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THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1869.

The Guerrillas and their prey. Mr. Elmer W. Davis, a so-called Republican member of the State Legislature from this city, saw fit yesterday afternoon to denounce the Evening Telegraph, in common with the Evening Bulletin, as a "guerrilla sheet," because they have been insisting that an end shall be put to the "dirty work" which has so long polluted the halls of legislation at Harrisburg.

The Conference which has just been held in Paris, with the view of postponing the final resort to arms, has accomplished practically nothing. The real issue has not been touched; a guarantee by all the great powers of Europe of the integrity of the Sultan's dominions, the only alternative with his ultimate expulsion, has not been broached by the representatives of the powers who participated in the treaty of Paris and in the recent Conference. The proceedings of the Conference, as far as they can be ascertained, amount simply to a formal declaration that the enervation of insurrections within, or of privateering and military expeditions against the countries of friendly States, is a violation of international law.

As the settlement of the inextinguishable difficulty between the Grecian element of Southeastern Europe and the Turkish power—now known under the general title of the Eastern Question—will be consummated only by the final expulsion of the Turks from Constantinople, the dispute were strictly confined to the petty sovereignty of Greece and the widely-extended dominion of the Sublime Porte, there would be but faint hope of its realization during the present century. But as soon as a speak of war begins to hover over Constantinople, all Europe is aroused, and when for once the war-cloud burst less than a score of years ago, England, France, and Sardina were leagued with Turkey against the Czar of all the Russias single-handed.

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The friends of liberty throughout the world will hear with pleasure the capture of Villeta and the destruction of the Paraguayan army. This puts an end to the despotism of Lopez, and it opens the Rio de la Plata and the immense stretch of country watered by its tributaries to the commerce of the world. The heroic resistance of the Paraguayans during the long and bloody struggle which has now concluded has secured for them an amount of sympathy to which the intrinsic justice of their cause did not entitle them.

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Kilpatrick is an orator of no mean pretensions, and doubtless did the cause of Grant and Colfax considerable service. This was not objectionable, nor was it inexcusable, for the defeat of Grant would, in all human probability, have upset Kilpatrick's little arrangement at Santiago. Yet it is currently reported, and generally believed, and doubtless capable of proof, that Kilpatrick insisted upon receiving \$100 for every speech delivered by him during the late campaign, and that he invariably carried his point. This may not be mercenary on the part of Kilpatrick; but to persons who have not been in the yearly receipt of \$10,000 in gold from the Government, and who did not receive \$100 per diem for advocating the cause of a candidate whose election would probably secure their annual income of \$10,000 in gold against all contingencies, it looks very much like avarice.

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