

THE LATE COMPROMISES WITH THE REBELS.

The reader will smile at the above caption, and ridicule the idea of any sane man, great or small, insinuating that there was a compromise with any of the numerous rebel leaders in the late surrenders. The disposition to laugh, however, at such puerile and ridiculous stupidity, will not remove from our midst the impression endeavored to be created among the ignorant and credulous by certain unscrupulous partisans. It is a prominent article of the faith of the valiant and hapless leaders of the Copperhead Democracy of Bedford county, to maintain the very semblance of consistency to be a jewel. They believe that the desertion of an upright political principle would breed a lack of confidence in their disciples, which might lead to results involving the very existence of the Party, or its entire overthrow. This has been their dogmatic course for a number of years. We are happy to be able to tell them now, however, that this game is exhausted, that the people are becoming acquainted with the exploded dogmas which they have so long, and with so much hard-boiled, foisted upon them. The policy which has long been followed, that of making the people believe any thing, and do anything in the name of the Democracy, is about in the same stages of dissolution as the rebellion. Though it will take years to convince the leaders of this potent truth; they have been so long accustomed to misleading the masses, believing and deceiving them, and when they do settle down to facts and principles they will be as closely scrutinized and suspected by the intelligent of their own party, as the convict who has just returned from Cape Colony or Van Diemen's Land.

If we understand the term compromise, it means a mutual agreement to settle differences with concessions of claims by the parties. A mutual agreement without the consequences of fear, compulsion, or other unwilling motive. And we assert here without fear of contradiction, when an arrangement is entered into readily by a beaten party, to avoid a worse alternative, it is no compromise, it is a surrender. The word compromise has covered a multitude of sins, but no one has ever, until now, so roundly abused it. As an illustration of our idea, Gen. Lee asks Gen. Grant on what terms he will receive the surrender of the army of Northern Virginia. These are almost the precise words. Gen. Grant encloses his terms. Gen. Lee scrutinizes them closely. He sees that he not only surrenders himself and army, but Slavery, State Rights, Southern Confederacy, and everything but life and private property, to save the latter, it must be done, the terms must be accepted. And this is a compromise, forsooth? How much like a compromise, indeed! The one contracting party asks for the terms upon which he will be permitted to surrender his army, the other dictates the terms upon which he will grant him life, and then the poor miserable tool, who has been unfortunate enough to have claimed at the onset of the rebellion, that our troubles could only be settled by compromise, for consistency, tells his ignorant and deluded followers that the SURRENDER was a COMPROMISE. The man who can be duped in this way, we have no doubt, will die a Copperhead, and he ought to.

THE CAPTURE OF JEFF. DAVIS.

The capture of Jeff. Davis has been the principal excitement of the week. Full details will be found in this paper. With this capture ends the last remnant of the rebel government. For four long years this nation has contended for this consummation, with a singleness of purpose which has won for us the admiration of our enemies. And to-day we have the proud satisfaction of seeing upon our banners, in letters of living light, the triumph of our sacred cause. Heaven be praised! The valiant men and true, who have braved death for their country's salvation will soon return to the peace-avocations of life and all will go on again as "merry as a marriage bell." How cheering the thought. Oh America: "There is no other land like this, No dearer shore, Than art the abler of the free, The home, the part of liberty, Thou hast, and shall ever be Till time is o'er. Ere I forget to think upon My land, shall mother curse the son She bore."

The capture of this noted character, whose name will be handed down to future generations as the most horrid ingrate that ever attempted paricide, will blast the hopes of every traitor throughout the world. And we are happy to say that the ridiculous caper cut by this fallen culprit at the time of his capture, is a fit finale to the slaveholders' rebellion. The details will be read by his many adherents with mortification and shame and they will curse, with bitter oaths, the day they followed the lead of this man. We have heard men assert over and over again that the rebel President, like Hannibal, would administer his own poison, or die selling his life as dearly as possible. But alas, Jeff is only human, and his friends had prophesied. He will arrive in Washington in a few days, it is hoped, and he will be placed on trial for Treason or for being accessory to the assassination of President Lincoln. It is quite probable that there is a rope in store for him. It should be a strong one, and our hope is that he will find the end of it.

TRIAL OF THE CONSPIRATORS.—The Court for the trial of the Washington assassination conspirators convened on Wednesday. The prisoners arraigned are Harold, Atzerodt, Payne, Arnold, McLaughlin, Mudd, and Mrs. Surratt.—Each of the prisoners designated counsel but none appeared except the gentleman named by Dr. Mudd. The prisoners respectfully plead not guilty.

THE KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN CIRCLE BROUGHT TO GRIEF.—President Johnson has signed the death warrant of Bowles, Mulligan and Hersey, leaders of the knights of the golden circle. They were tried at Indianapolis, and convicted of treasonable conspiracy. They are to be executed on the 19th inst.

THE 7-30s AND THE END OF THE WAR.

The greatest war in modern history has ended in triumph. The country has demonstrated the vastness of its power. We know it was great; now all the world knows it. Our neighbors across the water, who said our very greatness was our weakness—that we should never hold together—that we must fall to pieces, and very small pieces at that—now take off their hats and beg to assure us of their "most distinguished consideration." Verily a young nation that can raise two millions of fighting men and two thousand millions of money, just for the asking, is worthy of being "considered." They told us we could not carry on the war six months without begging for loans in European markets. We did carry on such a war as they never dreamed of, for four years, and never asked for a dollar; and they now wish to buy our bonds at an advance of fifty per cent. over last year's prices. Government stocks are quoted as brisk and in demand, and well they may be, for the time will soon come when no more will be offered. The national expenses will soon be down to a peace footing, and, instead of a Treasury budget of nine hundred millions, Secretary McCulloch will ask us for about a third of that sum. And how much easier it will be to raise this in peace than in war! The millions of soldiers who have so long made a business to destroy life and property will return to pursuits of industry, and the now ravaged fields will whiten with new harvests. Instead of reading every morning that so many miles of railroad have been destroyed, it will be that "so many new avenues to material wealth have been opened." The South itself will be compelled to bear its share of the burden it imposed on the country, and its cotton—so much greater than gold, and still so much less than king—will have no attribute of royalty but what it pays into the revenue. A tax on Southern cotton will be quite as easily collected as on Northern petroleum or manufactures, and besides the articles must be had—the world wants it. It would take but a fraction of our property to pay the national debt; but if we do not pay a dollar of the principal in ten years, that fraction will be reduced one-half by the development of the national resources. We shall doubtless wind up the war and square all accounts with a national debt of three thousand millions on about 18 per cent. of the present national wealth; but, according to its rate of increase (127 per cent.) from 1850 to 1860,—in 1875 this debt will be less than nine per cent. But our ability to pay the national debt needs no demonstration; but as some of us have looked upon the dark side, we may as well have a glance at the sunshine. The national loans will soon be out of the market,—but for a short time the Government will need money to pay off the army and settle up the expenses of the war. Only about two hundred millions more of the second series of the 7-30 Loan remain to be taken, and when it is finally withdrawn, there is no doubt that it will rise to a handsome premium, and at the rate it is now going, some time within the next sixty days will see the last of this series. Mr. Jay Cooke, the subscription agent, announced in February "that the first two hundred millions of 7-30s will probably be taken in at par from three to four months"—but they were taken in less than two. So that parties who desire to invest at par in the U. S. Loan, bearing seven and three-tenths annual interest, and in three years, convertible into a 6-20 six per cent. gold interest bond should make their preparations accordingly. Many of the best financial authorities believe that the Government will be able to fund such portions of its debt, as it may not be ready to pay as it falls due, at 4 1/2 per cent.

THE RIGHT OF SUFFRAGE.

The spirit of slavery—for that spirit was by no means confined to the slaveholding States—wrote the word "white" in the constitution of Pennsylvania, excluding an entire class of her citizens from the ballot box—a class, all of whom were natives of the country, and a large proportion of them worthy, intelligent, honest men—while foreigners, however ignorant, vicious and debased, utter strangers to the genius and spirit of our institutions, and incapable of understanding them even if they had tried, were, after a short delay, admitted to all the privileges of citizenship. We were going to say "after a short probation," but there was no probation about it. The question was not "Are you fit to be a citizen?" but, "How long have you been in the country?" We say nothing against our laws of naturalization. Many good citizens have come in through that door, and we do not wish to see it shut; and we desire to unbar another door in our State, and restore to those of our citizens who, although not white, have proved themselves to be loyal, patriotic and brave, privileges which they once enjoyed, but of which they were unjustly deprived by the Constitutional Convention of 1836. At that time well-dressed gentlemen and scholars united with coarse and brutal mobs to sustain slavery, and at that time it was agreed by the common consent of all these classes, representatives of the pulpit, the forum, the top-room and the brothel, that abolitionists should not talk, and that negroes should not vote. But now, since abolitionists have regained the right to talk as much as they please and where they please; since William Lloyd Garrison has walked the streets of Charleston, and made speeches there, and since black men wear the livery of the nation, and battle valiantly in its defence, we say that in all fairness we must let them vote. When the right was taken away from them in Pennsylvania, the advocates of the measure contended that it was expedient; but even this miserable plea cannot be urged now. Let the word "white," therefore, be expunged from our State Constitution, and let it drift down among the cast-off barbarisms and follies of a by-gone era, along with that infamous judicial dictum, that a colored man "has no rights which a white man is bound to respect."

We do not say that the word LOYAL ought to be inserted in its stead in Pennsylvania; but there are plenty of States, in the constitutions of which it ought to be inserted; it would be a good word in all the border

States, while in those which composed the late confederacy it is indispensable. This, of course, would admit all the colored men to the ballot-box, but it would exclude many white. This, it seems to us, is the dictate of reason, prudence and common sense; while to exclude an entire class, merely because they have not as white skins as the rest of us, can be referred to nothing but a blind and slavish prejudice. Let us imagine that two men are before us—one has fought and bled in the service of his country, but his skin is black; the other's soul is black with treason, and hands red with the blood of his murdered countrymen; but his skin is white—which shall vote?—Pittsburgh Gazette.

THE CAPTURE OF JEFF. DAVIS!

HE IS SURPRISED AT IRVINGVILLE, GA., ON THE 10th INST.

HIS PERSONAL STAFF SECURED.

THE REBEL POST-MASTER-GENERAL TAKEN.

JEFF TRIES TO ESCAPE IN WOMEN'S CLOTHES.

HIS IDEAS ON "MAGNANIMITY."

WHAT MRS. DAVIS SAYS.

A PAINFUL MISTAKE.

The Ex-President to be brought directly to Washington.

OFFICIAL.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Washington, May 13. Maj. Gen. Dix.—The following dispatch just received from Gen. Wilson, announces the surprise and capture of Jefferson Davis and his staff by Col. Pritchard and the Michigan Cavalry, on the morning of the 10th inst., at Irwingsville, in Irwin County, Georgia.

EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

MAON, Ga., May 12, 1865—11 a. m. Lieut. Gen. U. S. Grant and Hon. Secretary of War—

I have the honor to report that, at daylight of the 10th inst., Col. Pritchard, commanding 4th Michigan Cavalry, captured Jeff Davis and family, together with his staff, at Irwingsville, in Irwin County, Ga., 75 miles south-east of this place. They will be here to-morrow night, and will be forwarded under strong guard without delay. I will send further particulars at once.

J. H. WILSON, Brevet Major-General.

SECOND DISPATCH.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Washington, May 14. Maj. Gen. John A. Dix.—The following details of the capture of Jefferson Davis, who was taken on the morning of the 10th inst., by Col. Minty, commanding Second Division—

EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

MAON, Ga., May 12—11 a. m. Hon. E. M. Stanton, Sec. of War:—

The following dispatch announcing the capture of Jeff Davis has just been handed me by Col. Minty, commanding Second Division—

HD. QRS., 4TH MICHIGAN CAVALRY, CUMBERLANDVILLE, Ga., May 11, 1865. To Capt. T. W. Scott, A. G. Second Division—

SIR: I have the honor to report that at daylight yesterday, at Irwingsville, I surprised and captured Jeff Davis and family together with his wife, sisters and brother; his Postmaster-General, Reagan; his Private Secretary, Col. Harrison; Col. Johnson, Aid-de-Camp on Davis' Staff; Col. Morris, commanding the 1st Wisconsin; and several important men, and a train of five wagons and three ambulances, making a most perfect success.

Had not a most painful mistake occurred, by which the 4th Michigan and 1st Wisconsin came in conflict, we should have done better. The 1st Wisconsin, under the command of Lieut. Boutle wounded through the arm in the 4th Michigan, and four men wounded in the 1st Wisconsin. This occurred just at daylight, after we had captured the camp. By the advance of the 1st Wisconsin they were mistaken for the enemy, and had been sent due east by Gen. Croxton, via Dublin.

Col. Minty had distributed his command all along the south bank of the Ocmulgee and Altamaha. This accounts for the collision between parts of the First and Second Divisions, and shows the zeal of the command in the pursuit.

I have directed increased vigilance on the part of the command, in the hope of catching the other assassins.

Our dispositions of men are good, and so far none of the Rebel chiefs have been able to get through. Breckinridge's son was captured on the night before last, 11 miles south of here. Will send further details as soon as received.

J. H. WILSON, Brevet Major-General.

MAON, GA., May 13—9:30 a. m. Hon. E. M. Stanton Sec. of War:—

Lieut. Col. Hardee, commanding the 1st Wisconsin has just arrived from Irwingsville. He struck the trail of Davis at Dublin, Laurens county, on the evening of the 7th, and followed him closely night and day through the pine wilderness of Aligator Creek and Green Swamp, via Cumberlandville, to Irwingsville.

At Cumberlandville, Col. Haden met Col. Pritchard with 150 picked men and horses of the 4th Michigan.

Harden followed the trail directly south, while Pritchard, having fresher horses, pushed down the Ocmulgee toward Hopewell, and thence by House Creek to Irwingsville, arriving there at midnight of the 9th. Jeff Davis had not arrived.

From a citizen Pritchard learned that his party were encamped two miles out of the town. He made dispositions of his men, and surrounded the camp before day.

Harden had camped, at 9 p. m. within two miles, as he afterwards learned, from Davis.

The trail being too indistinct to follow, he pushed on at 3 a. m., and had gone but a little more than one mile when his advance was fired upon by men of the 4th Michigan.

A fight ensued, both parties exhibiting the greatest determination. Fifteen minutes elapsed before the mistake was discovered.

The firing in this skirmish was the first warning that Davis received. He and his wife were hastily put on one of his wives' dresses and started for the woods, closely followed by our men, who at first thought him a woman, but seeing his boots while he was running, they suspected his sex at once.

The race was a short one, and the Rebel President was soon brought to bay. He brandished a bowie-knife and showed signs of battle, but yielded promptly to the persuasions of Col's revolvers, without compelling the men to fire.

He expressed great indignation at the capture with which he was pursued, saying that he had believed our Government more magnanimous than to hunt down women and children.

Mrs. Davis remarked to Col. Harden after the excitement was over that the men had better not provoke the President, or "he might hurt some of 'em."

Reagan behaves himself with dignity and resignation.

The party, evidently, were making for the coast.

J. H. WILSON, Brevet Major-General.

FROM EUROPE.

The Horrors Over the Assassination—A Great Sympathy Meeting in London—Speeches by Prominent Englishmen—A Letter of Condolence to America from Austria.

HALFAX, May 10.—The steamship Asia has arrived, with Liverpool addresses of April 30th.

SYMPATHY FROM THE PEOPLE OF LONDON. LONDON, April 30.—On Saturday evening an immense public meeting convened, under the auspices of the Emancipation Society, in St. James' Hall, to express their feelings of grief and horror at the assassination of President Lincoln, and sympathy with the President and people of the United States, and with Mrs. Lincoln, Mr. Seward, and his family.

The galleries of the Hall were draped in black, and over the end gallery hung the American flag. The meeting was presided over by Mr. W. J. Fox, who manifested not merely warm admiration for the character and capacity of the late President, and sincere sympathy with the people of the United States in their loss, but their hearty approval of the great cause Mr. Lincoln represented. The platform contained an array of Parliamentary gentlemen and many leading citizens of the metropolis. Many ladies were present, a majority of whom were in mourning. Various resolutions were carried, not merely with unanimity, but with an intense feeling rarely seen at public meetings.

The chair was occupied by Wm. J. Fox, Esq., M. P., who delivered a most eloquent and stirring address, in which he expressed his warm sympathy with the American Government and people, and their entire confidence in the President and people of the United States. The chair was supported by twenty influential members of parliament and a large array of distinguished vice-presidents, representing every section of the community. Letters of sympathy were read from Sir Charles Lyell, Lord Houghton, and others. Mr. Fox, M. P., moved the following resolution:—"That this meeting desires to give utterance to the feelings of grief and horror with which it has heard of the assassination of President Lincoln and the murderous attack on Mr. Seward, and to convey to Mrs. Lincoln and the United States Government and people the profound sympathy and heartfelt condolences of the British people."

Mr. Fox said this was a time when the tie of blood binding Englishmen to Americans was indeed truly felt—a thrill of grief, horror and indignation, which had passed through the length and breadth of Europe, and especially possessed the heart of every Englishman, as though some painful calamity had fallen on himself. [Cheers.] This meeting would, he hoped, send by the ship which left their shores that night its sympathies to the widows and orphans and the country who had lost their faithful father for the future. He was confident in the belief that they had so learned the lesson of common history that they could prove what strength a free and Christian people have to bear up against horror and indignation, which had passed through the length and breadth of Europe, and especially possessed the heart of every Englishman, as though some painful calamity had fallen on himself. 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