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## THE PRESIDENT ON NEUTRALITY.

"I am not speaking in a selfish spirit when I say that our whole duty for the present, at any rate, is summed up in this motto, 'America first.' Let us think of America before we think of Europe, in order that America may be fit to be Europe's friend, when the day of tested friendship comes. The test of friendship is not sympathy with the one side or the other, but getting ready to help both sides when the struggle is over."—President Wilson.

## ONION DAY.

Some folks think of the other fellow—and don't eat onions. This is the day to eat onions because you do think of the other fellow.

## A SANE STAND IN A CRISIS.

There seems no likelihood that the United States can be stampeded into any hasty action on account of the European war, regardless of the provocation. And the test of the Lusitania incident has been a searching one. Although appalled at the horror of such wholesale murder in the name of war, there does not seem to have been more than a sporadic tendency anywhere to force this nation into the all but universal fray. Perhaps we have been lulled by the months of carnage. In any event it speaks well for the responsibility and temper of the American people. The calm and strong position taken by President Wilson and our national leaders doubtless has had its effect. But we cannot forget that in America the people themselves rule in a time like this, more strikingly perhaps than under other circumstances. President Wilson could not declare war if he would. The people, through Congress, could. We cannot forget how President McKinley was overwhelmed in the days following the sinking of the battleship Maine, and President Wilson would doubtless be no more successful in staying such a deluge. But the flood is this time self-restrained. And it is in this intelligent self-restraint that an American may well feel a thrill of pride. We do not doubt our power, but it is in this confidence of our strength that we find our forbearance.

In the meantime the seriousness of the problem forced upon us as a nation has in no wise been lost sight of, and President Wilson undoubtedly stands for the American people as he never did before in his stand that in the sinking of the Lusitania, the Cushing, and the Gulfight calls for the strongest kind of protest. But it does not call for war on the part of the United States. Nor should this protest be directed to Germany alone. Great Britain has been equally guilty in principle, in denying rights of neutral vessels on the high seas. Each side has been actuated by like motive—namely to prevent commerce reaching the ports of the other. England has used her fleet to this end; Germany, her submarines. And each side justifies its actions by the acts of the other, and by the exigencies of the situation, regardless of the rights of neutrals.

It is entirely likely that our protests will be wasted for the present. When the war is ended we shall undoubtedly be in a strong position for having made them. But until this happy hour arrives, it is well for us to remember that there is practically nothing now to take Americans or American ships into either German or English waters except the lure of gold. And while we do not concede any of our rights in this respect, should we as a nation think for a moment of plunging into war at the behest of Mammon?

## ARMY OFFICERS AS TAX DODGERS.

It will pay to watch the outcome of the tax-dodging injunction suit instituted by army officers on Oahu, by which they hope to escape bearing their fair share of the cost of maintaining the roads which their machines do their full share in destroying. Perhaps mere common civilians may pick up a few points in this gentle art. The contention of the bill of injunction is purely a technical one, being that on the date fixed by law for assessing property in the Territory the automobile in question was upon a federal reservation.

Taxes to be just, must bear equally upon everybody. The man who avoids paying his just burden of taxes, is not a good citizen. He deliberately lets his neighbors carry his part of the load. An army officer, by his own traditions at least, is supposed to be something more than a good citizen. He is presumed to be a sort of shining example of all of the virtues. In our barefoot days he stood on the highest peak of our ambitions and dazzled us with his splendor. Later we found that his shining foot gear conceals extremities of clay. He is but a man after all: earning his living by offering to die for his country, if need be, and—dodging his taxes when he can.

## A JOB FOR BIG MEN.

When the legislature by joint resolution provided for the appointment of a commission to revise our taxation system and make recommendation for future legislation on this important matter, it acted most wisely. It now remains to be seen whether or not the Governor can pick out five men big enough for the job. Our present tax laws are complicated, unwieldy and inefficient. Nobody really understands them. It naturally follows that they cannot be equitable. Simplification should be the watchword of the commission in its work. Much progress has been made in recent years on the matter of taxation, so the body will have some good patterns to cut to. A government needs a certain amount of money to keep its machinery running. The question is how to raise this money so that everyone bears his just share of the burden. It's a matter every citizen should be vitally concerned in helping solve.

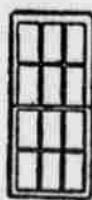
Some one has started a rumor that the Bevani Grand Opera Company is likely to prove a disappointment on Maui, for the reason that the stars will not feel it worth their while to exert themselves in so small a place. Such a suggestion does violence to the first principles of art, and we have every reason to believe that the Bevani company is made up of real artists. The Star-Bulletin this week comments editorially on this very point as follows:

"The Bevani company in the face of discouragingly small houses has held to a high operatic standard and the principals, chorus, conductor and orchestra never allow their performances to grow careless or lacking in energy because the audiences are small."

The calm, and dispassionate (we almost said "neutral") tone of the Honolulu Advertiser during the past ten days of tension is most highly commendable. This is not the time for any Rooseveltian pyrotechnics or saffron hued journalism.

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12 in. x 16 in.	3 ft. 4 1/2 in. x 5 ft. 2 in.
12 in. x 18 in.	3 ft. 4 1/2 in. x 6 ft. 6 in.

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