Evening Telegraph

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OFFICIAL WAR GAZETTE.

Interesting from Sherman and Sheridan's Armies.

WASHINGTON, October 17, 9:40 P. M.—Major-General J. A. DIX:—Advices from General Sherman to the evening of October 16, indicate that Hood, after having struck the railroad in the neighborhood of Dalton and Resaca, has fallen back before Sherman, without fighting, abandoning his great movement upon our line of communications. He has torn up some fifteen miles of the road, from Resaca north, but the injury will be repaired without difficulty.

The interruption will cause no inconvenience to Sherman's army, as his stores of supplies south of the break, as well as north of it, are ample. Hood has retreated towards the Southwest. His rear left Dalton in haste at six o'clock on Sunday morning.

General Sheridan reports that the Rebel army, lately under Early, but now apparently under Longstreet, having appeared in the vicinity of Strasburg, his force moved to attack them on Saturday. Crook, who had the advance, found the Rebels drawn up in four lines of battle, but upon charging them with his accustomed impetuosity they broke, and withdrew in considerable disorder, without giving the opportunity for any serious conflict.

Sheridan reports them as continuing their retreat in haste up the valley.

Colonel Gansevoort, commanding the 13th New York Cavalry, has succeeded in surprising a camp of the outlaw and freebooter, Mosoby, in the Blue Ridge Mountains, capturing his artillery, consisting of four pieces, with munitions complete.

C. A. DANA,
Acting Secretary of War.

"THE ORDER OF AMERICAN KNIGHTS."

We gave yesterday some account of the origin and objects of the "Order of American Knights," as they are developed in the official report of Judge Advocate-General HOLT. We propose to-day to resume the subject and finish it for the present.

In order to get arms for the use of the Order, besides importation and purchases, it was proposed in some States that members of the Order should be enrolled in the militia of some of the States, and by virtue of their service obtain possession of the State arms. This was proposed at St. Louis. In Missouri the "Paw paw militia" and the "flat-boats," among the militia of Platte and Clay counties, were relied upon almost to a man to go over to PRICE upon his invasion of the State. In Kentucky a scheme was devised to disarm the negro troops and appropriate their arms for the use of the Order.

Certain pass-words are also used in common in the North and South, and of these none appear to be more familiar than the word "*Nu-oh-lac*," or the name "Calhoun" spelt backward, and which is employed upon entering a temple of the first degree of the O. A. K., certainly a fitting password to such dens of treason.

Besides the signs of recognition, there are signs of warning and danger, for use at night as well as by day; as for instance, signs to warn members of the approach of United States officials seeking to make arrests. The order has also established what are called battle-signals, by means of which, as it is asserted, a member serving in the army may communicate with the enemy in the field, and thus escape personal harm in case of attack or capture. The most recent of these signals represented to have been adopted by the Order is a five pointed *copper star* worn under the coat, which is to be disclosed upon meeting an enemy, who will thus recognize in the wearer a sympathizer and an ally. A similar star of German silver, hung in a frame, is said to be numerously displayed by members or their families in private *houses* in Indiana, for the purpose of insuring protection to their property in case of a raid or other attack; and it is stated that in many dwellings in that State a portrait of JOHN MORGAN is exhibited for a similar purpose.

Other signs are used by members, and especially the officers of the Order, in their correspondence. Their letters, when of an official character, are generally conveyed by special messengers, but when transmitted through the mail are usually in cipher; when written in the ordinary manner, a character at the foot of the letter, consisting of a circle with a line drawn across the centre, signifies to the member who receives it that the statements as written are to be understood in a sense directly the opposite to that which would ordinarily be conveyed.

It is to be added that the meetings of the Order, especially in the country, are generally held at night and in secluded places, and that the approach to them is carefully guarded by a line of sentinels, who are passed only by means of a special countersign, which is termed the "picket."

The declaration of the principles of the Order, which is written, contains as the corner stone the assertion that slavery is right, and in accordance with wisdom and Christianity. The manner in which the Declaration of Independence in reference to all men being "born free and equal is got over is boldly impudent. Thus says the declaration of rights."

"All men are endowed by the Creator with certain rights, *equal as far as there is equality in the capacity for the appreciation, enjoyment and exercise of those rights.*" And subsequently there is added:—"In the Divine economy no individual of "the human race must be permitted to encumber "the earth, to mar its aspects of transcendent "beauty, nor to impede the progress of the physical "or intellectual man, neither in himself nor in the "race to which he belongs. Hence, a people, upon "whatever plane they may be found in the ascending scale of humanity, whose members are "within them nor the luxurations of the divine and "beautiful nature around them can impel to virtuous "action and progress onward and upward, *should "be subjected to a just and humane servitude and "tutelage to the superior race*, until they shall be "able to appreciate the benefits and advantages of "civilization."

According to these sentiments the poor and ignorant white man is equally a candidate for slavery with the black man. He must not, upon any assertion of equality, be allowed TO ENCUMBER THE EARTH in rivalship with THE SUPERIOR RACE, and he ought to be subjected to "servitude and tutelage" until he is able to assume an intellectual superiority with his masters, which, as he will always be downtrodden, HE NEVER WILL BE ABLE TO DO. And this is DEMOCRACY in 1864. How do our Pennsylvania mechanics, whose pride it is, although poor, to consider themselves as good as their richer neighbors, like a doctrine put forth by the sublime knights of Democracy which would contain them to the same inferiority and contempt which is heralded by the natobs of the South upon "the poor white trash?"

The right of Secession is also taught in this code in language even exceeding in baldness that of JEFF. DAVIS and his contemporaries. To that succeeds a declaration of the natural right of any person who is not satisfied with the voice of the majority to oppose the Government by FORCE OF ARMS.

In regard to the specific purposes of the Order the following acts have been performed by its members:—

FIRST. AIDING SOLDIERS TO DESERT AND HARBORING AND PROTECTING DESERTERS.—This was done by sending emissaries into the camps *to introduce the Order among the United States soldiers*, by trumping up civil causes for discharge, and getting up writs of habeas corpus to be decided by disloyal judges; by furnishing soldiers who desired to desert with money and citizens' clothing; by opposing the United States officers in arresting deserters; by rescuing them, and, in some cases, by open attacks upon the officers of Provost Marshals. One of the most pointed instances of protection furnished to deserters occurred in a case in Indiana, where seventeen deserters intrenched themselves in a log cabin with a ditch and palisade, and were furnished with provisions and sustained in their defense against our military authorities for a considerable period by the Order or its friends.

SECOND. BY DISCOURAGING ENLISTMENTS AND RESISTING THE DRAFT.—This was done by formidable combinations in certain counties in Indiana, by shooting the enrolling officers, by breaking into the Marshal's offices and destroying books and papers, by speeches, by vicious newspaper articles, and by instructing members of the Order who were drafted, to desert to the Rebels at the first opportunity.

THIRD. BY THE CIRCULATION OF DISLOYAL AND TREASONABLE PUBLICATIONS.—The Order, especially in Missouri, has secretly circulated throughout the country a great quantity of treasonable publications, as a means of extending its own power and influence, as well as of giving encouragement to the disloyal and inciting them to treason. Of these, some of the principal are the following:—"Pollard's Southern History of the War," "Official Reports of the Confederate Government," "Life of 'Stonewall' JACKSON," pamphlets containing articles from the *Metropolitan Record*, "Abraham Africanus, or Mysteries of the White House," "The LINCOLN Catechism, or a Guide to the Presidential Election in 1864," "Indestructible Organics," by TIBBS.

FOURTH. BY COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND GIVING INFORMATION TO THE ENEMY. This was done by protecting Rebel spies, emissaries and mail carriers, and by spies furnished by the Order, among whom were many women. In Missouri and Kentucky there were wide-spread organizations for these purposes. They communicated military intelligence, apprised the Rebels of weakly-defended points, and invited raids and expeditions of which they were previously well apprised.

FIFTH. BY RECRUITING FOR THE REBELS, AND ASSISTING THEM TO RECRUIT WITHIN OUR LINES. This was done extensively in Missouri and Kentucky. It is estimated that in April and May, 1861, as many as two thousand men were sent to the Rebel army from Louisville alone.

SIXTH. BY FURNISHING THE REBELS WITH ARMS, AMMUNITION, ETC. These were principally percussion caps, powder, &c., which were carried across the lines by women, and concealed upon their persons. Pistols were also sent to FORREST and other Rebel officers from St. Louis and Louisville, and also medical stores.

SEVENTH. BY CO-OPERATING WITH THE REBELS IN THEIR RAIDS AND EXPEDITIONS.—At one time there was a grand plan for a general rising of the Order. This plan was two-fold, and consisted—first, of a rising of the Order in Missouri, aided by a strong detachment from Indiana, and a co-operation with a Rebel army under PRICE; second, of a similar rising in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky, and a co-operation with a force under BUCKNER, BECKNER, MORGAN, or some other Rebel commander, who was to invade the latter State. In this case the Order was first to cut the railroads and telegraph wires, in order that intelligence of the movement might not be sent abroad, and the transportation of Federal troops might be delayed, and then to seize upon the arsenals at Indianapolis, Columbus, Springfield, Louisville and Frankfort, and, furnishing each of their number as were without arms, to kill or make prisoners of department, district, and post commanders, release the Rebel prisoners at Rock Island, and at Camps Morton, Douglas and Chase, and thereupon join the Southern army at Louisville or some other point in Kentucky, which State was to be permanently occupied by the combined forces. At the period of the movement it was also proposed that an attack should be made upon Chicago by means of steam-tugs mounted with cannon. A similar course was to be taken in Missouri, and was to result in the permanent occupation of the State.

Various periods were fixed for this great movement. One was determined upon in the spring of this year, simultaneous with LEE's projected invasion of Maryland and Pennsylvania and the DIFFICULTIES of Columbia. Another was expected in co-operation with a forward movement of the Southern forces on the 4th of July; and another about the time of the meeting of the Chicago Convention. All these schemes happily failed, in consequence of the movements of the Union armies.

In regard to Rebel raids, a singular feature remains to be adverted to, viz.: that the officers conducting those raids are furnished with quantities of United States treasury notes for use within our lines, and that these are probably most frequently procured through the agency of members of the Order.

MARY ANN PITMAN, believed to be a true and faithful witness, states that FORREST, of the Rebel army, at one time exhibited to her a letter to himself from a prominent Rebel sympathizer and member of the Order in Washington, D. C., in which it was set forth that the sum of twenty thousand dollars in "greenbacks" had actually been forwarded by him to the Rebel Government at Richmond.

EIGHTH. DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.—It is believed that the large quantities of Government stores destroyed by fire in the loyal States has been done by members of this Order. One of the "Major-Generals" who has been arrested, has been proved to have made experiments in the production of "Greek fire."

NINTH. DESTRUCTION OF THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OF UNION MEN.—This has been particularly traced in Missouri and Indiana, and in the outbreaks in the mining regions of Pennsylvania.

TENTH. BY ASSASSINATION AND MURDER.—The duty of assassination is inculcated upon the members of the Order, and there are numerous instances in the West where the dreadful obligation has been obeyed, in the assassination of Union officers, soldiers and citizens.

ELEVENTH. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NORTH-WESTERN CONFEDERACY.—This has been frequently adverted to. It is claimed that it is already accomplished, and that the Provincial Confederacy is established, its officers installed, and the whole business of the "interior government" carried on secretly.

The revelations upon which this report of Judge HOLT is founded have been deduced from a variety of witnesses, including Government detectives who worked themselves into the Order, and even became officers of high authority. Rebel officers and soldiers voluntarily disclosed their knowledge, scouts traveling through the Border States, citizen prisoners to whom disclosures have been made, have been witnesses, and members of the Order under arrest have confessed their plans. Lastly, members of the Order who, becoming fully aware of its infamous designs, have abandoned it and revealed all they knew, and by other means, much has been learned concerning this great conspiracy.

In closing our review of this subject it is only necessary to draw the attention of every honest citizen, whatever his political opinions, to one or two facts. The *first* is, that the grand commander of this Order, C. L. VALLANDIGHAM, was one of the lights of the Chicago Convention, and that there is every reason to believe that the platform which was there adopted was dictated by the Order. The *second is*, that if General MCCLELLAN is elected, he will be powerless, even if he is in favor of the war for the restoration of the Union, to carry out his designs in the face of such a powerful organization of his friends. Nominated to their tool, they expect to keep him up to the work. The legitimate conclusion is, that there is but one way to defeat this infamous, secret, oath-bound association and the Rebels with whom they sympathize, which is to go to the polls in NOVEMBER and vote for LINCOLN and JOHNSON.

AN INTERESTING REBEL LETTER.

The following letter was recently captured by our forces under General Sheridan, being found among other papers in General Lomax's desk:—

CAMP NEAR BURKESVILLE, AUGUSTA COUNTY, October 8.

Dear Uncle Wellington:—I reached my command on the 15th of last month, and found Rosser on the move from the valley, leaving General Early with not more than eleven thousand infantry and about thirty-five hundred cavalry. The enemy began to mass troops near Berryville, twelve miles from Winchester. This was known to the General commanding; yet, notwithstanding, he went off to Martinsburg, twenty-two miles distant from Winchester, with all of the infantry, except one division, and the greater part of the cavalry. And for what? Some say for a brigade of cavalry; others, for several barrels of whisky.

If I am correctly informed, it is certain that many of the officers were well in favor when there. Early on the morning of the 19th the enemy made an attack on the Berryville and Winchester pike, about three miles from the latter place. General Early was then about fifteen miles distant. He marched his troops hard and joined Rhodes, and got in position in time to repulse a charge of the enemy, and drove them back beautifully. The troops were very much exhausted by the long and rapid march, and did not do themselves justice in the engagement of the day. A gap was left in our line of battle, which our cavalry, and when it became necessary to reinforce from the left, our left flank was turned by the enemy's cavalry.

Lomax's Division, which had been fighting them during the engagement (and well, too), was ordered to the left. We charged there, and drove the enemy back, but they soon after came down upon us with an overwhelming force, and in turn were driven back to the line of our infantry on the extreme left. Soon commenced a scene the most distressing I ever witnessed since the commencement of the war. * * * * * Our army, for the first time (I mean our Virginia army), was whipped.

[This letter is left unfinished at this point. We have been pursuing the enemy so vigorously that, no doubt, the writer did not find further time to write to his "Uncle Wellington."]

"LET every man go to the front!" says Jeff Davis.

"Let every man go to the rear!" says General McClellan.

"WE are beaten—by George!" exclaimed a Copperhead in Indiana, with a slight gnashing of his teeth. Verily, and you will be beaten by George in every State north of Mason and Dixon. Down South, he runs too strong for us.

TREASON IS A POLITICAL PRIVILEGE, is the assertion of the Democracy in their grab at the Presidency in 1864. What is this? Is it the dementia that precedes the destruction of those doomed by the gods—or is it the ripeness of rottenness—or is it the full bloom of wickedness born of that sum of all villanies, Human Slavery?

POLITICALLY ORPHANED BY THE SUICIDE OF SLAVERY—that is the piteous condition of the Democracy. There is no asylum for them in the army—no shelter and sustenance for them among civilians. It looks as if these political outcasts would have to die. Touching destiny? Orphaned Copperheads, wiggling out a neglected and persecuted youth, die early. The only difference between those orphans and these orphans is, that for the good of their country the Democratic Copperheads have been very slow in dying.

UNIONIST TO COPPERHEAD IN BANGOR:—"McClellan cannot be elected. It is as impossible to elect him as to turn back the waters of the Kennebec and make them flow up the dam. Nothing short of Almighty power can so change the hearts of the North as to induce them to yield in this struggle; and, unfortunately for the Copperheads, God is not on their side."

Soldier—proud of his one leg, proud of his chevrons of honorable service, proud of his country, proud of his politics—cutting in:—"No, and He cannot be on their side while He maintains His present respectability."

THE WILL.

Jerry dying intestate, his relatives claimed,
Whilst his widow most vilely his mem'ry defam'd.
"What!" cries she, "must I suffer because the old knave
Without leaving a will, is laid snug in the grave?"
"That's no wonder," says one, "for 'tis very well known,
Since he married, poor man, he'd no will of his own."

FOURTH EDITION

FROM GENERAL SHERMAN.

A BATTLE IMMINENT.

Result of Gen. Dana's Recent Raid.

Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.

The Tennessee Delegation.

The interview of the Tennessee delegation with the President has been grossly misrepresented in the opposition newspapers. They were treated courteously, but Mr. Lincoln declined to interfere with Governor Johnson's regulations to keep the Rebels from the polls.

Personal.

General Neill is at Willards'.

Furloughs.

A large number of hospital soldiers are getting furloughs for twenty days, to attend the Presidential election.

FROM THE SOUTHWEST.

CAIRO, October 17.—The steamer *Belle*, of St. Louis, from Memphis on the 17th, has arrived, with 85 bales of cotton.

The steamer *Magenta* brings New Orleans dates of the 12th. The markets were very dull. The flour market was largely overstocked, and considerable quantities were being reshipped North. There was some inquiry for cotton at $1·20 for middlings.

There is some diversity of opinion regarding the practical result of the new trade regulations, under which it is understood the Government agent will purchase all the cotton brought across the lines, at twenty-five per cent. below the New York price, and allowing the sellers to take one-third of the amount in family supplies, the other two-thirds it is inferred being paid in greenbacks.

General Dana's raid from Natchez yielded 1500 cattle, several hundred horses and mules, several hundred able-bodied negroes, and about a hundred prisoners. About the same number of Rebels were killed.

POSITION OF HOOD AND SHERMAN.

CINCINNATI, October 18.—The *Commercial's* Nashville despatch says Hood was at Ship's Gap, three miles east of Lafayette, on the 16th, and that Sherman was close on to him. A battle, it is thought, cannot be very long delayed.

THE OHIO ELECTION.

CINCINNATI, October 18.—Returns from eighty counties in Ohio give a Union majority of 26,164. It is estimated the soldiers' vote will make the Union majority 74,000.

A CATHOLIC PASTOR.—The "month's mind" of the much-lamented Father McLaughlin, late pastor of St. Ann's Church, Port Richmond, Philadelphia, will take place in the above church, on to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock. The Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor, late Bishop of Pittsburg, will preach on the occasion. His friends and those of the family are respectfully invited to be present.

POINT BREEZE PARK.—FALL Trotting Meeting, FRIDAY Next, 21st instant, at 3 P. M. Purse $500, mile heats in 3 in harness.

John Lovett (of New York) enters N. Y. b. h. "Shark," by "Hambletonian."

Samuel McLaughlin (of New York) enters Kentucky b. m. "Lady Thorn," by "Membrino Chief."

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