

NO USE FOR H. C. C.

A Royalist Letter Which Took the Back Track.

The following letter from Henry C. Carter, "an American from New York, here on a visit," was sent to the editor of the San Diego Sun, who remailed it to the STAR, saying that his paper, which is sound on the annexationist question, had no use for literature of that kind:

HONOLULU, April 12, 1893.

EDITOR SAN DIEGO SUN:—May I beg the favor of a word to you on the Hawaiian question? I am an American from New York, here on a visit; I was here for several months in 1888; my brother was resident here for several years as a physician; and I have not a cent of interest in the Islands. My brother, however, has a little piece of land here, and a few other investments. So I think I can judge fairly. First of all: We are sure that the Hawaiians do not desire annexation. They have always been friendly to the United States, and ought not to be despoiled of their country by an ambitious and money seeking faction of foreigners.

For in the second place, Mr. Editor, that is all there is to the annexation plan. Not all the white people—in all, 21,000 out of 96,000 total population—desire it. The Hawaiians do not wish it. True, some have signed annexation petitions; but there was much pressure brought to bear upon them. The 35,000 natives and the 8000 half-whites—people who, as a rule, can read and write—oppose any sacrifice of independence.

Then again, Mr. Editor, consider the means taken to bring all this end about—a sudden seizing of government weapons, well knowing that the peaceable people had no more fire-arms; the aid of our naval forces making resistance impossible; the rush over to the United States in the chartered steamer "Claudine," affording the Hawaiians no opportunity to give any presentation of their cause, and the feverish haste at Washington, giving us no time to weigh matters before committing ourselves to a policy novel in its nature and very uncertain in its results: All these are characteristic.

Mr. Editor, the whole affair was unjust and unfair, an outrage on the Hawaiians and an insult to us. By their action, these men sought to make us parties in a factional quarrel, and to pick their chestnuts out of the fire. "Chestnuts" is precisely the word. For their plot is old. I saw it beginning in 1888; they sought then to irritate the Hawaiians and to incite them to violence, that our sailors might be called in and the natives be overawed.

Finally, one conversing with the rank and file of the annexationists will find not one particle of honor or patriotism among them. All is selfishness and greed of rule or of money.

Pay no attention to these men till the other side have had a fair hearing. The annexationists are rich; they have access to all the avenues to public opinion; Hawaiians are poor and without spokesmen.

So, Mr. Editor, I ask your support for the cause of Hawaiian independence, remembering that now is their hour of need and that never was a cause more just than theirs, or more deserving of our sympathy—yes, and our armed aid. Let us tell their enemies, that we are not as they would make us receivers of stolen goods but an honest, just and patriotic nation; the friend of all, the despoiler of none.

Very respectfully

HENRY C. CARTER.

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IN THE DUKE'S HONOR.

Reception of a Chicago Club to the Descendant of Columbus.

CHICAGO, May 5.—As a descendant of Columbus the Catholic Duke of Veragua was honored to-night by men high in the church, at whose altars the great discoverer knelt and in whose name he raised on this continent the cross which he carried over the seas. The Columbus Club in its membership is Catholic to the core. From the world finder it took its name, and its members deemed it fitting that its hospitality should be extended to the Spanish Duke and his family, so the Duke was invited to the reception. He cordially accepted, and to-night at the new quarters of the club on Monroe street, the kinsman of Columbus was greeted in a way worthy of a king.

Archbishop Feehan was there, and with that quiet dignity which so well becomes him, he welcomed the Duke to this city in the name of the Catholics of Chicago. Prelates, priests and laymen also welcomed Columbus' descendant to-night for the glory brought by the discovery of America to the church before whose spiritual sway he bowed. As Catholics they took pride in Columbus, but as Americans, also, they honored and revered him.

The cream of the Catholic social circles of Chicago and the suburbs also attended to honor the Duke, and hundreds of guests of every creed joined with them in making the reception one of the most noteworthy incidents of the week. For an hour before the ducal party was expected the crowds blocked Monroe street between Wabash avenue and Madison street.

Archbishop Feehan was early in arriving. The crowd recognized him and gave him a hearty cheer. With the Archbishop was a keen-looking ecclesiastic, wearing the purple stock of the prelate. He was Bishop Keane, the scholarly president of the Catholic University at Washington. Greetings were also given to the distinguished foreigners, who came in dozens.

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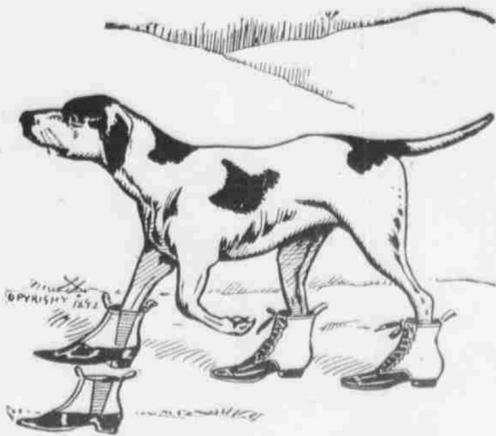
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