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More Botheration. From the Tribune. The readers of history will join with us in declaring that there are myths and botherations enough already in the chronicles of our race.

into the log of the old skipper's tacking and backing during the last two years. In any event, in this matter of impeachment, let not Congress repeat the folly of the fool in the fable who killed the goose that laid his golden eggs.

The Military Governors and the Reconstruction Law. Whatever else it may do, or leave undone, Congress will certainly pass some bill explaining and perfecting the Reconstruction law of last session.

From the Herald. There are wheels within wheels, a curious complication, upon the impeachment question, as it appears. For instance, it is given out that a majority of the Republicans on the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives are preparing a report with the opinion that the evidence taken is sufficient to call for the impeachment and removal of President Johnson.

Difficulties of Congress at the Extra Session. We assume, until the contrary appears, that Congress will undertake no other business than an amendment of the Reconstruction law, which has confessedly broken down under the attempt of the Attorney-General to give it a consistent interpretation.

party advantage. There must be some conditions on which the States will be finally readmitted, or else the restoration of the Union is impossible. But the conditions on which the Republican party mean to insist are such as Congress dare not avow; for it would be an affront to the public decency for Congress to declare by law that the title of the State to readmission depends upon their voting with the Republican party.

It being the intention of Congress to continue the exclusion of the States until they give Republican majorities, Congress will find it impossible, secondly, to devise a tolerable scheme of government for the present or future order during the long period of dismemberment. The experiment initiated by the Reconstruction acts contemplates three different sources of authority, namely, the Congress of the United States, the existing State Governments, and the Military Commanders.

It is utterly impossible to administer the affairs of those States without the aid of their State Governments, and it is incumbent on Congress to define with precision the extent of their authority, and draw the line which separates it from that of the Military Commanders. Are the Commanding Generals to be controlled by law, or only by their own irresponsible will?

Another difficulty, and a grave one, results from the possibility of the States being reorganized and their politics controlled by the negro element. The only chance of giving these States to the Republicans is through the negro vote, increasing it by whites enough to make it a majority.

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