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OUR NEUTRALITY.

The actual and acknowledged existence of war between the United States and Spain, brings into operation all of the laws regarding the rights and obligations of belligerents, and also the rights and obligations of neutral states.

The relation of Hawaii to either of the belligerent parties is precisely the same as that of any other neutral state, unless it is modified by the cession of Pearl harbor to the United States, or by the pending treaty of annexation.

If the cession of rights in Pearl harbor to the United States has any value, they are open to capture by Spain. Any right, or property or interest of one belligerent is open to seizure by the other. But as Pearl harbor has at present no well defined value, it may be left out of the pending questions.

As a matter of fact, the probabilities are extremely remote of any approach by the Spaniards to these Islands, if the war is a short one. If it is protracted, they will send cruisers of some kind into the Pacific, and if they can secure coal supplies, will destroy American shipping. They would probably call at this port. Long before these cruisers are near us, the decisive naval battles will have been fought between the great fleets, and the main question of superiority will be settled.

Our duties therefore as a neutral state may never become a practical question, so far as Spain is concerned.

At the same time as a member of the family of nations, we must declare our position, because we are a maritime State. It may not be necessary to make this declaration at once. For the object of making it, is not so much to establish neutrality, as it is to proclaim to the maritime world what rules and regulations we have chosen to adopt governing commerce or the visits of belligerents. A nation is presumed to be neutral, until she declares otherwise. But nations differ somewhat regarding rules and regulations. Therefore proclamations of neutrality are usually made in order to define rights and obligations.

It will probably not be seriously disputed that Hawaii is still an independent, sovereign State. If the United States claim any rights of sovereignty here, we fail to see what they are. They have neither civil or criminal jurisdiction. Their representatives have no authority whatsoever within the limits of the Republic. The ratification of the treaty of annexation by the Hawaiian Senate is merely a part of an unexecuted agreement, which has no force and effect until executed by the American Senate. It is the case of a deed of land, signed, sealed, but not delivered, and therefore of no value whatever as a transfer of title. Probably the Hawaiian Senate could now reverse its act of ratification, and it would be recognized as legal.

The existence of an American "sphere of influence" over the Islands is, so far as belligerent rights are concerned an indefinite condition; it vests no title in the American States. The American Congress can, if it chooses, make these Islands American territory in a hour's time. Until it does so, Hawaii is, so far as law goes, independent and neutral.

As a neutral state she should follow, in due time, the example of other neutral states, and proclaim her neutrality. Such a proclamation would require the Bennington to leave this port within 24 hours, just as the Portuguese required the Spanish fleet to leave St. Vincent at once. Should the Bennington refuse to go, we could not help ourselves, but would show an honest neutrality.

A strict regard for the laws which govern neutrals, undoubtedly demands that our friends, the Americans, should in no way whatever, make this port a basis of naval supplies or operations. If they choose to put their own interpretation on these laws, or disregard them, we cannot help ourselves.

WAR MOVEMENTS.

The most noticeable feature of the American campaign is its celerity. As the Nation has been at peace with the world for 33 years, one would expect to see some friction, some rust, some hesitating movements. But the dispatches distinctly show the value of the Annapolis training, and the experiences gained in the Civil war. Although 33 years have passed, there are now over 150 officers of the navy, who have had training under fire. Many of these men are at their best now. The older men will perhaps recall the fight between the ironclad Weehawken of the Federal navy and the Confederate ironclad Atlanta in Warsaw Sound, in which, after a severe engagement, the

Atlanta was disabled and captured. We believe that several of the officers of the Weehawken are now officers of high rank in the present service.

What we said in these columns several days ago, is confirmed by the comments of several American papers, that neither English, nor German, or French navy men, of the higher ranks, have seen as much service under shot and shell, as the American officers. These men have had the baptism of fire.

The cadet training given at the Naval Academy at Annapolis also shows the value of education. Education becomes ripe and effective only under the warmth of experience. Most fortunately for the Americans, this Spanish war occurs while these experienced men are living.

It would make Farragut and Porter shout from their graves with joy, if they could know of the marvelous rapidity with which the fleets have been equipped, and sent to sea. The value of time, as a factor in war, seems to be fully appreciated.

The organization of the army for Cuban invasion is being made with the same celerity. There is no amateur work in it. Thirty-three years of peace have not subdued the energies of the men who were trained under Grant and Sherman, and perhaps under Lee and Stonewall Jackson. It would be a red letter day in American military history to see a division of men commanded by Stonewall Jackson's old officers in line with a division of Sherman's men, moving on a Spanish force.

One of the well informed writers in the Daily Telegraph, London, gives quite sufficient reasons for the hesitation of the Spanish fleet to move from St. Vincent. He asserts that the usual dishonesty which attends all of the official business of the Spanish naval and military establishments, has left the ships without proper equipment and supplies. The Spaniards find themselves in the crippled condition of the French, after the declaration of war against Russia. We quoted, the other day, the comment of the London Times that the Spanish navy is largely on paper. While this navy may be numerically equal and in some respects superior to the American, the testimony of European experts indicates that its condition is not satisfactory.

At the same time the Americans will not despise it, and will assume that it is what it is claimed to be. They may have full knowledge of the deficiencies of the enemy's navy, but they will fight it as if it were the best equipped in the world.

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Rev. O. H. Gulick's paper for the Social Science Association meeting this evening will be on the progress of Japan during the past thirty years.

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