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How the French Retire from Mexioo,
"Yov will oblige me by immediately leaving my premises," remarked an English noble-
man to a poacher, who was quietly setting man to a poacher, who was quietly setting a
line in bis Grece's fevorite trout stream. "Certainly," replied the trespasser. "I didn't care about catching your lordship's fish, but I
did want to see how soon you'd find out my did want to see how soon you'd find out my
net. I'm satisfied. Ill go." And he walked net. Tm satisfied. 1"ll go." And he walked
away whistling an arr of triumph, endeasvoring to convince some distant spectators that he had got the best of the eneounter. The same
spirit of bravado which induced the detected spirtt of bravado which induced the detected
poacher to burst Into a tune of victory, has poacher to burst litia a tune of victory, has
ever tol diectated diplomatiats to express the "deepest gratifcation" when circumastances over which they have no control compels
them to abandon a pet project belore the them to abandon a
menace of an enemy.
$\Delta$ curious instance of the fraternal cheer
fulness with which a Government presents a ponsession to a neighboring State, ls found ju the tone of the despatehes from the Marquis
DE Montrolon to Secretary SEwABD. It DE Monyholon to Secretary SEWABD. It
reminds us vividly of the ancient Spanish custom. "What a magniffeent Barbary you
 Cario, a mere trifle. It's yours ${ }^{5}$ " The
American Government touchingly remarks

 United states, to relieve that situusion without To which the Imperial Mnister replies wid
 of its history, to the rule of conduct which it


 And the desire of the United States is com-
plied with, with an assurance of pleasure and a sound of itrumpets which remind us
strongly of the detected poacher. It is a maye of the interest to see how the man would get out of a difficulty to which he was most udroservedly committed. And well has he justined the ligh opmion wis hold of his talents.
We hav
acrobat, standing lacing us, periorm a series of complex summersaults, by which he turas himself completely around without the audisquarely fixed in one direction, when all at once he is turned without seeming to turn. Such is the feat of that imperial gymnast. the French was never designed to compel that people to assume a monarchical Govern-
ment. A number of the citizens of the Empire had granted loans to the Mexican Government in the shape of purchasing "scrip" of
that country. When they desired payment that country. When they desired payment
they were refused, whereupon the expedition was fitted out which has since placed Maximiliax on the throne. Finding the republic unwiling to meet his demanos, the Emperor who were induced to elect the Archduke to the imperial chair.
M. Drouyn de Liuys remarks that the
French Government did not deem it a duty to discourage that supreme effort of a powerful party, which had its origin long anterior
to the French expedition. He observes that the Emperor, faithful to the maxims of public right, which he holds in common with the United States, declared on that oceasion that solely on the suffrage of the Mexican people. When the Archduke was elected, the Em peror gave him his support because the new Govermment would liquidate the French claims, and the repubhc would not. In fact,
the whole despatch, reduced, amounts to an assertion that the presence of the French troops in Mexico is not to ald the new Emperor to overcome the Liberals, but merely
to remain there until the United States gave to remain there until the United States gave
assurance that they would not interfere in behall of the JUArez party. M. Drouxn De Liuys himself put very clearly the conditions whereon, at this late day, they are prepared
to evacuate Mexico:"We tind them (the Mexicang) now encaged



 To this - nce" similan to to tosing to Ive an "assurn ace" similar to that claimed of our Government hes. "ofore has been that of non-intervention. Wh areupon De Mosrrolos expresses the utaion gratilcation, drawal of the French teoops. This misy sio pear to the diplomatie circles of Europe lit' a victory for France, or at least a drawn
battle, but to the undazzled eyes of Arucrica

We can ape good eavaso for congratula
over the triumph we have achleved.
It is only the old It is only the old atory of the lord and the concher over agnin. Entering that republife
at a time when ke supposed the United Stutes were so busily engaged that it was piobable that they would always have theire hatids fall the Emperor proceeded to secure a foothold
on Amerlean soll by forclag a monarchlea Goveroment apon an unwilling people. De'ecter by the United States, who reappeare unexpectedly with great power, this tmperial
trespaseer avers his satiaffiction at withdraw rig, and claims a triumph because he wa interrupted before his line was firmly set. He may gloss it over as he will, and turn and amile his pleasure at having accomplished his
oblect, the fict remains the same, that we oblect, the fict remains the same, that w
have reasserted the Monroe doctrine and Ilded this side of the ocean of an interloper While admiring, therefore, the consummate ease with which the project is abandoned, the
"man of destiny" cannot hide, beneanth all the "man of destiny" cannot hide, beneath all his pelled to forego a pet scheme, in which he had engaged all the milltary power of France. The True Issue.
IT is allimportant in IT is allimportant, in a question of such far-
reaching consequences as that of "reconstruc
tion" tion," that the public mind should be beld to the true issue. Putting away side lasues an
mere contests of words, we should, if possible get at the real gist ot the controversy, What, then, is the true issue involved in this question of reconstruction? We take it to be this:-Has the nation a right to impose con-
ditions upon the Rebel communities betore they shall be permitted, as States, to resume political power in the naton? The Republicans say yes; the Democrats say no.
In discussing this question, the fact of the The present status grows directly out of the Rebellion, and could have arisen in no other way. It is because the Rebel States Beceded
from the Union, rebelled against it made upon It, that they find themselves cut o from representation, without political power in the
nacion. They are merely reaping what they themselves have sown. It is a harrest of
their own planting. It is not an has been forced upon them, but one of their own making. Nobody compelled them to
abandon the Union. No the positions they once held in the
hand despoiled them or their power. Nobody drove them out. The
nation was at peace. Prosperity and plenty nation was at peace. Prosperity and plenty
smiled at every hearthstone. Equal laws prevailed. No wan-at least no white man-
could complain that the Governmeat in any way wronged or oppressed him. Even the
balance of political power itself was in th balance of pollsat power itserf was in the
lands of the South and its friends. It was in the lace of these circumstances that
the Rebel States seceded-voluntarily and contemptuously tlinglag away the power the bad, and calling home tie'r Senators an menced war upon the nation. That war the prosecuted with bitter ierocity tor more than tour years, yielding only when completely

overthrown. If now they flad it not so easy to ret back into the positions they abandoned | as $\begin{array}{l}\text { was to get out of them, who have they } \\ \text { to blame but themseives? Theirs is not the }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | case of innocent communities wrongfall despoiled of their just rights and powers; it it

rather that of grasping and ambitious States rather that of grasping and ambitious States
who find themselves the victims of their ow lust for unlawful dominion.
But it is precisely this fact of the Rebellio that the Democrats insist upon our ignoring.
1 hey constantly speak of these Rebel communities as though there had never been any war-as though they had never seceded an tormed their Southern Contederacy. They talk about the "rights" of these States, as though they hation. They speak of them as
upon the nation though, by some monstrous stretch of power their Representatives had been driven out o Congresyy In a word, they persistently shut
their eyes to the entire series their eyes to the entire keries of momentous
events which go to make up our naional history tor the past five years. Although, when the Rebellion commenced, they maintalined that the States were sovereign and could secede at pleasure, and that there was no
rightrul power in the nation to coerce a State, righrul power nitaie nathon thecoerce a s tate,
they now maintain that these States have never been out of the Union, are now in it, and are. therefore, entitled. of right, to all the powers and privileges of states in the Union.
But if these States were never out of the But in these states were never out of the
Union, then they were in it during the entire continuance of the war; and if being in the Union entities a State of right to representa-
tion and power in it, then these States were tion and power in it, then these States were
entitled to such representation and power entited to such representation and power
the very period when they were making war
upon it upon it! This is the doctrine of State rights pushed to a rather startling extreme. Ac-
cording to it south Carolina, while waging cording to it South Carolina, while waging
war against the Union, had as good a right War against the Union, had as good a right
to be represented in Congress as Pennsylva nia had, which was fighting for the Union. JEFF. DAvis, according to this Democratic teory, had as good a right to voto for Preai-
dent in 2884 as General GkANT had. The
Rebel Rebel greyback, with his gun in his hand
which he had stolen from a United States arsenal, was of right as much entitled to vote as the Union soldier periling
held dear to save the Union.
The Republicans, on the other hand, tuply
recognize the Rebellion, and the conse quences it has entalled. They maintalin that A State walch secedes and wages war against the nation-sithing up for itself or aniting
with other seceding Statea-thereby loses all rights and powers in the Union. It is absurd that a A tate can be a member of the Union.
and yet make war against the Union. They hold that communities cannot commit the crimes of trattors, and at the amme time re-
tain the privileges of citizens. The Rebel

| Union; can be restored only upon such con- <br> ditions as shall be prescribed by the nation; diacretion of the nation, acting through its constituted and appropriate organ, the lawmaking power. Justice and sound statas- manship are to be Its gulde. The safety of the people is its supreme law. <br> The Republican theory is the theory upon which the war was condurted-the only one upon which it could have been successfally waged-and the only one upon which the be mude to redound to the freedom and per- |
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