

We print, this week, to the exclusion of our usual variety, the powerful speech of SENATOR DOOLITTLE, delivered in the U. S. Senate a short time ago, and the John-on-Grant correspondence, in which Gen. Grant is so completely used up. The editor is also absent, which will account for lack of original matter.

GRANT'S DISGRACE.

How are the Mighty Fallen! Falsehood and Duplicity explicitly proved upon U. S. Grant!

The President's Last Letter to the Deceased.

Five Members of the Cabinet, Messrs. Welles, McClellan, Randall, Brown and Seward, testify to the Living and Doubtful Condition of the Great Military President!

A Complete Showing Up of that Conscience Impoverished "Graveyard" Grant!

Read! Read! Read!

The charge having been made that Gen. U. S. Grant had made a distinct promise to the President that he would either hold on to the War Department and let Mr. Stanton test his right to that office in the courts, or would resign in time to permit the President to appoint some one who would hold on, and that Gen. Grant had promised the President that he would call on him on a certain day fixed by them to let him (the President) know whether he would hold on, or resign, he (Grant) wrote the President a letter denying that he had made any such promises.

The President replied that he (Grant) did make the promises and that he (Grant) knew he made them.

Grant rejoined in a reiteration of his denial and wound up by charging the President, in an insolent manner, with trying to commit him (Grant) to a violation of the Tenure of Office "Law."

The President now comes in with his rebuttal and produces in support of his statement, the evidence of five members of his Cabinet, who were present when Gen. Grant acknowledged that he had promised to hold on to the War Department, or resign, and also that he had agreed to meet the President and apprise him of the course he intended to pursue, on the day specified.

We give below the letters of the President and members of the Cabinet. Here are six of the most eminent and honorable men in the whole Union whose testimony proves that Grant has not only acted treacherously, but in denying that he had made the promises above described, he uttered a wilful and deliberate falsehood. Read this correspondence carefully and then hand to your neighbor:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, Feb. 19, '68. General: The extraordinary character of your letter of the 3d instant would seem to preclude any reply on my part; but the manner in which publicity has been given to the correspondence of which that letter forms a part, and the grave questions which are involved, induce me to take this mode of giving a proper answer. The communications which have passed between us, the statement of the five members of the cabinet who were present on the occasion of our conversation on the 14th ultimo. Copies of the letters which you have addressed to me, are accordingly herewith enclosed.

You speak of my letter of the 31st ultimo as a reiteration of the many gross misrepresentations contained in certain newspaper articles, and reassert the correctness of the statements contained in your communication of the 28th ultimo, adding, (and here I give your own words), "anything in yours in reply to the contrary, notwithstanding." When a controversy upon matter of fact reaches the point to which this has been brought, the immediate parties should cease, especially where upon either side, it loses the character of a respectful discussion, which is required by the relations in which the parties stand to each other, and degenerates in tone and temper. In such a case, if there is nothing to rely upon but the opposing statements, conclusions must be drawn from the statements alone, and from whatever intrinsic probabilities they afford in favor of or against either party.

I should not shrink from this test in the controversy before me, for it is not left to this alone. There were five Cabinet officers present at the conversation, the detail of which, in my letter of the 25th ultimo, you allow yourself to say contains "many gross misrepresentations." These gentlemen heard that conversation, and have read my statement. They speak for themselves; and I have the proof, without a word of comment, I deem it proper, before concluding this communication, to notice some of the statements contained in your letter. You say that a performance of the promise alleged to have been made by you to the President "would have involved a resistance to law and an inconsistency with the whole history of my connection with the suspension of Mr. Stanton." You then state that you had feared the President would, on the removal of Mr. Stanton, appoint some one in his place who would embarrass the army in carrying out the reconstruction acts, and add: "It was to prevent such an appointment, that I accepted the office of Secretary of War, ad interim, and not for the purpose of enabling you to get rid of Mr. Stanton by my withholding it from him in opposition to law, or not doing so myself, surrendering it to one who would, as the statement and assumptions in your communication plainly indicate was

in your mind at the time of your acceptance. It was not, then, in obedience to the order of your superior, as has been heretofore supposed, that you assumed the duties of the office. You knew that the President's purpose was to prevent Mr. Stanton from resuming the office of Secretary of War, and you intended to defeat that purpose.

You accepted the office, not in the interest of the President, but of Mr. Stanton, and for the purpose, so entertained by you, had been committed to yourself; if, when accepting this office, you had done so with a mental reservation to frustrate the President, it would have been a tacit deception. In the ethics of some persons such a course is allowable. But you cannot stand upon the questionable ground. The "history" of your connection with the transaction, as written by yourself, places you in a different predicament, and shows that you not only concealed your design from the President, but induced him to suppose that you would carry out his purpose to keep Mr. Stanton out of office by retaining it yourself, after an attempted restoration by the Senate, so as to require Mr. Stanton to establish his right by judicial decision.

Now, at that time, as you admit in your letter of the 3d instant, you held the office for the very object of defeating an appeal to the courts. In that letter you say that in occupying the office you intended to prevent the President from appointing some other person who would retain possession, and thus make judicial proceedings necessary. You know the President was unwilling to trust the office with any one who would hold it, holding in contempt Mr. Stanton to resort to the courts. You perfectly understood that in this interview, "some time" after you accepted the office, the President, not contented with your silence, desired an express of your views, and you informed him that Mr. Stanton "would have to appeal to the courts." If the President had reposed confidence before he knew your views, and that confidence had been violated, it might have been said he made a mistake; but a violation of confidence is proposed after that conversation was no mistake of his, nor of yours. It is the fact only that needs to be stated, that at the date of this conversation you did not intend to hold the office with the purpose of forcing Mr. Stanton into resigning, or holding the office in order to prevent that course from being carried out. In other words, you said to the President, "that is the proper course," and you said to yourself, "I have accepted the office, and now hold it to defeat that course."

Very respectfully yours, ALEXANDER W. RYDALL, Postmaster General.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5, 1868. Sir: Your note of this date was handed to me this evening. My recollection of the conversation at the Cabinet meeting of Tuesday, January 13, 1868, corresponds with your statement of it in the letter of the 31st ult. The three points specified in the letter, giving your recollection of the conversation, are correctly stated.

Very respectfully yours, GIDEON WELLES, Secretary of War.

TREASURY DEPT., Feb. 9, 1868. Sir: I have received your note of the 5th inst., calling my attention to the correspondence between yourself and General Grant, published in the Chronicle of yesterday, especially to that part of it which relates to what occurred at "Cabinet meeting" on Tuesday, the 14th ultimo, and requesting me to state what was said in the conversation referred to.

I cannot undertake to state the precise language used, but I have no hesitation in saying that your account of the conversation, given in your letter to General Grant of the 31st ultimo, substantially, and in all important particulars, accords with my recollection of it.

With great respect, your obedient servant, HUGH McCULLOCH, Secretary of the Treasury.

POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT, Washington, Feb. 6, 1868. Sir: I am in receipt of your letter of February, calling my attention to the correspondence published in the Chronicle between the President and General Grant, and especially to that part of it which refers to the conversation between the President and General Grant at the Cabinet meeting on Tuesday, the 14th of January last. In the presence of the Cabinet the President asked General Grant whether "in conversation which took place after his appointment as secretary of War ad interim he did not agree either to resign or to hold the office in the same position with respect to the office as he occupied previous to General Grant's appointment, by returning to the President in time to anticipate such action by the Senate."

This General Grant admitted. The President then asked General Grant if at the conference on the preceding Saturday he had not, to avoid misunderstanding, requested General Grant to state what he intended to do; and further, if in reply to that inquiry he (General Grant) had not referred to the constitution, &c.; that he had then had from the President understood his position, and that his (General Grant's) action would be consistent with the understanding which had been reached. To these General Grant replied in the affirmative. The President then said that he had issued orders from the War Department in the name of the President with my knowledge, and I have received no orders from him.

It is thus seen that Mr. Stanton now discharges the duties of the War Department without any reference to the President and without using his name.

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statement: At the Cabinet meeting on Tuesday, the 14th January, 1868, General Grant appeared and took his accustomed seat at the table. When he had reached in the order of business, the President asked him, as usual, if he had anything to present. In reply the general, after referring to a note which he had that morning addressed to the President, enclosing a copy of the resolution of the Senate refusing to concur in the reasons for the suspension of Mr. Stanton, proceeded to say that he regarded his duties as Secretary of War ad interim terminated by that resolution, and that he could not lawfully exercise such duties for a moment after the adoption of the resolution. He then reached his last night, and that evening he had gone to the War Department, entered the secretary's room, bolted one door on the inside, locked the other on the outside, delivered the key to the adjutant general, and proceeded to the quarters of the adjutant general, and there he remained until the morning of the 15th of January, when he was informed by the adjutant general that the President had issued orders to the effect that he should remain in the office of Secretary of War ad interim until the President should see fit to discharge him.

The President expressed great surprise at the course which Gen. Grant had thought proper to pursue, and, addressing himself to the General, proceeded to say in substance, that he anticipated such action on the part of the Senate, and being very desirous to have the constitutionality of the tenure-of-office bill tested, and his right to suspend or remove a member of the Cabinet decided by the judicial tribunals, he had taken the course which he had just taken, and shortly after Gen. Grant's appointment as Secretary of War ad interim, asked the General what his action would be in the event that the Senate should refuse to concur in the suspension of Mr. Stanton, and that the General had replied, either to resign or to hold the office in the same position with respect to the office as he occupied previous to General Grant's appointment.

The President further said that the conversation was renewed on the preceding Saturday, at which time he asked the General what he intended to do if the Senate should undertake to reinstate Mr. Stanton, and that the General had replied, in substance, that he would resign, and that he would not consent to be imprisoned by doing so, as his continuing to discharge the duties of Secretary of War ad interim after the Senate should have refused to concur in the suspension of Mr. Stanton would be a violation of the tenure-of-office bill.

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CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. SENATE.—Mr. Trumbull, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported the bill to supply vacancies in the executive department, in certain cases. He gave notice that he would call it up at an early day. A memorial was presented by the Chair, and appropriately referred, from the New England Manufacturing company of Massachusetts, asking an entire revision of the revenue department. Also, one from certain citizens setting forth reasons why the Constitution should be so changed as to acknowledge God and religion.

HOUSE.—The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill concerning the rights of American citizens in the foreign States. Mr. Jencks addressed the House in advocacy of the substitute proposed by him. Mr. Wilson (Iowa) moved that the bill and pending amendments be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union as a special order. Mr. Banks stated that the Committee on Foreign Affairs had had a regular meeting this morning, and desired to have the bill re-committed, with all the above amendments, and he asked the gentlemen from Iowa to substitute that motion for his. Mr. Wilson said he would allow the motion to be offered as an amendment, so that the sense of the House might be taken upon it.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14. SENATE.—Messrs. Trumbull, Conkling and Williams presented memorials of officers of the volunteer army protesting against the passage of the bill introduced by Mr. Wilson, relative to communication for pay &c., setting forth that their claims are equitable and grow out of a law of Congress, the decision of which is now pending in the supreme court. Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

HOUSE.—Mr. Wood offered a resolution directing General Grant to furnish all correspondence, by telegraph, or otherwise, between himself and General Hancock, relating to the removal of councilmen in New Orleans. Adopted. Mr. Logan introduced a joint resolution providing that from and after the first of June next all United States bonds shall pay an interest rate of two per cent, to be collected by deducting one per cent, semi-annually from the coupons at the Treasury. Referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Covode presented a communication giving the history of whisky frauds in New Orleans. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. Mr. Clark, of Kentucky, introduced a bill to abolish and forever prohibit the system of peonage and Indian slavery in New Mexico. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. SENATE.—The Senate is not in session to-day. HOUSE.—Mr. Miller presented the petition of sundry citizens of Pennsylvania, asking for an adjustment of the revenue laws so as to keep the balance of the trade in favor of the United States. The House resumed the consideration of the election case from Kentucky, the contestant, Mr. Samuel E. Smith, being entitled to the floor. Mr. Smith addressed the House, insisting upon the public importance of the question involved, and disclaiming being interested by personal motives.

Gen. McClellan and the Mission to England. WASHINGTON, February 16.—There seems to be no doubt that the appointment of minister to England has been tendered to General George B. McClellan, but nothing definite has yet been heard from him as to its acceptance. The resignation of Mr. Adams, it has been ascertained from an official source, takes place in April.

Great Democratic Victory at Reading. The City except a Gain of Four Hundred and One. READING, Feb. 15.—The election for Auditor, Councilmen, and others, took place yesterday. The Democrats swept the city and routed the Radicals, horse, foot, and dragon.

The Auditor, Hester M. Nagle, was elected by a majority of 382. Last year the Radical majority was 19, which makes a clear Democratic gain of 401 over the vote of last fall. There were no local issues to influence the election. The battle was fought out squarely, on the grounds of principle. Both sets of candidates weep trustworthily.

There is great rejoicing here over the result. The majority will be increased when the great and final contest comes. A WAR ON HUMANITY.—The New York World publishes a letter from a Georgia correspondent which presents a very dark side of the reconstruction policy. It appears that in Mississippi a trifling gift of sugar and tea by Gen. Gillem to the State Insane Asylum reveals the fact that such articles are almost unknown to the patients in that institution, and that it is only by the most rigid economy that the bare necessities of life can be furnished them. After detailing a similar case in Georgia, the editor adds:

NEWS AND OTHER ITEMS.

—A planter, residing near Beaufort, S. C., went to recover his mules, which were stolen by a party of negroes, last week. He was met by a large force of freedmen, who wrested his gun from his hands and shot him dead on the spot.

—The New Orleans colored Alderman Dumas, who refused to accept the nomination for Lieutenant Governor, on the ground that he was "a candidate for Governor only," is among the persons just removed from office by General Hancock for "contempt of orders from headquarters."

—The following prices are paid for labor in Austin, Nevada: Ordinary labor \$3.50 a day, or \$60 and found per month; skillful miners, \$1 to \$5 per day; carpenters, \$5 to \$7 per day; wood to quantities, to mills, &c., \$6 per cord; hay, of which there is plenty, \$30 per ton; flour, 11 cents per pound; bacon, 30 cents; good board per week, \$10; poor board, \$6.

—The men's boot, shoe and gaiter makers in New York have been on a strike since last Monday week, and some 600 men are idle. They have struck against a reduction of wages of 20 per cent, proposed by the employers.

—A glutinous Rhode Islander, named Hodjiah Blake, devoured a turkey weighing nearly eight pounds at one sitting, last Monday. It only took half an hour to complete the job, and his price was fifty dollars.

—The daughter of a Maine clergyman eloped the other day while her parents were at a funeral. The bridegroom was arrested immediately after the marriage on a charge of horse-stealing.

—The Mahometans are excited over the fact that the Sultan went out to dine with a subject, a mark of condescension which is utterly at variance with all the traditions of the Moslem faith.

—The underground railway of London, during the five years of its existence, has carried eighty millions of passengers, at an average speed of sixteen miles per hour, and without the loss of a single life.

—Snow and strawberries seldom come together. On January 29 the editor of the New Orleans Piqueur had on his table snow-balls and strawberries, the latter raised in the open air.

—The annual report of the Idaho territorial treasurer places the territorial debt at somewhat over \$13,000.—Utah, on the contrary, owes nothing, but has \$16,000 in the treasury.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

FACTS. That we have unequalled facilities for conducting business to the advantage both of ourselves and our customers, is well known as such to the entire business community.

1. We are enabled to buy for Cash, consequently, at the lowest possible prices, with the markets of the entire world to select from. 2. We have abundant cash capital, therefore, we are enabled to buy for Cash, consequently, at the lowest possible prices, with the markets of the entire world to select from.

3. In this particular we have advantages secured by no other house in our business. 4. We sell for Cash, exclusively, therefore, at the lowest possible prices—having no losses incurred by selling on credit, to provide for. 5. We have a business experience of a quarter of a century, having been longer established than any house in our trade in Philadelphia.

6. Our business is thorough, and the result of long experience, which has taught us what the wants of the public are, and how best to meet them. 7. We employ the best talent in all departments, our garments are therefore unsurpassed in style and finish.

8. Our business is large and constantly increasing, enabling us to keep at all times the largest assortment, and most complete stock of MEN'S FINE CLOTHING in Philadelphia, to which large daily additions are made of fresh goods, replacing those which are worn out.

9. For seasons already enumerated we can, and do sell clothing in every respect superior—surpassed by none, equalled by few—at prices guaranteed in all cases lower than the lowest elsewhere, or the sale cancelled and no refund made.

10. If buyers should for any cause become dissatisfied after a purchase is made, if reported within 10 days, we will, without question, by exchange, refunding of money, or otherwise, to give full satisfaction in every case, and request that all such may be reported to us at once.

Cash.—Our stock of Fall and Winter Clothing is full and complete, and selling rapidly, but is being rapidly replenished each day with fresh and desirable styles of new goods, purchased recently, for cash, at great discounts, enabling us to sell at prices lower than have been known for years. Congratulating our patrons upon the decline of prices, which enable us to sell at such low rates, we request the favor of a call.

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ADDRESS TO THE NERVOUS AND DEBILITATED whose sufferings have been protracted from various causes, and whose cases require prompt treatment to render existence desirable. If you are afflicted with any of the following nervous diseases, what effect does it produce upon your general health? Do you feel weak, debilitated, easily fatigued, nervous, and irritable? Do you experience palpitation of the heart? Do you live, or do you feel, as if you were in a state of chronic disease? Do you feel as if you were in a state of chronic disease? Do you feel as if you were in a state of chronic disease?