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A CHRISTMAS REMINDER

That 3000 children of school age in this territory should not be attending any school because there is no room for them—

That 700 children in the city of Hilo alone should have to attend their public school classes in Japanese language school buildings, the basement of a Buddhist temple, and other like places because no other quarters are available—

That from 50 to 70 pupils should be herded in a single room under one teacher in nearly one hundred instances because of lack of teachers or lack of school rooms or both—

That from 8 to 12 teachers should be forced to live in a cottage designed for 4; and that many of the cottages are so poorly built and maintained that teachers sometimes refuse to live in them—

That at least 40 more teachers are imperatively needed but that not a cent can be had to pay for them nor to pay legitimate salary increases of the present staff before September 1921—

That sanitary conditions in some of our schools should be unspeakably bad—

That the entire school system should be working under inconceivable difficulties—

That private and community philanthropy should be supplying kindergartens and night schools in a few communities which should be provided by the school department in every community—

That Hawaii's public school system should be at least 10 years behind the times—

That all these things should be true of this rich and prosperous and proud territory of Hawaii, is something that should make every decent man and woman squirm with mortification.

What do you think about it? What do you think should be done about it? Do you believe we should wait almost 2 years until the regular session of the legislature before trying to do anything?

Yes it is your business—and yours, and YOURS, and YOURS!

WHY WE ARE OVERLOOKED

The chief disadvantage to living in these Islands is perhaps due to the fact that Hawaii is consistently overlooked when anything good is being handed out to the rest of the nation. We get left out of practically all of the federal appropriations except those for military and naval purposes, and these we get because we happen to be where we are. We get precious little that the states get in way of educational and social betterment help, and many other things.

Just as an example of how outside the pale we are may be cited the big distribution of army foods and war materials which is now going on on the mainland. Millions of dollars worth of surplus food and clothing supplies, gathered together for the war, has been distributed to all parts of the country and is being sold through the postoffice department to individuals at cost prices—50 percent or less than the present retail prices.

Millions of dollars worth of auto trucks, explosives, and machinery adapted to road building is being distributed to states that have need of such things.

But Hawaii gets almost none of all this. It is true that a few thousand dollars worth of a limited variety of army foods has been sent to Honolulu for distribution, but before even this could be secured it was necessary for the county of Honolulu to borrow the money to pay for it from the governor's contingent fund and pay in advance. No other section of the country had to do this.

Hilo has been trying to get some of Honolulu's apportionment, but Honolulu refuses to turn any of it loose, and suggests that the Big Island city rustle for its own supply if it wants any. Of course not everybody on Maui would be averse to buying bacon at 25 to 30 cents a pound, or army shoes at \$3.50 per pair, but there isn't much chance of their having an opportunity to do it.

The supply has been so limited in Honolulu that public sentiment has prevented a large part of the fairly well-to-do from buying, leaving the opportunity more open for the class most seriously feeling the high cost of living. But this has not been true in the mainland. There everybody has been encouraged to take advantage of the bargains while they last.

The main point in all this is that Hawaii ought not to be in this position, and if we were really awake as a community she would not be. If we were really represented in Washington as we should be represented, Hawaii could not be, time after time, absolutely ignored. It is not right and is most unjust. If we would only take the trouble to make our sense of this injustice heard we could do it.

It is alright to be independent. Maybe we are rich enough to be able to ignore the money that is being distributed among the states. But we can ill afford to be ignored, not only in money matters, but in most other ways as well. And that's just the position we are in. It is about time we waked up.

PROGRESS THE ARMY CAN'T STOP

Two men from the mainland have asked Governor McCarthy for a permit to establish a commercial aviation business in Honolulu. The Governor was non-committal and will probably be governed by the opinion of the military authorities in deciding the matter.

It is quite possible that the request will be denied because Uncle Sam has a lot of things on Oahu that he does not care to have every Tom, Dick and Harry or every Togo, Ishi and Mori looking down upon. And this consideration may answer for the present.

But it will not answer always. For aviation bids fair to soon reach such an importance that to refuse to sanction flying here will be to put Hawaii in the old-China class. Uncle Sam will have to cover his big guns up. Besides there doesn't seem to be any valid excuse in this objection anyhow. San Francisco might be called a fortified city, yet commercial flying has come to be a commonplace thing there already. It will some day be an indispensable thing here.

Our Contemporaries

The Schools and Their Critics (Star-Bulletin)

Faults that now exist in the public schools of Hawaii are there because of the laxness of the general public in not insisting that sufficiently large appropriations be made to provide adequate teaching forces and for the maintenance of a proper degree of supervision, says a committee report to the chamber of commerce, which clearly exonerates the department of public instruction from all blame.

Recommendations for the establishment of playgrounds, owned, maintained and supervised by the government, and for the teaching of no language but English in any of the schools of the territory in the first seven grades, are so obviously meritorious that further analysis and comment is unnecessary, except to say that The Star-Bulletin indorses them as representing another forward step in Hawaii's Americanization movement.

Our own judgment that the department of public instruction is doing all that can be done with the funds made available for it, is fully confirmed by the committee's report. No suspicion of laxity attaches to any of the executives of the department.

Vaughan MacCaughy, superintendent of public instruction, has invited The Star-Bulletin to make an investigation of any or all branches of his department. He has repeated what this newspaper has known all the time, that he seeks and welcomes publicity concerning the activities of those entrusted with the administration of the schools, and that he does not shrink from fair criticism, when facts are not distorted or disregarded entirely.

The Star-Bulletin feels now as it has felt since soon after Mr. MacCaughy took office, that the public schools of the territory are efficiently and honestly conducted, and that their executive direction is now in more capable hands than at any previous time in the history of Hawaii.

We feel that in saying this we express the sentiments of the community, except, possibly, those of an extremely few individuals who are actuated by personal animus arising from thwarted and impossible ambitions, or by inborn pessimism, or just by natural and general enviousness.

Tax-Eaters and Tax-Payers (Advertiser)

Governor McCarthy's order that territorial employees must pay their taxes just the same as ordinary citizens, and

that if they don't their connection with the territorial government shall be settled, ought to be enforced to the limit. And a similar order should be enforced against municipal employees.

Failure of government employees to pay their taxes has long been a scandal and a crying shame. Many men seem to think that because they make their living by working for the people, they shouldn't be expected to pay their taxes.

It is not only regular employees of the government who figure largely in the list of delinquents. Many members of the legislature, in years past, have had their names published as among those whose obligations to the public rest lightly on their consciences. And we have had sheriffs and city attorneys and policemen who didn't worry any more over the payment of their taxes than do some legislators.

If the plain, ordinary citizen doesn't pay his taxes, his salary is garnished or his property is levied on. The tax assessor gets them all, unless they work for the government and draw their pay from the people.

It's about time thing were evened up and that tax-eaters were all forced to become tax-payers.

JAPANESE WORKERS IN TAHITI THREATEN TO LEAVE

PAPEETE, Tahiti, Nov. 29—(Associated Press)—Japanese workers in Makatea Island, the rich phosphate island northeast of Tahiti, who have struck for higher wages, threaten that if their demands are refused they will leave in a body for Japan.

Labor is scarce in the Islands. Several planters are competing for men to go to some of the outlying islands of the archipelago and an agent from Australia is here trying to recruit laborers for the Solomon Island plantations.

The merchants and planters have issued an appeal to the natives to remain here.

ALLIES DECLARE AGAINST BOLSHEVISM—STAND ENDORSED

PARIS, Dec. 23—The house of deputies today passed a vote of confidence, 458 to 71, for Clemenceau, after hearing the Premier's program.

Clemenceau announced the determination of the Allies to crush Bolshevism. He declared his confidence in the satisfactory conclusion of Anglo-American pacts; and predicted a solution of the Fiume problem. He further announced that he had reached an understanding with Lloyd George.

LONDON, Dec. 23—Premier Lloyd George will go to Paris next week to confer with Clemenceau.

MINERS' LEADER TRYING TO END KANSAS STRIKE

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 23—Secretary Howatt, of the mine workers union, on account of whose arrest 17 mines in Kansas have been shut down through a protest strike, was released from jail today. He agreed to join the other officials of the union in sending a telegram to the Kansas miners urging the calling off of all the strikes.

COAL WAGE AND PRICE COMMISSION TO MEET NEXT MONDAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24—President Wilson has asked the members of the commission recently named by him to study the matter of wages and prices in connection with the coal industry to meet in Washington next Monday.

JAPAN WANTS NO STRINGS ON HER SPOILS OF WAR

PARIS, Dec. 24—The Japanese representatives in the supreme council have objected to the form of mandate under which it is proposed that the former German colonies in the Pacific shall be administered, and have asked for time to refer the matter to the Tokio government.

BOLSHEVIKI CLAIM ANOTHER BIG VICTORY

LONDON, Dec. 24—A Moscow wireless message states that the Bolsheviki forces have captured 15 big guns, 1000 horses and 300 men, defeating Mamonoff and Chelnokoff's forces the Starienski region.

It further stated that more than 1000 Cossacks were killed in the fighting, including Chelnokoff.

PROBABLY FIRST VOTING WAS NOT PROPERLY MANAGED

ROME, Dec. 24—The Giornale d'Italia reports that because of doubts regarding the first plebiscite held in Fiume to learn the opinion of the population as to the future of the city, another was held last Sunday which showed that 75 percent of the voters favors Italian proposals for the future occupation of the district.

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Time Table--Kahului Railroad Co.

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The following schedule went into effect November 18, 1918.

TOWARDS WAILUKU						TOWARDS HAIKU					
9	7	5	3	1	Distance Miles	Distance Miles	2	4	6	8	10
PM	PM	PM	AM	AM			AM	AM	PM	PM	PM
5:33	3:30	1:25	8:35	6:35	15.3	A. Wailuku..L	6:40	8:40	1:30	3:35	5:38
5:23	3:20	1:15	8:25	6:25		..A	6:50	8:50	1:40	3:45	5:48
						..Kahului..L					
5:20	3:17	1:10	8:20	6:20	12.0	..L	6:52	8:52	1:42	3:47	5:50
5:10	3:07	1:00	8:10	6:10		..A	7:02	9:02	1:52	3:57	6:00
						..Spreckel..L					
5:09	3:05	1:00	8:08	6:08	8.4	..L	7:03	9:03	1:53	3:58	6:01
5:00	2:55	1:00	8:00	6:00		..A	7:12	9:12	2:05	4:10	6:13
						..Paia..L					
4:58	2:53	1:00	7:57	5:57		..L	7:15	9:15	2:07	4:12	6:15
4:52	2:47	1:00	7:52	5:52		..A	7:20	9:20	2:14	4:19	6:22
						..Hama..L					
4:51	2:46	1:00	7:50	5:50	3.4	..L	7:22	9:22	2:15	4:20	6:23
4:45	2:40	1:00	7:43	5:43		..A	7:30	9:30	2:23	4:28	6:31
						..Kuaopoko..L					
4:44	2:39	1:00	7:44	5:44	1.4	..L	7:32	9:32	2:25	4:30	6:33
4:0	2:35	1:00	7:40	5:40		..A	7:36	9:36	2:30	4:35	6:37
						..Pauwela..L					
						..L					
						..Haiku..A					

PUUNENE DIVISION

TOWARDS PUUNENE				TOWARDS KAHULUI			
3	1	Distance Miles	STATIONS	Distance Miles	2	4	Passenger
PM	AM			PM	AM	PM	
2:50	6:00	.0	L. Kahului..A	2:5	6:22	8:18	
3:00	6:10	2.5	A. Puunene..L	0	6:12	8:05	

- All trains daily except Sundays.
 - A Special Train (Labor Train) will leave Wailuku daily, except Sundays, at 5:30 a. m., arriving at Kahului at 5:50 a. m., and connecting with the 6:00 a. m. train for Puunene.
 - BAGGAGE RATES: 150 pounds of personal baggage will be carried free of charge on each whole ticket, and 75 pounds on each half ticket, when baggage is in charge of and on the same train as the holder of the ticket. For excess baggage 25 cents per 100 pounds or part thereof will be charged.
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