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VERY LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

THE ASSASSINS HANGED.

HABEAS CORPUS GRANTED MRS. SURRATT.

Suspended by the President.

MEETING BETWEEN MOTHER AND DAUGHTER.

Mrs. Surratt, Atzerott, Harrold and Payne Executed.

They Confessed on the Platform.

PRAYERS BY ATTENDING MINISTERS.

Thanks Returned for Kind Treatment.

THE FATAL DROP.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—All the condemned conspirators sentenced to be hanged to-day, were executed.

On petition of Mary E. Surratt, through her counsel, Messrs Aiken and Clampit, Judge Wylie, of the Supreme Court of this district, directed an issue of a writ of habeas corpus to General Hancock, commanding him to produce in court at ten o'clock this morning the body of Mary E. Surratt, with the cause of detention. The writ was served on General Hancock at the Metropolitan Hotel, at eight o'clock this morning, by United States Marshal Gooding. He immediately consulted with the Attorney General and Secretary of War.

At 10:30 the General had not obeyed the writ. The fact was brought to the notice of the Court by her counsel, but the Judge said he had not power to enforce the writ.

Early to-day, guards were placed all around the arsenal grounds to prevent the intrusion of persons to the scene of execution, none being admitted excepting those who were previous ly supplied with passes by Gen. Hancock.

The relatives of Harrold spent several hours with him, and they were also attended by their spiritual advisers, as were also Payne and Atzerott.

A few minutes after one o'clock the outer prison door was opened, and Mrs. Surratt was escorted on her way to the gallows escorted by two military officers. Next followed Atzerott, Harrold and Payne, accompanied by a guard and their respective ministers of the gospel. Front seats were provided for them on the platform in the following order: Mrs. Surratt, Payne, Harrold and Atzerott; the officers entrusted with the execution and the ministers occupied intermediate positions.

Major General Hartranft, who has been from the commencement in charge of the prisoners, came forward and read the order of the War Department already published, approving the sentences, and ordering the penalty of death to be inflicted.

A heavy guard was stationed on the walls surrounding the grounds, while below soldiers were formed on two sides of a square.

Perhaps several hundred civilians were present, anxious spectators of the solemn scene.

One of the priests, attending Mrs. Surratt, repeated a short pra yer, to which Payne, who was seated next to her, attentively listened.

The minister who had been administering to Payne, expressed, in the name of the latter, his sincere thanks to General Hartranft and the officers and soldiers who had charge of him, for their great kindness. They had not intended, an unkind word, nor given an unpleasant look or gesture, but seemed to compassionate his misfortune.

The minister then uttered a brief prayer, asking for Payne the forgiveness of all his sins, and a passage out of this world into the bliss of Heaven.

The minister who attended Harrold also returned thanks for the kind treatment of the prisoner, and offered a prayer that God would receive his soul. Harrold was affected to tears.

The minister who attended Atzerott also returned thanks for him to General Hartranft and other officers for kind attentions, and then invoked the mercy of God upon the prisoners.

The confidence were then required to rise from their seats, when the caps were removed and they were now all on the drops, with their hands fastened behind them and their legs bandaged both below and above the knees, and white capes placed over their heads. Atzerott, while being prepared for the execution, exclaimed, "Gentlemen, farewell, take care;" and "good bye, gentlemen now before me." One of the clergymen standing near exclaimed, "May we all meet in the other world."

As soon as the noose was placed around each neck, Mrs. Surratt being the last one adjusted, the seats on the platform on which they had been standing, suddenly fell, and the culprits were hanging several feet from the ground. Mrs. Surratt and Payne scarcely moved a muscle. Atzerott exhibited some convulsions, but Harrold showed more personal sensibility than any of the others.

The bodies after hanging some time after life was extinct, were delivered given over for burial, coffins, shrouds and everything being ready at hand for the purpose.

The arrangements for the execution were perfect. Major General Hancock was present throughout the proceedings.

It is said that Payne last night made a statement in behalf of Mrs. Surratt, exhonorating her from complicity, and that another person subscribed to an affidavit impeaching the testimony of an important witness against her.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—This morning, Judge Wylie granted, on application of the counsel of Mrs. Surratt, a writ of habeas corpus, commanding Major Gen. Hancock to produce the body of Mrs. Surratt before the court. The writ was returnable at 10 o'clock, but nearly two hours after that time Gen. Hancock entered the court, accompanied by Attorney General Speed, who apologized for the apparent delay in making a return, on the part of the General, as it was unavoidable.

Hedren proceeded to read his return in which Gen. Hancock said the body of Mrs. Surratt was in his possession, under and by virtue of an order of President Johnson, for the purpose expressed, &c., which order is as follows:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, July 7, 1865.—*To Major General W. S. Hancock, commanding, &c.*—The Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, do hereby declare that the writ of habeas corpus has been heretofore suspended in such cases as this; and I do hereby specially suspend this writ and direct that you proceed to execute the order heretofore given upon the judgment of the Military Commission, and you will give this order in return to this writ.

ANDREW JOHNSON, President.

The court remarked that no further steps would be taken in the matter.

Attorney General Speed briefly rejoined, commenting upon the distinction between the civil and military jurisdiction, showing the utter impossibility of fighting battles, carrying on the war, maintaining the government in times of war, &c., by process of law.

NEW YORK, July 7.—The *Post's* Washington special says: Strong efforts were made this morning to induce the President to reprieve Mrs. Surratt by her counsel and the Roman Catholic clergymen, who have acted as spiritual advisers, but to no purpose. The President was firm in his decision, and while hearing the arguments emphatically refused to alter or modify the woman's sentence. It is reported that Mrs. Surratt has written a statement or confession, which has been handed to her spiritual advisers.

NEW YORK, July 7.—A Washington special to the morning papers says: After the sentence of death was read Payne did not express any hope of reprieve. He said John Surratt was acting cowardly in failing to appear and die with his mother. Being asked if he had any direction to give as to the disposition of his body, he answered that he had no friends within reach or immediate communication, and therefore his body must be subject to such disposal as the officers shall direct. He maintained that his relatives are all in Florida, and that his real name is Powell. He expressed the forlorn regret that Mrs. Surratt should, by reason of any act of his, suffer, and evinced solicitude for her not unlike that of a tender child for its parent, seemingly thinking only of her fate and the sufferings she was about to undergo.

Harrold and Atzerott manifested no hope. The former was sensibly more serious than he had been during the trial. The latter was much bowed. Soon after the proclamation of the sentences the friends and relatives of the prisoners began to arrive at the Arsenal.

Miss Surratt was among the first to arrive on this occasion. The meeting of the criminal mother and sorrow-stricken daughter was most heartrending. Both, however, the former rallied and straightway visited the President to plead for the commutation of the sentence to imprisonment for life. She was joined by two Catholic priests and her mother's attorneys. Mrs. Surratt begged to be reprieved for a few days.

ADVICES FROM TEXAS.

GALVESTON CARRIGNED BY COLORED TROOPS.

ARRIVAL OF GEN. WEITZEL'S CORPS AT HOUSTON.

Rebel Forts and Batteries Deserted.

MOVEMENTS OF GEN. SHERIDAN.

Union Celebration in New Orleans.

ORATION BY GENERAL BANKS

THE CONCENTRATION IN TEXAS.

NUMERICAL STRENGTH 85,000 MEN.

NEW YORK, July 7.—The *Tribune's* Galveston correspondent, under date of June 20th, says: Galveston is now occupied by colored troops, constituting a provost guard for the enforcement of law and order.

General Gordon Granger left this morning for Houston, with a sufficient force to occupy the city and protect the citizens in the vicinity. The transports, laden with a part of Weitzel's corps, arrived several days ago, but were unable to cross the bar on account of the high sea that had been rolled up by a strong southeast wind. A large fleet is now at anchorage off the bar, composed of navy vessels, transports and coal barks. The Fort Royal, New London, Preston and Cassadiga are anchored in the bay. The forts and batteries built with so great pains are now deserted. The shell, shot and powder are scattered about with wanton recklessness. General Granger declares that they are not worth occupying at present, and it is probable they will remain in their desolation as monuments of four years unsuccessful treason. Fort Bankhead and Fort Magruder are the principal earthworks, but they do not deserve to be called forts, being merely piles of sand and railroad iron, with but few guns in the casemates and on the parapets. At a distance across the water these piles of yellow sand loomed up quite grandly, and, to an unprofessional eye, obviously was strongly fortified; but after all the best defence of the city, by water, was in the shallowness, narrowness and tortuousness of the channel. The city is desolate; loyalty does not exist, even among the inhabitants even now, while Union soldiers patrol the streets and a powerful fleet is anchored off the city. Those narrow minded and impoverished people cling to the idea of State independence; they want to fly the Lone Star flag once more to subdivide their country into four States or more, and to become a recognized power in the world. There are many more slaves in Texas than there were before the war, but the institution is waning; even their value has fallen to about zero, and little effort is made to capture them when they run away. I could fill many columns were I to describe the horrible accounts that reach us of the lawlessness and bloodthirstiness of the latter. "Vengeance is mine, I will repay," has been the motto of the ill-used soldier of the Confederacy, and quartermasters and contractors have paid the penalty of their frauds in the byways and on the limbs of trees.

The *Tribune's* Key West correspondence says: Major General Sheridan, after visiting Galveston, proceeded to Brazos, Santiago, and from thence to Brownsville, remaining but a short time in each place. He is hourly expected to return to his headquarters in this city, which are established at the Strong mansion.

General Weitzel arrived at Brazos Santiago, a few days since, and temporarily established his headquarters at that place. It is thought he will proceed to Brownsville in a few weeks, or as soon as the debarkation of his command has been effected.

The *Tribune's* Washington special says: The following dispatch was received to-day:

New Orleans, July 4.—Gen. Banks delivered an oration at a Union celebration here to-day before an immense and enthusiastic audience, and one of the most eloquent addresses ever made in this State asserted the justice, right and necessity of conferring the franchise on the colored people of the South. The celebration wound up to-night with a magnificent torch-light procession.

Hon. John Covode has been investigating affairs, and left for Washington yesterday.

General Gordon Granger, commanding in Texas, in a recently issued order gives the people of that State to understand that slavery has ceased to exist there, and that this result involves an equality of personal rights of property between the negroes and their former masters. At the same time he counsels the colored people to remain on the plantations and continue to work, and warns them against idleness.

Brigadier General Russel has been ordered to proceed with his command to Indianola, and General Cole, with his cavalry brigade, has been ordered to Corpus Christi. The remainder of the corps will rendezvous at Brazos Santiago.

At the time of the capture of Mobile there are at least one thousand men of this command on board of the various vessels comprising the expedition who have been detained from landing by various causes, &c.

Some are at present in this city receiving a supply of coal and water; others are in Mobile bay, detained for the same purpose; and in order to give the men an opportunity to clean up the vessels and attend to the sanitary condition of the troops on board, while others are detained off Brazos awaiting the arrival of a lighter vessel, on which to debark the troops and Artillery arms and materials.

The 6th corps arrived here on transports a few days since from up the Mississippi river, and are at present in camp on the old Jackson battle ground, distanced about six miles from the city. It is understood they will be ordered to Texas as soon as Gen. Sheridan arrived from Brownsville.

General Custer is still at Alexandria, on the Red river, organizing his cavalry corps, which is expected to start overland for Houston in two columns, one from Alexandria and the other from Shreveport, in a few days. The 2d Indiana Heavy Artillery, 3d Wisconsin and 7th Illinois Cavalry arrived at Alexandria a few days since. They will form a portion of the gallant Custer's command.

The conversation in Texas expresses to a great extent the conversation of the people of this city. It is supposed that the numerical strength of the force about to occupy that country, including cavalry infantry and artillery, will be at least 85,000 effective men—a much larger army than Sheridan had under his command when he inflicted the disastrous blow on Early at Winchester, by which the Shenandoah Valley, and which eventually gave to the control of the valley.

SHIP BURNED AT SEA.

FOUR HUNDRED PASSENGERS LOST!

The Origin of the Fire.

NEW YORK, July 7.—The Merchants' Exchange of this city, bulletins the following:

The ship William Nelson, Captain Smith, from Antwerp June 4th, of and for New York, with passengers, was burned on the banks of New Foundland on the 1st inst. About thirty of her passengers were picked up and taken to St. John's, New Foundland. The boats with the crew and Captain are missing, and it is supposed that four hundred lives have been lost.

MONTREAL, July 7.—The Captain of the steamer Moravia makes the following statement concerning the ship Wm. Nelson, from Hamburg for Philadelphia or New York, which was destroyed by fire on the banks of New Foundland:

The fire originated from a red hot bolt being put into a tar pot, between decks. Forty people were taken to St. Johns by the steamer Meteor. Four hundred people are missing; some may have been saved in boats.

SECOND DISPATCH.

Captain Alton, of the Moravia, gives the following statements:

The associated press boatman, at Cape Race, reported that the steamer Meteor, belonging to D. and W. Stewart, arrived at St. Johns on Friday, with forty of the passengers of the ship Wm. Nelson, taken from the burning deck on the banks of New Foundland.

The Wm. Nelson sailed from Hamburg for New York, with German emigrants on board. Before the Meteor reached the burning vessel, all the boats had put off full of passengers, and but one of the boats had been heard of as far as Captain Alton could learn. There were upwards of four hundred passengers on board when the vessel sailed.

DISTRESSING CALAMITY IN WHEELING.

Shooting and Death of Captain List.

WOUNDING OF MAJOR McPHIAL.

WHEELING, Va., July 7.—A most distressing and fatal calamity occurred here about nine o'clock last night, resulting in the death of Capt. John List, an old and prominent citizen of this city, and the wounding of Maj. McPhial, Chief Paymaster of this Department. A squad of the provost guard were in pursuit of an escaped prisoner, when an order was given to fire, which was obeyed by one of the members, the ball taking effect in the thigh of Captain List, severing an artery and passing through the foot of Major McPhial, producing a painful flesh wound. Captain List died in about an hour after receiving the wound. The affair has caused a deep feeling throughout the community.

COTTON WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

Rebels Going to Mexico.

INDIAN AFFAIRS IN THE NORTHWEST.

Dissatisfaction Among Troops.

84,000 PENSIONS GRANTED.

Great Reduction in the Navy.

RAM STONEWALL TO BE GIVEN UP.

NEW YORK, July 7.—The *World's* special says:—The Secretary of the Treasury has produced reliable estimates of the quantity of cotton west of the Mississippi. The figures submitted to him add up about one million bales. Partial returns of the quantities of cotton west of the Mississippi have been received, from which an estimate somewhat exceeding one million bales has been made. The Secretary is confident that the effect from exchanges of the vast values represented by this cotton will restore commerce to a sound basis.

The *Herald's* special says: Sterling Price, a rebel Missouri General, will probably go to Mexico to engage in silver mining with his brother in-law, Dabney Yorth, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and others, who are all extensively interested by a recent purchase, in valuable silver mines in that country.

Gen. Pope had a long interview with the Secretary of War, Secretary of the Interior and Gen. Grant, in relation to Indian affairs in the northwest. The President was unable to be present satisfactory arrangements were agreed upon which will be made public in orders hereafter.

The *Tribune's* Washington special says: Reports have recently been received of the feeling of dissatisfaction among the troops formerly of the Army of the Potomac, and now of the Provisional Corps, encamped on the south bank of the Potomac, and which threatens to create a serious disturbance unless averted by necessary measures. The two complaints, first, of pay; second, of semi-daily drill; and third, that the quality of the rations which they are now receiving is far inferior to those issued when in active service.

Owing to the liberation of prisoners and the discharge of the army, the number of applications for pensions in the month of June was greater than ever before since the war began. 84,000 pensions have been granted; 34,000 to invalid soldiers and 50,000 to widows, mothers and minor children.

Secretary Welles has issued an order reducing the navy from war establishment to peace. He thinks that this will reduce the navy from 65,000 to 13,000 or 15,000.

The Department of State has been officially informed that the Spanish Government proposes issuing orders to the Captain General of Cuba, to deliver to the United States Government the insurgent ram Stonewall, now at Havana.

North Carolina Advices.

FACTORIES GOING INTO OPERATION.

Question of Confiscation.

THE GOLD MINES.

NEWBERN, N. C., July 3.—J. T. Bridge, A. G. Hills and Henry O. Burr, of Boston, have associated themselves with G. M. Harry, a planter of Newbern, for the purpose of establishing a factory to extract tar, turpentine, oil and pyroligneous acid by the new process of destructive distillation or light wood. Other factories of this kind are to go into operation in this State where is an endless quantity of rich material.

Governor Holden has appointed a commission, consisting of Colonel J. M. Heck Kemp, P. Bastell, and others, to proceed to Washington to confer with the authorities on the subject of confiscation.

The tide of emigration from the free States having already set in, and the many impoverished sons of real estate pending the settlement of this question; the best interests of the State require that an understanding should be reached as soon as possible, hence the departure of the commission. It is, however, believed that there will be no confiscation in North Carolina.

Negroes are making two or three dollars per day in washing the sands in the North Carolina gold mines, from which gold has been once extracted.

The negro who was hung up by his thumbs for forty hours, near the railroad depot in Raleigh, on Friday last, died soon after he was taken down.

Newbern now contains a large northern element in its population and has become the business centre of the State. Cotton and all other products from all parts of the State are daily arriving here in large quantities for shipment North, which gives the port a very lively appearance.

APPLICATIONS FOR PARDON.

Guilty of Neglect of Duty.

THE REBEL GENERAL PRICE GOING TO MEXICO.

NEW YORK, July 7.—A special to the *Herald*, dated Washington 6th, says: Brigadier General Richard B. Lee, Frank Huger, S. S. Lee, Major General J. C. Brown, of Tennessee, and T. R. Jeffries, the last rebel Governor of Florida, have applied for pardon.

Commander Parker, last winter in command of the James River Naval Division, has been found guilty of neglect of duty in not preventing the raid of the rebel Wilcox, and that time, but in consideration of his long and faithful service is recommended to clemency. Secretary Welles has disapproved of the finding, and ordered his restoration to command.

The rebel General Price, it is supposed, will go to Mexico and engage in mining operations.

Stock and Money Matters—Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, June 7.—The stock market continues to exhibit a strong speculative movement. Some of the leading brokers are buying largely of Gold, Railroad and Miscellaneous stocks, the movement for which is the ease of the money market affords abundant facility, and there is no bear party to check the movement, and prices consequently go steadily upward. There is little irregularity, but as a rule, prices are considerably higher. All sorts of rumors are circulated respecting prospective dividends of certain stocks, the most of which cannot be traced beyond offices of brokers interested in current speculations. The sales of New York Central, Erie, Hudson River, Reading, Cleveland and North Western preferred at the morning board, amounted to over 2,000 shares.

In the Miscellaneous List transactions were very large, amounting to 3,800 in Canton, and 2,140 in Quicksilver. Governments remained very firm. This morning large orders on European account for five-twenties were executed at advanced prices. All Miscellaneous Stocks are firm and active.

Gold is very steady without great activity. Cash gold is more plenty, and has been borrowed on low rates to-day. The Money market is without change.

There is considerable speculative feeling in domestic cotton fabrics, and all job lots are being picked up. There are a number of jobbers from Philadelphia or New York, which was destroyed by fire on the banks of New Foundland.

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Gold.

NEW YORK, July 7.—Gold is without material change; speculative movement quiet. The supply from the sub-treasury keeps the market easy and enables shorts to borrow all they require at 1/16@¼ per cent. per day. Some of the bears are selling their options. They are generally cautious in putting out new shorts. The quotations opened at 139¼, run up to 139⅝, and down again to 139¼.

EVENING.—Gold 139¼.

The Atlantic Telegraph.

NEW YORK, July 7.—The *Herald's* London correspondent recently visited the Great Eastern at Sheerness, and says dispatches sent through the whole length of the cable. Darcutt, who managed the old cable, comes out on the Great Eastern as chief electrician of the expedition.

THE REVOLUTION IN HAYTI.

Guarye in a State of Siege.

THE MEXICAN WAR DEBT DUE FRANCE

NEW YORK, July 7.—The steamer Manhattan, from Vera Cruz June 29th via Havana July 3rd, has arrived.

The Spanish troops are evacuating Santa Domingo and are continually followed by refugee Santa Dominicans, who are afraid to remain on the island.

The revolution in Hayti was making headway. Although Geffrard takes his place at the head of his troops, he has suffered several reverses, and many Dominicans have taken up arms against him.

Guarye had been in a state of siege and was reoccupied by the Government troops, after a desperate fight, the rebels being obliged to evacuate.

The Mexican news is to the effect that Maximilian will soon issue a decree ceding Sonaviller, Aurange and Sonora to the French as security for the war debt due France.

LATE RICHMOND INTELLIGENCE.

Orders for Mustering Out More Troops.

COURT OF APPEALS ABOLISHED.

NEW YORK, July 7.—The *Herald's* Richmond correspondent says: General Terry, commanding in Virginia, received orders from Washington, on the 3d inst., to muster out all the troops in his Department, whose services were no longer needed. The matter of the muster out is left to General Terry's discretion; and, as a large number of troops are still needed in the State, it is thought that his force will not immediately be materially reduced.

Gov. Pierpoint has abolished the old Virginia Court of Appeals.

Gov. Pierpoint expects to have civil government in the State in good running order by the 1st of August.

Seven-Thirty Loan Subscriptions.

PHILADELPHIA, July 7.—Jay Cooke reports subscriptions to the 7 30 loan to-day to the amount of $4,387,200, including the following: Second National Bank, of Chicago, $230,000; First National Bank, of Cleveland, $200,000; First National Bank of St. Paul, $100,000; First National Bank of Columbus, Ohio, $100,000; First National Bank of New York, $150,000; Eighth National Bank of New York, $100,000; Seventh National Bank of New York, $304,850; Central National Bank of New York; $500,000; First National Bank of Nashville, $350,000; Second National Bank of Cleveland, Ohio, $100,000; Second National Bank of Boston, $200,000; National Bank of the Metropolis of Washington, $200,000; Henry Clews & Co., New York, $100,000; Clark, Dodge & Co., New York, $100,000; Fourth National Bank of Pittsburgh, $75,000. The number of individual subscriptions was 3850.

Rebel Commanders.

NEW YORK, July 7.—The *Post* states that the steamer Hatteras is advertised to leave this port to-morrow for Richmond, commanded by Captain Parish, to convey the steamer Yorktown to the rebels, and also to bring a number of her crew to join the rebels. The Yorktown was afterwards iron-plated by the rebels, and under the command of Parrish took part in the engagement between the Merrimac and Monitor. The first mate of the Hatteras is Robert Roberts, who was Captain of a rebel tug boat. The Hatteras belongs to Livingstone & Co., of this city.

Personal.

NEW YORK, July 7.—Colonel A. Bidwell, Government Prosecutor in the assassination case, accompanied by Col. Treat, Commissary General of General Schofield's Corps, and Col. Cox, of General Terry's staff, of the Twenty-Third Corps, arrived here yesterday. Col. Cox has been in the West in a few days, after enjoying their first furlough for three years. Colonel Cox is a brother to General Cox, the nominee for Governor of Ohio.

College Endowment.

PHILADELPHIA, July 7.—The *Bulletin* announces a magnificent endowment of half a million dollars by Hon. Asa Parker, of Mauch Chunk, Pa., for the establishment of a College near Bethlehem, with fifty-seven acres of land.

Death Warrants Signed by Gov. Curtin.

HARRISBURG, Pa., July 6.—Governor Curtin has signed death warrants of David Gregor and William Hopkins, for murder. They are to be executed on the 11th of August, in Philadelphia.

General Sherman.

LOUISVILLE, July 7.—Major General Sherman left this city for Cincinnati on the steamer General Buell, en route for Lancaster, Ohio.

Affairs in North Carolina.

RALEIGH, N. C., June 23.

While both people and politicians in Virginia seem to have united in a desperate attempt to place the State in the Union again, as a power, thoroughly organized and ready to wage the same battle she has always fought against the progressive ideas of the nation, North Carolina presents the spectacle of a people anxiously inquiring what is expected or demanded by the Government, and exhibiting a real desire to conform thereto—and yet maintaining the agency which has been employed to rule over them in the name of the Government. The people of the State at large have no faith in Governor Holden, and the opposition to him does not spring from any opposition to him on account of Unionism. But it was a matter of astonishment that he was not given the honor of capturing him, for nothing was easier than his escape, as Breckinridge and Wood and the writer of this know, and by meeting no interruption themselves have proved. Their immunity might have been his. But Davis ran his risks and took his chances, fully conscious of imminent danger, regardless, from physical weariness, to do all he designed doing against the danger. When the musketry fire was heard in the morning, at dim gray dawn, it was supposed to be between the rebel marauders and Mrs. Davis' few camp defenders. Under this impression he hurriedly put on his boots and prepared to go out for the purpose of interposing, saying:

"They will at least respect me."

"As he got to the door he hastily equipped, and with this good intention of preventing an effusion of blood by an appeal in the name of a fading but not wholly faded authority, he saw a few cavalry ride up the road and deploy in front. "His Federals?" was his exclamation.

"Then you are captured," cried Mrs. Davis with emotion.

"In a moment she caught an idea—a woman's idea—and as quickly as women in an emergency execute their designs, it was done. He slept in a wrapper—a loose one. It was yet around him. This she fastened, as he was aware of it, and then, bidding him adieu, urged him to go to the spring, a short distance off, where his horse and arms were. Strange as it may seem, there was not even a pistol in the tent. Davis felt that his only course was to reach his horse and arms, and complied. As he was leaving the door, followed by a servant with a valise bearing Mrs. Howell *flung a shawl over his head.* There was no time to remove it without exposure and embarrassment, and, as he had not far to go, he rang the chance exactly as it was designed to do. In these two articles consisted the woman's nature of which sommuch nonsense has been spoken and written, and under these circumstances and in this way was Jefferson Davis going to the perfect his escape. No bonnet, no gown, no petticoats, no crinoline, no nothing of all these. And what was there happened to be excusable under ordinary circumstances, and perfectly natural as things were.

But it was too late for any effort to reach his horses, and the Confederate President was at last a prisoner in the hands of the United States."

Now this we presume to be an honest statement of the facts, by one who, at all events, is not inclined to make the case appear worse than it is. Does it justify the broad assertion in *The Express?* Why did not that journal give *The Herald's* statement, instead of its own most unwarranted commentary. Who should fear the truth?

We never strike one who is already down. We do not say that it was wrong, cowardly, or even ridiculous, for Davis to seek to escape from capture in the guise of a woman. That he only succeeded in getting away, the trick would have been generally deemed a clever one. It is failure that makes it seem ridiculous. No one ever thought worse of Lafayette for escaping from prison and death in his wife's garments. But the fact is fact, and it is clear as noonday that Davis failed to evade capture by personating and being taken for a woman. If *The Express* did not *know* this to be true, why does it not produce evidence instead of so grossly garbling it?—*N. Y. Tribune.*

THE FLIGHT OF DAVIS.

"One of the party with Jeff. Davis, through all his flight from Richmond, South, in a lengthy and careful statement and review of all the facts, gives in the *Herald* no evidence of the truth of the petticoat story," and there is no longer any doubt with just men that this part of the reported flight in which Davis was captured is a fiction."

Now let us see precisely what this companion of Davis's flight into Georgia does say:

"Had he [Davis] not gone to assure himself of his wife's safety, and had he not been excessively fatigued while there, Colonel Pritchard would be without the honor of capturing him, for nothing was easier than his escape, as Breckinridge and Wood and the writer of this know, and by meeting no interruption themselves have proved. Their immunity might have been his.

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"'His Federals?' was his exclamation.

"'Then you are captured,' cried Mrs. Davis with emotion.

"In a moment she caught an idea—a woman's idea—and as quickly as women in an emergency execute their designs, it was done. He slept in a wrapper—a loose one. It was yet around him. This she fastened, as he was aware of it, and then, bidding him adieu, urged him to go to the spring, a short distance off, where his horse and arms were. Strange as it may seem, there was not even a pistol in the tent. Davis felt that his only course was to reach his horse and arms, and complied. As he was leaving the door, followed by a servant with a valise bearing Mrs. Howell *flung a shawl over his head.* There was no time to remove it without exposure and embarrassment, and, as he had not far to go, he rang the chance exactly as it was designed to do. In these two articles consisted the woman's nature of which sommuch nonsense has been spoken and written, and under these circumstances and in this way was Jefferson Davis going to the perfect his escape. No bonnet, no gown, no petticoats, no crinoline, no nothing of all these. And what was there happened to be excusable under ordinary circumstances, and perfectly natural as things were.

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