

HAWAIIANS AND ANNEXATION

Friends of the Scheme in the Islands Depressed Over News from America.

ROYALISTS PLEASED WITH THE REPORTS

Minister Stevens Has a Long Interview with an Associated Press Reporter on the Situation in the Islands—Kaiulani's Chances Discussed.

(Correspondence to the Associated Press.) HONOLULU, March 9.—If the friends of annexation were elated on the receipt of the news brought by the steamships China and Honolulu on the 20th and 21st of February, they were correspondingly depressed when the Belgians out into Honolulu unexpectedly on March 2, and it was found that the treaty consummated by Secretary Foster and the Hawaiian commissioners had not reached a vote in the United States senate.

The disappointment of the American party in the islands was a source of much gratification to the royalists, and it was not late in the day before the assertions were boldly made that annexation was an impossibility and that the new congress would carry out the policy of opposition to the acquiring of foreign territory and would recognize the autonomy of Hawaii, at least to the extent of agreeing to the accession of Kaiulani.

The published letter of Secretary Foster to Minister Stevens, from their point of view, sustained the adherents of monarchial rule in the belief that the consent of Stevens and Captain Wilcox of the cruiser Boston, was not contented by the Washington government. It was subsequently pointed out to them that the flag of the United States had not been hauled down from the place over the government building, as would have followed the official disavowal of the temporary protectorate established under the pressure of the menacing policy of the British minister.

Minister Stevens Talks.

Minister Stevens, when seen by the Associated Press correspondent, expressed himself as perfectly satisfied with the contents of Secretary Foster's letter. "You will frequently find," he said, "that a judge in rendering a decision, sums up his points in such a way that the losing party listens with joy that he will give judgment in favor of the opposite party, yet the logical conclusion of the decision may not be in accordance with those expectations. Secretary Foster's letter, which I am satisfied was prepared with care and which, to use my simile, I think gives me the case."

Under no change.

It was possible that the vote on the treaty had been reported before the close of the session of the Hawaiian administration, but he hardly thought likely. The senate might continue in executive session beyond the expiration of its usual time, it might take a recess, or it might adjourn. He did not think the newspapers which had been received indicated that any party lines had been drawn on the subject, and reviewed the political situation in the islands. "I am not speaking further," he said, "while I have been accused of precipitating a revolution, and I do not desire the responsibilities that would devolve upon me in the event of a change in the government of Hawaii. I have followed the policy specifically laid down under Secretary Bayard for just such a contingency, and which, as history shows, has been the logical policy of the United States."

In Favor of Annexation.

Minister Stevens thought a popular vote on the question of annexation would be useless, for, with the exception of the royalist element and a few interested persons of prominence, there is no strong feeling in favor of annexation. He said that the publication with prominent men of the other islands, said he, "and they are sure that this is the only way to save the islands from being annexed."

Regarding the labor question, which is one of the most important problems which will require substantial attention.

Mr. Stevens said: "There is no provision in the treaty for getting rid of Chinese and Japanese laborers, now here, nor for the protection of future labor. The Chinese and Portuguese can be obtained without resorting to the contract system, the employer electing directly with the employed, and the intention of some of the most prominent planters to gradually decrease their sugar output and to attempt to diversify, which could pay better prices for labor. Mr. Baldwin, the largest employer of labor in the islands, is not opposed to annexation, while Mr. Cassidain, an extensive planter, is favoring it."

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Hawaiian Civil Rights League.

The Associated Press correspondent was present at the meeting at which the Hawaiian Civil Rights League was formally organized. The meeting was called by the name of John Coburn, the late minister of the interior under the late queen. Several proposals were made, and the league was the only one present. Among them were: Samuel Parker, the ex-queen's premier; A. Peterson, her recent attorney general; Charles Cleveland, her minister of the interior; and C. W. Ashford, Ashford made a stirring speech, in which, after saying that the Hawaiian people were to be annexed whether they wanted it or not, he spoke of the principle of free speech and no taxation without representation.

Movements of Ocean Steamers March 16.

At Naples—Arrived—Augusta Victoria, from New York.

At Genoa—Arrived—Kaiser Wilhelm II, from New York.

At Hamburg—Arrived—Scandia, from New York.

At Lizard—Passed—Moravia, from New York.

At Bremerhaven—Arrived—Aller, from New York.

At Kinsale—Passed—Sagamore, from Boston.

At Boston—Arrived—Bostonian, from Liverpool, and Kansas, from Liverpool.

New York Arrived—Rhynland, from Antwerp; Zandam, from Rotterdam.

Robbed and Thrown from a Train.

CLEVELAND, O., March 16.—Andrew Johnson, the Swede who disappeared from a Fort Wayne train between Chicago and Pittsburg, was found wandering near Massillon, O., today. He was in a dazed condition and badly injured. After coming to himself he said that he was robbed by two men on the train as he was passing from one car to another and thrown from the platform. The robbers took all but \$18 of the money Johnson had when he left Chicago.

IN DEFENSE OF DE LESSEPS

M. Barboix Makes His Argument for the Defense.

PLEA OF THE CANAL CONSPIRATORS

They Claim They Were the Victims of Extortion—Charles de Lesseps' Counsel Arraigned for Government for Neglecting Its Duty.

PARIS, March 16.—M. Barboix, counsel for Charles de Lesseps, summed up for his client in the Panama trial today. He spoke at great length. In opening, Barboix said that the present trial had been against the wishes of the Panama stockholders, who, much as they had been misrepresented, in reality had been opposed to the reorganization of either Ferdinand or Charles de Lesseps. The stockholders had disapproved of the plan to place the burden of the Panama scandal upon men bearing as great a name as there was in France. They insisted on a neutral Charles de Lesseps, and felt that the prosecution of him was not only unjust, but a blow at the revival of the canal company after 1855. The whole commercial world that centered in Paris wished that the undertaking would be completed. To complete it there was a necessary loan bill. To pass the bill there was need of submitting to the demands of M. Baihaut and others like him, who stood ready to accuse him of every financial and political scheme proposed at the conference.

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SAN FRANCISCO HIGHBINDERS

Desperadoes Who Make Life a Burden in the Chinese Quarters.

RECENT MURDERS COMMITTED BY THEM

Difficulties the Police Encounter in Making Arrests and Securing Convictions for Crime—Bad Features of China Transferred to American Soil.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 16.—Never since the Chinese came to the Pacific coast have the San Francisco police been so energetic in their efforts to suppress highbinders and their methods as now. This action was brought about by the fact that within the last ten days, more than one hundred murders were committed in the Chinese quarters, three Chinese have been shot and killed on the streets of Chinatown and one fatally wounded. The highbinders societies are composed of the disreputable and criminal Chinese, who band together and levy blackmail on their respectable countrymen. One of the chief sources of their income is the earnings of the female slaves. The ability of the highbinder to levy blackmail depends upon his reputation for bravery, so they do not murder in secret, but do their work openly on the streets in a theatrical manner. If they are caught and punished by the law they are regarded as martyrs. If they escape, as they generally do, they are heroes.

Cause of the Present Fear.

The present highbinder war was caused by one society encroaching on another's preserves—accordingly one of the poachers was shot as a warning to the others. He was not killed, but was so seriously wounded that his body had to have a life from the other side. According to highbinder ethics when a member of a society is killed his death must be avenged by the killing of some one else. It does not matter who so long as it is connected with the society that started the fight. The society, or Tong, whose man was killed, will not rest until it has killed one of their rivals, and thought they had avenged matters, but the other Tong thought differently. They had merely wounded a man, and one of their members had to be killed, so they killed one of their opponents and the latter retaliated in kind.

Difficult to Convict Highbinders.

Usually it is extremely difficult to convict a Chinaman of crime unless he is caught in the act. The police are not allowed to search the houses of the Chinese witnesses are afraid to testify and friends of the accused have no scruples about committing perjury in his behalf. This makes it very difficult for the police to get evidence against the highbinders. They realize that if the highbinder is pulled down from his pedestal as a bad man in the eyes of the police, he will be a hero in the eyes of his own people. Accordingly the police have been constantly raiding Chinatown for the past few days and every known highbinder and those whose looks proclaim them as such is searched for arms, and if none are found they are kicked and cuffed and clubbed until they disappear from sight. Their places are invaded, their idols and decorations destroyed and everything known done to humiliate them.

HONORED SECRETARY TRACY.

Greeted on His Return to Private Life by Old Friends and Secretary of the Present.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Ex-Secretary Tracy's return to private life was formally celebrated by the Hamilton club of Brooklyn tonight by a banquet. By a happy coincidence the new secretary of the club, Hilary A. Herbert, was present.

Another Water-Court.

A Divorce Suit Causes a Disagreed Settlement to Reveal His Identity.

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Last Chapter in the Scougal Bank Case of South Dakota.

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Winslow Divorce Case.

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