

Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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Whether you be man or woman you will never do anything in the world without courage. It is the greatest quality of the mind next to honor.—James L. Allen.

The Warning

Once again the commandant of the great army training camp at American Lake, Washington, has warned Seattle that unless its commercialized vice is cleaned out, he will forbid the thousands of soldiers at the camp from visiting the city.

In the despatches "bootlegging" is mentioned as one of the kinds of lawlessness against which Major-General Greene is taking action, the others being prostitution and gambling. These despatches may give a wrong impression as to the extent of illicit liquor-selling, for the truth is there is much less of this than of the other law-breaking. Seattle is a "dry" town for all practical purposes, and what little bootlegging goes on is done clandestinely and usually soon stopped, as the record of arrests shows.

But Seattle has been woefully lax in stopping the redlight traffic. It was this which first stirred the military authorities. The war department and the subordinate officers have determined that our men in this great war shall be trained under conditions of physical cleanliness; that there shall be no vice districts around the camps; that the men shall not be tempted by the panders and prostitutes which invariably flock to the neighborhoods of camps. American Lake, which is a dozen miles or so from Tacoma, is an ideal neighborhood if the civil authorities do their part to keep it clean. Tacoma is reported to have done its part, but Seattle, less than 50 miles away and easily reached by train and electric car, has not cleaned itself of the vice traffic.

Hence the stern warning that unless Seattle cleans up, the soldiers will not be allowed to visit there.

A situation similar to that in the northwest exists in Honolulu. We have got to clean up this city morally and physically and keep it clean. Does Honolulu want the unenviable reputation that Seattle is gaining? Does Honolulu want to be exhibited to the world as a city which fosters vice in defiance of the expressed desire and purpose of the war department?

How long before the civil authorities here will wake to the danger of laxity and incompetence and take radical action? Must they wait until military authority is forced to take charge in defense of the lives and health of American soldiers?

STUNG!

What's the matter with the mosquito brigade? Honolulu is suffering more from the stinging plagues of night now than at any other time in the last five years.

Almost every district, hill, midland and lowland, reports swarms and clouds of the pestiferous insects, ranging in size from the common or garden variety of grasshopper up to those with a wingspread of two feet. Don't laugh, folks. This has gone beyond a joke. It is time for the board of health and its anti-mosquito cohorts to get busy and reduce the casualties.

Tropical Life of London gives extended notice to an article by Daniel Logan, editor of the Hawaiian Forester and Agriculturist and Star-Bulletin librarian, published in the Star-Bulletin last February. The London publication commends the article as interesting and full of valuable facts.

ALLIES ARE 'TOP DOG' NOW IN FLANDERS WRITES SERGEANT MEEK

Honolulu Fighting Bosches Says Supreme Blow Will Be Struck When America Reaches Height of Her Military Development

"When America is at the height of her military development, when Russia has rallied, and when the whole power of the Allies is at its maximum, we will strike the blow; and that blow will be fatal to the Boche." So writes Sergeant James G. Meek, Honolulu man now with the British army in France.

Sergeant Meek, in writing to his Honolulu friends, describes his life in the trenches, and gives a vivid description of the battle lines. His regiment is in the front line trenches, knee-deep in mud and slime, exposed to the continual rains of the low countries, always fighting, but waiting for the day when the command shall be given for the drive "on to Berlin."

him the seemingly impossible and drove him from his perch down to the flat country behind them. We are top dog now. Today we look down from Messines on about twenty miles of enemy-occupied country. The sons of "Deutschland Uber Alles," is inappropriate now.

"For us to follow the enemy on the flats would be foolish, especially as we would be trying to convey heavy guns over country we had destroyed by our shell fire. We will stop on the high ground and look around before we leap."

Sgt. Meek continues that the British artillery contents itself with blasting away at the German entrenchments, exposing the hidden enemy batteries and driving the Boches further back.

Last night a Korean thug and degenerate who attempted to assault a Japanese girl servant was caught in the midst of his fight with the girl and is now lodged in a police station cell. He is believed to be the Oriental who has been terrorizing the Makiki-Punahou district for some time, peeping in at windows and following women and girls, particularly servant-girls. It is believed also that he is a sneak thief and burglar.

Of his guilt of assault with a deadly weapon there appears to be no doubt, inasmuch as he was taken actually in the struggle with his intended victim.

This man should get the limit. If the facts are as now supposed, he ought to go to prison for life. Unfortunately it may be impossible to lodge against him a charge sufficiently severe to carry such a punishment as the maximum, but he should get exactly what is coming to him—and that is the limit. And with the publicity that will go with a stern prosecution of such a malefactor there will be a warning to other malefactors that the law will deal with them swiftly and relentlessly.

In two recent cases men who have no connection with the police force have caught criminals. Last week a milkman was responsible for the arrest of the Korean furniture thief who has been operating with the most audacious boldness and success. Last night the Korean "Peeping Tom" was taken by a resident of the Punahou-Makiki district.

Clean up the crime!

Ernest M. Lishman, a well-known and popular young man of the city, is dead from injuries received in an entirely needless auto accident. All the sorrow of his family and regret of his friends will not bring back the life that is gone, but the tragedy should serve as an eloquent warning against heedless driving. Honolulu has had a long record of terrible auto smashups in recent years. Until reckless driving is eliminated, the roll of death will grow.

A detailed statement, too long for full publication, has been sent to the Star-Bulletin by L. von Tempsky of Maui, showing the tremendous scope and effectiveness of the British Red Cross society work. Abroad and at home it is doing a vast duty. Perhaps the most impressive fact cited is that the Red Cross work costs over \$250,000 per week, or \$25 a minute, and it covers not only the Allied countries but far reaches of lands barely touched by civilization.

In addition to the mental strain of following these army movements all over Europe, we are now burdened with the duty of trying to keep track of confessions and retractions by our home crop of murderers.

All those in favor of exchanging the Maui, Matsonia and Wilhelmina for the coasting steamers Governor and President say aye! The noes have it.

Someone please page the kaiser and tell him how the second Liberty Loan rolled up a huge oversubscription in Hawaii.

U. S. soldiers are in action "over there." And they're just beginning. After awhile this fact will penetrate to Potsdam.

Winter fights for the Russians on the east, but Italy must fight for herself in the south.

Italy needs another Garibaldi.

BREAKWATER TO BE DONE SOON

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence.) HILO, Oct. 26.—At the meeting of the Association of the Engineers of Hawaii, which was held on Tuesday last, Contractor Richard Deming, of the Hilo breakwater job, addressed the members on the subject of the big artificial reef. He stated that he would come to the end of his contract at a very early date and said that the sub-base will be completed for a length of 5460 feet and the superstructure for a length of 5400 feet at that time. The original estimate of the United States engineers was for a total length of breakwater of 10,000 feet. Of the original amount of money estimated as the cost of this 10,000 feet, there remains \$500,000 still to be appropriated, stated the speaker.

Mr. Deming gave it is his opinion that, according to present costs of material and operation this amount of money would hardly complete the breakwater beyond the 7500 feet station, which would be 2100 feet past the present mark, thus leaving 2500 feet to completely end the work.

Mr. Deming also said that the last rivers and harbors bill contained an item of \$150,000 for the improvement of Hilo harbor and that he presumed it was for the further extension of the breakwater, but that he had been unable to ascertain any further details.

MAY INVADE HILO. (Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence.) HILO, Hawaii, Oct. 26.—The J. A. C. baseball team of Maui wants to come to Hilo for a game, according to Charlie Green. Charlie says that the outlook is not very promising at present, as a number of the good players will be going to Honolulu with the national guard, and it would have to be a pick-up nine that would meet the Maui boys.

German militarists continue to rail at America and President Wilson, thus proving that America and President Wilson are getting them on the run.

SUMMER COMPLAINT

With apologies to K. C. B., etc.
LAST SUNDAY
MY WIFE said
DADDY, YOUR hair
NEEDS TRIMMING,
A JOB I don't like,
BUT I promised
AND ON
MONDAY, MAIL arrived, and I
WAS BUSY and I
PASSED THE Barber Shop
AND THEY were not.
ON TUESDAY I wrote a
SUMMER COMPLAINT and
ON MY way to the
STAR-BULLETIN office
PASSED THE Barbers and the
MANICURE LADY
WAS ENTERTAINING the barbers
AND HAVING a good time
BECAUSE THEY were not busy
BUT I was.
ON WEDNESDAY and Thursday
SOME OF the barbers
WERE ON the street
TAKING A day off
BECAUSE THESE are dull days.
ON FRIDAY I looked in
THE SHOP as I passed
BUSILY AND they
WERE NOT rushed and
SATURDAY MY wife said
TODAY YOU won't be busy
WON'T YOU

PLEASE HAVE your hair cut
AND I promised
AND SHE said
I'LL MEET you at
TWO O'CLOCK and will go
WINDOW SHOPPING
HER FAVORITE extravagance
AND I went at one o'clock
TO THE Barbers and
THERE WERE three ladies
WITH PRETTY children there
TO HAVE their hair
BOBBED, CUT, or trimmed, also
SOME ARMY officers and
BUSINESS MEN like me
ALL WAITING and the
LADIES FELT as
UNCOMFORTABLE AS I
DID ONE day when
I WENT to a
DRY GOODS store to
BUY SOME
LINGERIE OR ribbon or
SOMETHING AND
I WAS an hour
LATE KEEPING my date
AND I wonder if the
GOOD MOTHERS
COULDN'T TAKE the children
ON OTHER days instead of
SATURDAYS TO the
BARBERS.
I THANK you
FISH.

TENEMENT CASE RECORDS WRONG; NOT RICHARDS'

Ad Club Committee's Findings Bring Out Facts About "Camp No. 2"

The Ad Club committee having charge of the investigation of the tenement question, has encountered some of the difficulties that often accompany investigations of this character. The information they have received has not, in all cases, been fully reliable, and it is found that the committee may have to investigate the information given by the authorities.

This was exemplified in the report of the committee on the tenements credited to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Richards, and known as Camp No. 2, in the Kauluwela section of the town. The committee report states that Camp No. 2 is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Richards; that a portion of it is being rebuilt in cottages and another part remains in old tenements, the condition of which is harshly criticized.

The fact is that Mr. and Mrs. Richards do not own this property. They disposed of it five years ago and apparently the records of the health department and the building inspector's office, from which the Ad Club committee secured its information, have not been kept up-to-date.

The property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Richards in this immediate section is devoted to buildings and grounds of the "Kauluwela community." This is one of the successful "welfare enterprises" of the city and is now in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins. It includes a good sized hall where the children of that section can meet for games, play and study; also a small carpenter shop, and the equipment of the playground, which includes a part of the land formerly known as the "Boys' field." This playground and community home furnishes a center for healthful amusement in a crowded section of the town, and under its present management is accomplishing a great deal in improving the condition among the boys and girls in that section. This enterprise is financed by Mr. and Mrs. Richards and Miss Atherton.

Camp No. 2 got its unfortunate reputation some years ago when the property was leased to a man who failed to keep it in sanitary or properly livable condition. After a long struggle in the court the lease was broken and then the property was sold by Mr. and Mrs. Richards to the present owners. These owners have been gradually wiping out the old two-story tenements and replacing them with the modern small cottages.

One of the points of interest from the community standpoint is the failure of the records in the public departments to give the exact facts of ownership. It is understood that the Ad Club secured its report from the facts given by the board of health and the building inspector's office and assumed these were correct.

The property is owned by a corporation made up largely of Chinese and has been under this ownership for several years.

PERSONALITIES

ALFRED G. COOPER, former promoter and secretary of the San Carlos Milling Co. in the Philippines, left Saturday on a steamer for Manila.

ATTORNEY ROBERT W. BRECKONS, who has been confined to his home owing to a severely sprained ankle, expects to be at his office tomorrow, though the ankle is still giving him some trouble.

MISS MARIE BYRNE of Elelee, Kaula, is in Honolulu to become the bride of Willis Jennings, whom she met in the islands and who recently joined the navy. After the wedding she will return to Kaula where she is a teacher in the Elelee school.

BISHOP ADNA WRIGHT LEONARD of San Francisco has been assigned to conduct the conference of the Methodist Episcopal church of Hawaii which begins March 14, 1918. The bishop, who is an author and educator of note, is well known in Honolulu.

ALEXANDER SHEPPART of Kailua, Kona, Hawaii, has enlisted in the Royal Engineers and is now in training in Canada and expects to leave for France within a short time. Mr. Sheppart, who is nearly 70 years old, was associated with the Waianae Sugar company for many years.

With the coal situation so unsettled the Mexican hairless dog that has been trying to like this climate has an anxious winter before him.

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