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THE SITUATION.

Not So Bright as it Might be for Annexationists—Afraid of Open Debate—Must be Star-chambered.

CALL OFFICE, RIGGS HOUSE, WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.

The friends of the administration and of Hawaiian annexation are seriously concerned as to the program to be followed. The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations did not touch upon the Hawaiian question at its meeting to-day. Senator Davis, the chairman of the committee, did not attempt to secure an executive session for the consideration of the treaty. The fact is that the friends of annexation are aware of their position and are awaiting to make a few more converts, if possible, to their proposition. If they cannot it is quite probable that all attempt to secure the ratification of the treaty will be abandoned, and the Foreign Relations Committee will report Senator Morgan's bill. This simply provides that the annexation of the islands shall be "accepted, ratified and confirmed on the plans, terms and conditions" of the treaty, which is a part of the bill. This measure will have to be discussed in open session. Senator Morgan says that the treaty will not be abandoned and that there will be no open sessions. The first skirmish of the fight will be upon the question of secret debate.

Both against the treaty and against the bill there will be a strong opposition which will not hesitate to utilize every possible method of delay available in parliamentary tactics. It is probable that filibustering can be conducted less successfully against the bill than against the treaty, as the discussion of the former would be in open session where dilatory moves would be observable and open to criticism. The Democrats are practically solid against annexation, Senators Morgan and Gorman being the only exceptions, while Senator Money, who had looked with some favor upon the proposition, now says that he will not break with his party. Daniels of Virginia will also be a strong leader against annexation. The Democrats in the House have laid plans for a caucus at which among other things the Hawaiian question will be considered in expectation of its discussion in the House.

The Washington Post, which has not yet announced any positive convictions editorially, but which seems inclined to support the annexation movement, will say to-morrow: "It is now practically conceded on all sides that there are not sufficient affirmative votes in the Senate to ratify the Hawaiian annexation treaty."

Senator White of California, who is one of the most active opponents of annexation, wants a public discussion, and will be supported by all anti-annexationists, who believe that open debate will help their cause, while many Republican friends of Hawaii are equally anxious for public consideration, because they think that their arguments will prove convincing.

No programme for the fight has yet been made, but it will be arranged as soon as the friends of annexation force the issue. A careful poll of the Senate shows that fifty Senators will probably vote for annexation. This is ten less than two-thirds, but eleven more than a majority. Party lines will be closely drawn, all the Democrats, except Messrs. Morgan, Gorman and Pettus, the latter Mr. Morgan's colleague, will vote against annexation; while on the Republican side every Senator, except Mr. Morrill, Mr. Hear and Mr. Wellington, will probably vote for it. The Populists are against annexation. Mr. Kyle, an independent, is for it, and the Silver

Republicans are generally with the annexationists. The standing of the Senate is as follows:

For annexation—Aldrich, Allison, Baker, Burrows, Cannon, Carter, Chandler, Clark, Cullom, Davis, Deboe, Elkins, Fairbanks, Foraker, Frye, Gallinger, Gear, Gorman, Hale, Hanna, Hansbrough, Hawley, Jones of Nevada, Kyle, Lodge, McBride, McMillan, Mantlem, Mason, Morgan, Penrose, Perkins, Pettus, Platt of New York, Platt of Connecticut, Pritchard, Proctor, Quay, Sewell, Shoup, Spooner, Stewart, Teller, Thurston, Turner, Warren, Wetmore, Wilson, Wolcott.—Total, 50

Against annexation—Allen, Baker, Bate, Berry, Butler, Caffery, Chilton, Clay, Cockrell, Daniel, Falkner, Gray, Harris, Heitfeld, Hoar, Jones of Arkansas, Kenny, Lindsay, McEnery, McLaurin, Mallory, Martin, Mills, Mitchell, Murphy, Pasco, Pettigrew, Rawlins, Roach, Smith, Tillman, Turley, Turpie, Vest, Waltham, White.—Total, 39.

The Post is a conservative newspaper, and the poll above given was made by H. L. West, whose information is always regarded as reliable, but the anti-annexationists confidently believe that the votes of five or six of the Senators mentioned as annexationists will ultimately be found recorded in the negative.

The announcement of the opposition of Speaker Reed and Representative Bailey (D.) of Texas to the annexation project does much to clear the situation. They represent respectively the conservative Republican and the silver Democratic elements of the House. Mr. Bailey predicts the Democratic vote in the House, should the project come before that body in the form of a joint resolution, will be cast almost solidly against annexation. If that proves to be the case the task of securing thirty Republicans, or thereabouts, to oppose annexation might not be difficult.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 16, 1897.

The Diamond Head residence has been named Aquamarine; but since the Mariposa arrived it will be styled "Indigo blue."

The little man who read the Queen's will before it was presented for probate looks dismal; but inwardly he has no kick coming. Do not be too sure, Albert Francis.

THEY ARE SAD.

Our local annexationists, the few who are sincere, we mean, are feeling sad to-day. The INDEPENDENT is not anxious to say or in the habit of saying "I told you so," but experience certainly ought to have taught our "rabid" friends that THE INDEPENDENT has always at its command sources of information which are more reliable and nearer to truth than those on which our opponents build their hopes and policy.

The ratifying of the annexation treaty in the Senate is a dream of the past. As a matter of fact the treaty will never be presented, and our intelligent senators in Hawaii who ratified it in four hours will find themselves in a very unenviable position.

The joint resolution is now the law to which our sanguine annexationists cling. Are they aware that even if such a resolution should ever be proposed, the result would be an absolute defeat in both houses, and that in case of such a buccaneering attack on Hawaii the great powers of the world would be compelled to interfere. Hawaii cannot be annexed because Mr. Dole and his baker's dozen of supporters say so, in their endeavor to serve personal objects and private gains. The 98 percent of the population who oppose annexation will and must be heard, and there are a sufficient number of honorable men in the United States Congress who believe in fair play and who will hesitate before sacrificing their personal honor to the party cry of unscrupulous jingoes.

We are not going to have the annexation turkey or eagle for our Christmas dinner this year. But we will be able to celebrate the birth of Our Saviour in the knowledge that right and justice will prevail, and that the Hawaiians and their friends once more may enjoy a spell of rest and safety from the plots of the political robbers who to-day are looking very sad, very gloomy and altogether out of sight.

Welcome Home.

As announced yesterday, His Lordship the Bishop of Honolulu and Mrs. Willis returned by the steamship Mariposa this morning, both looking hale and hearty after their extended trip home to England. After noon to-day, a committee of the members of St. Andrew's Cathedral, comprising Messrs. Pierre Jones, Henry Smith and Solomon Meheula, waited upon His Lordship in his study and presented him with an illuminated address of welcome, the work of Mr. Harry Mist engrossed in old English and suitably framed.

"We, the undersigned, for and on behalf of St. Andrew's Cathedral Congregation, would hereby most heartily and thankfully welcome you back to your Cathedral and Diocese. May our Heavenly Father grant you health and strength to continue for many years the work that you have so faithfully and devotedly carried on for a quarter of a century.

"HENRY SMITH,
"PIERRE JONES,
"SOLOMON MEHEULA.

"Right Reverend
"ALFRED WILLES,
"Lord Bishop of Honolulu."

HAWAII.

What the President Has to Say About It in His Message.

By a special message, delivered the 16th day of June last, I laid before the Senate of the United States a treaty signed that day by the plenipotentiaries of the United States and of the republic of Hawaii having for its purpose the incorporation of the Hawaiian Islands as an integral part of the United States and under its sovereignty. The Senate having removed the injunction of secrecy, although the treaty is still pending before that body, the subject may be properly referred to in this message because the necessary action of Congress is required to determine by legislation many details of the eventual union should the fact of annexation be accomplished, as I believe it should be.

While consistently disavowing from a very early period any aggressive policy of absorption in regard to the Hawaiian group, a long series of discussion through three quarters of a century has proclaimed the vital interest of the United States in the independent life of the islands and their intimate commercial dependency upon this country. At the same time it has been repeatedly asserted that in no event could the entity of Hawaiian statehood cease by the passage of the island under the domination or influence of another power than the United States. Under these circumstances the logic of events required that annexation, before offered but declined, should in the ripeness of time come about as a natural result of strengthening the ties that bind us to those islands and be realized by the free will of the Hawaiian state.

That treaty was unanimously ratified without amendment by the Senate and President of the republic of Hawaii on the 10th of September last, and only awaits the favorable action of the American Senate to effect the complete absorption of the islands into the domains of the United States. What the conditions of such a union shall be, the political relation thereof to the United States, the character of the local administration, the quality and degree of the elective franchise of the inhabitants, the extension of the Federal laws to the territory or the enactment of special laws to fit the peculiar condition thereof, the regulation of needs of labor therein, and all matters which the treaty has wisely relegated to Congress.

If the treaty is confirmed, as every consideration of dignity and honor requires, the wisdom of Congress will see to it that, avoiding abrupt assimilation of elements perhaps hardly yet fitted to share in the highest franchises of citizenship and having due regard to the geographical conditions, the most just provisions for self-rule in local matters with the largest political liberties as an integral part of our nation will be accorded to the Hawaiians.

No less is due to a people who, after nearly five years of demonstrated capacity to fulfill the obligations of self-governing statehood, come of their free will to merge their destinies in our body politic.

The questions which have arisen between Japan and Hawaii by reason of the treatment of Japanese laborers emigrating to the Islands under the Hawaiian-Japanese convention of 1888 are in a satisfactory stage of settlement by negotiation. The Government has not been invited to mediate, and on the other hand has sought no intervention in the matter further than to evince its kindest disposition toward such a speedy and direct adjustment by the two sovereign states in interest as shall comport with equity and honor.

It is gratifying to learn that the apprehensions at first displayed on the part of Japan lest the cessation of Hawaii's national life through annexation might impair privileges to which Japan honorably laid claim have given place to confidence in the Government and the sincerity of its purpose to deal with all possible ulterior questions in the broadest spirit of friendliness.

FOREIGN NEWS NOTES.

Items of Interest From All Parts of the World.

Annexation cries for golden galvaonism.

Congress will prohibit pelagic sealing.

Allen of Nebraska, presents a bill for the recognition of Cuba's independence.

Senator Davis says he is not ready to proceed with the Annexation Treaty, and cannot fix a date for taking it up.

Portland, Oregon, will contribute 100,000 tons of food for destitute Klondikers.

Spain wants damages from the United States for filibustering expeditions.

No arrangements have yet been arrived at between the employers and the striking engineers in Great Britain.

The punitive force of the British troops on the Indian frontier have driven the Chamonkkis from inaccessible positions and are winning hard fought victories all along the line. The Gurkhas are especially distinguishing themselves by their daring bravery.

The Durrant case is still in a complicated condition, but he is to be sentenced as the Supreme Court holds that he has no appeal pending.

Chief of Police Lees has been re-elected for two years.

Rev. Charles A. Berry, of Wolverhampton, England, delivered the invocation at the opening of Congress.

Diplomatic and friendly intercourse has been resumed between Great Britain and Venezuela.

Now In Washington.

The Hawaiian delegates are now in Washington. On the 28th of November, they wired their arrival at San Francisco to the Queen; and on the 1st of December, they left for the Capitol where they were expected to arrive on the 6th inst. They must have felt happy upon their arrival to learn that half the battle was already won and that the Annexation Treaty is doomed to the waste basket.

Compromised

The suit of Manuel Rosa against the Hawaiian Star, in which damages were claimed for an alleged libel was withdrawn to-day after a satisfactory settlement had been secured. The suit was caused by the publication of an article in the Star in which Mr. M. Rosa was referred to as having killed his wife. The "young journalists" of the Star preferred to "dig" to stand trial and a compromise was effected between Lawyers Castle and Rosa who represent the different parties in the controversy.

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F. B. McSTOCKER,
Collector General of Customs
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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
HONOLULU, Dec. 15, 1897.
The Minister of Finance takes this occasion to request all those having claims against the Government of a monetary nature, to present them to this office, through the proper Department, not later than twelve o'clock noon on Saturday, January 15, 1898, after which date the books of this Department will be closed.

All persons having moneys on account of the Government are requested to make their returns promptly, in order that there be no delay in closing the accounts for the year ending December 31, 1897.

S. M. DAMON,
Minister of Finance.
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Timely Topics.

Honolulu, Dec. 13, 1897

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS

Annexation did not arrive.
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 The Sharpshooters meet to-morrow evening.
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 The S. S. Barracouta sailed for Champerico yesterday.
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 The Australia took but a small number of passengers yesterday.
 Don't look so downcast. There are other steamers coming ere long.
 The U. S. S. Bennington has returned to her old anchorage in naval row.
 If you don't know what to buy for Christmas, go to Sachs' store.
 Fetta defeated Coon at the hand ball contest at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday.
 A nice front room is for rent at No. 9 (formerly No. 4) Garden Lane.
 Band concert at the Hawaiian Hotel this evening should the China arrive in time.
 Sympathies are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Poor on the loss of their infant child.
 Accounts against the Customs Bureau must be presented on or before January 5th.
 The Kavaiahao Seminary closes its session with an invitation concert to-morrow evening.
 The unpropitious weather to-day did not deter the vessels in port unloading their precious burdens.
 Vanderveer's Siren is to hand again. It is a bright and interesting number and very creditable to its promoters.
 George Bruns will assist Mr. John Drew, sugar clerk for Castle & Cooke, in the tally of Ewa sugar this season.
 Dr. James T. Wayson who has been somewhat under the weather has recovered his health to the gratification of his friends.
 The order for the China were to have coal ready for to-day. The time of her arrival greatly depends upon the weather outside.
 Judge Wideman is giving a dance at his residence this evening in honor of Princess Kaiulani. A number of invitations have been issued.
 The Minister of Finance requests that all accounts against the Government Treasury be presented before 12 o'clock noon January 15th.
 We regret to learn by the Mariposa of the death of Mr. P. G. Camarinos, a well known merchant of Honolulu, who died in San Francisco last week.
 Yesterday's rains have slain millions of the caterpillars along the railroad lines. Observers say that the pugnacious Mynahs have also destroyed them by the thousands.
 It took exactly ten minutes for Judge Wilcox to finish the business of the District Court this morning. Crime is evidently getting scarce under the rule of our "best" police.
 Mr. L. M. Vettesen of the Hawaiian Hardware Co. returned from his visit to San Francisco this morning in splendid health and appearance. He reports business in the Metropolis as booming.
 Archie Turner is thinking of entering the dressmaking business. The girls around his premises are becoming numerous, but nevertheless he hailed the "new" daughter with great glee last evening.
 It was a grand thunder storm throughout the night and early morning. One prolonged peal about 3:45 a. m. seemed to shake the whole town through to its act-podes. The lightning at times was very vivid.

Mariposa Arrives.

This morning the steamship Mariposa, Captain H. M. Hayward, docked at the Oceanic wharf, 6 days 18 hours from San Francisco. She brought a large mail and interesting budget of the United States and European news. The following passengers were for Honolulu: Right Rev. Bishop Willis and wife, Miss E. McInerney, W. G. Hymau, M. Phillips, L. M. Vettesen and 36 others. Going through to Apia 4 passengers, with 24 for Auckland and Sydney. The Mariposa leaves at 5 p. m.

ANNEXATION DOUBTFUL.

Chances of the Treaty Are Now Not So Bright—Opposition to the Ratification—There Is No Longer a Two-Thirds Vote For It in the Senate—Hoar Joins the Ranks of Opponents—White Says Joint Resolution to Annex the Islands Would Also Be Beaten

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CALL OFFICE, RIGGS HOUSE, WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.

According to Senator White and other opponents of annexation the chances for the ratification of the Hawaiian treaty are not as bright as they at first appeared to be. Senator White says that it will be impossible for the annexationists to secure a two-thirds vote in the Senate. It is true that Senators Morgan and Pettus of Alabama and Money of Mississippi have decided to vote for annexation, but this defection will be more than offset by the recruits from the Republican side, namely, Hoar of Massachusetts, Pettigrew of North Dakota and Wellington of Maryland.

The anti-annexationists were very much gratified to-day when they learned that Senator Hoar would oppose the treaty, for he is a very influential member of the Senate. His position became known in this way: Senators White and Chandler were talking together in the Senate chamber, when Hoar joined them.

Chandler said, jokingly, "Well, we ought at least try to oppose one of the President's recommendations."

Senator Hoar responded: "Well, I think I will be able to oppose his Hawaiian annexation recommendation without half trying. If the vote should be taken to-morrow I should vote against the treaty. In the meantime if the war and navy experts can convince me that the islands are absolutely indispensable for the protection of the Pacific Coast of the United States I will vote to annex, but not otherwise."

Senator White says that of course there will be no regular "filibuster" against the treaty, but at the same time a square, honest fight will prolong the debate, for he understands that very many Senators have announced their intention to make exhaustive speeches on the subject. He had a talk with Caffery of Louisiana about the matter to-day, and they agreed that the best way to exploit their side of the case would be for Senators opposed to annexation to deliver their speeches "piecemeal"; that is to say, to devote attention to the different phases of the question at different times and on different days, instead of finishing their argument in one day.

Senator White is certain that a two-thirds vote cannot be mustered for the treaty. The recruits gained from the Republican side will more than offset the defection of Morgan, Pettus and Money. Senator Daniels of Virginia has assured him that the report that he would vote for annexation was false.

Most, if not all, the Populists will vote against annexation. Allen of Nebraska is particularly hostile to the treaty. Turner of Washington is doubtful. Senator White was asked when the debate would begin.

Senator Davis of Minnesota, the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, will manage the fight for the annexationists," said he, "and I do not know when the debate will commence. Neither do I care how long they put it off. If the treaty is beaten in the Senate, and I think it surely will be, there will be a good chance to defeat the joint resolution also. Indeed, it is doubtful whether it will come to a vote."

"I notice in this morning's papers that the Japanese Minister Hoshi is quoted in the dispatches as saying that Japan will not consent to annexation. If this statement was allowed to go unchallenged it would harm the cause of anti-annexationists, but I know that the Minister has not been correctly reported, for in Harper's Magazine he recently said that Japan cared nothing about our annexation to the islands, but would insist upon the payment of her claim for indemnity. In my speech on the subject I will also

quote from Secretary Sherman's book, where, in speaking of Samoa he takes strong ground against the acquisition of territory not contiguous to the United States."

The delegation representing the natives of Hawaii, Colonel Richardson, James K. Kaolia, William Auld and D. Kalauekalani, arrived at the Ebbitt House to-day. They paid a visit to the Capitol. This is Colonel Richardson's first visit to the United States and he is greatly impressed with our country, and especially with Washington City.

A joint resolution was introduced to-day by Representative Cooney of Missouri proposing an amendment to the constitution which provides that hereafter the United States shall acquire no territory which is not contiguous to this country.

A Washington correspondent who has given careful attention to the annexation matter has wired his paper that according to a careful revised estimate made by the managers of the opposition the following Senators can be relied on to vote against ratification: Bacon, Bates, Berry, Caffery, Chilton, Clay, Cockrell, Faulkner, Gorman, Gray, Jones of Arkansas, Kenny, Kyle, Lindsay, McLaurin, Mallory, Martin, Mills, Mitchell, Money, Murphy, Pascoe, Pettigrew, Rawlins, Roach, Smith, Tillman, Turpie, Vest, Walthall and White. Total, 31.

In addition to the foregoing it is believed that the following Senators will vote to reject it: Allen, Cannon, Chandler, Harris, Heitfeld, Hoar, Lodge, Mantle, Mason, Pettus, Teller and Turney.

These added to the known opponents of annexation would give the opposition a total strength of forty-three, or almost a majority of the Senate.

New York, Dec. 6.—The Washington correspondent of the Herald sends the following: Overconfidence by Republicans since the Hawaiian treaty was first sent to the Senate has, it is feared, somewhat endangered its chances. Its friends have remained inactive during the summer, while its opponents have been putting in some hard work. The result is beginning to show itself in the efforts on the Democratic side to unite in opposition to the treaty. There are also indications that several Republicans who were confidently slated in favor of the treaty will co-operate with the Democrats in staving off action, if they do not actually vote against ratification.

Senator Davis' request to take up the treaty for consideration in executive session to-morrow will probably be opposed, and a vote may be taken which may indicate whether it will be wise to proceed with the consideration of the treaty, which requires a two thirds vote for ratification, or to accomplish the same end by bill or joint resolution, which requires only a majority of votes. Japanese influence will be strongly exerted to prevent a consummation of annexation.

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The Message in Brief.

The message of President McKinley to Congress assumes properly that the extra session settled the tariff question, and takes up the currency as the next important national matter to be disposed of. The President recommends the estoppel of the endless chain by which the gold reserve is depleted by holding treasury notes paid into the treasury for gold until gold is paid for them by intending purchasers. He approves, also, the plan of Secretary Gage that national banks be allowed to issue circulating notes to the face value of the bonds which they have deposited, and that the tax on circulating notes be reduced to one-half of 1 percent per annum.

The President believes Spain is in earnest in the desire to pacify Cuba without further resort to the methods of the dark ages, and would withhold recognition of belligerency until the new Spanish Ministry can be proven. The larger part of the message is devoted to the discussion of the Cuban affair.

He regards the annexation of Hawaii as the logical sequence of the present condition, but admits that there are in the islands' population elements not altogether fitted to share the duty and responsibilities of American citizenship.

He touches upon existing complications in Central America in their bearing on the Nicaragua Canal.

While he regrets the partial failure of the Walcott commission in the international bimetallicism, yet he sees reason for felicitation in the friendly attitude toward silver assumed by France.

He would foster trade with all nations by reciprocal agreement, and urges upon Congress the necessity for earnest work in the rehabilitation of the American merchant marine.

The preservation of the herd of fur-bearing seals is most earnestly advocated.

Arbitration as a means for the settlement of disputes between nations finds the same strong favor as under the Cleveland administration.

The importance of a proper showing at the Paris Exposition of 1900 is set forth at some length.

The President is an earnest advocate of a strong naval program, and would build large dry docks, in addition to those already in existence, on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, and construct an additional battleship at the Western seaboard.

The necessity for more strict governmental supervision of Alaska is pointed out. The President urges also, the duty of the nation to extend help, should help be needed, to the miners in the Yukon Valley.

It is deemed wise for the nation's good, to make land-holding citizens of the five civilized tribes in the Indian Territory.

The need for a better system of quarantine, emphasized by the late yellow-fever epidemic, is pointed out.

The President asserts the purpose of the Government to buy the Kansas Pacific in case no bidder shall cover its lien, and asks express authority from Congress to take such action.

The fact of the completion of the new National Library is recorded.

The success of the civil-service reform is said to be assured, and the purpose of the administration to adhere to the merit system is most emphatically asserted.—S. F. Call.

Hawaiian Annexation Steadily Losing Ground.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Two weeks ago there seemed to be a prospect that the Hawaiian annexation treaty would be ratified by the Senate. Indeed, the friends of annexation regarded it as a certainty. To-day they admit that the necessary two-thirds vote cannot be mustered. Therefore, it appears probable that they will abandon their efforts to secure confirmation of the treaty and will take up the bill, which requires only a majority of the members of both houses for its passage.

The anti-annexationists are en-

couraged to believe that the bill can be beaten. With Speaker Reed opposed, as well as Bailey of Texas, the leader of the minority, there will be at least an interesting fight in the House of Representatives, while in the Senate the influence of such leaders as Hoar and Morrill cannot be overestimated. There are eighty-nine votes in the Senate, and it is absolutely certain that thirty-nine of them will oppose the bill. Five or six others, who are now relied upon by the annexationists to vote for it, are in doubt about their course. If forty-five votes can be secured against it the measure will be defeated, and the leaders of the opposition confidently believe that this number will finally be recorded against the bill. Speaker Reed is against annexation. He believes that the addition of the islands to the territory of the United States would be a source of weakness rather than of strength, and he is not in favor of doing anything which may result in two Senators from Hawaii, no matter how remote that contingency may now be.

While Reed will not go to the extent of interfering in any degree with the free expression of opinion in the House on this subject, if it comes before the House, his attitude of antagonism will not be without its effect. In fact, this declaration, which Reed has made to his close friends, is but another straw which indicates the slackening of the tide which was recently running full in the direction of annexation.

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