

THE CONGRESSIONAL FRONT
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WHAT TO DO WITH HAWAII.

Give us statehood cry the Hawaiians! Right! say some of our people. Wait! say others. But the problem presses for answer. If Hawaii is made a state, it will mean that the stars in the flag must be re-arranged. Seven rows of seven will do it. It will mean representation in Congress on full statehood basis. Just now, they have a delegate who does not have a vote. His name is Sam King, a former officer of the U.S. Navy. But if Hawaii elects a native to Congress, orthographic difficulties may arise. If David Kekoalaulaonapalihaulikeloolau Keepuawaokauiehameha were elected to Congress what a time the reading clerks, record clerks and the typesetters in the Government Printing office would have. If David brought his sister along as secretary it would be even worse for her first name is Kapualehuaonapalilahilahiokaala. Now ain't that something?

AS YOU READ OF DEFENSE

As you read of defense preparations, a thoughtful pause will make the picture clearer. For instance, a headline on January 19 indicated that plane production for December reached 799. Call it 800 and multiply by 12 and the inference is that we are on a basis of production which at that average would approximate 10,000 planes in a year. That looks quite impressive. But an examination of this production report indicates the use of two words which are most illuminating. They are "mostly trainers." Training planes are not combat planes. In fact they are worthless for combat purposes. They are used for training pilots. Hence, the total of 799 for December is not so impressive. Combat planes are what they need abroad. Combat planes are what we need for defense.

"PETRIFIED" SERGEANT..

For one man, the inaugural ceremony was no picnic. He is Master Sergeant Albert Baty of Washington D. C., highest ranking non-commissioned officer in the U. S. Army who for 20 years has been charged with the custody of the President's flag and who must freeze himself into immobility for the ceremony at the inauguration and during the passing of the parade before the Presidential box. It becomes not only a task but an ordeal when one remembers that all the while, the Sergeant must repress every impulse to sneeze, to brush away a stray itching hair, a cough, a feeling of cramp in the limbs or any other impulse which causes discomforts. He must "petrify" himself.

THE AERIAL KICK DEPARTMENT

One of the duties of the Federal Communications Commission is to investigate and dispose of the complaints which are filed by the public against radio stations because of certain program features. The FCC does not have authority to censor programs but it does examine into all complaints and bring them to the attention of the proper persons when warranted. Among the complaints listed by the Commission during the last year are those dealing with communism, religion, liquor, crime, solicitation of funds, excessive use of advertising, medical programs, fortune telling, fraud foreign programs, horse racing, objectionable language, failure to employ American citizens as announcers, broadcasting information which is deemed important to national defense, foreign language programs, political programs, quiz programs and others. Largest number of complaints are lodged with the Commission due to some station's refusal to broadcast a certain program. So you see, Uncle Sam's aerial traffic cops are constantly policing the air lanes.

WAR AND VITAMINS

Nations can be defeated by military conquest or can be starved into submission by means of an effective blockade. This latter method is referred to as a war of attrition. It is, however, truly amazing how human ingenuity has come to meet a situation where the rations of a nation have been depleted or diminished because of a naval blockade. It is reported that Germany is now extracting vitamins from coal tar products and feeding them to soldiers in the form of a food concentrate. These same vitamins can be used to reinforce food products which are lacking in nutritional content. It would, therefore, appear that the wizardry of chemistry has in some measure relieved the efficacy of a blockade as a means of defeating a nation.