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AMERICANISM VS. DOLLARS

Unless we are willing frankly to confess that we do not care, that the future of Hawaii nei is immaterial to us, that easy money is all we are interested in, we shall close our ears to the sophistic arguments of those who would lower the bars to a further influx of oriental laborers.

We need this labor desperately? Granted we do. But also we need to face squarely whether or not Hawaii is to be really American in the future, or American only in name. The argument that the world at war needs the extra sugar we could produce with more labor will not stand in comparison with our own welfare for all time.

We of the Islands realize what it is to struggle against an almost smothering preponderance of foreign population. How all but hopeless it seems to try to raise our children in an atmosphere that is largely alien. We do not have to be told that the English language of the public schools is pigeon English. We know that the foreign language primary schools tend to neutralize the efforts of educators and to instil foreign instead of American ideals in the coming generation.

And in spite of all this we have had hope. We have seen the elevating effects of American institutions on even first generations. We have dared to believe that we may one day be admitted to the sisterhood of states of the union, that our status may sometime be firmly established and thoroughly understood. In short that we shall be simply American in every best sense—in thought, in speech, in tradition.

The sugar planters association has denied that it would have the present restrictions relaxed. This is gratifying, but to be expected. The planters are Americans and they are patriotic. They have proven many times that they are not blinded to the best interests of the Islands by money.

The demand for more oriental labor doubtless comes more from interests outside the sugar industry, and by race pressure. The Chinese and Japanese most naturally would welcome more of their countrymen. They are feeling the labor shortage as much as anyone and they are not enough Americanized as yet to see the incongruity of their demand—or to care.

There is no antagonistic feeling against the Japanese or Chinese. To the contrary we of the Islands appreciate their fine qualities and recognize the tremendous results their labor has accomplished. Many of us doubt if any other races in the world would have given so good an account of themselves. But these things are beside the point. Were they Europeans instead of Orientals the situation would be largely the same. They would not be American, and the task of making them so would be as difficult if not more difficult.

We are promised big things when the war is over from the commerce to be developed in the Pacific. Sugar may become less important comparatively than it now is.

But in any event our Americanism should be the matter of first consideration. Let us get this fixed as a principle. These are the days of patriotic self denial, and it should not be difficult. Let us turn our backs to the lure of quick money and our faces towards the land to which we owe our allegiance, America.

MARK THE HALEAKALA TRAIL

The harrowing experience and grave danger passed through by the party of Honolulu teachers on the slopes of Haleakala last week, should serve as a warning to strangers or others unfamiliar with Hawaiian mountains. It is extremely easy to get trapped, as has been proven by a number of near tragedies in recent years. A party of Mills School teachers several years ago spent several days in the Oahu mountains in a gulch pocket before aid arrived and they were rescued with much difficulty. A number of mysterious disappearances of lone hikers are probably to be accounted for through similar accident. Mountain experience on the mainland is of little value in Hawaii.

The crater trip through Haleakala might, however, be rendered safe to even a novice, at very small cost of money or time. A man with a bucket of white paint could in a couple of days mark a trail through the crater that could be followed under any condition of weather. Many visitors to Kilauea before the days of the automobile road into the crater, will remember the paint-marked trail from the Volcano House to the pit which could be followed even on dark nights.

The chamber of commerce rest house committee might undertake this work, or some public spirited citizen could earn the gratitude of all travelers by such act. Rocks marked white should not need repainting oftener than once a year.

WHY THE RACE MEET?

In spite of the objections raised by Maui members of the Hawaiian Polo and Racing Association, preparation for an elaborate race meeting next month is going right ahead. Nor will this be a "Hooverized" meet, such as was Maui's Fourth of July celebration. Thirty-two race horses are reported to be in training at Kapiolani park, while as many more are in training at army posts. The affair will be distinctly a professional one, and the fact that the proceeds are announced to be for the Red Cross does not change the situation. Professional base ball is about a thing of the past, as is also horse racing, and will be till the war is over.

Kapiolani park was turned over to the racing association by the people of Hawaii and the association is responsible to the people. It is very certain that the present races were not inspired by any overwhelming popular demand.

The Bolsheviks first kick over the whole Russian government as a protest against autocratic rule and then immediately tie up to the Prussian despots to fight the Allies and every democratic element of their own country. The anomaly would be ludicrous if it did not complicate things so badly.

THE CZECHO-SLOVAKS

The appearance of the Czecho-Slovaks as a factor in the war in eastern Siberia, has puzzled a good many persons who are not familiar with central European politics. The Czechs and Slovaks are really subjects of Austria-Hungary, most of them being ordinarily known as Bohemians. Early in the war in Europe, a big army of these people under Austrian and German officers, was thrown against the Russians. But they almost immediately became Russian "prisoners", but were allowed by their captors to retain their arms and were soon after fighting valiantly against their former masters.

When the Russian monarchy went to pieces and the Bolsheviks gained the upper hand and made peace with Germany, the Czecho-Slovaks refused to submit and ever since have been fighting the Bolshevik forces. They have made their way into Siberia, the eastern part of which they now dominate. Their formal recognition as a nation by the Allies now puts them on an established footing which they lacked before.

THE ARMOR OF PATRIOTISM

The kaiser's minions in the Islands must be deriving considerable satisfaction these days over the petty frictions which seem to be embarrassing the Red Cross work in Honolulu, and perhaps in other parts of the territory. But this gratification is quite certain to be short lived. Women elsewhere, since this war began, have learned to take a patriotic attitude towards their work which makes it possible for all classes and conditions to work together on a comfortable basis. They have learned to wear their patriotism as an armor against the arrows of mischievous tongues or the darts of scornful glances; and at the same time to use it as a weapon against false pride or puny malice.

Hawaii's women are no less patriotic, but lack perhaps, somewhat of the self-discipline which goes to make a good soldier either at the front or behind the lines. But this can be learned and is being learned fast.

BOOST FOR THE BLUE SKY LAW

It is gratifying to note that the Honolulu Stock and Bond Exchange has at last recognized the seriousness of the wild-cat and phony stock selling schemes which have been consistently bleeding Hawaii, in season, and out, for years and will accordingly urge the passage of a stringent blue-sky law by the legislature next winter. Hawaii has long been the hay-seed easy mark of the United States, the mecca of all the get-rich-quick con men from Maine to California. It would be hard to estimate the hundreds of thousands of dollars that have gone out of the Islands through these silver-tongued crooks or enthusiasts. It is bad business for the territory, as well as for the gullible individuals. There is plenty of place for all Hawaii's money right at home these days.

MAILING YOURSELF MONEY

Every time you stick a Thrift or War Savings Stamp on your card you are mailing money to yourself to be received later with interest. Cashing in these stamps is going to be better than "getting money from home," for with the money comes the reminder that you contributed to the great victory which then will have been completely won.

Dr. Raymond Starts Campaign On Hawaii Mr. And Mrs. Carey Given Warm Welcome

Expressing sanguine confidence in the outcome of his candidacy, Dr. J. H. Raymond left on Wednesday afternoon for Hawaii to launch his campaign for delegate to congress. He expects to be on the Big island for at least 10 days. He expects to canvass the whole island thoroughly before he leaves.

Dr. Raymond expected to start for Hawaii more than a week ago, but a severe attack of the grip, from which he is just recovering, delayed him.

Dr. Raymond will be accompanied on his trip by Senator R. H. Makekau and by David K. Ewaliko, editor of the Hawaiian paper, Ke Ola o Hawaii and jailor at Hilo. He expresses confidence in being able to win the democratic nomination from McCandless, who he thinks has hurt himself badly in the eyes of the party by his attitude toward the food administration and by his opposition to other public measures.

He states that he is also sure of defeating Kuhio after he has won the nomination, on the grounds of honest efficiency. The voters of Hawaii are getting tired of a figure head at Washington, and now want results, is the doctor's contention. He says that he has been much surprised as well as pleased by the backing which has already come to him unsolicited from high places in Honolulu, and not alone from democrats.

KINDERGARTEN ASSISTANTS NAMED FOR ALEXANDER HOUSE

In conjunction with Miss Mary Hoffmann, Miss Mise has been appointed as assistant in the kindergarten work at the Alexander House Settlement. Miss Gladys Hart has also accepted the position of assistant kindergartener and girls' leader in the gymnasium. Those interested feel that the kindergarten is in good hands and that advances should be made in the work for the coming year.

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