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EVENING BULLETIN.

Tuesday, April 26, 1870.

THE JUBILEE OF TO-DAY.

The colored people in Philadelphia are this day celebrating the passage of the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution, which wipes out the last traces of the oppression and injustice under which they have so long suffered. They have a glorious day for their jubilee, and they are enjoying it with the utmost zest. Vast numbers of people of their race have come to the city from the surrounding country, and have been visible, with their shining faces and their best clothes on, in all our principal streets. The city is gay with flags, and the white folks, with no exceptions but the most hide-bound Democratic politicians, are sympathizing with them in their demonstrations of joy.

Our reporters give us full accounts of the doings of the day as possible; the procession and the mass-meeting occurring in the latter half of it. As far as can be judged, everything has been arranged in the best manner, and there is no apprehension of any disorder. The colored people are too full of happiness to think of making a disturbance, and there is no danger of their being molested by others. They are conducting themselves in a way that shows they appreciate the enormous gift of citizenship they have received, and that they are anxious to follow the good advice given them by President Grant in his message to Congress, accompanying the proclamation of the Amendment. They have the best wishes of all decent white people that they may, one and all, prove worthy to be American citizens, equal before the law with the whites.

BRIGANDAGE IN GREECE.

Readers of Edmond About's strange book, *Le Roi des Montagnes*, will recall his vivid pictures of wild scenery among the mountains of Greece. It was amid those scenes that events have just occurred which are exciting all Europe, and are especially agitating the public mind in Great Britain. The story of these events is not very clearly told in the cable despatches, those of the New York Associated Press being particularly unsatisfactory. From the better accounts furnished by the American Press Association and printed in this paper, we are able, however, to form a tolerably clear idea of what has occurred.

In the early part of the month a party of tourists, mostly Englishmen, left Athens for a tour among the wild regions of the back country, and especially to visit the famous field of Marathon. Among them was Baron Munster, an Irish nobleman; Mr. E. Herbert, Third Secretary of the British Legation, and a member of the Italian Legation, whose name is telegraphed Bayet, or Bayel. When about eighteen miles northeast of Athens, the party were attacked by a band of brigands under a chief named Konit. As usual in such cases, they were promised their liberty, upon the payment of their ransoms; that was released on parole, should bring back a sum of money by way of ransom, the amount being fixed at one thousand pounds sterling. Lord Muncaster was to go for the ransom, but on his reporting the capture at Athens a party of soldiers was sent in pursuit of the brigands. A severe fight occurred between them near Marathon, in which a number are said to have been slain on both sides. The bandits fled, but the captives were not recovered. The pursuit was resumed, and after terrible suffering from hunger, thirst and fatigue, Mr. Herbert and the Italian gentleman were murdered by the bandits, because they impeded their flight. On the following day a Mr. Verner and a Mr. or Mrs. Lloyds were murdered for the same reason. At the last accounts the pursuit was still going on, but with no expectation that any of the captives would be found alive.

That such events should occur within a few miles of the capital of a European kingdom seems strange. And yet similar scenes have occurred, within a few years, near Naples and in Sicily, and their recurrence has only been prevented by the most active efforts of the Italian soldiery. The atrocities of the Greek brigandage far exceed those of the Neapolitan, and it is not surprising that they have caused the utmost horror and indignation in England, Italy and throughout Europe. The King of Greece naturally feels bound to punish the scoundrels that infest his kingdom, and that have brought such scorn among the foreign sojourners at Athens. But it really seems as if he can do nothing. His resources are small, his troops few in number, and the brigands know every hiding place and fastness among the mountains. For many years they have preyed upon the tourists, though they have not been in the habit of murdering their captives, as they have done in this instance. They can only be exterminated with the aid of foreign troops, and it is not unlikely that England and Italy will send a sufficient force to "clean out" the whole mountain region and take revenge for the brutal murders of their subjects. But to secure permanent immunity from similar outrages, Greece ought to be put under the protectorate of a stronger power, which can afford to maintain a large force in the country. Russia would undoubtedly be willing to undertake this protectorate, but the other powers, and especially Turkey, would object. But something of the kind ought to be done, so that the country may not be again disgraced by such outrages as those of Konit and his band.

THE OBJECT OF THE QUARREL.

The Fenian "Brothers" are again quarreling with each other in a very unfraternal manner. That valiant, but mild and inexperienced warrior, General O'Neil, has dissolved partnership with some others of the Fenian leaders, and has expressed very unfavorable opinions of their honesty and capacity. These sufferers patriots in turn have cut loose from the heroic O'Neil, and have established headquarters in this city. Their organ, the *Irish Nation*, a document denouncing O'Neil as a traitor and an imbecile. The ostensible object of this division is to gain an efficient administration of Fenian affairs, and to organize war in an effective manner against Great Britain, Canada, Ireland and any other available British territory. General O'Neil professes to believe that he alone can marshal the Fenian hosts to victory; the "Executive Council" of disaffected leaders declares that it can best conduct a gory and triumphant war. Both call for money and men, to aid them in the work; and just here we are permitted to perceive the real cause of the quarrel. The Council divulges the fact that the devoted O'Neil has managed to retire about eight thousand dollars of Fenian money in a mysterious manner, for which he has nothing whatever to show, unless it is his private bank book. The Council therefore asks the "Brothers" to pour their contributions into its exchequer in the future. So, after all the patriotic rhetoric, the tears shed over Ireland's misery, the promises of heroic achievement, the alarming anxiety to perish upon the battlefield, this difficulty resolves itself into a quarrel for dollars. Other Fenian squabbles have been of the same character, and have concluded with a disappearance of all the funds in the pockets of the men who have talked loudest and made the greatest display of earnestness in the cause of Irish liberty. We are afraid that there are Irish men and women in this country who have not learned the lesson taught by these swindles in the past; and there is good reason to believe that many honest souls, otherwise prudent, hot-headed narrow-trundlers and mortar-mixers will be induced to respond to these appeals again, and give their hardly-earned wages and savings to the Council of Ways and "General." If they choose to rob themselves in such a manner, the privilege cannot be denied them, this being a free country; but we do not perceive why the men who receive these contributions should not be checked in their schemes. If there is a law to defend the unfortunate ignorant persons from policy-dealers, and gamblers, and swindlers, and if it is a crime to obtain money under false pretences, we do not know why this Fenian contribution business should be permitted to proceed without interference.

A SLIGHT INCONSISTENCY.

In an editorial upon the virtues of the average American social life, the New York *Tribune* uses the following language: "It is our honest belief that nowhere in the world is God more universally worshipped, is the marriage tie as universally respected, and are women as pure in thought and deed, as the ordinary family in this country." Every man who knows anything about the matter, from experience and observation, will heartily acknowledge the truthfulness of this statement, and will rejoice that the existence of such a lofty moral tone in American society. The only strange thing about this utterance is, that it should come from the *Tribune*, the editor of which stood by the bedside of Richardson while a mock marriage was performed as the second act of a tragedy which began with seduction and a sham divorce. We can hardly realize how the "honest belief" expressed in the sentence quoted can give satisfaction to men who approved Richardson's intrigues with Mrs. McFarland, and sanctioned the crime by which Mr. McFarland's family ties were rudely broken. It is difficult to reconcile such sentiments with that former editorial, which defended the hideous theories of Mrs. Calhoun, and said of those letters by which she poisoned Mrs. McFarland's mind with free-love doctrines and entreated her to abandon her husband and fling herself into the arms of her paramour, that "there is not a line in them that the writer should wish to blot," and that "whatever evil may be made out of those letters will have its origin in the heart of the commentator." The same sense of right and honor, and the same purity which causes the marriage tie to be respected in this country, provoked universal condemnation of the *Tribune's* defence of Richardson and Mrs. Calhoun, and induced the whole nation to regard the death-bed marriage with horror and disgust. If the *Tribune* finds satisfaction in contemplating the existence of such a wholesome state of public morals, it ought not to complain as bitterly as it does when good and honest and pure people denounce its old-blooded immorality and its defence of libertinism.

CHILDREN OF THE NATION.

When Isaac Cousins Williams went down with the Oneida, sunk in the Indian seas by Captain Eyre, he left behind him three motherless children, who now are penniless and defenceless. Their only inheritance is the good name of their heroic father; their fate is entire dependence upon the charity of others. The youngest of these children is five years of age; the eldest is twelve. In consequence of their father's death the three are separated, and are now living in different States. In the city of Boston a movement has been begun by certain benevolent and patriotic gentlemen to raise a sum sufficient for their support and education, so that the little remnant of this broken family may be brought together again and assured of a comfortable living. The custody and control of the fund has been given to one of the most eminent and humane citizens of Boston, R. B. Forbes, Esq., whose life-long services in behalf of benevolent societies in this country afford ample guarantee that the money will be judiciously applied. Mr. Forbes has requested Edward Shippen, Esq., of No. 522 Walnut street, to receive even the smallest sums that may be contributed in this city; and he invokes the assistance of every man and woman who has any sympathy with the object. The claim of these little orphans upon the patriotic and the good is so strong that it does not need earnest advocacy. Captain Williams died like a brave man and a gentleman, at his post of duty, displaying in the supreme hour of peril such heroic courage and such self-sacrificing devotion as entitle him to enduring fame and to the warm admiration of his countrymen. We can honor his memory best, and prove most effectively the sincerity of our appreciation of his high qualities, by supplying to his helpless children some measure of the care which he would have bestowed upon them, by fitting them for that battle with the world which they will have to fight alone, and by teaching them by our tender solicitude that brave men who die in the service of their country are not forgotten. We trust that the contribution of Philadelphia to this fund will be commensurate with her reputation for patriotism and benevolence.

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