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Hawaii, Japan and the U. S.

There is a good deal of interest being taken in the case of Hawaii and its relationship to the United States. Recently Japan entered a sort of protest against the annexation of Hawaii to the United States, which leads the Boston Herald to discuss the question as follows:—The letter of the Japanese minister to Secretary Sherman, embodying the views of the Japanese government on the question of the annexation of Hawaii to the United States, although framed in diplomatic language, is an exceedingly important and inferentially an almost menacing document. The change that has taken place in the last few years in the opinion which the Japanese entertain of themselves and in the opinion entertained of them by others may best be brought out by saying that a letter of this kind would have been inconceivable prior to the war between Japan and China, for at that time the views of Japan on the subject would have been no more thought of as factors in the negotiation than the views of Siam or Nicaragua. But the struggle referred to proved that Japan was a great war power, that it was possible for her to put into the field hundreds of thousands of well trained soldiers, under the command of generals of extraordinary ability, and that she possessed in addition to this a tolerably efficient, available navy, manned by men who possessed an aptitude for the development of naval strategy. These facts impressed themselves upon the world, and the impression thus created has unquestionably reacted upon Japan and has given to the people of that country a confidence in themselves and a disposition to uphold what they believe are their rights—changes which are but the culmination of the astonishing national revolution which has taken place there during the last thirty or forty years.

The Japanese government, through its minister at Washington, plainly and definitely asserts what we have always believed was the case, that it has not the least intention of seizing Hawaii, and that it recognizes the predominance of the influence of the United States in the islands. But it insists that if the United States were to make a seizure or annexation it would deprive the Japanese of advantages there which they are now enjoying, and which the government at Tokio believes they have a right to enjoy. The fact that the 25,000 Japanese now resident in Hawaii do not have, as do the 3000 Americans resident there, sugar and coffee plantations, or large trade establishments, or other material interests of the country, while forming a reason why, man for man or group for group, there interests should not be considered as highly as the Americans, is not regarded by the Japanese themselves as a reason why the interests in the future of this 25,000 should be entirely ignored.

We do not think that the American people would be prevented from annexing Hawaii because of a threat coming from Japan, although a war with Japan might well be a vastly more serious matter than a war with Spain. But while we should not be prevented from doing what we believe is expedient and right, because a nation such as Japan is opposed to it, we should not permit ourselves out of mere stubbornness to do something which is neither right nor expedient simply because a foreign government had protested against our doing it. It seems to us now, as it has all along, that we could gain all the ends that we legitimately deserve to gain, and avoid an endless number of complications, if we resolutely set our faces against annexation, while at the same time according a far-reaching protectorate over the islands and the government of Hawaii.

The only manner in which Hawaii can be properly ruled is by an oligarchy formed of the leading white—or, as we should term them, American—citizens. Neither the Japanese, the Chinese, the Portuguese nor the native Hawaiian population are fitted by nature or training to take part in a democratic form of government, unless discord and decline are to prevail. We cannot properly recognize this fact when Hawaii is an integral part of the United States; we cannot then refuse to the common people in Hawaii those political rights that would be granted to them on the mainland of the American continent; but in a protectorate we can recognize President Dole as chief executive and the constitution of Hawaii—with such limitations upon suffrage and political participation as it may seem necessary to introduce into that document—as a binding form of control.

This would take away from Japan the larger part of the grounds for protest which she has now raised, but at the same time it would justify the United States in supporting the Hawaiian government in such a revision of the emigration convention with Japan as 1886 as would put a stop to the further incoming of the Japanese to the Hawaiian islands. In a word, there is nothing that the United States could legitimately gain by annexation which it cannot gain through the establishment of a protectorate. We should in this way relieve ourselves of a number of exceedingly awkward and possibly dangerous problems, the only loss, if any, coming to those speculators who are urging annexation for the purpose of using the in-

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Industrial Prosperity.

Under the above heading, a late issue of the Boston Herald contains a thoughtful article. As it applies in most respects to this country, as well as of the United States, a portion of the article is here reproduced:—"While it is doubtful whether we shall have marked increased prosperity from this time onward, it may be affirmed without fear of contradiction that the conditions now favor a marked revival of business activity. It is of immense advantage to have an end put to tariff discussion. No manufacturer or merchant has that confidence in the future which justifies him in going freely ahead when he is uncertain whether the goods he is to manufacture, or contract for, or agree to sell, will have their present value materially changed, possibly upward possibly downward, by congressional enactments. There is the element of speculation in business of all kinds. Under normal conditions no one can tell what the price of a given commodity will be a year from this time; but when the factors of change are known factors, it is possible to take the risks which change in price affords. But when the factors are such entirely irresponsible conditions as the whim of congressional law makers, who are pulled or twisted by this interest or that interest, it no longer becomes safe to buy or sell, or to agree to manufacture and deliver at a given date in the future. Under these conditions business must be carried on upon the hand-to-mouth fashion, and this is the method that has been pursued for nearly a year past.

With the change to an, at least, temporary settled system, it is presumable that we shall have much more enterprise and activity shown by our business men, and that the wheels of industry will turn in a much more lively fashion.

Every now and then we have had the condition presented of good crops in the United States and bad crops in almost all competing grain growing countries. A more than fair chance of a similar fortunate coincidence is presented at the present time. While the grain crop of this country may not be abnormal in quantity, it appears at the present writing to be quite up to the average, while the crop in the Argentine Republic is certainly far below the normal. The same may be said of the wheat yield of eastern Europe, while in India it is probable that nearly all the grain grown there will be required this year for home consumption. We thus have the possibility presented of having a large demand at high prices for every bushel of surplus grain that we can send abroad."

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President Kruger's Illiteracy.

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