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THE WAR NEWS FROM MARCUS.

The Japanese cruiser, it seems, did not await the arrival of the Whalen, and the Japanese Commissioner determined not to remain; but fifteen marines were left on Marcus in charge of a lieutenant, who was provided with Minister Buck's letter to Captain Rosehill, "that it would be inadvisable to do anything definite if he saw a Japanese man-of-war." Captain Rosehill may reply to the young Japanese lieutenant that he failed to "see" any Japanese man-of-war and that Minister Buck's advice "cut no ice" with him as against the license he carried from the United States Department of State to exploit Marcus for guano. And he may add that he had, including himself, fourteen men fairly well equipped with rifles and ammunition, but that nevertheless his purposes were peaceful, and that his fourteen would not "do anything definite" to the Japanese fifteen—unless the Japanese attempted to do "something definite" to them.

The Marcus island incident has been wired all over the United States and has even found mention in the London Times. Captain Rosehill has a chance for national, if not international, distinction, and if he fails to expert the guano beds in consequence of being driven away by superior force, he will be sure of a job from the Boston Lyceum Bureau at two hundred dollars a night lecturing to eastern and western audiences on "The Guano Bird and the American Eagle," with music furnished by Hawaiian singers. A curtain raiser might precede the lecture with a song by Mr. Dooley:

"Here's to the American aigle
The proud bird of freedom all hail
Whose power sure no Jap can inveigle
Or put salt on his beautiful tail."

But Rosehill is a hard-headed Yankee graft on a Scandinavian stem, and he is after guano, not glory. We predict that the air of Marcus will not be filled with the clash of resounding arms. As a complete answer to Minister Buck's letter, Rosehill will present the Japanese document he carried from here, assuring the Japanese lieutenant and his marines that his errand is scientific and peaceful and not warlike; that he wishes to examine and assay and measure the guano deposits and take samples thereof, and gather specimens of the fauna and flora. That if he is not molested in his measures, he will, when it is accomplished, sail away and the two governments will do the rest. And what that rest will be will depend altogether upon the extent and quality of the rock phosphate deposits on Marcus. The presumption is that those deposits are large and valuable, for what would the millions of gonies have been doing there for millions of years if not engaged in preparing a basis for fertilizing Hawaiian canefields and California citrus orchards?

And if the guano deposits are large and valuable, why then the question of ownership of Marcus will be submitted to arbitration, and it looks as if the United States—and incidentally Rosehill—had a long ways the best of the argument.

But if the fifteen Japanese marines should chance to be ugly and refuse to allow Rosehill and his men to land and take samples, those who know that gentleman say that he will carry out his instructions to land anyhow, and make a camp at the other end of the island, and put up the American flag, and yield only to superior force, and that he will not consider fifteen Japanese marines a superior force. He will obey Minister Buck's instructions not to "do anything definite" against a Japanese war vessel, but he will not consider it "doing anything definite" to stay until he has accomplished the purpose of his trip upon the island he first explored, and upon which he planted the stars and stripes thirteen years ago, before ever a Japanese set foot upon the island.

It is noted that none of the oil shafts at Los Alamos were bent or disturbed by the recent earthquakes. The depth of the seismic waves of California is commonly slight, very little effect being noticeable in the mines. When earthquakes come of the gradual flattening of the globe at the poles—a process which may one day change the world's form to that of two saucers clapped together, and put the equator in the arctic regions—then the effects are deeply as well as widely felt. So they are when the trouble is caused by water getting into volcanic fires and making an explosion of steam such as probably happened at Martinique.

The famous name of Oliver Wendell Holmes will appear in the roll of Supreme Court Justices. Justice Holmes, who now presides over the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, first came into the public eye in a narrative of his famous father's search for him among the wounded on a Southern battlefield. He was then a captain of volunteers on the northern side. Justice Holmes is one of the soundest lawyers and jurists on the New England bench and is worthy of the traditions of our highest court.

It is pleasant to know that the evidence is against incendiarism as the cause of the Chinatown fire of last Monday morning. The result of the inquest shows that a cat knocked over a lighted lamp and away the buildings went. It is rather a surprise that the combination of wooden tenements and kerosene lamps did not long ago scare off the insurance companies.

COUNSEL TO THE BLIND.

Editor Advertiser: Conscious and feeling somewhat responsible for the agitation now going on within our party ranks, for city and county government for Hawaii, a person hates to be quietly told to "go way back and sit down," and with meek submission calmly look on, belching forth from his opponents' most powerful battery broadsides of invectives and innuendos as missiles of destruction. This, then, must be my excuse for again wearying your readers with the oft mooted question (evidently alarming from your standpoint) of municipal and county government.

Whilst conceding to you the right to criticize and freely comment on any and all public utterances affecting the common weal, you have, however, in alluding to a letter of mine which appeared lately in the "Independent," hinted at multiplication of offices, the handling of more monies, maladministration and what not, thereby leaving your readers to infer that any one favoring the change is in for spoils. One would think that outside of your own atmosphere there is no honesty of purpose left. It is to be sincerely hoped that with annexation all the good in the Hawaiian did not disappear also.

What there is for so much alarm, I confess I cannot see. In the narrowness of your vision you have construed, out of my efforts at conciliation, a "Path of Pitfalls," and after setting up on a pedestal the so called "Home Rule spoils theory" (the Advertiser is my authority, gentlemen), you proceed with your frenzied effort in the work of demolition, hoping in the general collapse that will follow, the complete annihilation of your supposed enemies. You counted without your host, I fear, for here I am, pegging away as hard as ever, unmindful of the warning that Delegate Flynn prognosticated for Hawaii.

You seem to have taken for granted that I am advocating the Home Rule theory. Far from this being the case, I want to see the change come step by step; and if there is no beginning made now, when may we qualify? I am not advocating a system that will impose a heavier burden on our already overtaxed and uncomplaining community. On the contrary, the taxpayer will be relieved of some of this burden, as I shall presently show, and hope to convince you of. Why maintain three sets of officials, I ask? One is sufficient for all needed requirements, for the present, at least. The purpose, as I understand it, is to do away with the central government represented by department heads and their army of clerks, and their several duties transferred to the different county officials, who become their legitimate successors. This means a saving of the taxpayers' money according to my calculations, for not only will there be ample provision to run five counties but ten if necessary.

I have before me the appropriation bill for the present biennial period. The salaries of officials that will be affected by the change foot up the sum of $2,266,793.50. Do you mean to say that this is not sufficient to properly oil the wheels of machinery necessary to operate the new government? Certainly, and two municipalities included. The townships, meaning the country districts, with one or two new officials, perhaps, surely don't need more. They have too many now and too much incompetence, the result of poor salaries. Every country district has a complete machinery now, and the same offices can continue with such duties as may be added to carry out a purely local administration, in which the people will directly participate.

This disposes of two sets of officials; the third need not be a disturbing element to the business community. For if Honolulu is not willing to be burdened with it, it needn't. Honolulu will survive, I think, if it forms one of the townships in the county of Oahu. If the citizens of Honolulu are content to live in a town and be relieved of the expense of maintaining city officials, that's their business, not the country residents'. I venture the statement, though, that the capital city will not long submit to the humiliation of being the second one in the Territory, for if I mistake not, Hilo is hungering after the distinction of becoming a municipality.

I hope my friends in office will not think ill of me for suggesting their official decapitation. I don't believe I would have done it, really gentlemen, if I thought that all of them can not be elected to some office or other in the county government. They are all popular and efficient by long service, and ought to command the confidence of the electors.

This letter has already assumed lengthy, and may be, wearying proportions; but I cannot conclude without adverting to the remarkable utterances of Delegate Flynn, on Hawaii's political future. The pleasure was not accorded me of meeting the distinguished gentleman. He must have been an interesting visitor. So, according to this authority, it appears that the wings of the screeching eagle haven't spread enough, neither the folds of the American flag large enough, to embrace Hawaii under their protecting shadow. If this be true (no! it's too good to be true), there is hope for Restoration, then. For in no other way can any recognized power, and more particularly the great American republic, after assuming full suzerainty over an acquired territory, extend to the people of such acquired territory a different form of government than is accorded to subjects residing within her own dominions. Delegate Flynn or any other Congressman to the contrary notwithstanding. Hints and suggestions of a "protectorate for Hawaii" is too late, Dear Editor, and when you speak of curtailing the rights of an American citizen, be he white, black or red, it is a waste of effort, an idle dream.

C. P. IAUKEA.

P. S.—Your next effort at denial, if I may be permitted to suggest, Mr. Editor, might well begin with the caption, "An Impending Disaster." This will complete the cognomen by which your bogey "triple set of officials" will be known. We'll enumerate them: First set, Looming Peril. Second, Path of Pitfalls. Third, Impending Disaster. I wonder if you are an alarmist, Mr. Editor.

C. P. I.

Col. Iaukea makes the mistake of supposing that the Territorial government would practically disappear when county and city governments arrive. This has not been the experience of other Territories and would not be the experience of this one. In fact, without the sanction of Congress, the proposed cities and counties could not diminish the duties, responsibilities nor salaries of the present administration at all; and except in one or two departments Congress would not be likely to make any particular change. There would still be a Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor, and a Territorial Superintendent of Public Instruction; the Territorial Board of Health would still look after the lepers and matters of local quarantine, the public lands would still be administered by the Territory and even the Superintendent of Public Works would not be any more likely, than the average State Engineer is, to see cobwebs accumulate on his desk. If Col. Iaukea imagines that $2,266,793.50 would be taken off the Territorial payroll and handed over to citics and counties he could hardly pass through a period of municipal government without a rude awakening.

The childlike faith which the Colonel shows in the stability of our new institutions is, unfortunately, shared by the majority of his race. But it happens that our status was materially changed by the Flag and Constitution decisions of the United States Supreme Court. It is now held that Territories have no vested rights which Congress is bound to respect; that if they please, the national law-makers can levy a tariff on the products of Hawaii or Arizona or Oklahoma; can turn those Territories into national dependencies or even sell them by concurrence of the Senate and President as the treaty-making power. It was this which Delegate Flynn had in mind when he said that Congress might conclude to give all its insular possessions a special form of colonial government, which, in the event that self-government proved to be a failure in such places, would be its only recourse. Let not the Hawaiians think that Mr. Flynn was daydreaming. It is they themselves who "slumber on" and indulge in futile visions.

Our correspondent objects to the Advertiser's calling the municipal scheme a Home Rule device for spoils. But that is precisely what it is, though some Republicans favor it on other grounds. A few of the latter are as mistaken about it as they were in the last Territorial convention about the value and virtue of a wide-open primary. Perhaps Col. Iaukea, in the midst of his "too-good-to-be-true" hopes of getting rid of island Americanism altogether, will recall the circumstance.

The public would not like to see Thomas square dismantled for any purpose, least of all for making a bare field for sports. That the park does not look well now is admitted, but its trees and shrubs will one day be cared for and in the meantime they are not doing any harm. There is already a fine baseball tract near by and McKinley park will be done some day.

The long grand jury sessions in which weeks were spent in investigating public offices in the hope of finding something to embarrass the Governor, did their part in causing the present deficit. Nothing but mare's nests were discovered, but the inquiries cost a lot of money which would be useful in keeping the courts at work now.

Lord Kitchener seems to be the natural successor of the Iron Duke in the affections of the British people. Wolseley, who used to get the cheers, has passed completely from public view and the popularity of Lord Roberts is waning.

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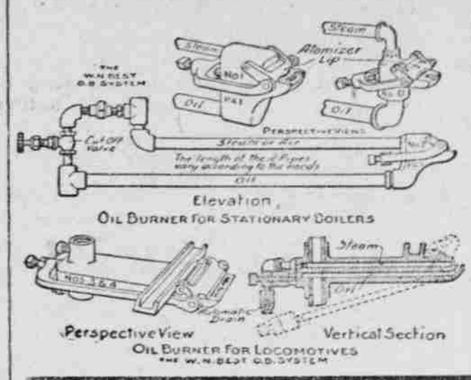

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