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FALSE SYMPATHY FOR THE STRIKERS.

A court officer, quoted in this issue, states that the strike situation at this time is such that it is "a seething cauldron beneath the surface," despite the outward calmness and lawful behavior of the majority of the strikers gathered in the city. We are optimistic enough to believe that the seething cauldron is only bubbling and with even less bubble than has been the case before this in the history of the strike, yet in many respects the situation is much more serious than many are inclined to believe. The evidence seized and in the hands of the authorities has been considered weighty enough to justify the issuance of warrants charging four of the ringleaders with conspiracy to murder. We believe that the murder of Editor Sheba, of the Shinpo, would be regarded by thousands of deluded Japanese today as justifiable. We further believe that there is altogether too much encouragement given the Japanese strikers by a number of the white residents of this city, citizens radically socialistic in their views and ready to defend and justify any violation of the laws framed for the protection of capital, while others, simply uncertain of the facts, deprecate some of the steps taken to bring about industrial peace again.

The immediate future of this Territory depends upon the future of the sugar industry. The immediate future of that industry depends upon the supply of available labor in this Territory. At the present time the industry is facing much more than the simple problem of a strike among the Japanese. That is an incident, inconvenient, but temporary; but an inconvenience which it should be no part of any white resident to encourage or prolong by injudicious approval openly expressed.

The Japanese of Hawaii have not been illused, either in the matter of wages or in the matter of treatment on the plantations. Their strike has been without justification, in view of the manner in which it has been worked up, if in no other sense. There appears absolutely no prospect that they will succeed in gaining any concessions from the planters so long as they persist in their present attitude. They have been misled and deluded by the ones responsible for the present antagonism between them and their employers. Any encouragement for them is simply making their position worse. Like cattle, the rank and file of the strikers are being led and driven. Like cattle, some slight thing may stampede them, to their destruction.

The average striker is simply an ignorant peasant, doing unthinkingly what he is told. At present he is being worked upon by demagogues of his own race and more or less openly encouraged by demagogues of the white race. He is an object for proper pity, but this pity should not go to the extent of mistaken sympathy that he will take for encouragement, nor should he be led to believe that resistance to recognized authority can meet with anything but swift punishment.

The situation is critical, but it has not been brought about by the strike or the strikers alone.

MAINLAND STRIKE COMMENT.

Hawaii is getting a considerable amount of attention in the editorial columns of the mainland newspapers as a result of the strike among the Japanese plantation hands, some of the remarks made upon the subject being unconsciously humorous. The Taunton, Massachusetts, Republican announces that very few people on the eastern coast realize how many Japanese are located "in the American possessions known as the Hawaiian Islands," assuring its readers that "it is probable that if a census were taken it would be found that the Chinese and Japanese there already outnumber the native population."

The Jacksonville, Florida, Times-Union bases a tariff editorial on the Hawaiian strike, declaiming against the protection of sugar when cotton is unprotected. Reasoning from the claim that the Japanese laborers are paid only \$18 a month, the conclusion reached by the Florida journal is that "if every head of a family in Hawaii were engaged in producing sugar, the owners of the land would not have to pay a dollar in wages out of the business. The government of the United States taxes the people of the United States in the interest of the Hawaiian sugar producer enough to pay for his labor, and give him his crop free and about fifty per cent. of the amount paid for wages additional."

It also discovers that "the Japanese strike in Hawaii has made public figures that show the hypocrisy of the pretense that the tariff is imposed in the interests of the workingman."

The Free Press, of Ventura, California, gives the strikers credit for not only being unbeaten but for plans to make this Territory a Japanese prefecture. It says: "The sugar planters of Hawaii, having beaten the Japs in a strike, need not therefore give themselves great airs. They have not beaten the Japs in any other way—and, neither has anybody else, up to date. The Japs, moreover, are shrewdly thought to have their eyes on Hawaii. And the next time Admiral Togo—or any old Jap admiral—sails into the harbor of Honolulu, and lies with shotted guns pointed toward the town, it may just mean that the Japs are going to take the plantations, laborers and all."

The Milwaukee Wisconsin and the Buffalo Courier compare Honolulu and London as centers of hysteria from which war scare news are sent. Commenting on the German airship frenzy in Great Britain, the Courier remarks upon "the crimson account cabled from Honolulu a year or two ago," when the Japanese were reported to be about to seize the Islands. The Wisconsin article is similar in effect.

The Elizabeth, New Jersey, Times draws an alluring picture of a mosquito-less Honolulu, describing how the "health commission" here carried through a mosquito campaign to its logical conclusion, and thus did away with yellow fever. Honolulu has never seen a case of yellow fever, and has still a few mosquitoes. Otherwise, the Times is correct.

The decision of The Hague Tribunal of International Arbitration in the Casablanca affair is satisfactory to both France and Germany, because it blames both sides with superb impartiality. The French were wrong at one point, the Germans were wrong at the other. And undoubtedly the decision is accurate and just in its judgments. The official German view of the court's opinion is sweetness itself, the organ of the government in Berlin saying that "a very disagreeable incident is settled by the decision in a worthy manner for practical politics and in a satisfactory way for international relations." And thus also, is the usefulness of The Hague court as a lubricator of international relations more than ever vindicated.

The limit in the size of steamships seems to have been reached in the Olympic and the Titanic, the two White Star liners being built in Ireland for the Atlantic trade. These leviathans are eight hundred and sixty feet long and ninety-two feet wide, with a registered tonnage of forty-five thousand tons. Their weight will be sixty thousand tons. The size and draft of these two monsters are such that few harbors of the world can accommodate them, and the New York papers are discussing the question of berthing them when they reach that port. At the present time there are no piers long enough there to take the liners alongside.

The harbor of New York may have in a comparatively short time a statue of an Indian, extending the hand of welcome to the whites from across the sea, emblematic of much the same sentiment as that expressed in the statue of the Great Kamehameha, which stands before the Honolulu Judiciary Building. This statue is suggested as a companion to Liberty, and is, according to the idea advanced by Rodman Wananmaker, "to typify a greeting from the primal American to the people of all other nations."

The Pacific terminal of the Panama canal has been changed by official order from La Boca to Balboa. The significance of Balboa is at once apparent, since it was the early explorer of that name who first crossed the isthmus and from the top of the divide discovered the Pacific Ocean. The Caribbean terminal will not be changed, for nothing could be better than Colon, which is the Spanish word for Columbus, the man who discovered America.

With over half a million dollars worth of preserved pineapples entering the United States last year from Singapore, despite the shipment of \$721,859 worth from Hawaii, and with a whole fleet carrying Bahama pines to Eastern States canneries, it can not be well said that the pineapple men of Hawaii have not still a great deal to go after.

Scotch and gasoline appear to form a highly dangerous compound.

CANARY BIRD SOLOS
LATEST CHURCH MUSIC

Forty strong, young voices—belonging to the members of the Oahu College Glee Club—sang beautifully last evening in Central Union church on the occasion of the commencement services of the 1909 graduating class. But there was one who was little singer, so small that it could easily be held in one hand, and, though directly before the large audience assembled in the church, entirely unseen, which attracted probably more attention than any soloist has in a church for a long time. Hidden in the foliage of a beautiful golden-shower tree which stood by the platform to one side of the speakers, was a cage containing a little yellow canary bird. And even above the lusty voices of the forty-strong Glee Club members, singing in unison, rose the melodious music of the little prisoner. Vibrant with passion, quivering with emotion, trilling and earoling in an excess of joy, last night the sweet notes that came from the throat of the tiny soloist attracted the attention of all. Even out in the street could the clear notes be heard, and passersby, sitting in street cars which stopped a mere moment, hushed their chatter and inquired. And inside the great auditorium, after entrancing the audience numerous times during the evening, the little songster burst out into one last beautiful effort—and sang itself to sleep.

CLOSING EXERCISES AT
ALIILOANI COLLEGE

The closing exercises at Aliioloani College will take place next Friday morning, June 18, at ten o'clock. The day's events include distribution of prizes, music, theatricals and refreshments. The senior boys will present the trial scene from the Merchant of Venice, and by the work at rehearsals the success of last year's Shakespearean effort will at least be equaled. The "illusions" of the school will be seen in an amusing sketch, written especially for the occasion, called The Locum Tenens, in which an amateur doctor figures with great effect. The school is sending out no personal invitations to the closing exercises, but asks all those who are interested in its work to be present. Admittance will be without card and it is anticipated that many will avail themselves of this opportunity to visit the school.

ST. LOUIS WILL
TALK BASEBALL

The proposition to have the four clubs of the Baseball League here take over the ballpark out at Mollili has caused a great deal of discussion among the fans and its meeting generally with favor. The St. Louis club has called a meeting of its members for tonight in the club-rooms, and the matter will be brought up and discussed. Charlie Falk last night expressed himself as being in favor of the idea, though he said that he knew nothing more about it than was published in the Advertiser yesterday.

The time is ripe to make a ten-strike with big League ball. There is a certain baseball following which does not care for the hap-hazard contests—no matter how unique they may be—of the minor leagues, and this is the following which will patronize good games. Yesterday there were probably more people than ever complaining that "there is no place to go to spend the afternoon." Waikiki beach was packed with people who stood around looking as if they were dying to see a real game of real baseball. It's all up to the clubs of the League now.

"What do you mean by coming home at this hour, and in such a condition?" "Well, Mary—y see I stayed a lil' late at the Thompson's, playin' bridge." "That's a nice story! It happens that the Thompsons have been here all the evening." "O pshaw! What's the use of arguing with a woman."—Life.

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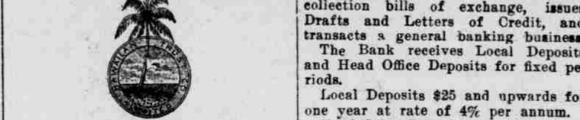
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HAWAII SHINPO.

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