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PRESERVE WAIKIKI BAY

It was somewhat of a shock to many members of the community to read in the press yesterday that a sub-committee of the promotion committee had recommended the erection of an amusement pier in the heart of Waikiki Bay, approximately opposite the Outrigger Club grounds.

Waikiki Bay is one of the superlatively beautiful features of Honolulu. Purely from a commercial standpoint, it is one of our greatest assets. Anything which detracts from the beauty of Waikiki Bay, correspondingly decreases the value of that asset.

The bay is already marred by two small piers; but still, with its fringe of palms and other tropic vegetation; its rounding sweep of white coral sand; the exquisite gradations of color in the water; the light feathery surf in the middle distance; the deep sea breakers at the outer edge of the reef; the intense blue of the outer ocean, together with the grand background of Diamond Head and the Koolau mountains with their cap of snowy clouds, it is beautiful, restful and satisfying.

It will be a desecration to mar this beauty by a gigantic pier, to say nothing of a great ungainly thousand-foot shed on top of the pier, bisecting the delicately shaded water and the surf.

It is very doubtful whether, as a commercial enterprise, the project under discussion will pay. If there are those who think it will, and who are willing to put the money to erect such a pier, let them go elsewhere than the exquisite semi-circle of Waikiki Bay.

There is plenty of room for the pier this side of Fort De Russy where good bathing can be had at the outer reef, without interfering with the scenery.

The Advertiser does not know of anyone who would object to an amusement pier at the location indicated, or anywhere between there and the entrance of Honolulu harbor.

It is to be hoped that the advocates of the pier at Waikiki Bay will think better of their suggestion. Certainly any continued advocacy of the project to put the pier in Waikiki Bay will excite bitter opposition from a very large number of the people of Honolulu.

THE VALUE OF THE ARCHIVES

One of the assets of the government which is practically unrecognized by the general public consists of the Archives, the department in charge of most of the records of the governments of Hawaii from the days of the first writings in the Islands. The majority of the people of the Territory look upon the keeping and sorting out of these old records of the Territory as a sort of harmless fad, a trifle expensive but no worse a waste than a large number of other things tolerated at public expense.

As a matter of fact, there has not been a year since the creation of the Archives department when it has not paid all its expenses and provided a surplus. The saving has been in the determination of land disputes, mainly. The records of the office have brought many a law suit to an end, by providing speedy proof of title on the lack of it, and have obviated the necessity of other actions at law.

To be of their fullest use, the sales of records must be indexed and made available up to date, something which will take many years at the present rate of progress. The legislature, when it meets next spring, should be urged to appropriate liberally for this work. The use of such appropriations will not be any waste of funds, but will be the means of making available material of direct profit to the people of the Islands.

NEWSPAPER DAY

The promotion committee has requested the several local newspapers to issue special editions next Saturday, November 28, containing descriptions of Hawaii, its scenery, objects of interest, institutions and people, which can be mailed away for the information of the malihini.

The Advertiser will issue a twenty-page edition, part of which will be printed on a better quality of paper than usual, in order to make a better showing with pictures.

One of the leading features of the edition will be several stories relating to Hawaii, by Jack London. The stories describe "Surfing at Waikiki," a "Trip Through Haleakala" and the "Ditch Country" on Maui.

Being copyrighted, The Advertiser wirelessly to Mr. London at his home in California, asking permission to use the articles, and has received the following cordial reply:

"By all means use the articles named. Aloha-nui-oe." The stories form a part of the description of the "Voyage of the Snark," the yachting trip which Mr. and Mrs. London took from San Francisco to Australia, via Hawaii and nearly all of the South Pacific Island groups. The book is good promotion literature and Hawaii is fortunate in being permitted to publish a cheap edition of some of the best descriptions of Hawaii ever written.

A CLOSED INCIDENT

While no direct explanation has been given why it has not been deemed advisable by the authorities to permit any exhibition of flying by Aviator Samura, it may be taken for granted, through a process of elimination, that Oahu is now to be regarded as a military district in which no such exhibitions by aliens are to be allowed in future. In other words, Oahu is to be classed, so far as aviation is concerned, with the many "fortification zones" of Japan, within the lines of which it is not even permissible to carry an open camera without the direct sanction of the authorities.

It would have saved much annoyance and prevented much misunderstanding if this had been made plain to Mr. Samura when he came to Honolulu several weeks ago, armed with his credentials, and made public announcement in the English press of his intention to give an exhibition. But, now that the matter is more or less plain, it is best that the affair should be regarded by the visiting aviator and the Japanese press which endorsed him as a closed incident. It has been woefully mishandled, and created needless friction, but no good object is to be served by ever bringing the subject up again.

THE KULA FARMERS' ASSOCIATION

Under the guidance and with the assistance of the Federal Experiment Station, the farmers of Kula, Maui, have formed a co-operative association, to facilitate the purchase of supplies at low rates, and the marketing of their produce on the most advantageous terms. The shipping and purchasing agent is George Copp, a well known young Hawaiian whose address is Waiakoa, Kula, Maui.

The association has issued three circulars, the third of which has been sent to The Advertiser, which gladly publishes it herewith, not only to help the Kula association; but in hopes that it may prove an incentive to the farmers of other districts to form like associations.

One of the most direct advantages, belonging to one of these associations, which every farmer can understand at once, is that the agent buys supplies at wholesale rates, and lets the members have the same rates, so that they can buy the necessities of life much cheaper than they can buy them themselves, at retail.

The Advertiser urges the farmers in every district to form associations like the Kula one; and suggests that the more intelligent and influential members of the different communities throughout the group, can do no better uplift work for their fellow citizens than to help them in the forming of such associations.

If anyone wanting to form such an association desires expert advice and assistance in doing so, they can secure the same by writing to A. T. Longley, superintendent of the Market Division, in Honolulu. If desired, and requested, he will personally go to any of the country districts for this purpose.

The Advertiser invites all of the cooperative associations to forward to it circulars and reports of their proceedings and doings. They will be published in the regular Saturday market page of The Advertiser, and should be of material help in establishing new associations; strengthening existing ones; cheapening the cost of living and increasing the local consumption of local produce.

STATUS QUO IN THE PACIFIC

Hawaii's closest interest in the war in Europe has been the little phase of it being worked out in the Pacific, particularly in the seizure by the Japanese of the Marshall Islands. A recent cable despatch to The Advertiser from Sydney, Australia, stated that the Japanese government had formally notified the government of Australia that it was ready to transfer the war period possession of the Marshalls and the other Pacific seizures to Australia, with the understanding that the ultimate fate of these seized German possessions would be determined in the general readjustments negotiated in the peace treaties.

An official of the Japanese foreign office, in a statement to the Associated Press, prior to the announcement to Australia, said of the seizure of Jaluit:

The Japanese squadron is working in conjunction with the British fleet in capturing or destroying the German fleet and in eradicating the root of German influence. So far as her policy is concerned Japan stands by what Premier Count Okuma announced on August 18, namely, that she harbors no design for territorial aggrandizement nor entertains any desire to promote any other selfish end. Count Okuma added that Japan's warlike operations would not extend beyond the limits necessary for the attainment of removing the root of German influence in the Far East and the defense of her own legitimate interests. The German warships are a constant menace to British and Japanese merchantmen and the destruction of the naval base at Jaluit was a measure necessitated and justified in the conduct of the operations against the enemy.

Honolulu Wholesale Produce Market Quotations

Table with multiple columns listing market prices for various goods including Butter, Eggs, Vegetables, Livestock, Hides, Fruits, and Dressed Meats. Includes sub-sections like 'Eggs' and 'Fruits'.

THE JAPANESE IN HAWAII

It is a surprise to the people of Honolulu to hear that a mass meeting has been held by the Japanese residents of the city to protest against their unfair treatment by the other residents of Hawaii.

It is still more of a surprise to hear that the leading spirit of the meeting was Mr. Sheba, editor of the Hawaii Shippo.

Mr. Sheba has been long and favorably known to all the people of Honolulu as a broad-minded liberal man, who has devoted much time and effort, at the risk of his life in one instance, in attempting to harmonize the interests of the Japanese with those of the other nationalities resident in Hawaii.

The immediate cause of the irritation among the Japanese appears to have been the refusal to allow a Japanese aviator to operate his machine in Honolulu.

As a matter of fact, the entire district of Honolulu from Koko Head to Barbar's Point is a fortified zone with batteries, barracks, naval repair station and buildings, almost throughout its length.

There is a United States statute prohibiting anyone from procuring information concerning any defensive works of the above character. There is no question but that information might be obtained concerning some of these works, by an aviator flying over the city.

Under these circumstances the refusal to allow their countrymen to fly over the city, constitutes an offense to the Japanese.

They have a legitimate complaint, however, in the bungling way in which the prohibition was enforced. The statute above referred to is so laxly enforced that it is very largely a dead letter in Honolulu. In fact it is the rule for army officers to have Japanese servants, and the army and navy construction on everything except the actual fortifications is being executed largely by Japanese laborers and contractors, while nearly everything that is done is carried on in public.

Under these circumstances, if the aviator in question were to be prohibited from flying, because of the statute in question, he should have been told so promptly and in advance, and that would have ended it.

As it was, in two instances he was allowed to secure permission for his flight from two branches of the government and go to preliminary expense for advertising and preparing for his exhibition.

The action of the authorities was bungling and exasperating; but is this any good reason why the entire Japanese population should rise up in protest against their treatment in general in Hawaii?

There is no good reason for the Japanese to make the claim that they are being discriminated against as a race, or to adopt any such threatening language and attitude as that set forth in the speeches made at the mass meeting last Sunday night.

From our knowledge of Mr. Sheba's character and past record we doubt if the action taken and the words used before the meeting were intended to be as radical as or their face they appear to be.

We shall be glad to hear from him over his own signature exactly what the aims and objects of the proposed association are, and the animating causes thereof.

VERA CRUZ—GOING AND COMING

President Wilson announces the hope that the withdrawal of the American troops from Vera Cruz will serve as an enduring proof to Central and South American that Uncle Sam is not on conquest bent. Let us hope that the President's wish may be fulfilled, because any other credit the United States will get out of the Vera Cruz incident will be very little, if any. On the contrary, the whole Mexican policy of the administration seems to be to bring discredit upon the United States.

Our troops went into Mexico to help re-establish order and give that country some form of stable government, and incidentally to secure a salute to the flag. They are being withdrawn from a country even worse racked by revolution than it was when Vera Cruz was occupied, at the cost of the lives of nineteen Americans and a hundred or so Mexicans, and the flag has not been saluted. As a result of the Wilson policy, one murderer is substituted for another and peace is as far removed as it ever was. The usurping chief of the Mexican capital announces that hereafter no attention whatever will be paid to the wishes of the United States and bandits whateyer the outskirts of Vera Cruz before even the American troops left.

This evacuation of Vera Cruz may impress Central and South America with the justness of America, but certainly not with the diplomatic wisdom of the administration as it stands. Neither the seizure of Vera Cruz in the way it was done nor the evacuation of the city at this time are things we can afford to boast about.

CHEAP CONSTRUCTION EXPENSIVE

A first-class object lesson of the futility of spending any more public money on wooden wharf structures in the Honolulu harbor is afforded just now on the waterfront, at Pier 7. This structure is only eight years old, yet the main stringers and many other parts of the wharf are being ripped out, to be replaced by new materials. They have been so riddled by Filipino white ants as to be dangerous.

The legislature is to be asked soon to appropriate for or provide for additional wharves for the fast growing needs of Honolulu, as well as for funds to repair existing wharves, and the early destruction of Pier 7 justifies the harbor board and the department of public works in recommending that nothing but concrete structures be provided for in future. Undoubtedly that recommendation will be made. In order that they may see for themselves why nothing less substantial than concrete is economical, as many of the representatives-elect and the senators as can conveniently inspect the ruined timbers now being taken from the Alahea street wharf should visit the waterfront and inspect them. Then, when the matter is before the legislature, they can talk convincingly to their less enlightened colleagues.

"ON THE JOB"

Kuhio states that "personal business" will prevent his getting away for Washington now. He has therefore postponed his departure from yesterday, when he was planning to get away on the Manchuria, to December 2, when he announces that he will leave on the Wilhelmina. As congress meets on December 7, this will place the Delegate in Washington at least one week after congress is in session.

The main issue of the recent campaign for Delegate was that Kuhio did not attend to business, and therefore that some one should be sent who could be depended upon.

Throughout the campaign and since, Kuhio persistently said that health was all that had kept him away, and that he would hereafter be "on the job."

Hawaiian public interests require the Delegate's presence in Washington now, and he has no right to neglect them and give his personal business the preference.

It is to be hoped that this bad beginning is not an index of Kuhio's understanding of what "on the job" means.

JAPANESE AGOG WITH INTEREST OVER DEMANDS

It will have a membership of thousands. Practically every Japanese in the Territory will be a member. It will be incorporated in a few days under the name of the Japanese Association of Hawaii. It will be a "pro-territorial" organization, and one of its principal concerns will be the wage scale of laborers. Two or three giant mass meetings will be held this week.

Fred Makino and S. Sheba, editors of local Japanese papers, and prime factors in the movement launched Sunday night for the Japanese, gave this brief outline yesterday of their plans in making the Japanese Association of Hawaii a powerful organization.

Japanese Alive With Interest

Honolulu's Japanese community was alive with interest and some excitement yesterday as a result of the meeting and the proposition put before them. Japanese papers devoted columns to the mass meeting, all of them enthusiastically commending the movement.

Makino and Sheba said yesterday that another meeting would be held in a day or two in the Makiki District, and after that the association would be formally organized.

"We will take in the entire Territory soon," said Makino, "but first we will organize the Japanese of Honolulu. They should all come in, because it is to their interest, and no fee will be charged."

The functions of this organization will be exceedingly varied, as Sheba and Makino make plain. Property rights, legislation and many other things will be included in its functions, said Makino.

"Yes, the matter of wage scale will be one of the important items in the association's work," added the latter.

He said the organization would employ one of the best lawyers in the city.

Not Belligerent, Says Negoro

Doctor Negoro, editor of the Hawaii Hochi, yesterday discussed the objects of the proposed Japanese Association, which, he says, are "neither chauvinistic nor belligerent." The Hochi says:

"As announced, a Japanese mass meeting was held at the Asahi Theater last night for the purpose of arousing the enthusiasm of the Japanese for the proposed Japanese Association of Hawaii and enlist their support. The meeting has more than fulfilled the expectations of the promoters. The theater was filled to overflowing and many hundreds were standing at the entrance, and many more hundreds were turned away because no room could be found for them in or around the theater in hearing distance. Among the attendants were many Japanese from the plantations of this island, as far as from Haleiwa and Kahuku. The crowds were attentive and orderly to the last, and not a man left the hall before the meetings closed, and they gave three rousing cheers for the proposed association before they departed. The future of the association is full of hope, and, if it does the work outlined by the speakers, we do not see how it can fail to be a growing and useful organization for the benefit of the local Japanese and an instrument in promoting good relations between the planters and their employes, and, incidentally—but very effectively—help the two Pacific nations to come to a real mutual understanding and sincere esteem for each other.

"The association is neither chauvinistic nor belligerent. It will not make its sole business purpose of arousing should we feel aggrieved, we will not hesitate to say so and ask just redress. But we have a community of some eighty thousand people, and there is plenty of business to attend to for their welfare without going to the trouble of discovering small, unnecessary and insignificant causes of complaint. We are confident that the association will receive unanimous support from the Japanese of these islands and that it will prove a very useful instrument in bringing out the real value of the Japanese as a people."

Questions Governor's Action

Commenting on the refusal of Governor Pinkham to allow Aviator Samura to fly on Sunday, the Hochi editor says:

"The law in the case, as far as the territorial law is concerned, is clear. There is no power which can forbid the flying. And we do not believe there is any in those of the United States, in view of the permission given by Washington. If so, the refusal by the Governor to allow the flying is an arbitrary act, no matter whether it be on his own motion or by command from his superior. If the government of the United States is to be a government of law and not of man, the action of the Governor in this case is utterly indefensible, as it substitutes a government by man in the place of government by law. If the Governor can prohibit a legitimate business and lawful occupation, such as the flying in the air, without showing his authority in law, but solely because 'Haidamiki' has reached him, so man is safe, for the Governor may at any time step in and take away his business or occupation, without any warrant of law. Such is not the spirit of the law of the United States, and such certainly is not the law of this Territory. We would ask the Governor to show the reason of his prohibition. Otherwise Washington, not the Governor himself, would be put under suspicion of being unworthy of a great Republic."

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