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As the President elect approaches Washington, the revelation of his political views becomes more explicit. Of the firm and dignified temper which he brings to the adjustment of our great national issue he gave satisfactory indications in Indiana. In Ohio he added the evidence that the same discretion should not be wanting in considerate forbearance and conciliation. And when he reaches Pennsylvania, and finds himself among the thriving workshops and mines of the Monongahela and Alleghany Valleys, he at once addresses himself to a topic at the same time of the highest local and of the highest national importance, and tells us what views he at present entertains of the questions of tariff, protection, and revenue, and with what earnest purpose he proposes to apply himself to the mastery of these difficult subjects.

To these remarks at Pittsburgh too great importance can hardly be attached. With entire sincerity, the President elect admits that said direct taxation becomes more palatable to our people, tariffs are the most convenient, and, in fact, the indispensable substitute; and that so long as tariffs exist, there is an obvious propriety in so adapting their varied provisions, as to foster those branches of the popular industry which most clearly demands such indulgence. In these views Mr. Lincoln merely reflects the general sentiment. But he has not left us the tenor of his subsequent reflections, to judge that he is by no means assured whether this is the precise moment for introducing radical changes in our revenue system, or that sufficient deliberation has been had over the details of the bill now before Congress. He inclines rather to the belief that the whole subject might safely be left to another Congress, and that the interval might be profitably employed by himself, and general by the Republican advocates of discrimination, in obtaining a more comprehensive knowledge of the subject, and in bringing to the investigation the lights of a more intended experience. At the same time, he admits his obligation to favor a re-adjustment of the tariff, because the Chicago Platform, upon which he was elected, embodied pledges to that purpose.

From this announcement of his intention to redeem all the engagements of that platform—an announcement that could be no where so appropriately promulged as on the spot where the Republican organization originated—we gain material for the discussion of the whole question of the policy of the new President upon other questions of equally urgent moment. No adjustment of the slavery difficulty that fails to square with the declarations of the Convention which placed it before the people will prove acceptable to the incoming Administration; and while every sufficient guarantee shall be accorded to the institutions of the conservative States of the South, no guarantee irreconcilable with recorded Republican principles can be granted. It is highly probable that to the acute and practical mind of Mr. Lincoln, methods of securing to the loyal Slave States all they can reasonably demand, present themselves, without conflict with his avowed convictions. He has already placed beyond controversy his sincere desire to meet the question in the spirit of frank kindness and consideration. And, as we have heretofore shown, there are banking arrangements with which there is reason to believe the South would involve no abandonment of Republican doctrines, we are strengthened in the anticipation that the nucleus of our National Union will, after all, be found in the calm and judicious suggestions of the President elect. We have, fortunately, not long to wait for them.—*N. Y. Times.*

Napoleon and a Southern Confederacy.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Times, under date of Monday, says:

"It appears that early in August last a Commissioner from Mississippi, and a similar agent from South Carolina, promptly presented themselves at the French Court and had several interviews with the Emperor himself, in which they laid before him the plan of Secession, and endeavored to obtain a promise, express or implied, of recognition by the French Government of the proposed Southern Republic. Neither Louis Napoleon nor the Government gave them any encouragement whatever, but indicated hostility to any complicity in the scheme.

The Emperor stated his decided opinion that the Government of the United States would not consent to be broken up, and the Northern States would never assent to the establishment of a Southern Confederacy. The Commissioners replied that the free States could not help themselves, because the Cotton States would certainly accede from the Union; and that this movement would ruin the Free States, and make them helpless to resist the proposed new Confederacy. Louis Napoleon could not see it in this light, and appeared as to have been able to understand, why, if the North was to be made so weak and the South so strong by Secession, the latter should want to commit European governments in advance to the policy of aiding and protecting the Southern Confederacy.

He was then urged to promise the desired recognition in the event that the Northern States should consent to the establishment of the Southern Confederacy, to which the Emperor warily replied that when affairs in America reached the point indicated, the proposition for recognition by France would become a matter for negotiation. He still declined to commit himself in the least in favor of the proposition; on the contrary, he declared he did not believe that any government in Europe in the nineteenth century would dare to recognize a government based purely on human slavery.

Still the Commissioners urged their suit. They argued that the State States constitute the only conservative portion of the United States; that the North was radical; that its ultra Democratic element was constantly encroaching upon and breaking up that class in the American Union (the slaveholding) which answers to the aristocratic classes of the Old World, and that the European Powers ought to intervene to protect them. Failing their hook a little more heavily, they intimated that the Southern people rather inclined towards a monarchy, and would like a prince to reign over them.

The first kind blast from Snow threat could by hold for a Bonaparte took the Emperor greatly by surprise, and so startled him that his visitors saw the necessity of an explanation, if they would not have him believe they were offering flagrant impositions to his credulity. They followed it up accordingly, by reminding His Majesty that the South Carolinians were largely descended from the Huguenots, and asserting that for this reason they felt a warm admiration of and affection for France, as the "mother country," &c., &c. But it was all of no use; the Emperor was incorrigible. Fortunately, perhaps, for both France and America, there were certain political Union men from the United States in Paris at the time of these negotiations, who were alone upon the track of the Secession conspirators, and took pains to expose to the Government their fallacies and misrepresentations. Until it is to be regretted that prudence forbids the disclosure of their names at this time, that they might receive the thanks from their country-men which is their due.

A Severe Criticism.

The following severe animadversion on President Buchanan is an extract from a private letter, handed to us for publication, from an Englishman of the highest political standing, whose views on American affairs have probably more weight and influence than those of any other man in England. The letter is dated "London, Jan. 25:

"My dear sir, I am entirely strong from the first, has been carried beyond measure by the President's message to the Senate, which appears in this day's paper. A more cowardly illogical and dishonest document never appeared with the name of any man calling himself a statesman. The only parallel to Fenian Pilate washing his hands of the affair and leaving both action and responsibility to whoever chose to take them. Conceive the President elect to admit that said direct irritation becomes more palatable to our people, tariffs are the most convenient, and, in fact, the indispensable substitute; and that so long as tariffs exist, there is an obvious propriety in so adapting their varied provisions, as to foster those branches of the popular industry which most clearly demands such indulgence. In these views Mr. Lincoln merely reflects the general sentiment. But also, new supplies of the following good books:

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