Norton acting as matron of honor. Other witnesses of the pretty little wedding were Sister Beatrice and Sister Albertina and Mrs. Bruce Cartwright, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Josefs are spending their honeymoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Marx, but will leave shortly for Maui, where Doctor Josefs is physician at Lahaina.—Advertiser.

## OUR ISLAND CONTEMPORARIES

### Kauai's "Tramps"

Professional tramps have away, we understand, of chalking up some mysterious signs on gate post or barn door which convey to their brethren such reliable information as shall encourage their attack, and by these signs the tide of tramps ebbs and flows.

Evidently the tramp professionals have been chalking up some such signs in regard to Kauai, for they all seem to be coming our way. One week it is a virtuoso pianist, then it is a needy artist, then a professional hypnotist, or an amateur tableau artist. One after another they come, with the confident assurance that Kauai will welcome them gladly and treat them generously.

These are the lesser fry of tramps, who chalk up a hopeful story to one another; a few hundred dollars at the most is their mark. But there are bigger fry, as well, whose demands run into the thousands; and some of them are considerate enough to wireless down in advance that they are coming, so that we may stay at home to meet them, and have the money all counted out ready for them.

Occasionally you meet a tramp that is glad to get whatever you offer him, rice, cold meat or stale bread, but mostly he wants chicken and plum pudding. And tramp professionals are more or less true to the type, they not only want you to buy their tickets, but they want you to get up the show, make the arrangements, boom the enterprise and decorate the stage. And if it falls flat it is laid up against the community.

Now, if we are not very much mistaken, Kauai is getting tired of this sort of thing, and would like to see these misleading gate post signs reversed, so that the tide of these professionals may flow by for a while and let us alone.—Garden Island.

### Bird of Passage Teachers

It is very much to be regretted that our public schools should be made a convenience for teachers who come from the Coast, or elsewhere, to see the country. Granting that they are excellent teachers, and that they give us much needed inspiration, as well as new methods and devices, it is nevertheless a distinct detriment to our schools to be continually changing from one teacher to another, and from one personal method to another. It is bad for the children, it keeps them in a maze most of the time.

Furthermore, it must be disastrous to the quality of the teaching. The short term lease is always fatal to improvement; the short term tenure of office is fatal to efficiency; to escape the penalty of inefficiency—this is inevitably fatal to the best results.

From this point of view at least, our own home grown teachers have the advantage; they are going to stay with us, and will not pick up and leave just when the children have learned their ways.

And on the other hand, knowing that they will have to stay with their records and their reputations, they

will be more careful in the making of them.

We trust that the Board of Education, with its other efforts in our behalf, will try to protect us from this kind of "lick-and-a-promise" service of these will-o-the-nomads.—Garden Island.

### The Failing Guard

The MAUI NEWS believes that there is no necessity for urging citizens to enlist without waiting for the operation of the selective draft. There is no urgent necessity throughout the Union, of course, but even the draft is not going to take all the eligible young men whose services can be spared, and the more of these who enlist now the greater will be the proportion of the other eligibles drafted.

There is a question whether the draft is to be operative in Hawaii, but there is no question whatever of the necessity for recruits for the national guard. Unless something happens soon the guard will begin a new fiscal year, on July 1, in such demoralized, delapidated, ragged condition that it will not be recognized by the militia bureau officials and there will be no National Guard of Hawaii. From being the first in proportion to population, the guard will fall below the vanishing point.

This is not the fault of the guard officials, who have protested vehemently against the recent orders emasculating the Hawaiian brigade, but wherever the fault the results are very plain and unless something be done, either by enforcing the draft to fill the ranks, or by securing volunteers, there will soon be no militia recognizable in these Islands.

Very likely a call for mobilization would save the local regiment.—Advertiser.

### Maui Wins

Maui sweeping victory in yesterday's big polo match gratifies not only the strong adherents of the Valley Isle but many an Oahuan as well.

Maui's gameness in the face of unexpected defeats in previous years, the unsurpassed spirit of the polo fours which come from the Valley, and the speed and dash shown yesterday attest the merits of the visiting team. Oahu was soundly beaten. Maui turned out a four which had team-work developed to a high degree, even with a mere youngster, 13-year-old Edward Baldwin, playing at No. 3. Team-work plus individual excellence and spirit won for Maui, and that detracts nothing from Oahu, whose poloists gave their last ounce of effort. Well played!—StarBulletin.

"If the Territorial Food Commission can build its organization to include already existing social machinery, it should be able to get results sooner and with a minimum of friction. It is questionable whether any further organizing on Maui, for example, would be wise."—Maui News. This is indeed refreshing candor. However, one should always go to the country for the Maud Muller stuff!—The Service.

## On The Other Islands

**Oahu Faces Milk And Pork Famine**  
Because of the scarcity and high price of imported food stuffs, Oahu will soon be suffering from a milk and pork famine, unless relief steps are taken. This is the conclusion of a committee of the territorial food commission, headed by Albert Horner, which has just submitted a report. Development of forage crops is advocated.

### Will Take Food Census

The Territorial food commission is about to send out blanks to all merchants or dealers in food stuffs in the Islands, asking them to list all food supplies on hand in order that some idea of the condition here in the Islands may be had. Persons holding slaughtering licenses are also to be asked to state the number of animals killed during the year 1916.

### Reserve Officers Called For Duty

Charles R. Forbes, major of signal corps, has been ordered to the mainland for duty. The orders came last Saturday. Forbes, who is superintendent of public works will leave possible this week.

The following other reserve officers in the territory have also been called out and ordered to report to Schofield Barracks: Major C. W. C. Deering, Captains Nelson H. Duval, Gustav Scheafer, Ralph G. Hussey, Peter Sorensen, P. M. Smoot, and First Lieut. William J. Jackson.

### May Publish Sailing Schedules Soon

Information has been received in Honolulu from Sydney Ballou, sugar planters' representative in Washington, advising that he had taken up the matter of the voluntary censorship on shipping news in the Pacific with George Creel, chairman of the bureau of public information, with the result that objections to this class of information and advertising may soon be lifted. Mr. Creel is reported to have said that he saw no purposes in the present restrictions on Pacific shipping.

### Woodward Resigns Public Work Job

Wilbur C. Woodward, engineer of the public works department resigned this week contemporaneously with the announcement of the appointment of William R. Hobby as acting superintendent of public works during the absence of Charles R. Forbes, who

has been called for duty with the army and who sailed for the coast on Wednesday. Hobby has been in the territory for about 2 years. Woodward has several times before filled the superintendent's place during his absence.

### Arrested For Smuggling

Louis Drabek, head of the New-Bro Drug Company, of Butte, Montana, was arrested by the immigration inspectors as he was leaving the steamer Venezuela, at the Honolulu wharf, on Monday, on charge of attempting to smuggle \$7 worth of silk ashore inside his shirt. He was admitted to bail on depositing \$500 cash. He said the silk had been entrusted to him by a friend to deliver to a lady friend in Honolulu.

## National Guard Notes

Second Lieut. Foster Robinson, 3rd Hawaiian Inf., is granted a leave of absence of 20 days from June 8, 1917, with permission to travel throughout the territory.

First Lieut. F. A. Clowes 3d Haw. Inf., is granted a leave of absence of two months from July 1, 1917, with permission to travel throughout the territory.

The following named enlisted men will be honorably discharged for the reasons set opposite their respective names:

Pvt. Joe Correa, Jordan, J. Silva, Archibald Bal, Lin Soon Kam, Moses Castro, Tamp A. Tavares, 3d Regt. Haw. Inf., to enlist in U. S. navy.

Sgt. James E. Dermody, M. G. Company, Third Hawaiian Infantry, has been granted furlough for two months from June 3, with permission to travel beyond the limits of the Territory.

Regimental Supply Sergeant Thomas Dunn, Supply Company, Third Hawaiian Infantry, has been ordered honorably discharged to enlist in the United States Navy.

### KAHEA HALAWAI

Enoho ana ka halawai makahiki o ka Hui Kuaiala o Peahi, Maui, i ka Poaono hope o Julai la 28, 1917. Ma ka Halepule o Peahi hola 10: A. M. nolaila ua manakia ia na lala apu e aloukou a ma ia la ma ke Kauhala o ka Peresidena o ka Hui no ka hoolohe ana i ka Hoike ana Luna nui o ka Hui Kuaiala o Peahi.

J. K. SMYTHE, Peresidena.  
J. H. HONOKAIPU, Kakaouolelo.  
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