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**The Carter Resignation**  
On June 23 Governor Carter made the following statement: "My resignation was written as a matter of fact on June 6. I showed it to one or two of my friends and they asked me to take time for reconsideration before acting finally, to be sure that it was not an impulse. I have taken time, and have only been the more determined to take the course that I had marked out for myself."

"In accordance with that determination I wrote to the President by the last steamer, enclosing my resignation which I begged him to accept."

Now it begins to appear that there is no resignation of Carter in existence at all. Just what the people of Hawaii are to make of this sort of juggling is difficult to imagine. Carter has repeatedly asserted, not only that he had resigned, but up to the day of his departure, that all the arguments made to induce him to reconsider had failed to change his mind. He has allowed many leading citizens to approach him with persuasions to withdraw a resignation which it now appears was never sent. He has allowed his own party committees to argue vigorously about whether Roosevelt should accept this resignation which his closest associates now say has never been offered. He has allowed one party to send a resolution to the President asking the President not to accept this unborn resignation. Finally he has appeared before the people of the islands and the whole United States in the character of an executive seeking to withdraw from office and being urged by the public to remain. This is almost too strange for belief, but even the Advertiser, which has joined in the urging of withdrawal of the "resignation" admits now that it was fooled by its favorite governor. It has told Carter many times to withdraw his resignation, but now it says: "It begins to look to the initiated as if the Governor never resigned at all but sent a letter to the President asking for the chance to discuss a possible resignation with him."

It appears now that if Carter does not remain governor his resignation will have to be written out after he gets to Washington. Locally, citizens can only give back a paraphrase of Carter's own last remark to the public: "We don't know where we are at." Surely Hawaii has had strange politics before, but this resignation is the queerest of all. If the truth had not come out, Carter returning here as chief executive would have occupied in the eyes of the people the position of a man who attempted to resign but was so satisfactory to the President of the United States that his resignation was forced back upon him, his course thus receiving the heartiest endorsement Roosevelt could give. It is hard to reconcile the method of attaining to this position in popular eyes with a disposition to deal fairly or honestly with the people.

Possibly this extraordinary latest development is an error. Perhaps somewhere in an inside pocket Carter has another document than the one he is known to have sent, which merely asks for a discussion of whether the time for resignation has come. It is to be hoped so, for Carter's own repute in politics. From wishing that he would withdraw a resignation, Carter's friends must surely change to earnestly hoping that he has really resigned.

**Laggard Speech**  
The author of a recently published book on synonyms has made a discovery worth considering. He complains that the words implying the idea of promptitude in speech or action are losing their force. "Presently," which formerly meant "at once," no longer has this significance and "by and by," which originally meant the same thing, now means something quite the contrary. "Directly" has undergone the same process of deterioration. Even "immediately" seems also to be losing some of its force, so that when people wish to emphasize the idea of promptness they have to fall back upon phrases like "at once" or "right off" or "right away."

The learned philologist who calls attention to this curious change probably does not err in ascribing it to the general tendency of the human race toward procrastination. Each of the synonyms mentioned, when it first came into use, was accepted in its primary significance as implying something done—or to be done—upon the instant. Little by little the procrastinating habit has had the effect of enlarging the interval of time in which action might be supposed to be "present" or "immediate." The general reluctance of most people to apply a strict literal interpretation of all these words in their own conduct has had the effect of steadily weakening their significance.

The man who intends to make headway, gaining on his fellows in the competition for wealth and honors, can find a useful hint in the steady deterioration of these words. Where procrastination is so general as to work such a change in our common speech the individual who can conquer the fatal habit must have enormous advantages in his favor. Many have resolution enough to do things "presently"—at some future convenient time. Few have the will power to address themselves instantly to the task in hand when not spurred by absolute necessity. The man who has this will power cultivated to the point where its exercise is habitual is so rare as to be a bright and shining mark for good fortune.

**War Maneuvers And Sham Battles**  
The war maneuvers and sham battles which are had from time to time by the American army and navy are the subject of a good deal of ridicule by those who think such enterprises are a waste of money and energy. But it is pointed out by the Washington Star that such practice may possibly be of great value. Says that paper:

"There is undoubtedly a wide margin between the maneuvers and warfare itself between blank cartridges and dummy mines and the shells and torpedoes of deadly strife. It is possible that very little is proved for or against the ships or forts in these peace trials. Yet there is a distinct gain in the training of men under the closest possible approximation of war conditions."

"The invention of means of conducting these maneuvers in simulation of war is of itself an advantage, for it applies the analytical imagination of experts to all the conditions as they exist. If there is a flaw in the plans of forts, the location of mines, the charting of the channels, the physical equipment of searchlights, guns, mines and ships, this analysis will detect it as far as it can be shown in the absence of the strain of warfare."

"These maneuvers are necessarily far short of demonstrating the actual strength or weakness of a fleet or a system of land defenses in that they cannot reproduce the peculiar quality of the man behind the gun in action, the quality which wins or loses battles. Only exposure to a deadly fire develops it or proves its absence. Peace training in target practice is, of course, absolutely essential. Gun crews must be made familiar with their machines and trained to use them under all

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Somebody should write a communication to the Advertiser, informing it that the county political campaign is over.

Suggestion for a new march by Berger: "O yes the county is here, the county is here, the county is here."

It is easy enough to detect the hand of the Advertiser's fish story editor in its political "news" these days.

The Republican Central Committee passes a resolution recommending Henry E. Cooper for the governorship and the Advertiser by a process of reasoning soles its own finds in this an endorsement of Carter!

Taking war vessels out of commission because of the fear of mutiny among officers and crews, is particularly Russian and genuinely funny.

Tomorrow begins the one hundred and thirtieth year of American Independence.

Governor Carter receiving delegations, committees and copies of resolutions, pleading with him to withdraw a resignation he never sent, makes an edifying spectacle. Just before leaving, the executive remarked that he didn't know where he was at, but it appears that he knew much bet-

**Classified Ads in Star.**

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Some of the Armour's and Swifts of Chicago have been indicted by the federal grand jury in connection with the beef trust investigation. This must be somewhat humiliating to them but it can't be anything in comparison to the humiliation of having the Associated Press send all over the world the statement that "fifteen butchers, including some of the Armour's and Swifts have been indicted."

The late Secretary Hay's first literary reputation was made as the author of "Pike County Ballads." The best known of these is "Little Breaches." They were written in the vernacular of the steamboatmen and frontiersmen of the rivers of the Mississippi Valley. There was a freedom of diction about them that appealed to popular fancy, and the "ballads" were very successful. But it was in the Life of Abraham Lincoln which he prepared in collaboration with Nicolay that he achieved his solidest reputation in literature.

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