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THE WORLD.

The Hawaiian Affair.

IT is much to be regretted that political partisanship should be permitted to enter so largely into matters connected with the foreign policy of the United States. There are certain broad lines that are preserved whichever party may be in power at Washington, but in some things the course pursued by one party may be reversed by the other. To say the least, this is unfortunate. The contradictory policies pursued in reference to the Sandwich islands is a case in point. The reigning queen of these islands was accused of favoring pernicious lottery legislation and meditating a violation of the constitution in the direction of absolutism. The bone and sinew of the nation's prosperity were strongly opposed to reactionary and demoralizing measures. They joined together in a bloodless revolution, deposed the queen and organized a provisional government, which at the outset received the countenance, support and recognition of the United States representatives in the person of Mr. Stevens, minister to Hawaii, and Capt. Wiltse, naval commander of the Pacific fleet. The administration did not disavow the acts of its responsible representatives. On the contrary they were not only recognized, but in accordance with the request of the provisional government of Hawaii supported by the adhesion of the white population of the islands, the President promptly sent a message to Congress recommending that the prayer of the Hawaiians for annexation be granted. There was commendable activity in pushing the matter to a successful issue. There can be no doubt that the American people irrespective of party were in favor of accepting a gift of valuable property advantageously situated in the Pacific ocean. The provisional government sent a delegation to urge acceptance of the proffered gift, and representatives of the deposed queen, and princess Kalulani, the accepted heir to the overturned throne among them, visited Washington urging the restoration of royal rule. When the new administration entered office a policy of delay was begun. A special minister was sent to Honolulu to make inquiries respecting the actual condition of affairs and to report to the executive. It was hinted at the time that he was not overly well disposed toward the provisional government, and the partisans of prostrate royalty took all the comfort and encouragement they could from the supposed sentiments of the special minister. About the time of his return from Honolulu hints leaked out that the restoration of Liliuokalani would be favored by the United States government. Such forecasts were considered to have their origin in a disordered brain. They were dismissed as wild and improbable fancies unworthy a moment's notice. Now that the elaborate letter of the Secretary of State has been published, the restoration of the deposed queen is indicated as the policy of the administration. It is no exaggeration to say that it has been received with amazement by the majority of the American people. Before Mr. Blount's report was issued it was intimated that when once all the facts are published, public opinion will approve the course deliberately pursued by the administration. To produce this result the facts would need to be of the most convincing kind to jus-

tify a direct reversal of the policy of the preceding administration in a matter which did not involve party politics. The provisional government was recognized by the United States and the other powers claiming an interest in Hawaii. A new American minister has been sent to Honolulu with credentials to the existing government and to the ex-queen. The former are to be told that Uncle Sam is to turn his benign countenance from them and that henceforth it will only beam on her dusky majesty. The latest developments in connection with the Hawaiian question do not relieve the tension that has existed for a week. Punctual to time and expectation the Australia reached San Francisco with the latest news. It is neither so startling nor sensational as was anticipated. Minister Willis had presented his credentials to President Dole. The ceremony, with speech and reply, was of the most exemplary and approved fashion. President and Minister vied with each other in kindly expressions of mutual esteem, admiration and respect. The cordial exchange of friendliness and well wishes could not have been easily surpassed. Up to the sailing of the Australia no hint had been given to the provisional government that they should by order of the United States commit hari-kari. The new American minister, it is reported, found things on the islands in remarkably good shape so far as the government was concerned. He found that the men entrusted with the conduct of affairs were eminently fitted for the positions they occupied. The management of the public finances had been successful. People generally, with the exception of the upholders of royalty, were well satisfied with things as they are, and were averse to a change they thought would be detrimental to the best interest of the islands. The government had also organized an effective force for their defence. The summary ejection of the Dole government and the replacement of the deposed queen had not at the time of sailing of the last steamer taken place. In justification of the United State's recent action Mr. Blount's report has just been issued, and is beginning to run the gauntlet of general criticism.

The German Reichstag Opened.

One of the hardest working sovereigns of the present time is the Emperor of Germany. He is on all occasions careful to maintain his dignity but he is not mindful of repose. His modes of action do not confirm the popular impression that kings and queens live lives of inglorious and luxurious idleness. He can not rest. When a brief respite from imperial concerns is afforded, he does not court seclusion. The Hohenzollern is put in commission and William goes off for a cruise. In recreation as in work he must still be busy. When other diversion is wanting he goes on a hunting expedition. Perhaps it is well both for himself and his country that the Kaiser has this indomitable avidity for strenuous work. Although the dignitary designated by the title of Emperor of the Low Countries is reputed to be always busy in finding work, in his own interests for idle hands to do, it is plain that he has no special disinclination for enlisting busy men in his ignoble service. In these days there is a general impression that the Devil's Own do not lack employment. There is however, so far as has yet been disclosed, nothing very satanic about the energetic ruler of the German Empire. He has one feature common to some great men and to many others beside. He is evidently fond of publicity. Whether he likes to see his movements recorded or not they are sure to find a place in the day's doings. The man who occupies so conspicuous a place in the public eye has an evident liking for scenic effects. Last Thursday the new reichstag was opened with the wonted pomp and ceremony. The Kaiser, in smart regimentals, was the central figure of the occasion. In clear firm voice, we are told, he read the imperial speech, a production not without its merits. However anxious and determined he was to secure the passage of the army bill, he is now very glad that his wish has been gratified. With a measure of profusion he thanks the loyal and patriotic Germans for the addition to an already huge army which is now possible. There is still one drawback, this increase in the imperial forces will cost money, which is not over plentiful. It necessitates an increase in taxation, new financial adjustments between the empire and the states of which it is composed are announced in terms more mellifluous than clear, and the introduction of bills relating to the taxation of tobacco, wines and

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IN MEMORIAM OF PHILIP SCHAFF.

BY CHARLES L. THOMPSON.

Death smote him twice. He struck at first
The chords along life's outer wall;
The body quailed—but that was all.
The mind serene, peaceful as erst,

Held on its lofty way as might
Some Alpine traveler aglow,
With daring thoughts, into the night,
Walk firm on sinking crusts of snow.

Death smote again; he cold not dim
The light that overlooked his cloud,
A glory touched the forehead bowed,
While with the sound of creed and hymn
The conquering saint bade coward death to fly—
"I never knew how easy 'tis to die."

CHICAGO.

—The Presbytery of Chicago will meet in the literary room, seventh floor, of the new Y. M. C. A. building, on Monday, December 4, at 10:30 a. m. The new building stands on the corner of La Salle and Monroe streets.

—The Presbytery of Chicago, at its meeting, November 13, deposed Rev. W. W, Totheroh, D. D., from the ministry, and suspended him from the privileges of the church.

—The pastoral relation between Rev. Alexander Gilchrist and the Dunton church, at Arlington Heights, was dissolved at the last meeting of the presbytery. Mr. Gilchrist has accepted a call to work in Scotland, and will sail for that country in a few days.

—The Michael Reese Hospital, in the last year, treated 1,072 patients, of whom 699 were Jews. Three-fourths of the 7,500 treated in its dispensary were Jews. Its training school has twenty-three nurses and two probationers. The hospital was established by the wealthy Hebrew whose name it bears.

—The State Legislature, having made an appropriation for the purpose, an Industrial Home for the blind will at once be built, at a cost of \$100,000, on the corner of Douglass Boulevard and Nineteenth Street, on the west side. The house will accommodate two hundred and fifty persons, and will afford a home and workshop for this class of unfortunates in Chicago.

—The trustees of the Presbyterian League have granted a three years' loan of \$3,500 to the South Waukegan church, and work will be at once begun in building a new edifice on the site selected, corner of State and Sixteenth streets, in that enterprising suburb. The building now to be erected will become the chapel of the church of the future.

—The Presbyterian ministers' meeting was held last Monday in the literary room of the new Y. M. C. A. building, Rev. J. N. Mills, of South Evanston, reading a thoughtful and discriminating paper on the "Abuses of Alms-Giving," which started a very practical dis-

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