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The State of Europe.

The two great questions which are at present engaging the attention of the European statesmen are slowly but steadily approaching their final solution. In Turkey, the resistance of the Christian population to the British despotism of the Turks has, since the beginning of the new year, largely gained in dimensions and strength. It is no longer Crete alone which is in arms. The smaller islands in the Mediterranean have followed the example set by their larger sister, and united to chase the Turks from the sea. The province of Thessaly, which borders upon Greece, is likewise in full insurrection, and furnishes a convenient rendezvous for the great number of Greek youth who can no longer restrain their warlike patriotism. In Greece the people, with an astonishing unanimity, are bringing an irresistible pressure to bear upon the Government in behalf of an open support of their kindred and co-religionists in the Turkish provinces. The schemes of the serlians in Northern Turkey, who are the most warlike of all the Christian tribes, and who constitute the bulk of the population in the provinces of Servia, Bosnia, Herzegovina, and Montenegro, are still more ominous than the movement of the Greeks in the South, and the impending outbreak in Bosnia may, therefore, give to the Turks, in a few weeks, more trouble than the Crete insurrection has done during the past eight months. Russia is quietly but firmly maturing her policy for the rapidly approaching crisis, while England and France irresolutely confine themselves to a declaration that they will not interfere as long as Russia remains neutral. A European Conference, which is now much talked of, has no more chance of success than the late London Conference for the settlement of the Schleswig-Holstein difficulty. According to present appearances, the establishment of one or two Christian empires upon the ruins of the Mohammedan power in European Turkey is an event not at all remote.

In Rome, the people are quietly awaiting the call of the "Committee of Action." That this call will be issued, and that it will be complied with by nearly the whole population of the Papal dominions, cannot be doubted. The Papal Government, in the meanwhile, by new acts of intolerance against the foreign Protestant residents, and by its obstinate refusal to manifest a conciliatory spirit towards the Government of the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, has made by the latter, seem to be anxious to destroy the last remnant of sympathy that may yet be felt with it as a temporal power. Germany is preparing for the meeting of the first North German Parliament. We have as yet no official accounts of the proceedings of the Plenipotentiaries assembled in Berlin. What has become known of the Prussian draft of a revision of the constitution meets with considerable opposition, but at the same time the conviction prevails generally that more or less unpopular provisions will hardly weaken the impulse which the meeting of a Parliament elected by universal suffrage will give to the national unity movement. The idea of a South German Confederation has been almost abandoned, and with Baden and Bavaria looking avowedly towards a confederative reunion with Prussia, Wurtemberg alone cannot stay out.

The embarrasments of the Austrian Government are in nowise lessened. The Hungarian Diet has, by an almost unanimous vote, adopted a declaration against the constitutional law of Austria, and the breach between Hungary and Austria is therefore as wide as ever. The new Reichsrath, which the Government has ordered to be elected, and to be convened within a few weeks, will only tend to make the conflict more apparent, for the differences between the several nationalities are still greater than those between the Government of Austria and the Magyars. Thus, a crisis may not be so imminent as in Turkey and Rome, it is fully as sure to come at the proper time.

France has sent out the last vessel of the squadron that is to bring back the expeditionary force from Mexico. It appears to be certain that the Government will so far yield to the popular dissatisfaction with the new plan for reorganizing the army as to introduce important modifications. There is a strong current of popular opinion in favor of the reorganization of France as ample for defensive purposes, and that it cannot be made sufficiently powerful for aggression.

The Fenian movement in Ireland is for the present entirely suppressed. The reform agitation in England, on the other hand, is gaining strength, though it appears doubtful whether it will soon lead to any practical result.

Gov. Geary on the Political Situation. From the Times. The inaugural address of the Governor of Pennsylvania, an abstract of which we published in Wednesday's Times, derives, perhaps, its chief importance, in so far as it deals with national affairs, from the honorable military record of General Geary during the war.

General Geary's services were then sufficiently conspicuous to make his judgment now, on current events, of account, aside from the weight which must attach to his views as the elected Chief of a great Commonwealth. In the latter character we should expect him to express, possibly with all the warmth and force and point of view he has done, the feelings and sympathies of the vast constituency he now represents. In the character which he so recently sustained as a military officer of high grade, we should have been justified in expecting a more judicial survey of certain passing events, and of the exigencies which may demand a really national policy in revolutionary times.

No loyal citizen can fail to sympathize with Governor Geary in his eloquent tribute to the loyalty and manhood of the Pennsylvania volunteers during the late war, and the President of the country would be ungrateful if it should ever forget what Governor Geary volunteers—that Pennsylvania "contributed 366,226 volunteer soldiers to the rescue of the nation, and that nearly every battle-field has been moistened with the blood and whitened with the bones of her heroes." If other loyal States did their whole duty, as did Pennsylvania, in supporting the national Government with men and means, there was probably no other State thoroughly true to the Union, which, from its geographical position, suffered so much from the Rebel invasions. It appeared for a time that its soil should form the decisive battleground of the opposing forces. And there are many other military authorities, besides General Geary—including some eminent Confederate Generals—who still hold that the result of the battle of Gettysburg broke the power of the Rebel army.

All that General Geary says, moreover, of the endurance, the fidelity, and the sacrifices of the Union armies, east and west, cannot fail to find a hearty response in every part of the country where the issues involved in the struggle are fairly understood, and where loyalty to the nation is held paramount value to every sectional and local interest. It is where the Governor in his address fails to distinguish between the military and civil policy adopted by the national leaders that we judge, he will be seen as advancing views reflecting on the wisdom and discretion of those who, only a few months ago, were his own military superiors, and whose devotion to the national honor no great party in the country has ever ventured to call in question.

Thus, for instance, while General Geary is speaking in a general way of the magnitude of

the crime of rebellion, he proceeds, perhaps unwittingly, to arraign the judgment of General Grant and Sherman, in favor of this war, thoroughly and steadfastly, by President Lincoln. General Geary says:—"I cannot refrain from an expression of regret that the general Government has not taken any steps to induce the proper penalties of the Constitution and laws upon the leaders of those who rudely and ferociously invaded the ever sacred soil of our State. It is certainly a moral clemency and a cowardly forbearance to forbear to punish the greatest crimes known to civilized nations; and may not the hope be reasonably indulged that the Federal authorities will cease to extend unmerited mercy to those who inaugurated the Rebellion, and controlled the movements of its armies?"

Such reflections as these, coming from a mere political speculator, or from an amateur writer, would be excusable. But the first concern of a man who has done merely ornamental or hurling service in the war, would not be to invite such comment as they do from an officer of General Geary's practical experience. It would be well enough for a man with General Butler's military record to revive the question, either in a formal address or in a random speech, whether General Grant, acting in accordance with the President's instructions, should have accepted the parole of the Confederate Generals, or whether the Commander-in-Chief and the Lieutenant-General of the army are chargeable with "moral clemency and censurable forbearance" in acting as they did. But such words are hardly those one should expect from the Governor of a great State, who had so soberly weighed the character of the struggle in which our army was engaged, and who had done his full part as an active participant in the war.

General Grant had nearly a twelve-months' time to revise his opinion on the whole question of amnesty and parole, when he forwarded to the President in March, 1865, his indorsement of General Pickett's application for pardon, reading thus:—"General Pickett I know personally to be an honorable man; but his judgment prompted him to do what cannot well be sustained if I do not see how any good, either to the country or to the man, can be secured by his trial now. It would only open up the question whether or not the Government did not disregard its contract entered into to secure the surrender of armed men."

General Pickett's case was an exceptional one, to which, even by ordinary military construction, the general parole might not have been held to apply. He had put under trial, convicted and sentenced to death, and was to be true to the Union, or desertion from the Confederate ranks. Yet, such was General Grant's sense of national and military honor, that at the general parole, he held that the faith of the Government would be compromised in even bringing him to trial.

It is unfortunate that this deliberate judgment of the General of the United States Army should be arraigned by any officer that ever served creditably in his army. It is a double mistreatment when the arraignment comes from so high an official and so worthily a man as the Governor of the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

"Revolutions Never Go Backwards!"—President Johnson's Impeachment. From the Herald.

The revolution which was precipitated upon the country by the Southern Rebellion of 1861 is not yet ended. The struggle is still going on with the old Southern oligarchy and their Northern Democratic sympathizers, defeated in the war, and it will be carried through. The great Union movement of the war will run its course. The great issues settled by the war will be established in the Government. They are under a momentum which cannot be resisted. All impediments which block the way will be removed. It is the law of all revolutions. This only has to be repeated to the Court of the people to come to pass that the impeachment and removal of President Johnson from office. This thing will be done because it has become a necessity to the consummation of this revolution. Congress has no alternative when the suspension of its authority over the Rebel States for two years yet to come is morally certain under President Johnson.

As soon as the health of the Emperor Maximilian permitted, he called together at Orizaba a Council of State Ministers. They assembled at that time in the afternoon of the 20th. The Emperor, although still suffering, expounded, with remarkable clearness and energy, his ideas respecting the new duties which recent events had placed upon the Government. After describing the situation of the country from a military point of view, the new attitude taken up by France, and that of the United States, his Majesty drew attention to the sacrifices which Mexico might be called upon to make in order to maintain her existing institutions. He also spoke of his health, but added that this must be looked upon as a secondary consideration, because if it were made plain that the welfare of the nation demanded his presence in Mexico, he would willingly sacrifice his life for his beloved country. In order to ascertain the opinion of the people of whose destinies he is the final judge, the Emperor said that he considered it to be his duty not to be satisfied with the assurances given by his Ministers and high functionaries of State, whose devotedness and patriotism he, however, greatly appreciated.

He added, moreover, that, desiring above all that his authority should be freely accepted by every party, his irreconcilable enemies would appeal to the nation. Our correspondent informs us that this address produced an immense effect, and that the members of the Council could not, after so clear and frank a statement, do otherwise than recognize the propriety of the measure proposed by his Majesty. They, therefore, undertook to make arrangements to give effect to the views of the Sovereign, begging him, in the meantime, to be good enough to remain at the head of affairs until the nation had an opportunity of expressing its wishes.

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