

EXTRACT FROM THE LAST SPEECH OF STEPHEN A. DOUGLASS.—The conspiracy to break up the Union is a fact not new to all. Aspirations are being raised, and we are urged to break the Union. But two sides to the question. The one is to maintain the side of the United States against it. There can be no neutral in this war. There can be no neutrals but patriots and traitors.

The English Press on Bull Run.

When the *London Times* declares that the Seasideists gained a victory at Bull Run—a complete victory—as such a victory as Austria's, its simple eulogy, its payable ignorance, or its notorious mendacity. The *London Daily Telegraph*, which sets it down as only a "partial victory," is not only incorrect, but also a lie. It is the *Telegraph* that should have been a liberal, independent journal, but has lately become the thick-and-thin advocate of the Palmerston Ministry, and especially of the small, insignificant, and ignominious success of Lord Raglan's army. It has even been a daily paper, but it has lately become the thick-and-thin advocate of the Palmerston Ministry, and especially of the small, insignificant, and ignominious success of Lord Raglan's army.

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When news of Napoleon's victory at Austria reached Vienna, it was almost beyond expression. It was as if a bolt of lightning had fallen from the sky, and the Emperor, with his hands clasped in prayer, exclaimed, "Then we will roll up the map of Europe for the next twenty years." In six weeks, he was a dead man. He was shot on the 22nd of July. The French lost 12,000 men, and Napoleon was taken prisoner. At Solferino, the Austrian loss was considerably greater, but the victory there fell to Lombardy, Austria, conferred the exile of the Grand Duke, transferred Tuscany, Parma, and Modena to Victor Emmanuel, and paved the way for the annexation of the Kingdoms of Naples, Sicily, and all the rest of Italy except Venetia and the small remnant of Italy not governed by French bayonets.

Compare these great European battles, which instantly decided the destinies of nations, with the battle of Bull Run. We had a small force engaged, we won the victory at first, we sustained one of those sudden and unexpected reverses which are the fate of the armies of the world. We were defeated, and the French, on one occasion, during the Italian war of 1859, we did not lose a single standard; the enemy was either unable or unwilling to follow up the "victory," and our troops were now preparing for a renewal of the campaign, with better instructions, and with more confidence in the leadership of General Scott and General McClellan.

If the *London Times* should desire to be considered "the leading journal of Europe," it should be the leading journal of the world. It should be the journal that is read by the millions of people in every country. It should be the journal that is read by the millions of people in every country.

We repeat, the rout has given us a lesson which we must not neglect. We must learn from the experience of our fathers. We must learn from the experience of our fathers.

The Acts of Congress. We publish the text of the Acts of Congress, and give, in another article, a synopsis of the provisions of the law relating to the direct tax which is to be levied for the support of the Government.

As the London Daily News says, "The direct tax is a measure of necessity, and it is to be levied for the support of the Government."

It will be seen that Act No. 21 provides for the officers of the regular army mingling with the volunteers in such manner as may be deemed necessary.

The Convention of Western Virginia has concluded to erect a new State, to be called Kanawha.

LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Despatches to "The Press."

WASHINGTON, August 20, 1861.

Cabinet Council.—The Cabinet assembled at 12 o'clock to-day. There was a full attendance and a protracted session. The subject of the direct tax was the chief topic of the day. The President's message was read, and the Cabinet discussed the various measures proposed in it.

Colonel Scales in a Process.—Colonel Scales had a quarrel yesterday, in the hall of the War Department, with Colonel Farnsworth, his superior officer. The quarrel arose out of some remarks made by Scales in reference to the operations of the army.

Not Batteries at Mathias Point.—The special correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer writes that the batteries at Mathias Point are not in the hands of the rebels. The Union forces are still in possession of the batteries, and the rebels have not yet been able to capture them.

Distinct Cannoning Heard.—A messenger came in at great speed to-day, reporting that heavy guns were distinctly heard from the front of the Union army. The cannoning was distinct and continued for some time.

Advising Patrons.—The departments are perpetually importuned by the country press for advertising patronage. Publishers come from three hundred to a thousand miles to advertise in the official organs. The departments are obliged to refuse many of these requests, but they are often importuned by the country press.

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