

desirous of our forcible annexation ; nor would they grudge her the military institutions necessary for the social order of all communities, which are also the best guarantee against hostile acts, into which they might be forced at some future date, as heretofore, by the necessities of violent demagogues, who require a sensational plank for their political platform.

The eminent, yet modest, soldiers who lead the United States army are notably chivalrous gentlemen, tempered in the fiery trial of war to a true nobility of character that would disdain to strike a weaker kinsman. Unfortunately, Republics are not invariably guided by the noblest classes ; nor are all our American cousins quite so enamoured of the success of their own institutions as candidly to advise us voluntarily to accept them, except, perhaps, from the pardonable weakness attributed to the tailless fox.

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