

WHATEVER may be the result of the Hawaiian agitation in other directions, it will demonstrate beyond all doubt the need of telegraphic communication between the Sandwich Islands and the rest of the world. The most vexatious phase of the whole difficulty so far has been the impossibility of direct and speedy communication of developments to the authorities at Washington. This government has been seriously crippled in having to act upon news at least a week old, with the probability that important events had transpired in the interim; while the provisional government has undoubtedly gone to lengths in some matters that it would not have dared if there had been any possibility of its action being known immediately throughout the civilized world. Indeed, there is a great deal of doubt whether the United States marines would have dared to participate in the rebellion had there been an easy and quick way of all the facts becoming known at home.

Within a few weeks the English House of

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