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THE TARIFF — REVENUE AND REVENUE ONLY.

The Tariff Bill, which we print to-day, as it passed the House of Representatives, is entitled "An act to provide for the collection of duties on imports, and for other purposes." It makes the duty on coffee and tea 10 cents per pound, which were free before.—It makes the duty on raw sugar 2 cents, and on loaf and crushed, 3 cents per pound. On silks the duty is increased to ten per cent. on laces, and on brandies it is increased from $1 to $1 25 per gallon. On many other articles the duty is also increased from ten to twenty per cent., but in no instance is the duty reduced on articles which require protection, thus leaving the *Protective features of the Morrill Tariff Bill* untouched.

The Bill also provides for Direct Taxation to the amount of $20,000,000 for war purposes, which is apportioned among all the States and Territories, Slave as well as Free, as follows:

Maine,	$430,836 00	Indiana,	$904,876 23
New Hampshire,	316,449 68	Illinois,	$1,168,591 23
Vermont,	331,262 68	Michigan,	703,122 83
Massachusetts,	894,541 23	Kansas,	71,742 23
Rhode Island,	116,962 03	Arkansas,	261,886 03
Connecticut,	309,216 68	Minnesota,	100,762 23
New York,	3,063,315 03	California,	294,858 68
New Jersey,	450,134 03	Oregon,	77,452 68
Pennsylvania,	1,906,719 23	Texas,	256,109 68
Delaware,	76,957 23	Nebraska,	52,582 03
Maryland,	416,244 68	Iowa,	252,082 03
Virginia,	287,550 03	Minnesota,	100,421 90
North Carolina,	276,166 68	Oregon,	23,140 03
South Carolina,	283,116 68	New Mexico,	62,582 03
Georgia,	361,267 23	Utah,	25,982 03
Alabama,	329,212 23	Washington,	7,756 23
Mississippi,	412,981 23	Nevada,	16,140 03
Louisiana,	316,041 68	Dakota,	4,982 66
Tennessee,	415,966 23	Colorado,	22,945 23
Kentucky,	713,696 23	Dakota,	22,945 23
Missouri,	687,262 23	District of Columbia,	84,457 23

The Tax Bill allows 15 per cent. to each State that will undertake the collection of this tax through State and County Agency. Pennsylvania's proportion is $1,946,719 23, which would give her a bonus of $292,000 for the assessment and collection of the same. Of course our State will embrace this opportunity. This tax must be assessed on and after the 1st of February, 1862, and collected by the 1st of June, 1862, so after that period 6 per cent. is to be paid in addition, and if not paid in thirty days after, the Collectors are authorized to levy on the real estate and sell for the taxes. The tools and implements of a trade or profession, beasts of the plow necessary for the cultivation of improved lands, arms, household furniture and wearing apparel, are exempt from levy.

THE INCOME TAX.

In addition to the Land Tax, an Income Tax of three per cent. is also to be levied on the excess of incomes over $800. This tax embraces the income from any source of business, trade or vocation, dividends of stocks, interest of money or debts, salaries, interest on legacies, annuities, or derived from any other source, within or beyond the boundaries of the United States. For the purpose of this war tax, we take it that "income" will be defined to be just about the same as "net profits." Non-residents who draw income from estates or business in this country, pay five instead of three per cent.

This tax is levied by officers appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States. It must be levied on and after the 1st of January, 1862, and based on the incomes of the year 1861. This tax must also be paid before the 15th of June, 1862, otherwise it is subject to the same interest and levy as the land tax. The bill does not contain any provision for the State collecting the Income Tax through State Agency.

In the Rebel States these taxes are to be collected as soon as the United States Government obtains possession of them or any one of them. All back dues will be collected off the land. If sold for taxes the surplus over the taxes is to be paid over to the former owner, and if not found, it is to be deposited in the U. S. Treasury. If there are no bidders, the Collector is authorised to buy the property for the United States, and it can be redeemed in a period of two years from the date of sale, by paying the taxes, interest, and twenty per cent. additional for defraying the expenses, &c.

When this additional taxation is levied on the property of the South, in addition to the expenses of the rebellion and prostrate trade, the people of that section will begin to realise the ruin that has been forced upon them in this wicked rebellion, inaugurated by Jeff Davis, Cobb, Floyd, Toombs, &c., in their efforts to overthrow the authority of the United States, and build up a Slave Empire on its ruins, to which they could rule, and thus crush out the best Government that ever existed, and which is the hope of the oppressed of all nations and all climes.

On the Loyal States this taxation will also be heavy, but it will fall lightly compared with the burdens imposed on the South in the destruction of Slave and other kinds of property—and then we have the consolation of knowing that we are battling for Liberty and Union, now and forever," while the Rebels are striving for the destruction of the Union,—for Slavery and Despotism—and for degrading all the white laboring classes even below the level of their black slaves.

PATRIOTS, "OVER THE LEFT."—Every town of size can boast its knot of loungers, especially in the vicinity of taverns, whose principal occupation is, to belabor the Government, abuse Lincoln, prate of the wrongs of "Secesh", and grumble at the expenses of the war. Now, these gentlemen may not bless their innocent souls, imagine that they are hovering on the confines of treason, ready almost to cross the boundaries. They may think that the right of freedom of speech, vouchsafed to citizens north of Mason and Dixon's line, gives them the right to grumble and impede to the extent of their verbal ability, the efforts of the Government to crush rebellion. We have no desire to quarrel with such men, so long as they are not guilty of any overt act, although we think that a Home Guard might very profitably watch them.—These *patriots* are embraced within the scope of the following very suggestive and pertinent questions, which are naked by the Maysville (Ky.) *Eagle*:

Did you ever hear one of these State Rights men, who talk about the expenses of the war, blame the Confederates for bringing the expenses on us?

Did you ever hear one of them, when talking of Lincoln's unconstitutional act in calling out troops, say anything about the unconstitutionality of raising an army of rebels in the South?

Did you ever hear one of them say that Jeff. Davis was trampling the Constitution under foot?

In short, did you ever hear one of them express a patriotic thought, except when forced to?

There are papers also, in the North, and we need not go out of Schuylkill County to find them, whose sympathies are palpably, with the men now endeavoring to overthrow this Government. Issue after issue of these sheets contain attacks on the Administration, without a shadow of reason or justice. We care nothing for them, for their influence is miserably weak; but we are really surprised that the community does not discountenance them, and compel the publishers, by withdrawing all patronage from them, to seek a more congenial atmosphere. The man or paper who in this crisis, is not heart and soul with the people, for the maintenance of the Union and Constitution, is against them, and should be discountenanced. Blood and treasure are now needed, and should be cheerfully given, else we are unworthy of the patrimony received from our fathers.

THE Fourteenth and Fifteenth Regiments had a rather labile degree of health, up to the time of being ordered back to Carlisle to be mustered out. Up to last time the Fourteenth had lost but one man by death. During the few days stay in Carlisle, however, the Regiments lost half a dozen men from disease. Cleanliness and freedom from excess are the great guardians of health with the soldier, in and out of camp.

PRINCE NAPOLEON and suite visited Mount Vernon on Tuesday.

"THE ALTERNATIVE."

There are good, worthy but thoughtless people, who hug to themselves the belief that some plan could be devised to settle the present national difficulty in a quiet, peaceful way; that the matter could be arranged and the country go on in its wonted course, peacefully and prosperously. Is it great folly to suppose any such thing. The States are in rebellion against a great and equitable Government, commenced this war, and they must be defeated before the country can again, commence a prosperous and safe career. If they prove victorious through any fault of our own, insult and wanton outrage will be the fate of the North, while we will lose self-respect and the consideration of foreign Governments.—The simple alternative is, victory or defeat. We must work, and await the result. The *Tribune* thus treats this subject:

The dream that some still entertain, of compromise, adjustment, quiet separation, of two Confederacies bound by a kindly reciprocity, and of a mutual strength grounded on the laws of trade, is illusory and will be wofully short even if indulged to the end. To accomplish the defeat here specified it is not necessary for the entire Northern army to be exterminated; this would be a simple impossibility, and is out of the question. But the overthrow may be as complete even though comparatively little blood be shed. We will suppose some battles lost; a cry of compromise and adjustment is raised; a truce is effected; negotiations are set on foot; the South is the conqueror, and dictates terms; she is as generous as she is cunning, and asks only for a recognition, and an authorized place by our side. The terms are accepted, the peace concluded, the two Confederacies set out together; there is no talk of submission, of subjugation, and the words are forgotten. Of these two powers, however, one is the stronger, having conquered the other.

Now, it is not possible for two confederacies to exist side by side on the territory known as the United States of America. The influences of climate, soil, and the laws which govern our commercial relations, forbid it.—More than all else, the institution of negro Slavery forbids it. The stronger power will, therefore, by gradual but steadily progressing encroachment, spread over, encircle, paralyze, and absorb the weaker. The conditions above set down is that the South would be the stronger, vs the weaker, and we should be thus encircled, paralyzed, absorbed. So, though there might at first be no talk of submission or subjugation, the same result would arrive by a road from which there is no by-path.

Being thus under submission to the South, the inevitable and hideous consequences would follow. Slavery would spread itself everywhere. With the advance of this curse, all vestige of freedom would be suppressed. Then the irritation and bitterness accumulating in the hearts of the mighty hosts of the conquered North would blaze forth into flashes of insurrectionary war, and the weary, soul-harrassing strife of to day would again cloud the land, obscuring the gaze of our children with a vast more oppressive than that which is upon us. If this next war for liberty should be postponed, it would only be because the demon of Slavery had done its work, and ruined the fairest Country on earth irreparably.

These are the alternatives which the present struggle offers—victory and defeat. The one insures to the whole country tranquility and a prosperity yet unknown. The other renders it certain the everlasting ruin of a glorious fabric, the erection of a colossal monument to the imbecile folly and wickedness of a nation calling itself enlightened.—This latter dreary alternative must be looked in the face; it will not do to apply to the case the slipshod philosophy which would "make it right to-morrow." The only hope of the South, did they but know it, is in their defeat. For the North, defeat, even though only the qualified disaster which comes through compromise and diplomacy, is remediless destruction, preceded by years of the bitterest shame. And this we must acknowledge without shrinking, avoid with the foresight of the wise, strive against with the valor of the brave. Absolute victory or final defeat must soon be ours. The responsibility is upon us. Let the decision show us worthy of our name.

GENERAL BUTLER ON THE CONTRABAND QUESTION.

An interesting and important letter from Gen. Butler to the Secretary of War, upon the subject of slaves, is published. It is a difficulty which Gen. Butler grasps with firmness, considering it as a soldier and a statesman, without ignoring it as a question also, of humanity. It is not merely a question of persons bound to service, upon whom those claiming such service have a constitutional right; not of persons capable of service, who, being contraband of war, become confiscated property, and are converted necessarily into men by natural law, as Federal law recognizes no such property except in the single case of slaves-fugitive; but it is a question referring to men, women and children, a large proportion of them incapable of labor, who have been abandoned by their legal owners and belong, therefore, to nobody. What shall be done with them? The General asks:

Are these men, women and children slaves? Are they free? Is their condition that of men, women, and children, or of property, or is it a mixed relation? What their *status* was under the Constitution and laws we all know. What has been the effect of rebellion and a state of war upon that *status*? When I adopted the theory of treating the able-bodied negro fit to work in the trenches, as property liable to be used in aid of rebellion, and so contraband of war, that condition of things was in so far met as I then and still believe, on a legal and constitutional basis. But now a new series of questions arise.—Passing by women, the children certainly cannot be treated on that basis; if property, they must be considered the incumbrance, rather than the auxiliary of an army, and of course, in no possible legal relation, could be treated as contraband. Are they property? If they were so they have been left by their masters and owners, deserted, thrown away, abandoned, like the wrecked vessel upon the ocean. Their former possessors and owners have causelessly, traitorously, rebelliously, and to carry out the figure, practically abandoned them to be swallowed up by the Winter storm of starvation. If property do they not become the property of the salvors? But with their salvors, do not need and will not hold such property and will assume no such ownership; has not therefore all proprietary relation ceased? Have they not become thereupon men, women and children? No longer under ownership of any kind, the forceful relicts of fugitive masters, have they not by their masters' acts, and the state of war, assumed the condition, which we hold to be the normal one, of those made in God's image? Is not every constitutional, legal, and moral requirement, as well to the runaway masters as their relinquished slaves, thus answered? I confess that my own mind is compelled, by this reasoning, to look upon them as men and women. If not free born, yet free, manumitted, sent forth from the hand that held them, never to be reclaimed.

If then the view of Gen. Butler is acquiesced in, these people must be considered free, and the question remains, how are they to be treated? With the aid of the Government many of them can be rendered self-supporting on the soil where they were born and raised; others could be apprenticed to the Union men of the South, while a large number might be enrolled and brought under military discipline to do much needful work as laborers upon entrenchments and other service where fighting men would otherwise be employed. It is quite certain that legislative notice must be taken of these people, in order that they may not wander about the country as mendicants; but be enabled to support themselves if needs be, on the land which has been abandoned or confiscated. This is an interesting and important question which needs settling, for the benefit alike of these manumitted men, women and children, and the Government.

OUR POSITION AT THE LATE BATTLE.—Among the few sketches of the great battle at Bull Run which the rebel journals have been permitted to publish, we have the unqualified admission that the fortunes of the day were with the Federal army, until "Johnston, with the remnant of his division, providentially reappeared and made one other desperate struggle to obtain the vantage ground." Up to this time the havoc and devastation in the rebel ranks, we now find, were fearful. Then we have from the enemy a frank confirmation of our own reports, and a practical acknowledgment that had our reserve been at hand, a glorious victory would have been ours.

Speech of the Hon. Joseph Casey
To the Kentucky Troops in Camp "Joe Holt."
Reported for the Louisville Journal.

In addressing us in behalf of the Union Committee of Safety, Mr. Casey said that the object of the organization was to support the Government of the United States in the suppression of the present unnatural rebellion. He was glad to see so many of the brave men who had left their homes and their firesides to defend the Union, and the institutions of freedom and constitutional liberty, bequeathed to us by the wisdom and patriotism of our fathers. He was glad to see so many of the sons of Kentucky,