

### TALK IN LONDON

#### Engineering Says Look Out for British Interests.

#### FEAR DEFEAT OF CABLE SCHEME

#### Canada and Australia Interested in Hawaii.

#### Present Condition of Industrial Problem Has Some Difficulties.

Engineering, London, is studying the Hawaiian annexation question, and fears that the interests of Great Britain have not been properly discussed. In a recent issue it has the following article on the subject:

The proposal to annex Hawaii to the United States of America has not received the attention in this country which it deserves. When we compare the amount of discussion which has taken place on the subject in the Japanese journals, and the action taken by the Japanese Government, we might also come to the conclusion that Japan was a more important factor in the politics of the Pacific Ocean than Britain. Probably it will be said that in this particular question the interests of Japan are greater than those of Britain, but this will be disputed by those who have carefully examined the subject. When we remember that the Sandwich Islands afford the only available landing-place in the North Pacific for the all-British cable across the Atlantic via Canada and the Pacific to the colonies, and are also the only place of call in mid-Pacific on the highway of trade and travel with Australia, China, and the Far East, should the Panama or Nicaragua Canal ever be completed, these Islands would be on the direct route to Japan and China, and would form the only available coaling and supply stations with the Far East.

With regard to the British Pacific cable, it will become an impossibility if Hawaii is annexed to the United States, as it is quite impossible to stretch a cable from Vancouver to any island south of the equator that may be controlled by Britain without an intermediate resting-place, and the only one provided by nature is in some part of the Hawaiian Islands. Canada and Australia have a deep interest in these islands, in fact, they occupy quite a unique position, which has been, to a large extent, overlooked by British statesmen, although those of America seem to be well aware of it. There is no wish on the part of the Japanese to annex the islands or even to obtain any political control over them, but they feel that they have interests which must be safeguarded. Probably they have magnified their importance in order to insure that they may receive due attention.

The threat of establishing closer relations with Great Britain, or of concluding reciprocity treaties with Canada and Australia, probably influenced the United States far more than the Japanese bogey, as the Executive must be perfectly well informed regarding the actual facts of the case. There can be no doubt that the industrial position in Hawaii at the present time is a most difficult one, and some of those who write on the subject say that there is no choice between annexation to the United States and industrial death. Some time ago the United States sent a special commissioner to investigate the conditions of labor, and his figures show that the natives are rapidly disappearing, and their places are being taken by Chinese and Japanese. Chinese fill the positions of storekeepers, clerks in the hotels, millmen, teamsters, etc. On the sugar plantations the number and nationality of labor is by the last report 1,615 Hawaiians, 2,568 Portuguese, 12,193 Japanese, 6,289 Chinese, and about 715 of other nationalities, a total of 23,780. The Hawaiians are the best workmen; the Portuguese today are considered the "bone and sinew" of the islands, as the most industrious, quiet and peaceable; Chinese next, and the Japanese last.

The Commissioner does not seem to have formed a good opinion of the Japanese, who, he thought, were ambitious to become the owners of the plantations. He concludes his report by saying:—"It needs no words to paint a mental picture of what will become of these islands when once the Japanese become the employers of labor and moneyed power. The planters would naturally dispose of their possessions and leave the field to the unscrupulous influence of the subjects of the Mikado, who would be monarchs of all they surveyed, and instead of the heritage of the islands going to the American people they would go to the Japanese, forming a greater Japan." Probably these opinions are one-sided, and the fears expressed unfounded, but we would like to be assured that all the aspects of the Hawaiian problem have been considered by the British Government.

#### Probably Sake.

It seems that certain Japanese laborers at Kaena Point have been tackled by spooks, or think they have. Not long ago five of them had a big dinner and then laid themselves down to rest. Toward morning they felt a choking sensation, and awakened, declaring that someone had choked them. On the next night two more felt

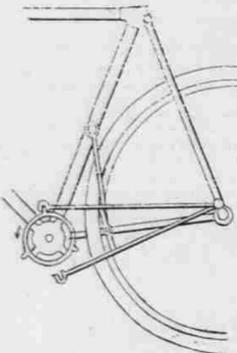
the same thing. Before proceeding, it must be stated that before retiring the men had seen quite a number of cups of sake. The men left the place, but the others remained and no further trouble has been experienced. Whether the men had a joke played upon them by one of their number or the sake was too much, cannot be learned positively.

#### A CHAINLESS BICYCLE.

#### One Process of Securing Motive Power.

H. Tuttle of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has recently invented a chainless bicycle that is attracting some notice. The New York Tribune contains the following description of the invention:

There are two sprocket (or gear) wheels mounted on the same crank axle. Each bears only three teeth, equidistant from each other. The teeth of one wheel come just half-way between those of the other, if looked at from one side of the machine. Near each end the axle of the driving-wheel is bent up into a crank, having a throw of about an inch. One crank stands at an angle of 90 degrees from the other. Each has its own connecting rod, which is a narrow V, whose arms are braced



together, and which opens forward. The front ends of these arms are provided with hooks, shaped to fit over the teeth of the sprocket wheel. The angle is just great enough to prevent both its upper and lower hooks on the same side touching the sprocket at the same time, and yet small enough to insure one taking hold soon after the other lets go. Viewed from one side, the movement of each hook (relatively to the whole machine) is in a small ellipse, whose greatest length (fore and aft) is about two inches. In other words, the up-and-down motion is not quite as great as the forward-and-back motion.

Now, what actually happens when the machine is on the road is this: The upper hook on the left side comes down over a tooth on the upper edge of the sprocket with which it does business, and is pulled forward about one-twelfth of a revolution. The upper right hook engages a tooth on its own side just as the upper left hook lets go, and is pulled forward another twelfth of a revolution. By this time a tooth on the left hand sprocket is just in the proper place to be caught by the lower left hook, which is thrust backward another twelfth. The lower right hook behaves in the same way, and completes one-third of the revolution. The same series of operations is gone through with over and over again, three complete revolutions of the driving-wheel being produced by one of the pedals.

To reveal the arrangement more distinctly, only one sprocket-wheel and connecting rod is shown in the diagram. Each connecting rod is hung from the frame of the bicycle by a twelve-inch rod.

#### JAPAN MAIL'S CRITICISM.

#### Says Okuma's Enunciation Will be Quietly Received.

The Japan Mail, commenting on Count Okuma's article on Japanese expansion and the future of the country, says:

In the last number of the Far East there appeared an essay from the pen of Count Okuma. Briefly speaking, its purpose was to combat the idea that Japan is living beyond her means, and that her resources are overtaxed by the large undertakings upon which she has launched in the sequel of the war with China. Count Okuma admits that victory came to her more easily than was, perhaps, altogether wholesome, and that it created an industrial and commercial stimulus stronger than the circumstances actually warranted, but he is persuaded that the situation contains no really disquieting elements, and that the country's future may be regarded with hope and confidence.

Count Okuma further declares that Japan has no desire to expand her territory. We are somewhat surprised to observe that the Count's views on that point are regarded by the Kobe Chronicle as likely to displease the "strong foreign-policy" party, whose leaders, according to that journal, look forward to the extension of Japan's territorial limits, and whose nominee Count Okuma is supposed to be. We ourselves have never understood that territorial aggrandizement is a plank in the platform of the advocates of a strong foreign policy. The two fields in which the activity of those politicians has always manifested itself are Korea and treaty revision. As to Korea, they have persistently held that Japan ought to make the independence of the peninsula a paramount object, and should shrink from no danger involved in the pursuit of that aim. As to treaty revision, they used to insist that foreigners should be granted no privileges other than those actually secured to them by the text of the existing treaties, and that if Japan's reasonable proposals, urged with due patience and courtesy, failed to commend themselves to foreign States, she should not shrink from denouncing the old treaties. But territorial aggrandizement has never, so far as we

#### RAINFALL FOR SEPTEMBER, 1897.

(From Reports to Weather Bureau.)

Stations.	Elev. (ft.)	Rain. (in.)
HAWAII—		
Waialeale	50	5.38
Hilo town	190	5.73
Kaunamana	1250	7.71
Ponahawai	1100	.....
Pepeskeo	100	6.08
Honoumou	300	6.16
Honoumou	950	7.07
Hakalau	200	5.44
Honohina	.....	5.76
Laupahoehoe	10	.....
Laupahoehoe	900	.....
Ookala	400	2.55
Kukuihau	250	0.65
Paunalo	30	1.10
Paunalo	750	0.76
Paunalo	300	2.40
Honokaa	425	1.53
Honokaa	1900	1.67
Kukuihau	700	1.69
Niuli	200	1.52
Kohala (Ostrom)	850	1.58
Kohala Mission	585	1.84
Kohala Sugar Co.	234	1.58
Waimea	2720	0.79
Awini Ranch	1100	2.37
Kailua	950	7.43
Lanikai	1540	11.62
Kealahou	1580	6.74
Kalahiki	800	.....
Kalahiki	1200	.....
Naalehu	650	1.54
Naalehu	1250	2.68
Honoluli	15	0.44
Hilea	210	0.50
Pahala	68	1.10
Olaa (Mason)	1650	.....
Pohakuloa	2600	7.35
Waialeale	750	8.41
Kapoho	110	5.99
Poholki	10	3.32
Kamaili	650	7.44
Kalapana	8	3.61
MAUI—		
Hakua	700	2.70
Kahului	10	0.12
Kaanapali	15	0.61
Olowalu	15	.....
Hana Plantation	200	.....
Hana	1800	.....
Hamao Plantation	60	3.80
Waipoi Ranch	.....	.....
Paia	180	.....
Puomalei	1400	1.68
Haleakala Ranch	4000	0.28
Kula	4900	3.47
Kaupo (Mokulau Coffee Co.)	285	4.42
MOLOKAI—		
Mapulehu	70	2.17
LANAI—		
Koole	1600	.....
OAHU—		
Makiki Reservoir	150	.....
Punahou W. Bureau	50	3.41
Kulaokahua	50	2.77
King St. Kewalo	15	2.67
Kapiolani Park	10	0.19
Paoua	50	3.23
Paoua	30	2.05
Insane Asylum	50	2.96
Nuuanu, School St.	250	5.81
Nuuanu, Wylie St.	405	9.08
Nuuanu, Electric Station	730	.....
Nuuanu, Hf.-wy. House	850	.....
Nuuanu, Luakaha	850	.....
Niu	6	10.82
Maunawili	300	10.82
Waianalo	25	2.96
Kaneohe	350	5.82
Kahuku	350	12.67
Kahuku	25	4.50
Waianae	15	.....
Walanne	1700	1.54
Ewa Plantation	60	2.87
Waipahu	.....	0.65
KAUAI—		
Lihue (Grove Farm)	200	2.33
Lihue (Molokoa)	300	3.41
Hanamaulu	200	2.31
Kilanea	325	4.22
Hanalei	10	6.58
Wanawa	32	1.00
Makaweli	50	.....
RECORDS NOT HITHERTO PUBLISHED.		
JULY.		
OAHU—		
Kulaokahua	0.81	
Nuuanu, Wylie St.	6.89	
HAWAII—		
Kohala Sugar Co.	1.71	
LANAI—		
Kahele	0.71	
AUGUST.		
HAWAII—		
Ponahawai	21.29	
Kalapana	4.11	
Kohala Sugar Co.	5.25	
Kapoho	5.29	
MAUI—		
Olowalo	.....	
Hakua	5.25	
Kaupo (Mokulau)	4.90	
Kula	5.29	
LANAI—		
Kahele	1.49	
OAHU—		
Nuuanu, Wylie St.	3.19	
Kulaokahua	0.54	
KAUAI—		
Waialeale	0.65	

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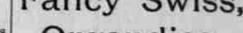
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