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The war of 1815 commenced with disasters and incapable generals, and closed with victories on the Canada frontier and at New Orleans, and with two of the ablest generals in the world, Jackson and Perry, evicted patriots, ready at any moment to sacrifice their lives for the honor of their beloved country.

The same feeling prevailed in New York, where, under the patriotic TOMPKINS, aided by MARTIN VAN BUREN, the Legislature authorized the raising of 15,000 men for the United States Army, from four other regiments, two of which were colored soldiers.

In ignorance of the operations at New Orleans, a Convention met at Hartford, Connecticut, on the 10th of December, 1814, and adjourned on the 4th of January, 1815, composed of delegates from the Legislatures of three States, and from three counties in two other States.

The first resolution calls upon the Legislatures of the several States represented in the Convention to adopt all such measures as may be necessary to protect the citizens of said States from the effects of the acts of all acts which have been, or are to be passed by the Congress of the United States, which shall contain provisions forbidding the militia or citizens to furnish arms, accoutrements, or military stores.

Constitution. The last is the Chicago Convention of August, a temporary body of delegates to select candidates for President and Vice President of the United States, to be held on the 15th of November next, and to declare the principles upon which the canvass is to be conducted.

It met in the declining days of a rebellion initiated and carried on by their former political associates and leaders, with a deliberate intention to succeed first on the Democratic party in twain, and relying on their knowledge of the weakness and unpopularity of their tool, President BUCHANAN, after robbing our arsenals and navy yards, putting our troops in distant cantonments, seducing our officers of both arms, but not the private soldiers or sailors, whom they could not corrupt, and sending our vessels-of-war on foreign stations, carried out of the Union by fraud, cajolery, and force; eleven States, with a sea-coast stretching from Fortress Monroe to the Rio Grande. They were traitors, and sending our vessels-of-war on foreign stations, carried out of the Union by fraud, cajolery, and force; eleven States, with a sea-coast stretching from Fortress Monroe to the Rio Grande.

At the meeting of the Chicago Convention, New Orleans, Mobile, and Pensacola were practically ours, Savannah and Charleston hermetically sealed, leaving by one port, Wilmington, blocked, but into which we could send our troops, and run the gauntlet of our ships. Texas, Florida, and Alabama fall whenever the trees are shaken. Practically, the rebels had no other States, only one of which, South Carolina, can be considered as a separate and independent State. North Carolina is ready to join us whenever the Southern army of Lee is defeated, Georgia was depending upon her army at Atlanta, which was taken the 22d of September, and the rebel troops defeated and sent to the West Virginia a large portion in our possession, and the whole hopes of the South are confined to Lee's army, who will share the fate of the brazen god.

We have two admirals in active service, PARAGUAY and PORTER, equal to any in the world; two generals, GRANT and McCLELLAN, of demonstrated ability; a navy second to none other in the world; and an army larger and braver, and more patriotic, than any body of soldiers in the military Governments of civilized Europe.

The nominating officers of Jackson, forgetting only that they are not in power, have adopted unanimously a peace platform, which, if their candidates were now elected, would be a disaster to our country, and a disgrace to our arms.

The Law of the "Georgia" Case. Some of the English papers are spending on the seizure of the Georgia by the Niagara, and variously think that it will not cause trouble between the British and the American Governments. One Federalist has made some observations on the seizure of the Georgia by the Niagara, and variously think that it will not cause trouble between the British and the American Governments.

These questions may be briefly answered. First, Lord RUSSELL cannot demand explanations, in the face of a judgment of Lord STONELL, when Judge of the Admiralty Court, that it was lawful to seize a belligerent vessel after she had been sold. Second, the character of a pirate, or even of a murderer, is not a ground for the transfer of property to another nation, and the right of murder or robbery against a man is not a ground for the seizure of his property, and going to another locality to follow some living being, from that which he has lived before. At the meeting of the Chicago Convention, New Orleans, Mobile, and Pensacola were practically ours, Savannah and Charleston hermetically sealed, leaving by one port, Wilmington, blocked, but into which we could send our troops, and run the gauntlet of our ships.

A DEMOCRATIC PAPER speaks of General McCLELLAN being raised to his "proper position" as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy. We are under the impression that General McCLELLAN's friends claim this as an inheritance, and in the event of his election we are to have him for a king?

LETTER FROM "OCCASIONAL." A Presidential letter of acceptance is one of the convenient inventions of modern politics. Its ostensible purpose is to allow the candidate to state his views on the platform of the nominating Convention, but it is frequently employed for a precisely different end. A platform, like a letter of acceptance, is also a contrivance of the modern order of party management, and the people have come to regard both with great suspicion.

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