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The Abdication of Maximilian.

Whether the advancing shadow of Sherman's grim figure may have affected the imperial nerves of Maximilian, we cannot tell. Whether behind that shadow his imperial eye fancied it beheld the apparition of a hundred thousand American soldiers, we do not know.

There were reasons enough why Maximilian should abdicate independently of any action on the part of our Government. When the French bayonets which first raised, and for three years have upheld, his throne were withdrawn, it was perfectly evident that the throne would fall.

In fact, there is every reason to believe that the power which ever since upon Mexico was anxious to undo the deed which it had done upon whom it had been forced. Napoleon had been no less disappointed in the business than Maximilian. French hopes had been blasted as well as dynastic prospects.

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The soundness and urgency of this view would not have been palpable had he been able after the utter collapse and disappearance of Louis Bonaparte, evinced a grain of common sense.

That I have long held the main foundations of a genuine, enduring settlement of our disturbed and upturned national structure to be universal amnesty and impartial suffrage, must be tolerably well known.

I did think it desirable that Jefferson Davis should be arraigned and tried for treason; and it still seems to me that this might properly have been done many months ago.

wise and agitate the South; it would arrest the progress of reconciliation and kindly feeling there; it would cost a large sum of money and a large number of lives; it would be a non-agreement or no verdict. I can imagine no good end to be subserved by such a trial, and holding Davis neither better nor worse than thousands of others—would have him treated as they are.

I hope to see impartial suffrage established by very general consent. Many will favor it because they hope it will be a means of justice; others because they are tired of contention about negroes, and wish to put an end to it.

I trust the States will generally accord to blacks the common rights of manhood, irrespective of the nation and of each other; and I trust they will agree to place those rights under the protection of the Federal Constitution.

I think the suggestion of an "intelligence" bureau of suffrage, let us not be deluded by false analogies and vague abstractions. In a State where each child grows up within sight of free school-houses, wherein he is more than welcome to a pupil, it is hardly reasonable to propose that the only who care for may vote.

I commend impartial suffrage as required by the true interest of all concerned; yet I cannot submit to the attitude in which we stand with no rightful concern. The blacks are a portion not merely of the Southern, but of the American people.

Perhaps I do not comprehend the force of this objection, but I will state my views on it by a familiar example. Suppose a general Grant when he first approached the boundary of Tennessee—but no, let us suppose that General Lee, when in 1863 he reached the southern boundary of Pennsylvania, had found his way barred by a pompous, puffy personage, who accosted him as follows: "Sir, I give you notice that this is the sacred soil of Pennsylvania; I am one of her magistracies, and, in her name, I forbid you to cross this boundary."

But, after all, the great Republic did not go down. So far from the collapse of our Government ensuing, we came out stronger than ever, and the facts that forced us to battle and to the exertion of our power first taught us and to the world the immense extent of our development.

Our European enemies did what they could to create from their false position. France to the latest protestation in relation to Mexico, and England declared, with all the vehemence and volubility of which she was capable, that the injuries done us were not imaginary, but real.

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