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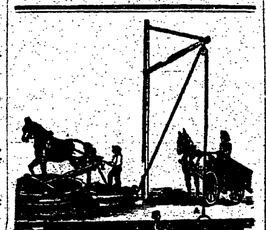

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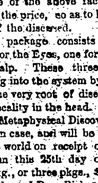

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Mr. Boutwell, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report:

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolutions of the House of Representatives of April 9 and April 30, 1866, instructing the Committee to inquire into the nature of the evidence implicating Jeff Davis and others, in the assassination of President Lincoln, and also whether any legislation is necessary in order to bring such persons to a speedy and impartial trial, if it should appear that there was probable cause to believe that said persons, or any of them, are guilty of inciting, concerting or procuring the assassination of the late President of the United States, and also whether any legislation is necessary in order to bring said persons to a speedy and impartial trial for the crime of treason, have investigated the subject as directed, and make the following preliminary report thereon:

It is notorious that said Davis was guilty of the crime of treason, according to the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Committee are of the opinion that there are no obstacles to a speedy and impartial trial which cannot be removed by legislation.—This is also the opinion of Attorney General Speed, as given in his testimony before the Judiciary Committee.

The evidence in possession of the Committee connecting Jeff. Davis with the assassination of President Lincoln, justifies the Committee in saying that there is probable cause to believe that he was privy to the measures which led to the commission of the deed; but the investigations which have been made by the War Department, and by the Committee, have not resulted in placing the Government in possession of all the facts in the case. It is probable, however, that the further prosecution of the investigation by the Committee, and by the officers of the Government, will result finally in a full development of the whole transaction.

The capture of the Rebel archives has put the Government in possession of a mass of letters, papers and documents of various kinds, only a portion of which has as yet been examined.

The examination, thus far, has thrown light upon the general policy of the Rebel authorities, which, in many particulars, involved a total disregard of international law and of the usages of civilized war. The Secretary of War, through Francis Lieber, LL. D., Chief of the Archive Office, has furnished to the Committee copies of various letters and papers found in the War Office at Richmond, bearing upon four points of the policy of the Rebel Government.

First: With regard to the negroes bearing arms.

Second: The condition of Rebel prisons and the treatment of prisoners.

Third: Orders issued and letters written by the Rebel Secretary of War in relation to the Union prisoners; and,

Fourth—Views and suggestions of Jeff. Davis in regard to Union prisoners.

Copies of these papers have been furnished to the Committee, and a synopsis thereof is herewith submitted as a part of this report. While the evidences thus furnished do not bear directly upon the question submitted to the Committee, it has been thought advisable to lay it before Congress and the country as showing the brutal and inhuman policy of the men who instigated and guided the Rebellion, and as being in that particular intimately connected with the atrocities that were made to burn the cities of the North, to destroy its commerce on the rivers, lakes and the ocean, without regard to the loss of life; and, finally, with the assassination of the President of the United States.

In 1862 Jeff Davis issued an order that all slaves captured in arms, should at once be delivered over to the Executive authorities of the respective State to which they belonged, to be dealt with according to the laws of such State, and that in like order the negroes found in all cases with respect to all commissioned officers of the United States army, found serving in company with armed slaves in insurrection against the authorities of the different States of the Confederacy. By the statutes of South Carolina, slaves or free negroes, engaged in mutiny or insurrection, were to be tried by two Justices of the Peace and three freeholders, associated together who were empowered and authorized to inflict the punishment of death upon such offenders. On the 13th of June, 1863, R. H. Anderson, Assistant Adjutant General to E. Kirby Smith, and by his direction addressed a letter to Gen. R. Taylor, dated at Shreveport, in which the writer says, in answer to a communication of Brig. Gen. Hubert, asking what disposition should be made of negroes found in arms, that "no quarter should be shown. If taken prisoners, however, they should be turned over to the executive authorities of the State in which they should be captured, in obedience to a proclamation of the President," the Confederate Government having been taken by the military authorities capturing them, it would certainly produce retaliation. By turning them over to the civil authorities to be tried by the officers of the State no exception could be taken." On the 19th of June, 1863, S. Kirby Smith writes to R. Taylor, commanding the district of Louisiana, and says: "I have been unofficially informed that some of your troops have captured negroes in arms. I hope this may not be so, and that your subordinates in command of capturing parties have been supplied with the proper way of giving up negroes to armed negroes and their officers. In this way we may be relieved from a disagreeable dilemma. If they are taken, however, you will turn them over to the State authorities to be tried for crimes against the State, and you will offer such facilities to the Courts as the necessity of the public service will permit." Again, Smith, writing to Gen. S. Cooper, Adjutant and Inspector-General, June 16, 1863, inclosed two letters addressed to Gen. Taylor, and says:—"Unfortunately such captures are frequent, and some of Gen. Taylor's subordinates." Jeff Davis, in his message to the rebel legislature, January 12, 1863, referring to the proclamation of emancipation of January 1 of that year, says that "the negroes are encouraged to general assassination of their masters by the insidious recommendation to abstain from violence, unless necessary for self-defence.—Although our enemy could not have conceived the most execrable measure recorded in the history of guilty men is tempered by profound contempt for the impotent rage which it discloses, so far as regards the action of the Government on those criminals as may attempt its execution, I confine myself to informing you that I shall, unless in your wisdom you deem some other course more expedient, deliver to the several State authorities all the commissioned officers of the United States who may hereafter be captured by our forces in any of the States comprising the Confederacy, that they may be dealt with in accordance with the laws of those States provided for the punishment of those criminals engaged in inciting servile insurrection." On the 1st of May, 1863, the Rebel Congress passed a series of resolutions on the subject of retaliation. The fourth resolution declares that "Every white person being a commissioned officer, who shall accompany negroes or mulattoes in arms against the Confederate States, shall be deemed guilty of inciting servile insurrection, and if captured shall be put to death or otherwise punished at the discretion of the Court.

The seventh resolution of the series declares that "all negroes and mulattoes who shall be engaged in war, or taken in arms against the Confederate States, shall when captured in the Confederate States, be delivered to the authorities of the State or States in which captured, to be dealt with according to the present or future laws of such State or States."

This policy of the Rebel authorities was modified in the following year, but the declarations made and actions done in pursuance of these declarations, made conclusive proofs of the brutal and malignant feelings by which the leaders of the Rebellion were controlled, and rendered not only possible, but probable that they would attempt to engage in projects for the assassination of the chief men of the Republic.

The documents found in the Rebel archives at Richmond, fully sustain the statements that have been made by persons in the service of the United States concerning the inhuman treatment of Union soldiers in Southern prisons, and leave no doubt that Jeff. Davis and the Rebel authorities had knowledge of this treatment, and that they took no effective measures in behalf of humanity. Indeed, it is more than probable, from the evidence thus disclosed, that it was the part of the policy of the Rebel authorities to insure the effectiveness of the Union army by systematic ill treatment and starvation of prisoners.

Davis says in his message to the Rebel Congress of November, 1861, after reciting what he alleges to be the atrocities of the United States forces: "If they convert their soldiers into freebooters and robbers and involve us in a species of war which claims non-combatants, women and children, as its victims, they must be expected as outlaws and enemies of mankind. There are certain limits of humanity which are entitled to respect, even in war, and he who refused to guard them forfeits his claim if captured, to be considered as a prisoner of war, but must expect to be dealt with as an offender against all law, human and divine." Again, in his message of August, 1862, he says: "No method remained for the suppression of these enormities but such retributive justice as it may be found possible to exercise. Retaliation in kind for many of them is impracticable. But stern, exemplary punishment can and must be meted out to the murderers and villains that disgrace the profession of arms and bring to make public war the object of these emissions of the most monstrous crimes. Nothing remains but to vindicate our rights and main ain our existence by employing against our foes every energy and every resource at our disposal." Reports of the conduct of the armies of the South, made by Rebel officers, fully sustain the declarations and threats of Davis in the extracts above quoted.

In September, 1862, a report was made by a Committee of the House of Representatives of the 37th Congress. The Committee say that they visited the hospitals of the sick and wounded of our enemies now in our custody, and found all of the wards in a wretched condition. The upper ward was such as to drive the Committee out of it instantly. The stench was worse than that of the Libby and Castle Thunder from this cause. The fault is with those officers whose duty it was to furnish a supply of fuel, and who have not made proper provision."

The report from the Inspector of Prisons at Camp Chase, Ohio, in the Autumn of 1864, shows that the food issued to prisoners was poor in quality and insufficient in quantity. A similar report, made by R. S. Windfield, Surgeon in charge of the prison at Cahaba, Alabama, March 21, 1864, states that the sleeping accommodations were "rough boards, with no bunks. Not more than 200 can be comfortably accommodated on the 452 boards, so that 228 are forced to sleep upon the ground with no other fire-place in the building. All the fires—about 40 in number—have been until the past few days, built at intervials among the floor."

In September, 1863, R. H. Chilton writes a letter to John H. Winder, dated Anderson ville, Ga., in which he gives certain extracts from the reports of military prisoners at Andersonville, Ga.

The report says: "There is no medical attendance furnished within; in the stockade some quantities of medicines are placed in the hands of certain persons of each squad or division, and the sick are directed to be brought out by the sergeants of squads daily at sick call to the medical officers who attend at the gates.

The crowded state of these times is so great that only the strongest men could get access to the doctors; the weaker ones being unable to force their way through the press; and the hospital accommodations are so limited that the sick, as a rule, are not called. have only two occupants each. Many—twenty yesterday—are carried out daily who have died from unknown causes, and whom the medical officers had never seen. The sanitary conditions of the prisons are as wretched as they well can be, the principal cause of the mortality being scurvy and chronic diarrhea. Raw rations have to be issued to a very large proportion, who are entirely unprovided with the proper utensils, and furnished with a limited supply of fuel, and are compelled to dig with their hands in the filthy mush before they are cooked, for rioting, etc. After inquiry, I am confident that by slight exertion green corn and other anti-scorbutics could readily be obtained.

Surgeon Isaiah H. White says, in a report made by me, I suppose, in November, 1864, that "Our excess of funds at Andersonville will be turned over to the Treasurer, because the Commissary at that post has failed to supply himself with funds to meet requisitions, while thousands of sick, both at this post and some of Gen. Taylor's subordinates." Jeff Davis, in his message to the rebel legislature, January 12, 1863, referring to the proclamation of emancipation of January 1 of that year, says that "the negroes are encouraged to general assassination of their masters by the insidious recommendation to abstain from violence, unless necessary for self-defence.—Although our enemy could not have conceived the most execrable measure recorded in the history of guilty men is tempered by profound contempt for the impotent rage which it discloses, so far as regards the action of the Government on those criminals as may attempt its execution, I confine myself to informing you that I shall, unless in your wisdom you deem some other course more expedient, deliver to the several State authorities all the commissioned officers of the United States who may hereafter be captured by our forces in any of the States comprising the Confederacy, that they may be dealt with in accordance with the laws of those States provided for the punishment of those criminals engaged in inciting servile insurrection." On the 1st of May, 1863, the Rebel Congress passed a series of resolutions on the subject of retaliation.