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Honolulu Letter.

Honolulu, H. I., July 8.—As I sailed out of the Golden Gate I looked back on the hills of San Francisco, wondering if my two years absence would bring about changes that would make the city look as it did before the great disaster. In fourteen months wonders in the way of reconstruction have been accomplished in the great metropolis of the Pacific, and I feel that I can best begin my series of letters with a few words about San Francisco and its phenomenal growth after it was ravaged by earthquake and fire.

It must be remembered that nearly thirty thousand buildings were destroyed at that time, and that more than five hundred city blocks were wiped out. The entire business section was burned, entailing a monetary loss of about a thousand million dollars. How many lives were lost in that disaster will never be known. In the year that has passed the people have been city building on a scale never before seen in the world. They are building a city in its entirety all at one time.

They have already completed one-third as many buildings as were destroyed, and have thousands of others under way. If this rate be kept up until I return the city will be a better one than was in there before the disaster.

The old San Francisco was the pride of the world, and no traveler was satisfied until he could tell of a visit to the City by the Golden Gate. Because of its intense Bohemianism it was a city of infinite charm. One could walk a few blocks and imagine himself in a foreign country. Streets marked the lines between Asia, France, Spain, Italy, Russia, Poland and other countries, and the colonies between these lines of demarcation were as distinctive as the countries themselves. The people kept to themselves, holding to their old manners and customs as if they were actually in their fatherlands. When a visitor wandered into one of these districts he would hear nothing but the language of the country represented. It was a well known fact that in many of San Francisco's foreign colonies there

lived people who were born there, yet who could talk no language but that of their forefathers.

When San Francisco was enveloped in flames I wondered if the old colonies would ever be re-established, little thinking that the first feature to be restored would be the unique and interesting congregating of foreigners. It is a matter of fact that the first permanent reconstruction was that of the foreign elements who hurried back to their old homes, Italy, Spain, France, China, Japan, Korea, Poland, all are again there just as before the fire, and I am sure that when I return I shall have no difficulty in finding the old Bohemian haunts which made San Francisco so fascinating to visitors.

A voyage is usually marked with little of incident when it is taken across the Pacific, consequently there was broken rest and quiet on the ship until yesterday morning, when the captain said we would see the islands by noon. His prediction came true, for just as the bell announced 10 o'clock some one cried, "Oh, see the coconut trees." There they were, sure enough, looking much as they were described by Mark Twain when he said they looked like feather dusters struck by lightning. Yet with all that a coconut tree is an inspiring sight when it first comes into view, for it brings some of the mystery of the tropics, and as we steamed slowly along the coast, noticing the peculiar green of the sugar cane fields, and on past Diamond Head, that majestic extinct volcano which guards the entrance to Honolulu harbor, we had many other evidences of the fact that we were in a new world.

The dock was crowded with people gaily decorated with flowers, while the strains of sweet Hawaiian airs from the band floated across the water. Hundreds of nearly naked boys clung in swarms to the railing, ready to dive into the waters of the bay after pennies. A languorous odor breathed from exotic blossoms, and all nature seemed to invite us ashore. Everybody seemed laden with flowers. Around their hats were beautiful yellow leis, the Hawaiian word for wreath. I gladly stepped ashore, for six and a half days on ship, no matter how pleasant the company, makes one long for a breathing spell on land.

In my next letter I shall tell of my impressions of the island city and the strange things that come under my observation while here. Many changes have come since the old days when the islands were under the dominion of the dusky monarchy, and I am not prepared to say that the change has been for the better, but a few weeks stay may show me that the flag of Uncle Sam is a good thing to unfurl over any land.

C. E. E.

Honolulu, H. I., July 12.—The most striking feature of Honolulu to one who has previously visited the somnolent city is the fact that its population has been most markedly changed in the past six years. When I was here that long ago the native Hawaiian was in preponderance everywhere, whites were in the commercial parts of the city, Chinese had their section and there were a few Japanese down in the lower part of town. Now all this is changed. Everywhere one goes he runs into Japanese, and these little brown men seem to feel that the city and all the islands of the group belong to the Mikado's empire. Their signs are everywhere, and they have taken actual possession of nearly every business. On plantations and in every business they are in evidence; the natives taking a back seat in all occupations requiring physical exertion, and leaving the field to the Japanese. An investigation shows that fully seventy per cent. of the population of the islands, which now are a part of the United States, are Japanese. This is bad enough in itself, but there is an even worse feature to this possession of American territory by the subjects of a foreign power. A large majority of these Japanese are veterans of the Russo-Japanese war and are trained soldiers. Whole regiments, fully officered and armed are said to be on the islands, and it

is an open secret here that were a war to come between the United States and Japan the Hawaiian islands would be taken with scarcely a struggle. It is true there is a body of United States troops on the islands, and also a few forts with proper artillery, but these could not hold out against the horde of Japanese who are ready to take possession at a moment's notice.

I have talked with a number of prominent citizens of the islands and find that while there is a certain element, unfortunately including a number of government officials, who think the Japanese good citizens, the general feeling is that it will be but a matter of a short time until the whites will have to make way for the browns. On one plantation on this island there is said to be two fully armed, equipped regiments of Japanese soldiers while on the island of Hawaii three more regiments are said to be ready. These five regiments have five thousand fighting men ready to turn the islands over to the Japanese government.

While all this possibility hangs on a contingency, it is believed by the Japanese here that these soldiers sent here under guise of laborers have been sent here by the Japanese government in order that it may be prepared for any trouble that may arise.

The peaceful conquest of the islands, however, is something that is more to be feared than that of armed conquest, for every American knows that it would be simply a matter of a short time until the islands would be retaken. The invasion of Japanese workmen, merchants, artisans, farmers and all other classes means that these islands will soon become unfit for white habitation and will have all its commercial trend turned toward the Orient instead of toward the United States. I do not want to pose as an alarmist, but the situation seems so grave that it should be plainly set before the American people.

The whole appearance of the outlying portions of Honolulu is taking on a decided Japanese character, and one could imagine himself in the heart of Japan rather than in an American territory. While the Japanese can take no part in law making it is said they are getting an influence over many of the native Hawaiians who can make laws, and they are thus influencing legislation to such an extent that they will soon have everything their own way unless there comes a radical change in conditions.

The editor of a Japanese newspaper with whom I have become acquainted, told me yesterday that this country is especially suited to the disposition and activities of the Japanese, and he thought his government would eventually buy the islands from the United States. Of course this is but a dream of the Japanese editor, but at the same time it shows that the little brown men are doing a lot of thinking about possession of this ocean paradise.

C. E. E.

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Lyons, N. Y., Oct. 8.—As Motor-man Harry Nelson was speeding a eastbound Rochester, Syracuse and Eastern car by the Blue Cut, a plump English pheasant cock flew through the heavy glass window, head on, striking Nelson plump in the face and knocking him down. Dr. M. A. Veneer was riding in the front end of the car and assisted in picking up the motorman.

The bird was killed by the impact. Until the dead bird was picked up Nelson thought he had been struck by a dangling telephone wire. He may lose the sight of the eye.

Doctors Said He Would Not Live.

Peter Fry, Woodruff, Pa., writes: "After doctoring for two years with the best physicians in Waynesburg, and still getting worse, the doctors advised me if I had any business to attend to I had better attend to it at once, as I could not possibly live another month as there was no cure for me. Foley's Kidney Cure was recommended to me by a friend, and I immediately sent my son to the store for it, and after taking three bottles I began to get better and continued to improve until I was entirely well." J. H. Orme.

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In view of hundreds of people who filled the grand stand at Golconda, Ill., fair grounds, last Thursday afternoon, a horse owner and driver named Banks, of Shawneetown, Ill., was instantly killed by a horse kicking him.

Banks had just finished a race in a harness event and was getting from his bike. He thought that all of the other horses had passed, but as he stepped from his sulky a belated horse ran over him.

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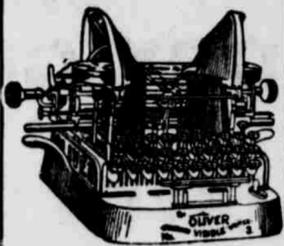
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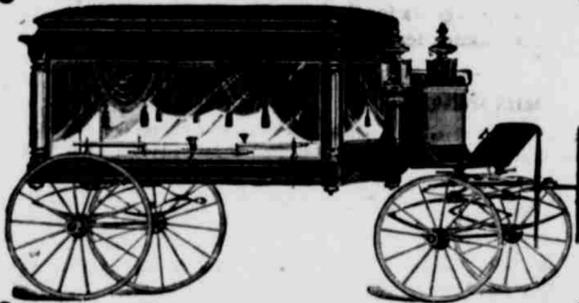
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