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PITTSBURGH:

TUESDAY MORNING, JAN. 15.

THE SECRETARY OF OFFICE.—The New York correspondent of the Boston Post thus enumerates the Federal offices in that city with the corresponding salaries:

First in importance and revenue is the collectorship, with its fixed salary of $6340, and some $20,000 more in the form of pickings and fees. In the custom house, as subordinates to the great Tycoon above referred to, are an auditor, at $4000, assistant auditor, $3000; cashier, $3000; assistant cashier, $2,500; seven deputy collectors, $2,500 each; chief appraiser, $2,500; three appraisers, $2,000; six assistant appraisers, $2000; chief clerk, $2000; warehouse superintendent, $2000; drug examiner, $2000; thirty-three clerks, at $1,500; thirty-three weighers, gaugers and measurers, at $1485; twenty-six clerks at $1,400; one liquidating clerk, at $16,00; ten clerkships, at $1300; thirty-one at $1200; fifty-eight at $1100; two hundred and sixty-one inspectors, at $1095; thirty-four clerks, at $1000; and one hundred and twenty-two regular salaried clerks, etc., whose pay varies from $400 to $800 per annum. I need not enlarge upon the suggestive item of extra service, fees and the long detail of similar methods of increasing both the number and pay of officials in this department of Uncle Samuel's household, nor need I refer to the local light-house service, with its immense patronage—say $30,000.

Then, as a sort of corollary, must be named the naval office, with its chief officer, at $4050; and the indefinite (or rather infinite) fees; three deputies, $2000, two subordinates at $1500, seven at $1400, two at $1200, five at $1050, twenty-five at $1000, and thirteen at from $500 to $900. Let me not omit to mention of the surveyor's office, which furnishes easy chairs for the following officials: Surveyor, $4900; two deputies at $4200; four at $1100; five at $1000; and several "subs" at from $500 to $700.

The postoffice is always over-estimated as a source of income to its incumbent, albeit the late lamented Mr. Fowler found it a profitable place. The actual salary is only $2000, with a commission upon the rent of the boxes and sundry fees and grabblings, which, united, make the place worth from five to eight thousand honest dollars per annum. The patronage however, is quite extensive, as will be seen from the fact that there are some two hundred and sixty-five employees, compacted with our dirty dilapidated Dutch church in Nassau street. Of these, six get $2000; thirty-six from $1000 to $1500, and more than two hundred subsist on yearly stipends varying from $250 to $900.

ESTABLISHING PRECEDENTS.—It is never occurred to the gentlemen who, on the heels of a furious political contest, in which all the passions of the people were aroused, are endeavoring to amend the Federal Constitution in such a way that the victory of the Republican party may come to naught, that they are establishing a precedent that other parties in moments of misfortune and defeat will not be slow to act upon; and that the demand for the modification of the fundamental law, if complied with now, will follow every Presidential election in which great principles or great material interests are at stake? Has it ever occurred to them that the cause of the successive revolutions and the alternating anarchy and military despotism which distinguish and disgrace the neighboring Republic of Mexico, is the constant indisposition of the beaten party to submit, to the rule of the majority without new guarantees against the oppression of some faction, church, race or interest—that the perpetual tinkering of the Constitution for the purpose of pacifying those who threaten military revolution as the consequence of civic defeat, has destroyed all stability and strength of government, all hope of the enjoyment of liberty and every prospect of the perpetuity of the Republic? Let us learn wisdom by the examples of Mexico presents, and sustain the Constitution as it is. It has proved sufficient for all the purposes of government; it has permitted us as a nation to make unexampled progress in prosperity and wealth since it was adopted; and until the civilization of the era reaches a point far in advance of that upon which it now halts, it is sufficient for the easy and safe solution of all the problems in government which may arise. The discord and excitement of to day will, if that instrument is not disturbed; pass away; peace will succeed the murmurs of war; and beneath the protection and guidance of that great chart of Liberty and Union, we shall again have cause to devoutly bless the wisdom of our fathers who drafted it. It is now the perfection of human knowledge and patriotic endeavor as applicable to the parts of our national being; and the people cannot afford to have it disturbed for the gratification of partisan hate or for the enlargement of the area, or the greater security of an institution the name of which Madison refused to place on its pages.—*Chicago Tribune.*

THE Richmond *Enquirer* denounces the President and General Scott in frantic terms. Its rage at Scott is frothy. The *Enquirer* says:

"The public have were startled yesterday afternoon by learning that the citizens of Smithville were in possession of the forts at the mouth of the Cape Fear river, to wit: Forts Johnson and Caswell. Fort Caswell is the fortification on Oak Island, Fort Johnson is simply a garrison or barracks at Smithville. Neither of these works have had any troops in them for years, consequently there was no resistance made to their being occupied, and, of course, no collision, nor any harm done to the property. We are not aware of the immediate cause of this movement on the part of our fellow citizens of Brunswick, although we have heard that a dispatch had been received to the effect that a revenue cutter, the Forward, was on her way with troops, destined for Fort Caswell. How far this may be so, is more than we can say. No doubt the dispatch was received and from a reliable source, but all sources of information are apt to be misled themselves, and therefore to mislead others in these times.

Disunion Programme.

The subjoined communication, disclosing the designs of those who have undertaken to lead the movement now threatening a permanent dissolution of the Union, comes to us from a distinguished citizen of the south, who formerly represented his State with great distinction in the popular branch of Congress. Temporarily sojourning in this city, he has become authentically informed of the facts recited in the subjoined letter, which he communicates to us under a sense of duty, and for the accuracy of which he makes himself responsible. Nothing but assurance coming from such an intelligent, reliable source could induce us to accept the authenticity of these startling statements, which so deeply concern not only the welfare but the honor of the southern people. To them we submit, without present comment, the programme to which they are expected to yield their implicit adhesion, without any scruples of conscience as without any regard to their own safety.—*Phil. North American.*

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—I charge that on last Saturday night a caucus was held in this city, by the southern secession Senators from Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas. It was then and there resolved, in effect, to assume to themselves the political power of the south, and, to control all political and military operations for the present, they telegraphed to complete the plan of seizing forts, arsenals, and custom-houses, and advised the conventions now in session, and soon to assemble, to pass ordinances for immediate secession; but in order to divert any operations of the government here, the conventions of the seceding States are to retain their representations in the Senate and the House.

They also advised, ordered, or directed the assembling of a convention of delegates from the seceding States at Montgomery, on the 15th of February. This can, of course, only be done by the revolutionary conventions usurping the powers of the people, and sending delegates over whom they will lose all control in the establishment of a provisional government, which is the plan of the dictators.

This caucus also resolved, to take the most effectual means to dragoon the Legislatures of Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas and Virginia into following the seceding States. Maryland is also to be influenced by such appeals to popular passion as have led to the revolutionary steps which promote a conflict with the State and Federal government in Texas.

They have possessed themselves of all the avenues of information in the south—the telegraph, the press, and the general control of the postmasters. They also confidently rely upon the defections in the army and navy.

The spectacle here presented is startling to contemplate. Senators entrusted with the representative sovereignty of the States, and sworn to support the constitution of the United States, while yet acting as the privy Councillors of the President, and anxiously looked to by their constituents to effect some practical plan of adjustment, deliberately conceive a conspiracy for the overthrow of the government through the military organizations, the dangerous cry of the Knights of the Golden circle, "committees of safety," southern leagues, and other agencies at their command; they have instituted as through a military and civil despotism as ever cursed a maddened country.

It is not difficult to foresee the form of government which a convention thus hurriedly thrown together at Montgomery will irrevocably fasten upon a deluded and unsuspecting people. It must essentially be "a monarchy founded upon military principles," or it cannot endure. Those who usurp power never fail to forge strong chains.

It may be too late to sound the alarm. Nothing may be able to arrest the action of revolutionary tribunals whose decrees are principally in "secret sessions." But I call upon the people to pause and reflect, before they are forced to surrender every principle of liberty, and to fight those who are becoming their masters rather than their servants. EATON.

As confirming the intelligence furnished by our informant we may cite the following extract from the Washington correspondence of yesterday's Baltimore Sun:

"The leaders of the Southern movement are consulting as to the best mode of consolidating their interests into a confederacy under a provisional government. The plan to make Senator Hunter, of Virginia, provisional President, and Jefferson Davis, Commander in Chief of the army of defence. Mr. Hunter possesses in a more eminent degree the Nullo-political characteristics of Jefferson than any other statesman now living. Col Davis is a graduate of West Point, was distinguished for gallantry at Buena Vista, and served as Secretary of War under President Pierce, and is not second to Gen. Scott in military science and courage."

The Treaty with China.

Further details respecting the Chinese treaty have been received by a dispatch from Alexandria, forwarded by Mr. Loch, the bearer of that document. The indemnity is fixed at $.-of 100,000 taels, or a little more than twelve million dollars, which will go a short distance in imbursing the allies for their outlays. The sum of £100,000 has also been exacted for the families of the murdered British officers. Payment of the indemnity is to be made by instalments. British and French Ministers are to reside at Pekin. The port of Tientsin, on the Peiho river, is to be open to foreign trade. All interdictions to emigration are to be removed. Cowloon is ceded to the British crown. This is a small peninsula opposite to Hong Kong, said to be ceded on account of its greater salubrity for military purposes than Hong Kong. The island of Chusan, seized by the allied expedition last summer, is to be evacuated by the British, and Pekin was to be on the 8th of November. The treaty was to go into immediate operation, and be proclaimed throughout China.

Now that the war has ended, the London papers are criticising the justice of its commencement. The Times of the 25th ult., observes:

If we act wisely for the future, the necessity for these expensive periodical expeditions is at an end. Let us, then, act wisely—let us resolve never again to rush into war to resent an insignificant insult, or to vindicate British etiquette against Chinese etiquette. Let us make it certain to our consuls, and also to our pro-consuls, that they are in China to preserve peace, and not to be the cause of war; and let us make it understood by our merchants that it is their interest to make commerce a bond of peace; for that come what may, we will never again make it a pretext for war.

The Morning Star, an able and consistent advocate of the peace policy, says:

The Chinese war is over so far as regards its active operations, and herein we find no doubt a ground for hearty congratulation, alloyed only by the reflection that, for the honor of our country it ought never to have been begun. But there yet remains one little ceremony to be performed before we can close the chapter and turn over a new leaf in the volume of our national history. England must pay the bill. The indemnity which we have extorted from the Chinese will liquidate but a fraction of the cost of the expedition; the balance must be taken from the pocket of the British tax-payer. We are not a whit better off than at the conclusion of the treaty of Tien-tsin, and the heavy bill of costs which our rulers have since run up for us may be divided, morally, into two items; so much for England's loss, so much for England's shame.

DETERMINED TO REMEDY ANYHOW.—At the conclusion of his speech in the Senate, yesterday, Mr. Hunter, of Virginia, was asked by Mr. Baker of Oregon, whether if a constitutional majority of both Houses of Congress should pass amendments to the Constitution such as would meet the views of Southern Senators, he (Mr. Hunter) would support the Government, the Constitution, and the laws, until the people could decide upon accepting or rejecting such amendments? Mr. Hunter replied: "That is a question I cannot answer. I am not authorized to answer for Virginia." On being reminded by Mr. Baker that he had not been asked about Virginia, but about his own readiness to support the Government and the laws, Mr. Hunter declined to reply, saying, "If the gentleman is not satisfied, I cannot satisfy him." This evasion on the part of the Virginia Senator strikingly illustrates the spirit that now governs the slaveholders. They are determined on rebellion, and no concessions, not even amendments to the Constitution dictated by themselves, will satisfy them. What is the use of talking about compromises with such traitors!—*N. Y. Trib.*

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