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ABOUT A CABLE.

England Ought to Be Content with Office Room in Honolulu.

In the February number of the Review of Reviews the following remarks appear on the Hawaiian cable question:

The Hawaiian question has come up in a new form through a request that the United States Government permit Great Britain to lease a whole island of the Hawaiian group as a cable station on the route of the proposed line from Vancouver to New Zealand and Australia. The existing treaty between the United States and Hawaii specifically forbids any such grant to a third power; and consequently a lease could not be made without our voluntary relinquishment of an exclusive position and claim. President Cleveland has sent the correspondence in this matter to the Senate, and has recommended an unqualified acquiescence in the proposal. It is scarcely to be expected, however, that the Senate should show so amiable a disposition. At least the question is quite certain to arouse a spirited debate. It would be difficult, surely, to conjure up any good reason why a telegraph line should be excluded from the Sandwich Islands; for telegraphic communication with the larger world is one of the chief needs of the group. But it has not been made clear why the opening of an office in the Sandwich Islands by a submarine cable company should require the leasing of an island to a European Government. We have not heard that the American company which operates a cable line to the west coast of South America has ever found it necessary to have the government of the United States secure long leases of islands or provinces at points where its telegraph offices are open for business. There are great numbers of foreigners engaged in commercial operations in the Sandwich Islands, and many of them have offices and warehouses in Honolulu. A telegraph company might open its offices on equal terms with any of them. Nothing in President Cleveland's communication to the Senate, and nothing in the correspondence which accompanied it, seems to us to throw the slightest gleam of light upon the first question that arises in every inquiring mind. Acquiring possession of an island, and putting it under the direction of the British Government, is one thing; opening an office for the transaction of business by a submarine cable company is another thing. But what has the one to do with the other? If there are reasons why a telegraph office requires a separate island under a separate flag, that do not also apply to any steamship line that serves the Sandwich Islands regularly, we have not as yet been made to understand wherein the difference consists.

Long before the plan of a cable line from Canada across the Pacific was ever thought of, there had been much discussion of a line connecting the Sandwich Islands with California. The United States government has made expensive surveys and soundings in order to discover the best route. Ninety percent of the actual business to be transacted over a cable line connecting the Islands with North America would probably pertain to the United States. The Japanese government has shown some interest in the establishment of a cable line to the United States by way of Hawaii, and Japan's new prominence and expansion of policy will unquestionably add very much to this interest. There would seem to be no reason, then, for the sudden abandonment of the long-considered plan of a Pacific cable from California to Honolulu and thence to Japan, where it would have connection with all parts of Asia. But if the United States should too eagerly abet the plan for a cable from New Zealand to the western terminus of the Northern Pacific railroad, the result might be very greatly to diminish the prospects of an American line that would probably serve our purposes more completely. It is quite true that we should derive much commercial benefit from any line, regardless of its precise landing place on the North American seaboard. But inasmuch as our government has already incurred considerable outlay in locating a cable route from Cali-

fornia, it would seem peculiar, to say the least, if we should without discussion abandon that idea, and not only give our commercial encouragement to the proposed line under British auspices, but also go so far as to make over to Great Britain an island in the Hawaiian group. Canadian and Australian statesmanship and commercial energy are worthy of much praise for their efforts to establish better facilities of communication in the Pacific ocean. But the United States has far greater interests than these colonies, and should act with due caution.

WAS IT FROM BOMBS?

House at Moiliili Blown Up This Morning by a Fierce Explosion.

A house owned by a native named Kahalewai, at Kamoiiliili, on the makai side of the old stone church, was blown up about 3 o'clock this morning. As luck would have it there were no occupants at the time of the explosion. Captain Scott of the police force went out to investigate the affair. He found an elderly native named Papa, grandfather of the owner of the house, and from him he gained the following facts:

Papa went to sleep at the house Sunday evening. He turned in early on a mattress on the floor. Feeling chilly Papa got up and lit an oil stove, placing it near his feet. He was awakened at 10 o'clock by a sensation of heat about his whiskers. He started up and feeling his chin found that his beard was singed. When he had fully awakened he made the discovery that the blanket was on fire. He secured a bucket of water and dashed it over the fire and the stove. He repeated the operation till he became satisfied that the fire was out. Papa then picked up the blanket and oil stove and threw them out. The old man was made so nervous by the incident that he would not step in the house. He left the place and went to a neighbor's house about 200 yards from his house, where he slept the rest of the night.

At 3 o'clock this morning a terrific explosion was heard in the house vacated by Papa, scaring residents in that locality nearly out of their wits. Several natives went over and discovered the room where the old man had slept blown to pieces, boards being found quite a distance away. The partition of an adjoining room was blown down, while there was nothing left intact of the outside wall. Captain Scott brought Papa in to the Queen's Hospital. With the exception of a singed beard he is not injured, but he is terribly scared and was only able to mutter a few words this morning.

The captain found the blanket and oil stove, also the hat and boots of the old man, and brought them into town. One theory is that there was some powder under the bed and, if the fire had not been properly extinguished, it might have wormed itself to the place where the powder was. The old man, in fact no one who has lived at the house, knew that there was any powder on the premises. Considerable blasting has been done in that locality during some time past, and it is thought that some of the giant powder used for blasting purposes found its way into the house. The story given by the old man is corroborated by the finding of the articles belonging to him.

The explosion was distinctly heard in town. One of the BULLETIN staff took the time on hearing it, and it was seven minutes after three. It sounded like the distant report of a cannon, and suggested fear of a dynamite bomb explosion. As Nowlein's party that were carrying bombs, according to evidence before the court-martial, were captured in the identical locality of the explosion, a theory as probable as the one just mentioned, to say the least, is that one or more of the bombs were hidden in or beneath the house where the explosion occurred. The water thrown by the old man might easily have washed a streak of burning oil through a crevice and thus conveyed fire to the fuse of a bomb.

A hackman named Kahale was arrested yesterday for cruelty to animals. He was driving a horse with two sores on his breast under the collar. The animal belongs to John Andrade.