

A MAGNIFICENT CATHOLIC VICTORY

Significance of the Recent Resignation of Governor Carter of the Territory of Hawaii

Governor George R. Carter of the Territory of Hawaii has again sent his resignation to the President, and recommended the nomination of Secretary "Jack" Atkinson to succeed him.

The above paragraph sent over the Pacific cable to every newspaper office in the mainland carries no deep meaning with it. And yet it marks an important epoch in the history of a people, it marks the downfall of an oligarchy, and the final emancipation of a portion of the American people in the newest territory of the United States.

The resignation of Governor George R. Carter marks the end of "missionary" rule in Hawaii. It is a magnificent Catholic victory.

We know how the New England missionaries made use of their opportunities. They gained control of the political destinies of the kingdom, and having become the official advisers of the chiefs, Congregationalism finally became the recognized religion of the Hawaiian people. It was only after a long period of persecution that has no parallel in the United States, that, under threats of bombarding the city by a French frigate King Kamehameha II signed an edict of tolerance and proclaimed freedom of worship throughout his dominions.

From that day to this the descendants of the Bingham, Richards, Thurston, Castles and Carters, have been prominent in the religious, social and commercial activities of the Hawaiian group. They instigated and brought about the revolution, so called, which cost Lilliuokalani her throne, the world an independent kingdom, and the Congregational Church its followers.

From the revolution of 1893 dates the downfall of the Congregationalist Church in the Hawaiian Islands. The Hawaiians have never forgiven the leaders of the "missionary" party for their betrayal of the country and people of their adoption, and never will.

To-day the Catholic Church in the Territory of Hawaii numbers 32,000 souls, or two-thirds of the entire population—the Orientals not included. Flourishing Catholic societies thrive under the balmy skies of Hawaii. The Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Young Men's Institute, the Catholic Benevolent Union, the Lusitana, San Antonio and other societies are among the leading organizations of the islands. They have organized a Territorial Federation which has just shown what it could do.

Some time ago a mass meeting presided over by Governor Carter, was held in the Central Union Church, Congregational, at which all the leading "missionaries" of Honolulu took part. The object of the meeting was to draft resolutions to be presented to the Legislature, abolishing all Sunday amusements, more particularly and specifically football.

Bishop Libert, the head of the Catholic Church in the islands protested against the resolutions and boldly advocated, in behalf of the Catholic boys, the right to play football on Sunday afternoons. The Catholic Federation endorsed the stand taken by the Bishop, and the resolution was defeated in the Legislature by a vote of 23 to 3. The three votes in favor of the resolution were cast by native clergymen.

Most significant is the fact that the man who led the fight in the Legislature against the proposition is a representative who bears the good Irish name of Quinn—and he was born in Ireland.

Judge Robinson of the Circuit Court is a Catholic and an Irishman. So was Judge Humphreys. When the term of the latter expired, the "missionary" party succeeded in defeating him for reappointment. They thought they would do the same with Judge Robinson but President Roosevelt confirmed his appointment.

A shout went up in Hawaii. The American Catholics cheered, the Portuguese serenaded the Judge with torch-lights and brass bands, the Kanakas danced the hula of old and the Governor resigned in disgust.

Sic transit gloria mundi!—Jean B. Sabate, in New York Daily News.

THE CASE OF THE STORERS

Much ado has been made of the recall of Bellamy Storer, the American Ambassador to the Court of Vienna. It certainly was a most unusual proceeding on the part of our Government, and it is evident that the whole truth about it has not been told.

The Storers seem to be forcing the President's hand, and he will probably be obliged, sooner or later, to make public the reasons for the recall.

Bellamy Storer is a sick man, but the ex-Ambassador is neither sick nor silent. Mrs. Storer is a very aggressive sort of diplomat who is not terrified by the Big Stick. So far she must be said to have the best of the game. The publication of the letter written by Governor Roosevelt of New York was a rather embarrassing move for the President of the United States. He is caught in the act of putting his finger in the ecclesiastical pie.

The Storers are Catholics, both being converts to the Church. It was for this reason chiefly that Bellamy Storer was appointed Ambassador to Madrid, immediately after the Spanish War. The authorities in Washington believed that a Catholic diplomat would be most successful in restoring pleasant relations between the two nations. As a reward for his efforts Mr. Storer was in due time promoted to the Austrian post.

In both places Mrs. Storer may have busied herself to secure the advancement of the American prelate, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the case. Others have bent their energies in the same endeavor. It is probably not the first time that the rustle of silken petticoats has been heard in wild pursuit of a Cardinal's Hat. The published letter of Governor Roosevelt shows beyond doubt that he approved of the lady's ambitious plans. It is well known that when he wrote that letter in 1900, Mr. Roosevelt was much more friendly to Archbishop Ireland than he is at the present time. A change has come over the spirit of his dream, and the Archbishop's influence in Washington has decidedly waned, if it has not entirely ceased.

However these things may be, Bellamy Storer was not recalled from Vienna solely on account of his wife's activity in ecclesiastical politics. It is quite possible, that, like the flowers that bloom in the spring, she had nothing to do with the case. The newspapers had to make a sensation out of a politico-religious tale, entitled: The Lady and the Archbishop.

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Don't flatter yourself that friendship authorizes you to say disagreeable things to your intimates. On the contrary, the nearer you come into relation with a person, the more necessary do tact and courtesy become. Except in cases of necessity, which are rare, leave your friend to learn unpleasant truths from his enemies.

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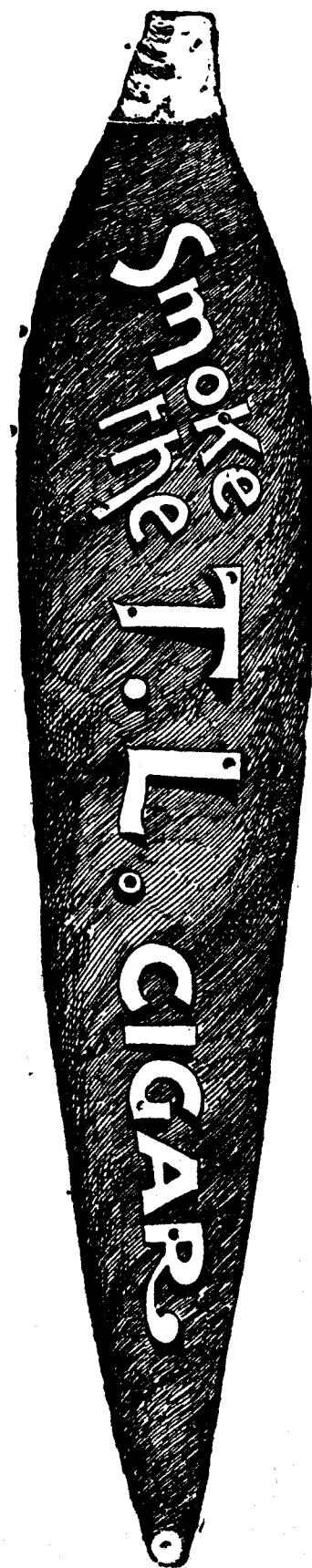
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