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THE IMPORTANCE OF HAWAII.

President McKinley wisely makes Hawaii the keystone of the arch of his foreign policy. With Hawaii, says the Inter Ocean, we are strong enough to justify our home executives and our ministers abroad in the use of the plainest words of the diplomatic lexicon. Without it we are at a disadvantage, and the times before us are likely to be such as will make the use of every advantage necessary. The Chinese situation is perplexing, if not minatory. If we have Hawaii we are far on our way toward peaceful conquest of the great trade of China and Japan. Without Hawaii half the proper strength of our protests against European monopoly of Asiatic ports and harbors will be lost.

We must extend our foreign trade, and trade goes in ships, and ships require coaling stations and harbors of refuge, and the greatest merchant navy always has belonged to the nation strongest in means for its defense against the chances of war and the dangers of the sea. In war or in peace Hawaii is the citadel of the Pacific. Its chief harbor is a refuge from storms, and, by one great power or by another, soon will be held as a rendezvous for armed vessels. There was a time, and not very long ago, when it seemed as though our home market were likely to be sufficient to our home productions, but it is not now, and yearly it will become less so. We now are the second manufacturing power of the world, and are racing hard for first place. We must have new or larger markets for our goods. Our chief rivals are Germany, which we lead, and Britain, toward supremacy over which we aspire. Britain has kept her lead by increasing activity in ship-building, by constant acquisition of ports and harbors in all parts of the globe.

Germany has adopted Britain's policy. In 1875 the merchant marine of Germany had a carrying power of 1,620,000 tons; in 1895 its capacity was 4,140,000 tons. No other nation, except Britain, has made such progress during the last twenty years. The carrying power of the German merchant navy is now one-seventh that of Great Britain, and one-third that of the United States. But it must be remembered that the United States merchant navy is largely, indeed mostly, afloat on the lakes or engaged in sea trade on our coast. Of ocean-crossing ships we have not so many as Germany. Samoa has been, and China now is, exploited by Germany for naval shelters that shall be nurseries of commerce in time of peace and centers of operation in time of war.

Hawaii would have been annexed by England, Germany or Japan long ago but for United States protests; but we cannot forever play fast and loose with it. We must take it ourselves or let some other power hold it, for it cannot much longer sustain itself. It is all very well to talk of our guaranteeing its independence. But it might be more costly, both in money and life, to protect it than to annex it. Moreover, suppose that, in the event of our rejecting the offer, the Hawaiians were of their own motion to place themselves under European protection; how then could the Monroe doctrine be applied? We may be bound to protect Hawaii against foreign intervention;

but surely we cannot forbid the free action of a nation.

The Hawaiian question presses. It ought to be settled quickly, and by annexation.

The Oregonian is now praising James Lotan because he has withdrawn from the Mitchell Republican central committee. And this is the same Jim Lotan whom the Oregonian had exhausted its vocabulary in abusing, principally because he was an opponent of Joseph Simon. Lotan is not the proper man to be at the head of the party's councils, but neither is Simon, and when the Oregonian praises Lotan when, through some reason or other, probably due to business causes, he has withdrawn from active participation in politics; when the Oregonian thus commends him, it only shows how prejudiced, servile and untrustworthy that paper is in dealing with state or local politics. As a newspaper the Oregonian deserves high standing; but as a guide for the people of Oregon to follow, it should not be trusted.

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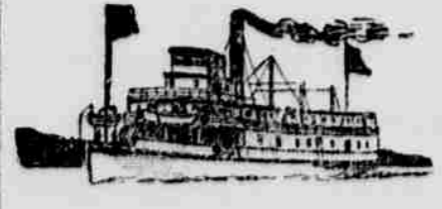
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