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THE NORTHERN PRESS.

THE GREAT QUESTION—FORGIVENESS.

[From the Washington Chronicle.]

There is so much discussion about the propositions of peace between the Government of the United States and the disappointed leaders who have compelled a large portion of our people to take arms against it, that we should be indifferent to our own frequent, early, and recent expressions on the subject if we did not take some little part in the debate. The subject itself is so vast that it taxes the greatest and appals the smallest minds. Transcending ordinary topics and evanescent politics, it demands the attention of every one who thinks, or talks, or writes upon it. It can best understand how they feel who have suffered the fearful punishment of rebellion against the institutions of our common fathers, by remembering how much we commiserated them, even with the sense of their dreadful crime before our eyes. Pride, passion, and a haughty sense of refusing to repent, have been the triple cause of hatred among the families of men as among the families of nations. *But we cannot, before God we believe, forget that if it were not for a power, "I am penitent,"* IT IS EASY TO SAY "I FORGIVE." How mysterious the philosophy of the human heart! How full of pathos and instruction the Prodigal Son! Whoever read the Vicar of Wakefield without shedding a tear, unless, indeed, he attempted to outrage nature by showing that he had no feeling! We know not if there are communications from the seceded or revolted States in this same city of Washington, but we hope they are on the ground. The more distinguished or authoritative they are the more they should be welcomed. The terms of reunion are few and briefly told. The revolted States are not sought to be returned as captives, or as inferiors, or as degraded members of the national family. There is only one condition, and that is restoration. It is not the question of slavery. To that both sides have at last agreed, and one because it desired, the other because it could not help it. THAT CONDITION IS, THAT THE UNION SHALL BE RESTORED.

CONFIDENCE IN THE ADMINISTRATION.

[From the New York Tribune.]

It is no longer disputed that three of the most eminent men of the Confederacy have been despatched from Richmond in quest of peace, and that they reached Washington on Friday. Some very inconsiderate strictures on "the Blair mission," so termed, and this obvious sequel to it has been current in Washington and in Richmond. It seems to us the dictate of wisdom and patriotism to say little or nothing, but to leave the Executive wholly unembarrassed in his action in the premises. We will, therefore, only express our confident wish and hope that the overtures thus reciprocated may result in a speedy, honorable, and lasting pacification. Let us, in the present juncture of our liberties, prepared to aid it with our best efforts should a recurrence to arms become necessary.

We do not know the suggestions or instructions that the "Peace" visit to Washington by leading Confederates is probably intended only by failure to arouse the South to the last desperate struggle against the Union. Of course, that is a possibility against which we should guard, but we do not deem it a probability. We *know* that Mr. Blair's visit to Richmond implied in no sense a humiliating solicitation for pacification, and it should be reciprocated in that spirit, if at all. Furthermore, we feel that if any minister, crafty manœuvre were practised, no exception would have necessarily been entrusted to men of such exalted personal character than Messrs. Alexander H. Stephens, R. M. T. Hunter, and John A. Campbell.

RESTORATION.

[From the New York Times.]

The peace commissioners, it seems, have not come to Washington at all. We learn from Washington that Secretary Seward has gone to meet them, with what instructions or for what purpose, of course, open to the widest possible conjecture. It is perfectly safe to say, however, that he has not gone to tender them peace on the basis of separation; and it is also safe to believe that they have come prepared to recognize the supreme authority of the Constitution and laws of the United States, they will find the Government ready to confer with them upon any subject of complaint or of demand which they may make, with the utmost liberality. The President has repeatedly given them and the country the most emphatic assurances on this subject. If they are prepared to talk of peace on the basis of union, they will probably visit Washington. If not, we presume they won't.

HOPE AND WATCHFULNESS.

[From the New York Herald.]

Just as this delegation arrives the Congress of the United States has finally passed a measure for the abolition of slavery. That measure, in order to be incorporated in our Constitution, must be adopted by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the States of this Union. There are thirty-six States—twenty-eight support the rebel cause, and twenty-eight are against it—so the measure will undoubtedly receive the requisite three-fourths majority in number of States. Thus the institution of slavery is legally, effectually, and officially put out of existence. Now, it was slavery that the rebellion was founded upon. It was built upon "the corner stone" of it, as Mr. Cornwall calls it, use the words of this very Alexander H. Stephens. It was for the protection of that institution and to secure the guarantees for its maintenance and extension that the war was begun. Four years of war have shown the South that they cannot hope to save that institution by force of arms; and now they see that 'they cannot hope to save it in any other way. Before the war there were as many Northern men in support of the institution as there were Southern men. Now the North is a unit of twenty-eight States against it. This consideration has had a salutary effect upon the minds of the Southern leaders and people. They all see clearly enough that by war slavery goes down, and that by peace slavery goes down; that it is done for in any other way, and that they might as well relinquish the fierce and bloody war that they entered into only to save it. Such considerations as these have doubtless disposed the rebel leaders to endeavor to make peace, the more especially as they cannot hope any longer to make successful war. Hence they send the best delegation that they are able to. We hope, also, that the visitations may succeed. We hope, also, that the country will "keep its powder dry." We hope that no department and no person will cease its duty it is to hurry up the reinforcement and the equipment of Grant's grand army will be tempted into an hour's idleness; for if no one else can make peace General Grant most assuredly can.

RECONSTRUCTION—AMNESTY.

[From the New York World.]

It is, of course, for the South to judge for itself what terms it would consider preferable to a continuance of the war; but it cannot make the same claims after a series of disasters that it would after a series of victories. We cannot ignore the result of military operations; and in consenting to negotiate, it is to be presumed that its commissioners expect us to deal with them upon the basis of our successes. If this highly respectable commission have come to Washington, after all that has occurred, to treat for Southern independence, they are not statesmen, but triflers. If, on the other hand, and this Mr. Davis understands, that the North, in its present temper, would accept a twenty-years war rather than surrender the Union. The fact that he sends commissioners, therefore, is evidence that, *on some terms or other*, he is ready to consent to a reconstruction of the Union.

In view of the passage of the constitutional amendment for the universal abolition of slavery, Mr. Lincoln will be likely to insist on acquiescence in that measure as a condition of peace; but that he can reasonably demand is, that the South shall acquiesce, if, by the ratification of three-fourths of the States, the proposed amendment shall become a part of the Constitution. All he need say to the commissioners is, "If this amendment *is ratified*, the fighting must end for my side." Here, by unanimous action, the slaveholding States can postpone the ratification long enough to soften the change. We trust that the whole North will accept any adjustment of the slavery question in which Mr. Lincoln and the Confederate commissioners may be able to agree.

We take it for granted that a general amnesty will be one of the conditions of peace, and that the Northern people, almost as one man, will approve it. If it does not, it ought, of course, to include all the others; and after a few months of interchanges of views between Washington and Richmond, it is evident enough that the Government will never stop him for treason.

If these negotiations result in any agreement, it is probable that very few, in either section, will be exactly satisfied; but peace and union are on all accounts so desirable, that we hope people in all parties will cultivate a disposition to make the best of what they can get. The terms the Government may impose or accept, provided they secure the grand paramount object—a restored Union.

NECESSITY.

[From the New York Daily News.]

The Union we have recently declared to be dissolved. While bloody memories and rankling hate interpose, how, indeed, can any one suppose its reconstruction other than impossible? Nothing remains, and in nearly all cases a benefit or perfect cure has been effected. Therefore, with these FACTS to prove our theories and statements, we are willing to guarantee any of the following diseases by special contract with patient desirous, with very many others not here enumerated:

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MORE WAR YET.

[From the Albany Evening Journal.]

Peace we will come as soon as we can; but those who assume that that time is yet, are only preparing themselves for bitter disappointment. There will be no peace, and no serious propositions from the South, until its power is still further crushed by the armed men whom Grant and Sherman, and Thomas and Terry are leading. When Wilmington, Charleston, and Mobile shall fall; when Richmond is threatened from Lynchburg and Branchville, as well as from Petersburg and Dutch Gap; and when the narrow circle in which the rebel armies will then be caged, shall be effectually isolated from the granaries and cattle regions of the South, then—and not until then—may we expect such a concentration of southern sentiment as will compel overtures which may be accepted with honor by the country.

REUNION WITH EMANCIPATION.

[From the Boston Journal.]

It is to be presumed that both Mr. Blair and Mr. Singleton, much as they may differ in their private views, both consented to represent the unalterable position of this Government to look upon no terms of peace unless they embraced reunion and emancipation. What possible object, then, can the Richmond authorities have in sending deputies to Washington, unless they are prepared to yield those two fundamental conditions? If they had other business, their arrival just after the passing of the constitutional amendment would be sufficient to send them back again.

But the whole truth must come out before long. We do not think the country indulges in any great hopes over this recent passing to and fro between Washington and Richmond, and we trust the Government has not delayed in the least its one vigorous movement by it; nevertheless, it is desirable that all there is in it shall be sifted and brought to light as quickly as possible.

NOT TOO SANGUINE.

[From the New York Express.]

We are glad to learn that Alexander H. Stephens and R. M. T. Hunter have come within our lines. *That is* one great point gained; for, it will be remembered, when Stephens essayed to come to Washington before the close of the war, he and Campbell and Hunter are men of influence and position. They stand well in, and may be said to have the confidence of the "Confederacy." With the exception, perhaps, of the extremists of the South Carolina school and if there is to be a "free talk" between them and the powers that be, at Washington, good may come out of it. The past experiences of the past admonish us not to be too sanguine.

SUBMISSION.

[From the Boston Courier.]

The only basis of settlement must necessarily be the legal acceptance of the constitutional amendment of various enactments of Congress directed against an insurgent people, but null and void, in the eyes of every retired statesman of the country, a stone and clay, and when at the depth of seven hundred and eight feet, a subterranean lake of pure water, tasted of salt, was reached, which has proved the finest artesian well in the West. The projectors of the well, after submitting to much ridicule, on the 9th of January commenced boring another well about thirty feet east of the original well. The same geological formations were encountered as in the old well, strata, pumps, that the indications of oil were remarked. At a depth of thirty-three feet, the oil became quite abundant, flowing apparently from a common fissure. Operations were kept at work until a depth of forty-two feet was reached, when it was two feet into the strata of Athens or Joliet marble which underlies the city. In every seam the indications of oil were very strong. On the 26th of last the drill was withdrawn and a pump inserted. After pumping half an hour, and bringing nothing but a white sand, the pump suddenly struck upon the oil and water, the proportion of oil growing greater and greater with each stroke of the pump. There were pumped, between 9 and 10 A. M., 40 barrels; and after pumping some half an hour, and raising about half a barrel, the pumping ceased.

The company have now constructing vats. The pumping will be resumed some time this week, and judging from the quantity raised on Tuesday last, says the *Times*, the projectors of the enterprise consider it probable that they will realize a handsome return to twenty barrels per day. The drill, as it passes down, clogs up the seams in the rock through which the oil flows, and it is often many weeks before the sediment is removed sufficiently to allow of a free passage of the oil. In Pennsylvania they frequently pump several days before the well yields, but after it once has started, and the seams of the stone have been opened, the yield of oil becomes better and better each day. The Chicago oil is thicker almost like tar, and will never make as a illuminating, though it is of far more value for lubricating purposes. It has been tested and pronounced superior to the best lubricating oils found in Pennsylvania, not chilling materially in the coldest weather, possessing an adhesive quality which will prevent it being thrown off by machinery in rapid motion, and a peculiar quality which enables it to last for a long time upon machinery heated to a high temperature by friction.

INCOME.

RETURNS OF INCOMES IN FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

SIXTH AND ELEVENTH WARDS

We publish to-day the remainder of incomes in the First Congressional district, being the Sixth and Eleventh wards.

Divisions 9, 10, 13, and 17 comprise the Sixth ward, and divisions 12 and 16 the Eleventh ward.

The taxes upon incomes in this district amount to $161,566 70, as follows:

SECOND WARD.

Division 1	$7,487 80	
" 2	2,493 55	
THIRD WARD.		
Division 3	$9,612 40	
" 4	6,669 75	
FOURTH WARD.		
Division 5	$4,569 25	
" 6	4,400 30	
FIFTH WARD.		
Division 7	$27,625 50	
" 8	7,949 20	
" 11	16,119 00	
" 15	29,175 50	
SIXTH WARD.		
Division 9	$4,199 90	
" 10	12,477 60	
" 13	6,678 90	
" 17	5,325 60	
ELEVENTH WARD.		
Division 12	$7,096 65	
" 16	7,376 80	

SIXTH WARD.

NINTH DIVISION.

Armstrong, Wm M	$2,200	
Armstrong, Wm M, trustee	2,200	
Attwood, A M	100	
Beaver, Chas	1,000	
Abeles, S	1,000	
Kelly, Jno F	63	
Bell, Isaac	17,000	
Brown, Wm S	1,000	
Calver, Wm	101	
Calver, Wm G	101	
Cassidy, Wm W	1,000	
Dacey, Joseph	200	
Dorrell, Jacob H	1,000	
Dorr, Fred	50	
Dorr, Benj	50	
Dorrance, Jno	1,000	
Dobson, Wm H	1,000	
Dare, W G	1,000	
Fury, Enos	2,237	
Ford, Philip	1,000	
Gascoyne, Chas	1,683	
Gibbs, Geo	1,000	
Heyman, Felix	2,916	

TENTH DIVISION.

Anderson, D F	$230	
Bankes, Q D	5,000	
Bailey, Lydia H	1,000	
Bamford, Wm	1,000	
Bickel, J O	1,000	
Barr, Felix	5,277	
Bullock, Jno	10,000	
Bick, S B	2,000	
Bullock, A L	1,000	
Cassin, Dani	1,000	
Campbell, F	200	
Comly, Chas	750	
Chaney, Chas H	1,450	
Chambers, D M	1,500	
Cochran, Geo G	600	
Campbell, John	2,050	
Cooper, Peter	250	
Dollard, Mrs H E	200	
Dain, Aug F	1,000	
Dinkins, Geo	1,500	
Dolan, Jno	1,000	
Daniel, W	1,000	
Dorrance, Jno	1,000	
Dorrance, G H	1,000	
Dorrance, Jno	1,000	
Dorrance, Jno A	1,000	
Dorrance, Jno A, trustee