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Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities, no doubt, crept in; forget them as soon as you can.—Emerson.

## FOR GREATER HONOLULU.

A controversy over the destruction of a few beloved banana plants when that destruction is recommended and ordered by trained and capable sanitarians appeals to one just returning home from the mainland as absolutely ridiculous, as well as most ill-advised.

Thus far the people of the mainland have not become frightened at Honolulu's yellow fever scare. They know that a skilled sanitarian has been ordered to the city of Honolulu whether they have understood that we have good men here or not. They believe that Honolulu people have average sense and good judgment. But what can they think, if they learn that in the face of a threatened crisis, Honolulu is indulging in a fight over banana plants the destruction of which will materially aid in wiping out the mosquito—the sole carrier of yellow fever.

Ten banana plants may cost the city ten millions of dollars and many valuable lives.

If there are any health authorities in the world who know their business, it is the men on whom this city has now to depend for direction and assistance. Their orders should be followed without hesitation.

Honolulu's future depends on its being made a model town, in every sense possible but certainly from a sanitary standpoint. This can be done. Cleaning up as directed by experts at this time, coupled with the expenditure of some thousands of dollars is the only rational course to follow.

Honolulu has had a warning and apparently has got off mightily luckily. Don't let the educational value be dissipated by a silly and dangerous row over the sacrifice of a few pet bananas.

Support the health men. Begin now to do the work that must be carried on to make this city a center of passenger traffic and commerce that fears nothing because its bog holes are filled and the mosquito breeding centers are wiped off the map.

Some men look so hard at a half dollar that it destroys their ability to see a thousand beyond. Don't let the little banana plant cloud the vision of well-meaning people who hope Honolulu will be in a position to make the most of the opportunities that must come its way through the development of the Pacific, a development that will be more rapid than history has ever recorded. Don't allow a mosquito or a banana plant to ruin Honolulu, or make fools of its otherwise sensible people.

(Signed) W. R. FARRINGTON.

## NO TIME TO HESITATE.

United support of the health authorities in their efforts to drive the fever-bearing mosquito out of Honolulu and maintain the reputation of this port as being exceptionally healthy, is the only sane program for the citizens at this time. It is the only program that will win in the end.

Honolulu's ability to grapple with the dangerous conditions here and overcome them is being watched all over the country. Only a glance at the newspapers that arrived today is needed to prove this.

Honolulu's fight, through the Board of Health and the Citizens' Committee, is certain to be the subject of the keenest scrutiny on the part of the Federal authorities at Washington.

Any hesitation in the midst of the battle will be taken as an evidence of weakness. And if the Territorial health officials and the citizens' organization show weakness, one of Honolulu's big assets with the Federal Government is gone.

Dr. Currie, a skilled yellow fever fighter, has decreed that the banana trees are a source of danger and, within certain limits, must go.

Dr. Rupert Blue said this morning: "It's best to get rid of them. It's safest to take no chances."

These men have made reputations in the Federal Health Department. And it is the word of the Federal physicians that will be taken at Washington, when the navy department thinks of sending a fleet here, or when the war department discusses plans to increase its force on Oahu.

Honolulu cannot afford to halt in the campaign. No great fight was ever won without some sacrifice, some hardship. The man of the community that cannot back up its health officials in small things isn't fitted for greater things.

The tobacco trust isn't going up in smoke, anyway.

Prof. Perret, the volcanologist, will talk on a burning question tonight.

Dr. Rupert Blue will find a nice little controversy already cooked up for him.

Pretty soon somebody is going to find out there is no such thing as yellow fever anywhere.

The man who can make two banana trees grow where one grew before is going to be in demand.

Maeterlinck has been given a Nobel prize, but there are still honors left for the man who can knock out the mosquito.

The harbor-master is going to stop smoking on the wharves. Too bad some of the up-town pipe-dreamers never go near the water.

It's a pity some of the big financiers who have been cornering wheat and corn and other things don't turn their attention to *Stegomyia Calopus*.

The annual turkey stories are out as to the fine birds being fattened for Taft's table, but somehow that doesn't seem to affect the price per pound in Honolulu.

Five-cent sugar to begin the new crop with and a predicted average of four and a half for next year are two mighty hard blows landed on the point of Pessimism's jaw.

The new Chinese minister at Washington, S. Alfred Sze, used to be a cross-country runner at Cornell. Looks as if his talents would come in handy at home now.

Banker Clews declares there will probably be much smoke but little fire in tariff revision this fall. That's what the wise ones think and the reason why the big holders in sugar are not letting loose now.

The fact that a Japanese surgeon failed to find that Chinaman suffering from yellow fever by the time he landed at Yokohama is not much of a reason for stopping a clean-up campaign the city has been needing for years.

Perhaps the Superintendent of Public Works will have some suggestions to make as to that Hilo wharf agreement when the time comes. He still insists that the first form of agreement, which was punctured so full of holes it looked like one of Dr. Currie's 16-mesh mosquito nets, was merely tentative. The opponents proceeded to prove that he was right.

## DESTROY YOUR BAD FRUIT!

Mr. W. M. Giffard and his men who are fighting against the Mediterranean fruit fly are finding that the strawberry and in fact all kinds of garden guavas, and the Chinese oranges, are the most prolific breeders of the fly that can be well imagined.

Here is something that every resident of Honolulu who has guavas or Chinese oranges can do: Destroy the infected fruit. It is worthless anyway when the fruit-fly spoils it, and it is a menace to all other fruit. The funds available for fighting the fly are almost ridiculously insufficient, and only by individual effort can the campaign be successful.

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## MILLS ASKS INJUNCTION

(Continued from Page 1) the board of health, Walter F. Dillingham as chairman of the citizens' committee and E. J. Buchbee, the non-

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commissioned officer in charge of the mosquito squad in Apana No. 1.

Deputy Sheriff Charles H. Rose is standing bond for the sum of \$250 necessary in connection with the summons.

The greatest interest has been aroused by the action of Mills and there are many who seem to think that he will win out on his case and that the board of health regulations will be knocked out if the matter ever goes to the supreme court. The case is being handled for him by Attorney Leon M. Strauss.

The Governor when seen at noon today stated that as the case is now pending before the court that he does not like to express any opinion as to its merits.

The particulars set forth in the bill are that Mills has at great cost to

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The East Loch has recently been selected as the fleet anchorage ground by the Navy Department.

himself cleared and planted to grass, trees, shrubs and vines his piece of land and has planted as well with bananas which the bill terms useful and productive plants. He has fifty of these growing, a considerable number of which are bearing and forming plant.

Also that the fruit is of great value as food and that the plant of itself is of great value as a shade and ornamental growth and that the trunk is of value as for the fibers in it.

The next point taken is that he has a family and that it is necessary to supply them and himself with fruit as a necessary food article of diet and that he and his family subsist in part on fruit of the bananas.

That during the last year Mills has subsisted upon the fruit of the banana plants mentioned in the petition as a portion of his daily sustenance and that he expects to subsist in part upon the presently growing fruit upon his land.

That the defendants during this month have threatened to enter the premises and cut, mutilate and destroy and carry away all the banana plants and that they still threaten to do so to the great loss, injury and irreparable damage to him.

That if this is allowed the petitioner and his family will be deprived of necessary food and will be irreparably injured in his property and property rights.

**Fruit is Clean.** The complaint further alleges that the banana plants are now in a clean and healthy condition, free from all and any noxious blight, insects, parasites and the eggs and young of insects and parasites.

That although defendants have been warned not to come on the land they threaten to do so without any legal cause, reason or authority whatsoever.

That he has no plain speedy and adequate and complete remedy at law whereby to prevent and stay the damage that will be caused by the defendants coming on his land.

He alleges that the doings of the defendants and their agents both actual and threatened are detrimental, injurious and destructive to the property and property rights of the defendant.

He asks that upon due hearing a permanent and perpetual injunction may issue under seal of the court.

The attorney general is to file an answer to the Mills' injunction this afternoon and expects the matter to come before the courts tomorrow morning.

## DR. BLUE HERE FOR WORK

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now has under his direction squirrel extermination campaigns in nine or ten counties of California.

"We must prevent the spread of plague to other States," said the doctor, "and it is rather difficult to stir the people to a realization of the necessity for killing off the squirrels, till a plague case crops up at some unexpected point.

"Why, of course," was Dr. Blue's response to a question whether the mosquito can be exterminated. "There is no doubt about it."

"Must we wipe out all the trees?" "Not necessarily. Vacant lots should be cleared of weeds and rubbish, and the trees that carry water in their leaves should be attended to, of course, but I see no reason why they should be destroyed. They could be sprayed with a solution for which I have the formula and which has been used successfully.

"What we must have first of all is community cooperation. That is the first requisite. It comes before the money question, because if the community is in the right temper and the people working together, the money will be forthcoming.

"Mosquito extermination is a matter of drainage, watchfulness and cleanliness. In many portions of Connecticut the mosquito has been wiped out, not by cold weather, but by proper sanitation. Most everyone knows of the work at Panama. Oh, no; the mosquito is by no means a necessity of life."

This brief comment gives an idea of the spirit in which Dr. Blue tackles present-day sanitary problems. He has not the slightest doubt that plague will be absolutely stamped out of California if the people will cooperate with the sanitation workers.

Speaking of other diseases with which Hawaii has to deal, Dr. Blue was asked if he thought a cure for leprosy would be discovered.

"Certainly," was the very prompt, very quiet and withal very positive response. "There's no doubt of it."

In fact, conversation with Dr. Blue must convince the most casual observer that there is no such word as failure in his vocabulary. The whole atmosphere is of quiet, good-natured, positive power. He's a man who would study for weeks how to gain popular confidence, and try every possible way to secure the ready cooperation of the people. But if all measures of suggestion and good will failed, he would jump into the fight with big sticks and brickbats, if forced to it, and with the United States government behind him there would be no such word as fail.

In handling the plague in San Francisco Dr. Blue gained the confidence and the cooperation of the most ignorant and stolid in the Chinese quarter. He started out with acts of kindness. That won confidence, and after that he had comparatively little trouble. When dealing with the chamber of commerce and big business men, Blue used the power of suggestion, and the business men, being not fools, saw the point, provided the money, and when asked to use their influence toward having property cleaned up, acted.

If Dr. Blue were given the task of cleaning up Honolulu, he would unquestionably be the most quiet and the busiest man in the place. He would first make every effort conceivable for appealing to the common sense and good will of every man, woman and child in town. If every effort failed—then the work would be done anyway.

Dr. Blue doesn't talk much of what he intends to do in Honolulu. He doesn't know what he has to do beyond giving his best service as he is needed. If it is expert opinion, he is an expert in field service, just such service as Honolulu requires. He has handled all classes and conditions of men. He has gone before appropriating bodies from committees in Congress to boards of supervisors in seven by nine towns. If circumstances permit he wants to get back to California in time to go before the Legislature and with other workers secure an appropriation of \$200,000 to fight plague in California.

Dr. Blue is a brother of the now famous Victor Blue, who "carried the message to Garcia," and is very well known to the oldtimers of Honolulu. He will be found ready to help Honolulu in every way possible and he should be given a cordial reception and hearty cooperation all along the line.



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