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Dix.

THE address yesterday made by General John A. Dix upon accepting the position of temporary Chairman of the Philadelphia Convention, does not sound like the sentiments of the statesman whose name is famous for his order, that 'If any man attempts to tear down the Ameriean flag, shoot him upon the spot." We have always considered the General a man of stern patriotism and of rugged honesty, and the only way we can retain that opinion, yet accept his own words, is by assuming that he did not mean what he said. We believe that he is a man of conscientious convictions, and one who ever acts as his judgment dictates, but if he will gravely consider what he maintained, we are at a loss to see how he can reconcile it with reason or policy. For instance, let us quote his passage relative to representa-

tion:-"Thirty-six States have for months been repre sented by twenty-five. Eleven States have been wholly without representatives in the legislative That numerical proportion of the repre sented and unrepresented has been changed by the admission of the delegation from Tennessee -a unit taken from the smaller and added to the larger number. Ten States are still dented the representation in Congress to which they are entitled under the Constitution. It is this wrong which we have come here now to protest against, and, as far as in us lies, to redress. When the President of the United States declared that armed resistance to the authority of the Union was over, all the States had a right to be represented in the legislative body. They had the right under the Constitution: they had the right under resolutions passed by boin Houses of Congress in 1861; moreover, they were entitled to be so represented on other grounds, on those of fairn as and good faith."

Of course, if they were entitled to immediate representation, it must be based on the law of apportionment as it existed previous to the effort to dissolve the Union. That law prescribed that representation should be apportioned according to the free inhabitants and three-fifths of all other persons. The treason of the South did away with all the distinction between free and "other" persons, and made the old law become obsolete and the basis of representation be fixed on the whole number of free persons. Before the war the three-fifths' clause gave the South nineteen members of Congress, to whom they had no right except under this provision.

Freeing the slaves made three lifths become five-fitths, and increased the number of persons to be counted from 2,400,000 to 4,000,000, making an additional delegation of twelve members. In other words, it General Dix means what he says, he believes in rewarding the South for its rebellion by giving it twelve more votes in Congress. He means to force upon the Rebels a premium for their treason, and make the faithful blacks who had aided us during the war be the stepping-stone to increase the power of traitors, Years ago the negro was made by physical labor to be a tool to give more wealth to his master; now his political rights are presented to the masters as a compensation for the loss of service. Is this justice? Is it reason? Is it policy?

Again, General Dix is a Northern man. He is, or pretends to be, the representative of Northern views. By what law of equity shall a Rebel vote nearly cancel the votes of two honest, hard-working, loyal mechanics of the North? Yet such would be the effect if General Dix's proposition to immediately admit the Southern delegates should be at once adopted. Would this be, as he says, only what they are "entitled to on the grounds of fairness and good faith?" By-the-by, what "good faith" compels us to admit them at all? "Good faith" implies a contract. Was there any made? Did we not subdue them by force, and was there any effort made by them to come to terms, so that a capitulation should protect them? "Good faith" or "bad faith," are most inapplicable to a con. queror dealing with the conquered, when sub mission was absolute. We, therefore, think that the General could hardly have meant to be so unjust to the Southern blacks and Northern votes, as the practice he recommends would impty.

Again, he says:-"The President, not in pursuance of any constitutional power, had called on the confede rated States to accept the conditions of their admission to the exercise of their l'giffmate functions as members of the Union—the ratification of the amendment to the Constitution abolishing slavery and the repudistion of the debts contracted to overthrow the Government. These conditions were met and nec-pted. The exaction of new conditions is unjust—a violation of the faith of the Government, subversive of the principles of our political system, and dangerous to the public prosperity and peace."

By what constitutional right could the President demand the abolishment of slavery and the repudiation of the Rebel debt, any more than he could demand the extension of suffrage? Is there any power given him in the Constitution to ask one condition and not another? We think that either he had no right to exact any preliminaries, or else he had the legal power or right to demand whatever he thought necessary for the national safety. The President is one of the co-ordinate and equal powers of Government. He did right in requiring the condition he did. But cannot Congress also demand its condition? The President refused to recognize, so far as he was concerned, any State Government until a Constitutional amendment was ratified. Congress, by a similar privilege, can refuse to recognize any, so far as it is concerned, until another Constitutional amendment is ratified. The same privilege which is allowed to one of two equals must also be allowed to the other. And admitting that the President had as much right as Congress (we think few will argue he had more). then still it would be justified in its course. We did not intend to wander into metaphysics, but have only done so in attempting to show that General Dix did not really mean what he said in his speech, or else he is not the same veteran that fought Rebels in the field, and made his name immortal by refusing to temporize with treason when it came to insult our flag.

The Status of the late Rebel States the Fruit of Their Own Doings.

It is a favorite style of speech with our conservative friends to say that the Republicans have 'expelled" the late Rebel States from the Union. We think it would be better to state the case just as it is, that those States voluntarily seceded from the Union, and for four years devoted all their energies to the attempted overthrow of the Government. Their present position is the fruit of their own disloyalty. It is one of the results of the war, as much so as the overthrow of slavery. Had the Southern States remained true to the Union they would have had no difficulty now. If they have lost their representation in Congress, it is because they recklessly threw it away. Their anomalous condition is due to their own folly. They cannot stand at the bar of public opinion and plead innocence.

The war they inaugurated has made great changes, and if they come out of the struggle, which they themselves invoked, with less political power in the country than they had when they entered upon it, they must look upon it as one of the inevitable consequences of their own

In good time they will be restored to representation in Congress. But they must not be impatient, nor, least of all, must they attempt to force upon the country that most dangerous and revolutionary doctrine, that a State may sunder all its practical relations to the Union and become a rebellious and warring State, and then the moment it has been overthrown by military power, may, at its pleasure, resume its political standing and its power as a component part of the Union. This would be anarchy raduced to a science.

A Feat Without a Precedent.

YESTERDAY afternoon, about 4h P. M., we received from the Associated Press a despatch from London and one from Paris, containing the editorial expressions of the Times and Monitour of yesterday morning. In fact, in the edition which we at once got out was read by the Philadelphia public the same articles as were given to the British and French public in the morning. This featers without a precdent in the history or the world. The editorials of European journals to be furnished to our afternoon papers! Talk about girdling the earth in forty minutes! Why, what was a feat of witchcraft is now reduced to a practical fact. Such an event settles our doubts to regard to the success of the cable.

NORTH CAROLINA.-We understand from a periectly reliable authority that the new Constitution of the State of North Carolina, which was submitted to the people of that State for adoption or rejection, was deteated by a large majority. The Constitution provides for the annulling of the black code and the extension of civil rights to treedmen. This defeat is significant of the feeling in that section, and has been kept as quiet as possible. Day after day new evidences are furnished which show us the motives which actuate the Southern heart, and every additional testamony jours in recommending their exclusion from Congress until a different line of action is adopted. We ask the North Carolina delegates to the Convention for a distinct answer, whether their State has or has not deteated the loyal Constitution?

A ROYAL SLIGHT. - Her Royal Highness Queen EMMA, widow of the monarch of an unpronounceable name, has administered a direct shight to our city. She has gone through our lang and passed around Philadelphia in her way to Washington. How keenly we feel this neglect none can tell except those who know how fondly our F. F.'s desired to entertain royalty.

The New Constitution of North Carolina Undoubtedly Deteated.

RALEIGH, N. C., August 14 .- Fifty-two counties have been heard from. The majority agains; the Constitution, thus far, is 4600. Thirty coanties are yet to hear from. The measure is probabry defeated.

A FRAT IN REPORTING .- The London Times of August 1 has a report of the proceedings in Parliament on the previous night, extending over twenty-four columns. As Parliament does no begin its session until a very late hour in the atternoon, this was rapid work on the part of the reporters. Four of its pages being occupied, the Times apologizes for the exclusion of other matter.

Among the recent "inventions" in France which have been brought to light by the dis-cussion of the needle-gun, is one that fires twenty balls a minute and has a musical box in the butt, thus doing away with the necessity of regimental bands.

-A schoolmistress in Lenox, Mass., was bound over to the Superior Court, last week, for an aggravated assault upon a child three and a quarter years of age, because he did not spell

—George Robert Russell died at Manchester, Mass., on the 4th instant. Mr. Russell was the son of the Hon. Jonathan Russell, who was one of our most prominent public men in the early part of the century.

-Hon. John B. Alley, of the Lynn (Mass.) District, declines to run again for Congress, It is said he is obliged to make a vacancy for General B. F. Butler, who has emigrated into the district to run.

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shares he may purchase. THE PHILADELPHIA TRANSCRIPT.

The friends of Mr. Crosby, of Chicago, have display that courageous boidness in organizing the grand sche to draw him out of the involvements caused by his speculative spirit in building the thicago Opera Hou which is ordinarily the certain precursor to success. course, there is always some doubt entertained respecting the integrity of such an association; but we agratified to say the names of the Chicago members the commit ee to superintend the distribution of pumiums stand so high in the mercantile and busin world, that no rational prenumption can be found again the success of the enterprise.

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THE NEW YORK WORLD.

A new Art Association has been formed by a compa or prominent citizens of New York and the West cities, for the purpose of compensating Mr. Crosby the loss of the magnificent fortune speet by him in generous and praiseworthy attempt to establish opera in his na ive city. The chances are on: 35 ca. and the premium is the magnificent Opera House 1.8 call of the choicest gems by the greatest names American art, the ouliding costing in itself over \$500.00 We commend the object of the association to every o zon who is capable or desirons of rewarding the general magnificent spirit displayed by Mr. Crosby in munificent liberality.

THE NEW YORK TIMES.

This enterprise for the resist of Mr. Crosby from a difficulties to which he had rendered almost mable abuse the set to which he had rendered almost mable to building the Chicago Opera House has at length takes a taugible form and comes vividly before the readers our columns. It bears with it the endorsement of leading citizens of Chicago, and what is almost of so me importance the indorsement of the principal artists the three great Eastern cities. The indorsement of principal sollow-citizeens may be accepted as a guar tes of the good faith of the enterprise, while that or, pointers may be received as testimony that he is bounding art.

THE NEW YORK EXPRESS.

Seriously, the scheme is a most royal one of Crosby Opera House—the first premium—is worth in than hair a million of dollars. The rental of its offic stores, and studios amounts to \$30 000. The value of first seven pain ings reaches \$48 000. At the same the the names of the Chicago members of the Commit for awarding premiums are a sufficient guarantee for perfect legitimecy of the drawing, such as has never fore been offered by any association of the same natural they might serve as a piedge for the honest distribution half a State, if it were possible to expose it to chances. As it is, they constitute a guarantee for a Crosby, which he could have earned by nothing but it e or unimpeached integrity, in his ardness scheme.