EDITORIAL OPINIONS OF THE LEADING JOURNAL UPON CURRENT TOPICS-COMPILED EVERY DAY FOR THE EVENING THLEGRAPH.

Our Indian Policy.

From the Tribune. If we are at a loss to determine whether we are at war or not, we may rest assured that the Indians are still more so. Those General Hancock met lately had no desire to fight; and that they risked something for a conference proves that very conclusively. They undoubtedly ventured thus into immediate proximity to the expedition in the hope of averting the storm, and the experiment has evidently cost them some of their baggage. They had certain rights and claims as the native occupants of the soil to urge on the eneroaching Christian people of the United States, and, in a spirit not improper or undig-nified, wished to press them. Their standpoint is somewhat different from ours, and their representative men and public servants were not unmindful of the interests it was their business to protect. That they met Hancock at the very gates of civilization, on the most eastern portion of their nomadic beat, is evidence of their desire to stay the

hand of war. Why did they refuse to let General Hancock and his men visit the camp where their fami-Hes were? Perhaps it will be recalled that at Ash Hollow, in 1856, General Harney sent for the Indians "to talk." He too had gone on an expedition. An old Indian-fighter, he knew the difficulty of finding them, and while they were round him he proposed terms that it was impossible to expect them to accept, and fired on those who came to treat with him, before they could return to their men. Do we wonder that these haughty, wild Indians of the plains do not want a licentious soldiery quartered among their families? When Gene-1 d Hancock, therefore, determined to visit their camp in the face of their protest, he left those who thus came to him no alternative but to ght or to flee.

hat they did the latter, rather than hover round his outposts to pick up stragglers, is evidence that they have not yet dismissed the hope of peace. To be sure, it cost them some tents and baggage, valuable to them; but these aborigines are shrewd children of the The tent-poles dragging at their ponies' sides must not mark the route of their retreat. Their ponies must be burdened with no more than will enable them to pursue a rapid flight. Where have they gone? Where, indeed, can they go?

Is this mode of treating the Indian question worthy of a great Christian nation ? Admit the difficulties that beset the problem, we still claim a great intelligence, and the question has surely an honorable solution. No means can certainly be half so expensive as war. It is well known that the War Department desired the burden of Indian management to be added to its cares. Is it really a plan to cut the unsolved questions by the sword, and come to the next Congress with fresh reasons against a divided jurisdiction of the Indian question? These may be hard thoughts, but the circumstances suggest them. Whatever may be the purpose, we apprehend that the result will be to convince all Christian men that the army, whose trade and only trade now is war on them, is not the proper custodian of these helpless interests.

Still more. The West, where all our telegraphic stations are, is in the interest hostile to Indians, which, really, would like to see them exterminated. And yet more. Near these stations, with the commercial interests, such wars and expeditions are godsends. There are hav contracts and corn contracts to let for the cavalry that go hunting for the Cheyenne trail. There are beef contracts. There is, in fact, money-money everywhere in it. Do we wonder that the telegrams are so contradictory? Are we astonished that they are so bloodthirsty, and are, after all, able to give us so little evidence to be relied on of positive outrage or warlike dispositions?

There is a vague idea in the public mind that, in order to negotiate with Indians, it is best to give them a sound drubbing to begin with. This is, in fact, true of more people than the Indians. If we wished to annex Canada, for instance, we might find it more easy after waging a successful war on England. It is true it would be expensive, and might cost us more, as in the Cheyenne case, than it is worth; but then, the Chevennes and Sioux are weak; and a war, although expensive, would not be difficult nor its result

There is but one thing that the army in the West can do-make the Indians willing to accept terms that we, as a Christian nation, ought not to impose on them. It is true that nothing can, or should, arrest the footsteps of civilization on the continent; but it is also true that we owe to the wild inhabitants of the country we seek to possess, all that can be done to spare, to elevate, and preserve them. The plan of peace is far less expensive than that of war. Let our Indian system cease to be a paddock in which decayed politicians feed, and the sheath to rub the rust from an idle army. God gave us our superior intelligence; let us thank Him for it in good works.

The Reconstruction Cases in the Supreme From the Times.

The applications for injunctions in behalf of Georgia and Mississippi, to restrain the operation of the Reconstruction act, were dismissed by the Supreme Court, which disclaims jurisdiction in the premises.

This result has been so generally expected that its promulgation is received as a matter of course. Before any action was taken, the inability of the Court to interfere was treated by all parties at the North as an established fact. If any doubts remained, they were probably dispelled by the argument of the Attorney-General. The lawyers had already declared the motion inadmissible, on grounds which seemed irrefragable. The Attorney-General added to the subtlety of the lawyer the strong sense of the statesman, and convinced the popular judgment of the undesirableness of vesting in any Court the power of nullifying the political action of the Govern-

The South, already disposed to comply with the terms of the act, will have its last remaining scruples removed by this decision. There is no evidence that the Southern people ever placed much reliance upon the appeal to the Supreme Judiciary. But prominent politicians have exhibited a contrary inclination, and have stood aloof even where they have not hindered, under a vague hope of judicial interposition. The decision cuts the thread by which these hopes have been suspended. The chance of interference to arrest the operation of the law is ended. And not only the States of Georgia and Mississippi, but the whole South may now realize the imperative character of the Congressional plan, which will

go forward without a possibility of judicial hindrance. It is fortunate that no needless delay has been permitted by the Court, whose decision renders certain the complete and unrestricted operation of the law as the basis of Southern reorganization.

The Injunction Cases Dismissed - Jeff, Davis Released on Bail-A Clear Field for Southern Reconstruction. rom the Herald.

The Supreme Court of the United States has dismissed the Mississippi and Georgia injunction cases for want of jurisdiction. By the Circuit Court of the United States at Richmond (Judge Underwood), Jeff. Davis, while awaiting his trial, has been released from military custody on bail, in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. These are two important events, and will be hailed with general satisfaction throughout the country, in view of an uninterrupted reconstruction, and an early restoration to Congress of the ten excluded Southern States.

The Mississippi and Georgia cases were each petition to the Supreme Court, restraining the Secretary of War, General Grant, and the five Southern Military District commanders (for an injunction in one case would apply to them all) from the execution of the Southern Reconstruction laws of Congress, on the ground that they are unconstitutional and void in trenching upon State rights. A decision to this effect, looking to the Milligan decision of last winter, was reasonably expected by the petitioners (Sharkey, Walker, and others), and there was some reason to fear that President Johnson, in the event of such a decision, might obey it, in the recall of the Southern Military District commanders, thus reinstating his own policy, and challenging another conflict with Congress, which would inevitably end only in his impeachment and removal, and in the reconstruction of the Supreme Court itself.

It will be perceived, therefore, that in the dismissal of these injunction cases the conflict from which the President stands so signally defeated has been declined by the Supreme Court, and that by the Executive and judicial departments the legislative is recognized the sovereign master of Southern reconstruction and restoration. Consequently, all those disturbing State rights politicians of the South and the North who have been promising a rescue from Congress by the Supreme Court must now fall in with the good advice of Generals Lee, Hampton, Longstreet, and other late fighting Rebel leaders, in fulfilling the terms laid down by Congress. In behalf of Southern reconstruction, then, the importance and value of this decision cannot be exaggerated. Nor is the temporary enlargement of Jeff.

Davis on bail a trifling matter, looking to a healthy reconstruction of Southern public opinion. Two years ago, on the charge of being a conspirator with Wilkes Booth and others in the assassination of President Lincoln, a reward of one hundred thousand dollars was offered by President Johnson for the capture of Davis. That charge has long since fallen to the ground; but, from the quibbling evasions of Chief Justice Chase, the accused is detained in prison two years awaiting "a speedy trial," as a murderer, a traitor, or a Rebel. The law's delay, through the Chief Justice, is thus becoming a public scandal, when Davis is brought up for trial and released on bail in the very sum (one hundred thousand dollars) paid for his capture. This is a curious fact; but it is not half so curious as the fact that first on the list of his bondsmen appears Horace Greeley ("on to Richmond"), and second, Augustus Schell, President of the Democratic Manhattan Club, of which Thurlow Weed is likewise a member. Here is Northern rivalry for political capital outh, which may lead to still more remarkable manifestations of brotherly love. It matters little now whether Davis is tried next week, next month, or next year-his trial will end in smoke. It is not unlikely that if left to the courts his case may be postponed again and again, till finally dropped. In the John Brown song it is said,

"We will hang Jeff. Davis on a sour apple tree, As we go marching on,' and President Johnson has declared several times that "treason is a crime and traitors

must be punished:" but as matters now stand

the best thing he could do would be to grant a

free pardon to Davis and let him go in peace. Thus, in this case, the work of reconstruction commenced by O'Conor, Greeley, and Schell will be perfected by the President, and Davis will become a tower of strength to the Government in the good cause of Southern restoration. Greeley will have a fair field throughout the South to rectify the blunders of Senator Wilson, the Hon. Mr. Kelley, Jedediah K. Hayward, and other Northern radicals, in their missionary efforts to array the Southern blacks against the whites as a political party; and Davis will be able to exercise a still greater influence over the intractable State-rights politicians, in bringing them round to the laws of Congress, and over the five Southern Military District commanders. The great danger now is that, between the ideas of confiscation and agrarianism, which are getting into the heads of the Southern blacks by the hints thrown out by "Old Thad. Stevens," Senator Wilson, and others, on the one side, and from such Southern unreconstructed white leaders as ex-Governor Perry of South Carolina, Sharkey of Mississippi, and Governor Jenkins of Georgia, on the other side, there may be organized such a clashing of races as will precipitate even in the North another political revolution, throwing everything into confusion, while yet the work of reconstruction is only half begun. To arrest these tendencies of the present political agitations of our five Southern Military Districts, we submit to President Johnson the experiment of a free pardon to Davis, in order that he and Greeley, and Augustus Schell and John Minor Betts, may stump the South together, in correcting the fallacies of State rights, and in disabusing the ignorant blacks of those dangerous notions that, in addition to freedom, the Freedman's Bureau, and the ballot-bex, they are to have free farms and nothing to do but to enjoy all the African splendors of Hayti. The Republican leaders,

Presidential Journeyings.

ern political revolution.

at all events, must look to this, or they may

soon find themselves in the midst of a North

From the Tribune. Our great men are restless, moving, roaming over the face of the earth. General Butler has been to the West, Senator Wilson is in the South, General Sherman is going to the East, and Mr. Seward has but recently returned from a strawberry picnic in Walrussia. Mr. Colfax has been to Utah, and is going to Michigan. Senator Sherman has gone to Europe, and Admiral Farragut is going; Judge Kelley has gone to New Orleans, and will travel thence North, and through the Rebel States. Mr. Andrew Johnson contemplates excursions to Boston and to Charleston, | policy in detestation.

S. C., and Mr. Jack Rogers, having lately left.

Washington for New Jersey, has really done as much travelling as the public had a right.

The Negro Riots in Richmond and New Orleans.

From the World. to expect. A party of our Congressmen are going to the plains to shoot buffalo-that is, o shoot at buffalo, and Mr. English, of Connecticut, last month, by dint of labors hardly equalled by the pedestrian who made a thousand miles in a thousand hours, actually travelled all the way from his mills to the State capital. General Grant has not been very excursive lately, having had enough of travel when he went with the President to Springfield, but is not likely to spend the summer in idleness; and, indeed, the only great man who has not been journeying of late is Mr. Davis, and even he can now go where he pleases.

Rumor, which is sometimes truth and sometimes calumny, intimates that all these journeys, to whatever point of the compass they pretend, are really meant to be roundabout ways to Washington—pilgrimages of Presidential candidates, who, after long toil, finally hope to rest in the White House, March 4,

"Sleep after toil, port after stormy seas." And though no one was ever known to rest in that poorly defended citadel, forever besieged by armies of office-seekers, these gentlemen may not be dismayed by the fate of its present occupant. If travelling could secure an elec-tion to the great office, there are few Americans who would not cheerfully walk to Jerusalem on foot, with peas in their shoes, or repeat the voyages of Captain Cook, or M. Du Chaillu's eight years in Africa. But railroads have made this method of canvassing for votes easy. A great man in these days can show himself to the people of every State in the Union with more ease than Henry Clay, forty years ago, could canvass the hunting grounds

The great man spoke in Boston on Monday, spoke in New York yesterday, and speaks in Philadelphia to-day, and may reach New Orleans by the end of the week. Reputations which formerly were local are now universal. and national fame, or at least national notoriety, is no longer the slow growth of years. but the immediate creation of the locomotive, the newspaper, and the telegraph. No man can speak one emphatic word that is not instantly repeated by innumerable echoes from Maine to Louisiana. The South sends her orators to Connecticut, the North pays the debt by sending Henry Wilson to Charleston. It is natural, then, that the Presidential condidate should be like George Francis Train or Colorado Jewett-a man with the world for his home, spending his life in steamboats and cars. No candidate will stay at home if he can help it. The candidates are all flitting, flitting, and every day adds to the number.

We do not know that all the gentlemen we have mentioned are Presidential candidates, but Rumor will have it that they are. Yet what political capital can Gen. Sherman make of a trip to the Holy Land; what votes can the ambitious Congressman hope to secure by shooting at buffalo, and being shot at by Sioux and Cheyennes; what good will it do Mr. Jack Rogers to go to Trenton, or Mr. Seward to Auburn, or where shall Mr. Johnson travel to find himself popular? We do not see satisfactory answers to these questions but Rumor in every man's pilgrimage finds profound mystery, and will have it that no-body can pack his trunk and buy a railroad ticket without having desighs on the Presidential succession.

Some of the distinguished gentlemen we have mentioned, who exchange the safety of home for the perils of the railroad, have indeed about one chance of the Presidency to ninetynine of a collision or an explosion, and travel may teach them this truth. A far better result than the mere making of a President may come from these journeyings. If the people learn to know the leaders, the leaders are taught by the people. No man can travel far and intell gently observe without discovering that the almost universal sentiment demands the speedy reconstruction of the Southern States. The responsibility of success is weighty, and it rests upon the North. We have placed ten States under military rule; we have prescribed the qualifications of voters, and given the ballot to hundreds of thousands who never before possessed it. We have begun the experiment, and must watch it till the end Jpon all our public men, therefore, we urge cooperation in the work of reconstruction, and securing all rights for all men. Whether it is to the East, West, North, or South that they turn their steps, let them not forget that the great work before us is not the making of a resident, but the restoration of the country. Let us all join hands in that work, and the Presidential question will come soon enough.

The Bloody Policy of Juarez.

From the Times. We should think that President Juarez might have learned by this time the impolicy, to say the least, of the bloody course he has been pursuing towards the Imperialists who have fallen into his hands. Yet we learn that the Juarist General who is besieging the capital proposes to carry out the system that has lately been put in execution against Maximilian's upholders in all other parts of Mexico. When asked for terms of capitulation, he replied that no quarter would granted to certain officers whom he designated; and there is no doubt, judging by re cent events, that, in case of the capture of the city, the list of the dosmed will be extended indefinitely.

It is to this bloody policy-and we call it a policy because of the uniformity of its application-that we attribute the slow progress and small success of the Juarist Government since the departure of the French troops. When Napoleon's army departed for France at the beginning of the year, and Maximilian was left without any supporters save such as he could find among the Mexican people, it was universally believed that the empire could not stand for a month. This was the opinion even at the Court of Austria, as appeared by the hasty application made to our Government for its friendly intercession in behalf of the

life of Maximilian. Yet Maximilian has maintained himself thus far throughout the year, and continues up to this time not only to hold the Liberal army at bay, but to retain possession of the principal seaport and the capital. The Juarest agents tell us constantly that they are just about to hang him; but it appears that they have a good deal to do yet before they get hold of him. The fact is, that all those who have ever been his supporters are forced to hold and fight with desperation to the out very last, for they know that the hour of their surrender insures them a bullet or

halter. We think our Government is called upon to give Juarez something like strong counon this subject. Secretery Seward had not one-half the occasion to utter his remonstrance against French cruelty toward the Liberals, that he has to remonstrate against Juarez's atrocities towards the Imperialists. Juarez ought to be made to understand that all mankind hold his bloody

The slight threatenings and beginnings of riot in Richmond, on Saturday, do not indicate serious trouble. There seems to have been white men in that city who have given the colored people bad counsel, which some of them have been foolish enough to take. Contrasted with this local and partial disorder is the general excellent and moderate behavior of the freedmen throughout the South, by which they should rightly be judged.—Tribung.

In spite of the Tribune's attempt to belittle the riots, authentic intelligence from Richmond makes it evident that a saturnalia of carnage is prevented in that city only by the vigilance and alertness of United States troops. That the negroes need to be overawed and terrified is proved by the speeches made in the African Church, on Sunday night, by Judge Underwood and Horace Greeley. Judge Underwood warned them, by repeating what one of the generals had said to him during the day, namely, "that there was a possibility of a riot being made by the negroes to-morrow, and that if there was, he would plant cannon and sweep the streets with grape-shot."

When the rabid and ribald Underwood finds it necessary to go into a negro church and utter such a warning, the volcano of riotous passions must be on the point of great eruption. Mr. Greeley's speech, as reported, consisted almost entirely in a dissussion from riots. The fact that the 11th United States Infantry is to encamp permanently in the City Springs Park, within the city limits, shows the necessity which General Schofield thinks himself under, of using vigorous measures of repression. The arrest of the Massachusetts radical, Hayward, for using incendiary lan-guage, and the putting him under heavy onds; the beating of policemen by negroes the patrolling of the streets by mounted soldiers; the stationing of squads of policemen at all the churches on Sunday to protect the worshippers against negro outrages; and the excited threats made by the negro populace, are evidence of a most violent and inflammatory state of feeling.

The contrast suggested by the Tribune between the conduct of the negroes in the Southern cities and the great mass of them on the plantations, is instructive. It affords a correct clue to the cause of the riots. The negroes on the plantations come into contact only with Southern whites, and reports from all parts of the South concur in showing that in the rural districts the freedmen are increasingly orderly and industrious, and that there is a gratifying friendliness of sentiment between the two races. Why is it different in New Orleans and Richmond? For no other reason than because in the cities the raving and incendiary radicals have an easy access to the negroes, and are exerting all their energy and ingenuity to breed mischief. If the torchand-turpentine radicals would forbear to stir up strife, the great problem of Southern society would solve itself in a peaceful, orderly, fraternal manner.

These plotters of disorder refuse to let the South alone because it is apparent that, if things are left to take their course, the freedmen will recognize the identity of interests between themselves and their section, and that their vote will not go to strengthen the Republican party. Perpetual discord and dissensions between the two races is necessary to enable that party to reap the crop which it has sown. When the radicals find that, though the freedmen vote, they are not likely to vote with them, they begin to conclude that their advocacy of negro suffrage was a political blunder, unless they can detach the negroes from the Southern whites. The South will have a larger representation in Congress and more power in the government in consequence of emancipation.

Unless, therefore, the South can be divided. and the negroes organized as a wing of the Republican party, the radicals have been fabricating a weapon for their own destruction. It is for this reason that they are making desperate efforts to array race against race. In inflaming the passions of the negroes up to the point of riotous outbreaks, the more considerate and crafty radicals are sensible that they have overshot the mark. It is their policy to foster hatred, but to make it run only in the political channels. The instigation of riots and the inauguration of a war of races tend to a recoil which will bring the party into odium. Hence the energy with which the rascally Judge Underwood, whose infuriated charge so powerfully stimulated the present dangerous state of feeling, is exerting himself to prevent an eruption of negro violence.

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