Record of Mistakes and Blunders.

The New York Tribune admits that the history of this war, on the part of both Government and people, is little more than a record of the discovery of mistake, and the rectification of blunders. True but who is responsible for these mistakes and blunders? What was the main instrument in blinding the people to the truth, and leading them into error? It the people had believed last summer they they were about rushing into a war of the most fearful magnitude, they would have found some means of averting it—and that they did not foresee the danger ahead was because they trusted the misrepresentations of blind party leaders. Let us look at some of the errors of incredulity which the events of the past six months have dispelled.

The Republican party may be called the party of false pretences. In the last Presidential campaign it declared that slavery must be excluded from the territories. Not only was this within the power of Congress but was the duty of Congress to exclude it. The election was carried on this principle; and then the territories were organized without excluding slavery. Had it been announced before the election that congressional prohibition was only a theory not to be carried into practice, the contest would have been deprived of much of its bitterness—but then it might not have resulted as it did.

The Republican leaders gave the most solemn assurances that no danger was to be apprehended—that the threats of the Southern secession leaders were uttered to frighten independent freemen from the honest discharge of their conscientious convictions as citizens, and as soon as the election was over the agitation would quiet down. The success of the Republican candidates would pour oil upon the troubled waters. They ridiculed Democrats for expressing fears for the safety of the Union, and some of them went so far as to say that it might like to fall if they could.

They were positive that secession would not be attempted, and if the very thing actually occurred—and then they maintained that it was an accident—that there was no real danger—that nobody was hurt, and that it would blow over in sixty days.

After it became evident that the spirit of revolution was spreading throughout the South, when many States had seceded, and the Union, and when it was no longer possible to ignore the fact that a formidable conspiracy was organized to subvert the Government, another error of incredulity took hold of the people, and they [illegible] by saying that it was the work of a few [illegible]—There would be some fighting, but against an inferior foe. The South could not raise an army. It could not feed and clothe and pay an army if it was raised. Like all braggarts and bullies the Southern people were cowards. They would not fight. One Northern man was able to whip a dozen of them easily. A short and vigorous campaign would put a speedy end to the rebellion. While in the very act of awaking from previous errors, it is strange to the people to see [illegible] have their convictions [illegible] yet at the time Fort Sumter fell, first proclamation was issued, [illegible] the Capital the great mass of the people anticipated an easy victory and a speedy restoration of the Union.

The Administration with a more correct appreciation of the work before it, attempted to organize an army of sufficient strength to march into Virginia and drive the rebels from the Capital. But the contemptuous ridicule poured upon them by the Republican leaders, forced a premature advance, and the second crop of errors was dispelled by the rude shock at Bull Run, and the North at last opened its drowsy eyes to the fact that it had to contend against a powerful enemy that would fight.

Glance over this long list of errors prompted by the leaders of the Republican party. First, no danger—second, should danger—third, a contemptible enemy. Truly have they found the history of the war little more than a record of the discovery of mistakes of their own making, and blunders of their own devising.

Will these blind leaders of the blind continue to set themselves before the people as public teachers? Or will the people trust them after so many proofs of their imbecility?

News from the Arctic Regions.

The Arctic left Arctic at Peterhead on Tuesday from Cumberland Straits, where she was under the ice of great [illegible] of them having [illegible] get Peterhead last October, in [illegible] to winter in the Arctic, but after [illegible] to get out of the Straits [illegible] for Cumberland Island. Here the [illegible] were [illegible] discharged [illegible] that [illegible] the whole of their [illegible] great [illegible] of them having [illegible]