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More Men Wanted from Centre.

The late Army Regulations call for the increase of companies to one hundred and one men. Capt. Gregg, of the Centre Guards has sent 1st Corporal Frank McGarvey to this place to raise the Twenty-Four men necessary to fill out that company. His recruiting office is at the Conrad House. A meeting will be held on Saturday Evening in the Court House, for the purpose of raising these men. Let the sons of Centre respond as they have done heretofore.

CAPTURE OF A CENTRE CO. COMPANY.

The Capture of a company of Pennsylvania troops, by the rebels in Virginia, has caused a deep feeling of regret wherever the fact has become known. The affair occurred near Martinsburg, and was the result of a surprise by a party of rebel cavalry, who were mistaken for regulars of the troops captured. From what we can learn, the men were from what is called the "Loop," in Centre county, commanded by Captain Hoss, who is well known in that county as a brave and gallant gentleman. It is hoped that an exchange of prisoners will be made between the two armies in a short time, when these men will be released; but in the meantime we fear, from what we have heard, that the Pennsylvanians are treated in the most brutal and outrageous manner.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

To Our Friends.

We trust that our friends who have received bills from us within the last two weeks will attend to them promptly. It needs no argument on our part, certainly, to convince men that money is necessary to carry on the publication of a newspaper these times, and certainly we must look to our patrons for it. Every body knows that we are poor and have no capital of our own to use in business, therefore, if we do not get money enough to put us through we must run in debt, which is the ruin of any young man; and, more than that, if we do not meet those debts when due, then our credit is run out. Debts are pressing us now, and we desire to meet them. The very paper upon which we print from week to week is unpaid for, the rent of our office and house is to be paid. We must have the necessities of life, and to get these in Bellefonte requires money. We trust that our friends will take these things into consideration and pay us at least a portion of what is due. The first six months of this year are about up, and those who wish to save half a dollar would do well to take advantage of our advance terms. We need three hundred dollars. There are due on our books, for the last year alone, over \$1000. It is a strange thing, if out of this sum, together with about \$1500 which is due on this year, we cannot raise three or four hundred dollars. Let every man who owes us consider this a dun.

Congress.

Congress met at Washington on Thursday last—forty-three members of the Senate and one hundred and fifty-seven members of the House being present. Galusha A. Grow, of Pennsylvania, was elected Speaker of the House, and Emerson Etheridge, of Tennessee, was chosen Clerk—both on the first ballot.—Congress is now in complete working order, and it is believed will at once proceed to consider and relieve the pressing wants of the country. Bills intended to ensure an immediate and effectual crushing out of the rebellion have already been presented by Gen. Wilson, and there can be no question of their speedy passage. Congress exhibits a spirit of hearty response to the suggestions conveyed by the President in his special message, and before the present week is past will doubtless confirm his acts and place in his hands the power needed to successfully assert the National supremacy.

The President now recommends the immediate enrollment of 400,000 men, and the appropriation of \$400,000,000 to meet the present emergency. He is satisfied that this rebellion can be most quickly and effectually put down by an overwhelming exhibition of the national power. This determination will be welcomed with joy by the untold thousands who are pining for an opportunity to take the field against the defiant traitors. There is not a loyal man in the Free States who will not respond to the suggestion with a hearty Amen. If Congress desires to satisfy the popular feeling, it will grant every man and every dollar asked for without a day's delay. Our people are ready to sanction any measure that promises to quell the present rebellion, and procure the complete vindication of the supremacy of the Constitution and a full atonement to our violated laws. Given the men and money, and under the wise counsels of President Lincoln and General Scott, this result will not be long in its development. We believe that these leaders have been providentially assigned to the work before them, and that they will faithfully fulfill to the end the mission of preserving and regenerating the nation.

THE OHIOANS IN AN AMBUSH.

THEY CUT THEIR WAY THROUGH.

FIVE REBELS KILLED.

Buckannon, Va., July 7.—Forty-five men, belonging to the Third Ohio regiment, under Captain Lawson, while on a scouting expedition fell in with an ambuscade of several hundred rebels at Middleburg Bridge, twelve miles east, and were surrounded. After a desperate fight, they cut their way through, losing one killed and having five wounded. Five dead rebels were found today on the scene of the conflict.

President Lincoln's Message.

It may seem out of place to remark on the style of a document whose substance is of such grave import, and which is an exposition of the state of the country in the most momentous crisis of its history. But there is such a homely and honest simplicity in this message; its manner seems to perfect a picture of the war; it is so transparently written—to borrow one of its own expressions—"without guile and with pure purpose," that it cannot fail to take a strong hold on the popular heart, and endear Mr. Lincoln still more to the great body of the people, who prefer vigorous, every day common sense, quaint expression and shrewd mother wit, to the pomp of artificial rhetoric or the stiff formality of a mere state-paper style. The message bears internal evidence that it is Mr. Lincoln's own, its peculiar richness of expression proving that it has not been retouched by any member of the cabinet. The unfeigned sympathy with "the patriotic instincts of plain people," which runs through it, and the original ways of putting things with which it abounds, are calculated to strengthen that confidence in Mr. Lincoln's honesty and robust common sense, which causes the sturdy masses to feel that he is a man to lean against in a great emergency.

The message is calculated to set at rest all apprehensions—if, indeed, any have ever been honestly entertained—that the President would ever allow this struggle to be brought to a pusillanimous close by an ignominious compromise with the traitors. True, there is not in the message any of that apologetic energy which consists of the piling up of vehement expressions; for the President is perfectly self-poised, and reasons throughout the document in that easy, familiar, common sense way which implies the consciousness of a strong nature that he will be found equal to his duties. But with this absence of any straining to appear resolute there is sufficient evidence that having "put his foot down firmly," he will keep it down.

The strong things in the message are all the more impressive from the simplicity and absence of bluster with which they are expressed.—The main recommendation which President Lincoln offers to Congress "for the purpose of making this contest a short and decisive one," speaks very decisively for the energy with which he desires the war to be prosecuted. When he asks for at least four hundred thousand men and four hundred millions of dollars, he indicates so clearly his sense of the importance of crushing the rebellion by the overwhelming exertion of force as to dispense him from using toward the rebels the language of strong measures. It betrays the dignity of a great nation and a strong government to let its deeds prove to the world the energy of its determination. When we put in the field an army as large as that of France, the most military nation of Europe, although France has thirty six millions of inhabitants and the free state of the Union only twenty millions, neither our own people nor foreign nations will need any assistance in drawing correct inferences as to the vigor with which the government intends to follow up the rebellion. President Lincoln, to prove the possibility of raising and maintaining so large an army as he asks for, states that the four hundred thousand men he wants make only one tenth of the citizens of the free states capable of military service, while the four hundred millions of dollars are only one twenty-third of the estimated value of the property of these states. The interests of freedom, of commerce, and of good government alike demand that this war shall be short; and if the President's recommendations are adopted by Congress, the earnest wishes of the people in this respect will be fully met.

The message seems to have been written under a sense that the contrast between the pacific tone of the inaugural and the present call for an army of overwhelming force required a full argumentative justification of the warlike attitude of the government. Mr. Lincoln accordingly gives a simple, succinct and perfectly calm narrative of the facts connected with the attempt to provision Fort Sumter, the mere statement of which is a sufficient argument in justification of the war; and then, after a conclusive refutation (without naming him) of Chief Justice Taney's incalculable action in the matter of his inclusion in the matter of the habeas corpus, he proceeds to make the most original and conclusive demonstration of the absurdity of secession that has ever been presented to the country. He pushes the pretense that only Congress can suspend the writ of habeas corpus in time of rebellion or invasion to a perfect *reductio ad absurdum*, by showing that, if this position is correct, a rebellion which should succeed in preventing Congress from meeting, as the secession rebels threatened to do, would annihilate the government by leaving it without any power of self-protection. The argument against the right of secession, founded on the fact that most of the members of the federal Union were never, historically, independent states, nor states at all until their admission into the Union, will produce a great impression on the public mind, both by its novelty and its force. How a state that was elevated to statehood from a condition of territorial dependence, at the sole discretion of the government of the Union, can fall back on its original independence and sovereignty, none of the secession oracles have ever told us. Mr. Lincoln has in his argument given them a nut to crack that will be likely to break their jaws.

There is a small literary polish, or rather *dilatation*, that may not please the careless and homely appraiser of President Lincoln's style, but this message really contains more unadorned and vigorous thought, ennobled in terms which will carry it irresistibly home, and give it a secure lodgment in the popular mind, than is to be found in any executive document since the days of Jackson. What for example, can be more telling than his argument (in his way of putting it) that, as the states cannot expel a state from the Union, they have no power to virtually do the same thing by all but one seceding and forming a new confederacy, leaving that one out in the cold? In good truth the secession absurdities have never been so thoroughly ridiculed as they are in this excellent and manly message.—N. Y. World.

The President's Message.

400,000 MEN AND 400,000,000 OF MONEY WANTED.

Fellow Citizens of the Senate and House of Representatives.—Having been convened on an extraordinary occasion, authorized by the Constitution, your attention is not called to any ordinary object of legislation. At the beginning of the Presidential term, four months ago, the functions of the Federal Government were found to be generally suspended within the several States of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida, excepting those only of the Post Office Department. Within those States all forts, arsenals, dockyards, custom-houses, and the like, had been seized and were held in open hostility to this Government, excepting only those of Pickens, Taylor, and Jefferson on and near the Florida coast, and Fort Sumpter, in Charleston harbor, South Carolina. The forts thus seized had been put in improved condition, new ones had been built, and armed forces had been organized and were organizing, all avowedly with the same hostile purpose.

The forts remaining in the hands of the Federal Government, and in near these States were either besieged or menaced with warlike preparations, and several of them, such as Fort Mifflin, which was nearly surrounded by projected hostile batteries with guns equal in quality to the best of its own, and outnumbering the latter perhaps ten to one.—A disproportionate share of the Federal moneys and rifles had somehow found their way into these States, and had been seized by well-armed forces of the Government. Accumulations of the public revenue lying within them had been seized against the Government.—The Navy was scattered in distant seas, leaving but a very small part of it within the immediate reach of the Government.—Officers of the Federal army and navy had resigned in great numbers, and of those resigning a large proportion had taken up arms against the Government.

Simultaneously and in connection with all this, the purpose to sever the Federal Union was openly avowed, and in accordance with this purpose, an ordinance had been adopted in each of these States, declaring the States respectively to be separated from the National Union. A formula for instituting a combined government for these States had been promulgated, and this illegal organization in the character of the Confederate States was already making recognition, aid and intervention from foreign powers.

Finding this condition of things, and believing it to be an imperative duty upon the Executive to prevent, if possible, the consummation of such attempt to destroy the Federal Union, a choice of means to that end became indispensable. This choice was made and was declared in the Inaugural Address. The policy chosen looked to the exhaustion of all peaceful measures before a resort to any stronger ones. It sought only to hold only the public property not already wrested from the Government and to prevent the revenue, relying for the rest, on time, discussion, and the ballot box. It promised a continuance of the mails at the Government expense to the very people who were resisting the Government, and it gave repeated pledges against any disturbance to any of the people or any of their rights. Of their rights, a President might constitutionally and justifiably do in such a case, everything was forbore, without which it was believed impossible to keep the Government on foot.

On the 5th of March, the present incumbent of this full duty in office, a letter of Major Anderson, commander of Fort Sumter, written on the 28th of February, and received at the War Department on the 4th of March, was by that Department placed in his hands. This letter expressed the professional opinion of the writer, that reinforcements could not be thrown into that within the time for his relief, and that the limited supply of provisions, and with a view of holding possession of the same, with a force of less than twenty thousand good and well disciplined men. This opinion was concurred in by all the officers of his command, and their names and signatures were made enclosures of Major Anderson's letter. The whole was immediately laid before Lieutenant General Scott, who at once concurred with Major Anderson in that opinion. On reflection, however, he took full time, consulting with other officers of the army and navy, and at the end of four days came reluctantly but decidedly to the same conclusion as before.

He also stated at the same time that no such sufficient force was then within the control of the Government or could be raised and brought to the ground within the time when the provisions in the fort would be exhausted. In a reply made at that time, this reduced the duty of the Administration in the case to the mere matter of getting the garrison safely out of the fort. It was believed, however, that to so abandon that position, under the circumstances, would be utterly ruinous; that the necessity under which it was done, would not be fully understood; that by making it a voluntary policy; that at home it would discourage the friends of the Union, embolden its adversaries, and go far to insure to the latter a recognition abroad; that, in fact, it would be our National dishonor consummated. This could not be allowed to stand, yet upon the garrison, and ere it would be reached Fort Pickens might be reinforced. This last would be a clear indication of policy, and would better enable the country to accept the evacuation of Fort Sumter as a necessary necessity. An order was at once directed to be sent for the landing of troops from the steamship Brooklyn to Fort Pickens. This order could not go by land, and must take the longer and slower route by sea.

The first return news from the order was received just one week before the fall of Fort Sumter. 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