

EVENING BULLETIN.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1866.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. There was no State secretary about the message which President Johnson has just sent to Congress. Its general character was known and telegraphed all over the country a week or more ago.

The subject of the admission of Southern members of Congress occupies, of course, a prominent place in the Message. No new views or arguments are presented; but the old ones are repeated in a moderate, respectful manner, which shows that the lesson of the late elections has not been wholly lost upon Mr. Johnson.

Everybody knows and admits that; but Congress and the people want to make sure of their loyalty, before the members are admitted. The President wants to have them admitted only because they are elected, leaving the question of their loyalty to be tested in a very uncertain way, or to remain wholly untested until they begin to vote upon laws that are to govern the loyal as well as the disloyal.

The passages in the message relating to the national finances and to the operations of the various departments of the Government reveal little that is new to the people. But as an authoritative and official statement of the condition of the nation lately emerged from a terrible and costly war, the document will produce a marked impression abroad.

While presenting to Congress and the world the interesting facts concerning the workings of our system of government, the President makes no new suggestions of any importance. The only novel idea that he offers is that of allowing the people of the District of Columbia to be represented in Congress by a delegate.

Our relations with foreign powers are not in the most satisfactory condition. France continues her military occupation of Mexico, having attempted to evade the promised evacuation by a renewed remonstrance of our government.

The Fenian movements, and the course pursued by the Government in relation to them, are briefly stated. The efforts to procure clemency for those convicted of revolutionary attempts are spoken of, and it is pointed out that there was no need of offering them "a maxim of government," the sentiment that "severity of civil pun-

ishment for misguided persons who have engaged in revolutionary attempts which have disastrously failed is unsound and unwise." There are cases to which this doctrine may be applied, and that of the Fenians is one. But as "a maxim of government," it may be made to include all the cases of treason against our own government.

There are several minor topics touched upon in the message which need not be referred to here. As a whole, the document is no better and no worse than was expected. It is written in good, plain English, and its tone is reasonably moderate and respectful.

RETRIBUTION. The scattering of the mice when the cat comes in sight; the fluttering among the carrion-crows when the click of the trigger is heard; the dismay among a party of professional far-bankers when a strong and graphic figure to illustrate an idea of terror-stricken guilt in the face of inevitable justice, but the doom of the Copper-Head Johnson officeholder, in view of the acts of the Republican caucus, on Saturday night, is a still stronger case in point.

It was unanimously determined that the President should be called upon to send to the Senate all appointments made during the recess, within ten days from the assembling of Congress, or from the passage of the act, and to prohibit any man once rejected by the Senate from holding any office of honor or profit for three years.

Judge Kelley's proposition to take away from the control of the President all the important machinery of the Internal Revenue department, and to confer it on the Supreme Court, is also a tremendous shot "between wind and water," and Copperhead commissioners, collectors, inspectors and assessors are quaking with dismay and apprehension.

The congressional cat has returned and the Copperhead mice, which have had full play during the recess, may look to have their fun spoiled, and that right summarily. During pussy's war from headquarters the mice have set up for themselves rather offensively. They entirely forgot that, according to the Constitution of the United States, Congress is the supreme authority of the land; that the result of the presidential election of 1864 meant that the control of public affairs should be in the loyal Republican party, which carried the country safely through the war, and not in the Copperhead faction which affiliated with treason and in every way crippled the Government in all its efforts to crush the rebellion.

When Benjamin Franklin died he left a provision in his will to the effect that a certain portion of his estate should be set aside for the purpose of loaning out at interest small sums of money to aid poor young mechanics in Boston and Philadelphia to get themselves into business. The sum to be loaned to any one individual was small, very small, when measured by our present estimate of values, and, as a consequence, very few young men are now found who are anxious to take advantage of the Franklin bounty.

There is a valuable lesson in this experience, which the world is constantly having taught it, but which is hard to learn. The most distinguished instances of success in life are those of men who depended upon themselves alone for the

means of pushing their fortunes. The habit of self reliance, carried through life, insures success; while the spirit of dependence inculcated by the receipt of the bounty of others is too apt to weaken the character, lessen the energy and damage the confidence which is so essential to advancement.

THE LINCOLN MONUMENT. The leading copperhead of this city made the assertion, immediately after the late election, and has since repeated it, that the funds of the Lincoln Monument Association were expended to aid in the election of Governor Geary. The lie direct was given to this wanton fabrication by the action of the Association yesterday. At a meeting held for the purpose, the Treasurer's report was presented, showing over \$22,000 in hand.

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and Buxton. America has had hers; but if ever she needed more, she needs them now. Yours, faithfully, Divinity Student and member of the Orders, No. 814 South street, Philadelphia, December 4th, 1866.

Historical Society. The great audience, both for character and numbers, that we have seen in the French Theatre, was assembled to say farewell to Madame Ristori on the occasion of her last evening performance in this city before leaving for Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. Ristori played "Medea," and afterward gave the sleep-walking scene in "Macbeth" respecting her "Medea," we have nothing to add to what we said about that performance after seeing it for the first time. It is a part peculiarly suited to her powers, and must rank as her third best performance; Elizabeth being the first, and Mary Stuart the second. There are portions of "Medea" which are full of power and passion as anything Ristori does and there is a wild and untutored magnificence about many of her attitudes and gestures such as we have never seen and never expect to see approached by any other actress. The grandeur of her parting with the children is so deep and true that it is impossible not to be moved by it; it is simple nature, unadorned, without a trace of exaggeration or sentimentality, equally true to human nature and to the character of Medea. A passage, too, never to be forgotten, is that where she describes to Creusa what she and her children meet with the object of her jealousy. All the panther in the nature of this barbarian sorceress comes out in its full bloom, as she sees the children, as she sees a victim of her fury limb from limb, her eyes burn like coals of fire, her cheeks grow livid, her lips curl back from her teeth in a wild and fearful scream. She is a creature of passion, all this deep and tender feeling are expressed without once violating in the slightest degree the beautiful modesty of nature. There is no ranting, no noise, no gasping nor fainting; a fine restraint touches all the movement of the body, and every gesture, while it is full of wild and savage and jealousy, love and terror, and when she is borne along unresisting and unconscious, by the awful silence of the storm.—N. Y. Tribune.

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