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## LAST LIBERTY BOND DAY

Only a few hours remain in which Maui people will be privileged to subscribe for bonds included in the second Liberty Loan. Final returns must be made by the banks in tonight's mail, when the opportunity for each Maui citizen to do his "bit" will have passed, at least for the present.

At this writing it is not possible to determine just what this island has done for the bonds. Honolulu has simply covered herself with glory, and reports from Hawaii and Kauai are of an assuring character. Have we fulfilled our duty in this matter?—or, have we "fallen down"? It is simply unthinkable that the latter is the case, although the meager reports from the field fill us with misgivings, somehow.

A few hours yet remain. Do not hesitate longer. Call a Boy Scout and subscribe. If that is not possible, see one of the banks. If that is inconvenient, telephone the bank, and all will be well.

Remember: These are the last hours of the last day. Tomorrow it will be too late.

## END OF A REMARKABLE SESSION

The session of Congress just closed will go down in history as one of the most businesslike ever held. From its beginning to the very end matters of the vastest importance claimed attention every day. Political lines were forgotten. Oratory was not thought of and there was no such thing as talking against time or for the purpose of blocking legislation proposed by opponents. It was business—strictly business—from first to last.

At the closing hour, after months of hard work, the nation probably expected that there would be a flow of oratory, tapering off into the lighter vein and humorous. There was nothing of the kind. In the Senate, the Vice-President closed the session in these few words: "The hour of 3 o'clock p. m. of this the 6th day of October, 1917, having arrived, in accordance with the concurrent resolution of the two Houses heretofore passed, I now declare the Senate of the United States adjourned sine die".

Could anything be more simple, more democratic, following such a session?

In the House Speaker Clark alone took the floor. He had a little more to say, but even that was simple. His address was as follows: "We have two clocks here, and neither one of them is right. [Laughter.] I go by my watch.

"Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, I congratulate you on the ending of the most important session of Congress in the history of the Republic. The amount of business that we have transacted is absolutely amazing and stupendous. I think every Member of this House has contributed all that was in him to the support of the Government of the United States in this great emergency. [Applause.] So far as I have been able to observe—and I have observed very closely—partisan politics has been temporarily banished from this House. [Applause.]

"I think every man has given the utmost of patriotism to his service here. I doubt very much whether any other Congress from now until the day of judgement will ever vote as much money in one session as we have voted; I hope not. [Laughter.] Every dollar that the departments have asked, or the President has made it appear they needed, they have got, and the Sixty-fifth Congress has deserved well of the country.

"This House has been very fortunate in one thing, and that is the general good health of the Members and the very few deaths that have occurred. I served in one House when we had only 359 Members and lost 17 Members, and 3 of them were dead in the city at the same time. We ought to thank God for His blessings in that regard.

"And now, the hour of 3 o'clock having arrived, at which time we were to adjourn, I adjourn this House, in this the first session of the Sixty-fifth Congress, sine die, with the hope that God will have us all in His holy keeping during the recess." [Applause.]

## GERMANY NEARING THE FINAL COUNT

Despite some enthusiasm which may have been awakened in Germany on account of minor successes around the approaches to the Gulf of Finland, the sinking of a few ships and the successful flotation of another loan, the position of the Central Powers in the past week has drifted far toward the ragged edge. The importance of the successes in the north is minimized by the approach of winter, when the invaders will be forced to dig in and stop, or beat a retreat as Napoleon did more than a century ago.

Bulgaria has become suspicious of her allies and has taken the first steps looking to a separate peace. Moreover, to use a sporting term, she is "down and out" anyway—played out in money, men and courage.

Austria is plainly on her last legs. That country has lost more than a million men to Italian bullets in the past few months, this coming on top of costly campaigns against the Russians; and is now concentrating her last strength in a hopeless endeavor to stay the Italian advance.

The finances and courage of the Turks are at a low ebb, and while it is not to be presumed that Turkey will forsake the cause of the Kaiser, the power of that country is no longer to be reckoned with seriously.

Just how the Germans themselves can keep up courage is one of the enigmas of the times. They have a hard winter coming on, with all the problems of near-famine to contend with; and with the certainty staring them in the face that when Spring opens they will not only have to meet their old foes, with renewed strength and number, but also a million men from the United States, fresh, vigorous, equipped to the teeth and with 20,000 flying machines with which to invade Germany.

It is about the time in the Christian era that the German people arise in whatever might they may have left, kick out the Kaiser and his policies and sue for such terms of peace as they may be able to obtain

from an outraged world.

Referring to the situation in Europe, a letter issued by the war department on Monday of this week contained the following:

"The full importance of the Flanders battles are now beginning to be revealed in the shattered morale of the German forces. That effect will stand out more clearly during the progress of the campaign in Belgium and there is reason to expect its spread in other sectors of the Western Front.

"The German attacks on the Riga sector and the capture of Oesel and Dago Islands were made for the political effect which they might have and not because of great military importance."

## PRIZE-FIGHTING AND CHARACTER

It has been so generally the case that prize fighters, upon receiving their final knock-out blows and retiring from the ring for good, have gone into the saloon business (either behind or in front of the bar) that little better has ever been expected of them as a class. Yet when we come to analyze the proposition we find that there have been some startling exceptions from the rule, having to do, as has been the case, with some of the greatest fighters ever produced or seen in America.

A notable instance is the case of John L. Sullivan. This big fellow was the brute of slug-dom, and went about as low in general ways as it was possible to go and hold the respect of even his most faithful friends. But there was an awakening; a marked reformation. Sullivan became a citizen of probity and more or less usefulness.

Jeffries retired from the ring to the farm, and, from all accounts, made good.

The case we have immediately in mind, however, is that of Robert Fitzsimmons, who died the other day. This red-headed artist of the ring was once, and for a long time, the terror of slug-dom; and for almost a life's span manifested no evidence of higher ideals than those usually belonging to the brute. And, yet, what happened with the ebb-tide? First, we see him on the stage, but, later—in the pulpit! His final years were spent in exhorting the sons of men to turn from evil ways, and we learn that his last illness was contracted while working earnestly in a religious revival!

Examples of this sort not only serve to remove some of the taint which we have become accustomed to associate with prize-fighting, but compose a lesson to us all, if we will accept it. They emphasize the fact that there is "good in everything"; and if that good can lift the load of a prize-fighter's career and re-establish character and rejuvenate good—citizenship in a soul given over to the instincts of the brute, how much more must be expected of us who have never been called upon to pass through the fires of severe tests such as has been his lot!

## SUPPLIES FOR OUR SOLDIERS

According to present indications, if the ladies keep on with their work each soldier going to France will be loaded down with the following when in heavy marching order: 167 pairs of socks, 15 camp kits, 5 medicine chests, 9 sweaters, 67 pounds of tobacco, 18 popular novels, 12 pounds of chocolate fudge, 21 pair of woolen wristlets, 9 yarn caps, 5 toilet sets, 7 traveling writing desks, 41 fountain pens.—New York Evening Mail.

The thread of humor is not bad, despite the fact that it deals with a very serious piece of business. However, we must remember that comparatively few soldiers have yet felt the need of the things mentioned by the Evening Mail. When a million men are "over there" the situation will be quite different; and it is then that they, and we, will realize the importance and great value of the work the ladies throughout the land are now carrying on.

The authorities might well look into the causes for the enormous boosts being given to the prices of cigars in this Territory. Cigars formerly retailing between four and fifteen cents each have been boosted in price all the way from twenty to fifty per cent. This has been done on the plea that war taxes are making the enormous increases necessary, when, as a matter of fact, the combined additional taxes all the way from tobacco grower, through manufacturer and dealer to the consumer figures out less than one cent per cigar, selling between four and fifteen cents each. There is something wrong. Let the Federal authorities start in with the manufacturers and work down to the wholesale dealers in Hawaii. They will find something worth while.

The ruling of the Supreme Court that Porto Ricans are citizens and may vote adds a new feature to our problems. There are 5,000 or more of these people in Hawaii, a majority of whom are men of voting age. That they could make themselves felt in an election is self evident. We have given a good deal of thought to how the future Japanese vote in the Islands may line up, but have, in a large measure, overlooked the Porto Rican as a possible factor. It begins to look as though there must be a re-alignment of calculations.

It is not customary for a newspaper to "tip" possible offenders off on the plans of the police respecting them. There is a reason, however, for the warning in another column, that, in a night or two, the minions of the law will swoop down upon autoists with undimmed, or improperly dimmed, headlights. Neither the public nor police wish to have citizens put to annoyance and expense for what is usually a matter of carelessness, and with no intention of breaking the law. Hence, the "tip". Be guided accordingly and we'll all continue happy. Otherwise—*auwe!*

At its October meeting the Kauai Chamber of Commerce took up a collection for the Red Cross, realizing quite a neat sum. Further, it was voted that collections be taken regularly for the same purpose at all future meetings of the Chamber. This example strikes us as worthy of emulation by other business organizations of the Islands.

Japanese naval authorities claim that the Japanese, operating in the Mediterranean, have destroyed or captured a total of forty submarines. It would also be refreshing about now to hear that the Japanese had destroyed or captured something on land a little west of Petrograd.

It is probably too late in the year for Maui to think of sending a baseball team to Hilo for a return series with the Crescent City, but the tour is a good one to keep on tap for next season. On their home grounds, a few games with a picked Hilo nine would be worth seeing.

John Bright, the young Hawaiian trickster, would probably make an invaluable addition to the official staff of the Kaiser. Emperor Bill might send him as ambassador to some friendly capital.

The difference between the American Liberty Loan and the German loan is the difference between voluntary investment and "squeeze-ing".

The effort of citizens of Portuguese nativity to raise funds for the Red Cross of Portugal is laudable and should be encouraged. All such movements are for the good of the general cause and humanity.

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