The Somerset Herald.

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WE HOLD THE FORT.

With each passing day it becomes more clear that HAYES and WHEELER are elected. One by one the Democrats are compelled to abandon the three States to which they laid claim for TILDEN. Everything that besotted folly and brazen impudence could do, has been employed to force Republicans from their position, but they still hold the fort. Despite shot-guns, fraud, legal chicanery and threats, HAYES has carried South Carolina by over a thousand majority on a count of all the votes returned, and when these are sifted and the fraudulent ballots rijected, his majority will amount to several additional thousands. In Louisiana the Return Board has assembled. It has permitted the Democratic leaders to fill the vacancy existing in it by a man of their own choice; It has admitted five gentlemen from each political party, besides reporters of the press, to be present during all its sessions and witness the count, and has thus proven to the world that it intends an honest return to be made. This has dismayed the Democrats, and has taken away from them all hopes of being able to successfully charge fraud upon the Board, and they now virtually concede the State to HAYES.

Florida is now the battle-ground, and the Democratic scum from all parts of the Union is concentrated there, with the hope of changing the result by some rascally device brought to bear on the out-lying Democratic counties, but they are well watched by the Republicans, who are full of confidence and determined to have a fair count of the vote.

In truth and in fact, the Democrats are abandoning all hopes of securing any of these three States, and are casting about for some technical defect in the election or qualifications of the Republican electors, as a last hope of success.

HAYES and WHEELER are fairly and honestly elected beyond any reasonable doubt. It will be so declared by the Electoral College when it assembles on the first Monday in December, and they will be duly inaugurated as President and Vice President of the United States, on the Fifth day of March next, despite Democratic threats and bluster. All is right and victory is assured.

HAYES' majority over TILDEN in Ohio is 7,516. TILDEN has 20,000 less majority in New York than he received in that state two years ago for Governor.

IT IS held to be an inalienable Democratic right to stuff ballot-boxes and intimidate Republicans, and then claim that the manufactured majorities shall be counted as legitimate.

HAVING stuffed ballot-boxes and intimidated voters, the Democrats now howl for an "honest count." Does an "honest count" include the count of votes dishonestly polled? An honest election is about as important as an honest count.

THE Lewiston (Maine) *Journal* insists that a leading Democrat of that city received a dispatch from a leading Democrat in Boston to th effect: "We have got votes enough to elect TILDEN, but we can't find them.

THE Democrats are raking the whole United States with a fine tooth comb to find the one elector that they want. Giving up the South in despair, they are trying to oust a Republican elector in Vermont, Oregon, or Wisconsin. It is a case of drowning men catching at straws—where there are no straws.

THE twenty-two Northern States give HAYES over 200,000 majority, and if the Southern States had not been terrorized, they also would have given him a good round majority. The loyal North gives HAYES 166 electoral votes, against 65 for TILDEN. The rebellious South 19 to HAYES, and 119 to TILDEN.

THIS thing has its ridiculous aspect. Less than a dozen years since, the North compelled the South to stay in the Union. Now the North is wailing to hear whom the South has elected President. Four States in the North voted for TILDEN; just enough to refer the decision of the contest to the South. So, to-day, within eleven years from the suppression of the rebellion, the rebellious States had in their power to choose a President who was opposed by all but four of the Northern States. It is very serious, but it is very absurd, to think of the country being placed in the power of those who so lately attempted to destroy it

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BY THE way, has any one yet heard a Republican threaten that TILDEN's inauguration shall be withstood "to the blood," or otherwise, if South Carolina, or Florida, or Louisiana cast their votes for him? Has any one heard Republicans threaten to defeat the expressed will of the people, by quibbling objections to a Democratic elector chosen by the voice of the voters of a State? And does not the different attitude of the two parties since the election pretty clearly show the country the superiority of Republicans as decent, steady-headed, and sensible people.

THERE has been some blustering on the part of the Democratic press and some have ventured to tell what fearful things were to happen in case the Returning Boards of the three states refused to give their official sanction to the Democratic outrages and atrocities that were there committed. Of course, few have been alarmed by this wild talk. The American people are law-abiding, and law-respecting. They want a fair count of fair votes. They will be satified with nothing less, and they will submit to such a count cheerfully. The wisest among the Democratic papers are beginning to see this, and are already preparing their readers for the decision which justice demands should be made. They will keep up a clatter for a little while, but they have too much good sense, to continue it.

One by one the Democratic roses fade. It is settled by a count of the ballots that South Carolina voted for HAYES. In a couple of days the same news will come up from Florida, and already the Democrats are trying to break their fall by conceding that Louisiana will also be "counted" for HAYES.

FRAUD! Fraud!!—You're another—Fraud! Fraud!! is the stock in trade of Democratic editors and street corner politicians, ever since they began to realize the fact that TILDEN's fancied election was endangered. It is a well known axiom of the law that "fraud is never to be presumed, but must be proven;" and yet, before the canvassing boards had met in either of the three "doubtful" states, before they had taken the oath of office or arranged for business, comes the cry from Democratic throats, "fraud! fraud!!—not that we have been cheated, but you are going to cheat us!" Is n't the omniscience of these pure patriots most wonderful? Mark you, these boards only assembled on Friday and Saturday last, and yet for a week previous, the air was thick with charges that frauds were to be perpetrated by them. And whence comes this cry? From a party itself leprous with fraud, covered with the scars of former infamies, from the crown of its head to the soles of its feet; a pilloried, festering, foetid chest. Its candidate the man charged by HORACE GREELEY with carrying his state for SEYMOUR in 1872, by the most shameless frauds; its only hope of winning in the late contest by having fraudulently secured the votes of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and other southern states; and its only remaining chance being based on the hope of carrying the three "doubtful" states by a count of the votes there secured by fraud. This is the party whose evangelists are so mendaciously crying fraud in all the highways of the nation. It is the old cry of "stop thief," to divert attention from their own guilt.

IF persistent, mendacious lying is to settle the question, who was elected President on the 7th inst., we will be compelled to concede that TILDEN is the successful man. Starting out with the claim that at least three-fourths of the states cast their ballots for the Democratic electors, the leaders of that party have, as the returns came in, abandoned them one by one, until they have at last settled down to the admission that they have only 184 votes certainly, for their candidate, which is just one too little to elect him. For a week they persistently claimed Florida, Louisiana and South Carolina, but they have at last been compelled to abandon all hopes of the latter, and are now just as determinedly insisting that they have the two former, when they well know, that in truth and fact, a majority of the honest legal votes in both, have been cast for HAYES and WHEELER.

Apart, however, from the pertinacious claiming of two States which they know they have fairly lost, they have resorted to the most outrageous system of lying, through means of the telegraph, that the world has ever witnessed, hoping thereby to deceive the public, and distract attention from their thieving efforts to steal the votes of two sovereign States from the Republican candidates. Thus, they telegraphed, and had published all over the country, that Secretary CHANDLER had telegraphed to Governor KELLOGG that Louisiana *must* be carried for HAYES, and that KELLOGG had given assurance that it would be so counted. Next they telegraphed that Senator CONOVER had sent a dispatch from Florida admitting that that State had voted for TILDEN beyond all doubt. Then they circulated by telegraph that Governor IRVIN, of California, had dispatched the authorities at Washington that he would never sign certificates for the HAYES electors from that State, because they had been elected by fraud; and then followed a dispatch from MCCLELLAND, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee of this State, alleging that Ex-State Treasurer MACKEY and Secretary of State QUAY had been sent by the Secretary or War, (Mr. CAMERON,) to buy up the returning board in Florida for HAYES. Secretary CHANDLER, Senator CONOVER, Governor IRVIN and Chairman MCCLELLAND have each and all of them positively denied ever sending any such dispatches; but still, the lies have answered the purpose of the hour, and with unblushing serenity new lies are hourly and daily issued by the same Democratic leaders and journals and are sown broadcast by telegraph throughout the land. And this is the party that nearly stole into power through a hypocritical cry for "honesty and reform!" Forgery, fraud, lying, intimidation and force, are the instruments by which they hoped to succeed. The country stands appelled at the narrow escape it made from falling into the power of the infamous crew that stole the livery of Heaven to serve the devil in.

THE best evidence in the world, that the Democrats know they have not carried Florida, South Carolina or Louisiana, is the eagerness with which they grasped at the hope of securing that one much needed elector through some technical objection to a Republican. If they thought they had either one of these three States, they would not have so loudly boasted that the couple of Republican Postmasters elected in Vermont and Oregon were ineligible, and therefore, the highest Democrats voted for would take their places. They have however dropped the silly claim, since it has been discovered that several of the Southern TILDEN electors are unreconstructed rebels, whose disabilities have never been removed. By grasping at these straws, they have admitted that they have no hope of securing either of the three so-called "doubtful" States.

THE most sublime exhibition of pure and undefiled impudence, since Satan attempted to bribe the Savior into worshipping him, was the order of HEWIT—chairman of TILDEN'S National Committee—too a score or two of his henchmen, to go down to Louisiana and see that a fair count of the vote cast in that State was returned. Think of it! Think of this fellow HEWIT, or any other man, daring to send his pimps to oversee the counting of the vote of a sovereign State! Think of ANDY CURTIN, SAM RANDAL, Governor CARROLL of Maryland, *et id* fellows: steeped to the lips in all the chicanery of election frauds, insulting by their very presence, not only the sovereignty of the State, but every voter within its borders, by the assumption of fraude, and the audacious intimation that the laws of that commonwealth are powerless to protect the purity of the ballot, except under their supervision.

Imagine this almighty egotist or tool sending JOHN MORISSEY, BOSS KELLY and BOSS TWEED down to Harrisburg to see a fair count of the vote of this State, and you can have a conception of the indignity he has put upon Louisiana. This is a new revelation of state soverignty, with a vengeance! Is this the imbecility of madness, or the madness of fancied power?

Presidential Prospects.

Light is dawning. Strong proof that Gov. Hayes has really triumphed is seen in the exceedingly bad temper of his opponents, and in the absurdly contradictory claims upon which they rely. For example, we are regaled with elaborate disquisitions to prove that one Republican candidate for elector, for whom the people of Vermont gave an overwhelming majority, was constitutionally ineligible, and that, in consequence, the Democratic candidate having the highest vote has been chosen. Though it is not clear that the disqualification applies until the Governor of the State issues the certificate of election, and the elector enters upon his duties, Mr. Caleb Cushing, a Democratic lawyer of distinction, holding that it does not, and though the blunder, if it be one, can easily be remedied by the other electors, who have the power to fill the vacancy, and it has been repeatedly decided that votes cast in good faith for an ineligible candidate are not so far void as to permit the election of his opponent, still the Democrats cling to this straw with the tenacity of desperate men. Is it that plain that they would waste no time upon such an uncertain claim, if they were confident that Mr. Tilden was entitled to more than a majority of the electoral votes by the verdict of South Carolina, Florida, or Louisiana? Equally effective, as proof that they have no faith in their own claims, is the absorbing interest they take in the case of the Oregon elector. It is in the power of the Secretary of State to give a certificate to one man for whom the people did not vote, but it is equally in the power of the other two electors, when they meet, to observe the fact that the illegally returned person was not elected to fill the vacancy, and to forward three votes in accordance with the will of the people. Would Democrats build great hopes on so frail a foundation if they were sure that Louisiana had honestly voted for Mr. Tilden?

Equally frivolous is their hope that the Governor of California may defeat the will of the people of that State by assuming judicial powers which the law does not give him, and refusing certificates to the electors chosen. There are easy legal remedies in such a case. No intelligent Democrat has disputed that the majority of the people in California voted for Republican electors, and it will be quite as easy for the Governor of North Carolina to convince himself that Democratic electors were not chosen without fraud as for the Governor of California to refuse certificates to Republicans. Is it not obvious that the Democrats would not invite such controversies if they were satisfied as to their legal triumph in Louisiana? Day after day the Democratic journals reiterate the assertion that "everybody knows" that Florida and South Carolina have really given a majority to Mr. Tilden, and yet the same papers insist every day that if the vote of Louisiana is declared against him it will "rob" him of an election. Have they not sense enough to see that they virtually confess that the other States have voted against him, even while they loudly declare that he has carried them? Can they not see that claims so obviously impudent in the case of South Carolina destroy all confidence in similar claims as to Louisiana?

This business is becoming very plain. The Democrats tried to elect Mr. Tilden by stupendous bragging. Now they are trying to get him counted in by impudent bluffing. *The St. Louis Times* of the 14th editorially declares; "We will either have Tilden or a "fight." This is language fit for the insane asylum or jail. If the words come from a person legally and morally responsible, they entitle him to protection against himself in a straight jacket. If they come from one who knows their meaning, they entitle him to a place inside the first hangman's noose that may be prepared for those who get up a "fight" against the United States. He may rest assured that the loyal people who were willing to forgive those who took part in the rebellion of 1861 will see to it, if another rebellion should occur, that treason shall be made odious by the punishment of some of those who engage in or incite it.

The country will patiently await the legal decision of the proper authorities. It will not countenance any abuse or straining of their power, but it will none the less insist that the laws shall be fully and faithfully enforced. When the proper authorities declare the result the country will see that those who are lawfully elected shall be duly inaugurated. Bragging, claiming, raving, and foul words will go for nothing. We have no idea that the lawful decision will be resisted; President Grant at Washington and Gen. Sheridan at New Orleans are not likely to have another occasion to enforce the authority of the Union against armed revolutionists. The Democrats who vapor and bluster and threaten only make themselves contemptible. The American people know that nothing can save them from anarchy except absolute obedience to law, and they will patiently await and calmly enforce the legal decision. But those who remember 1861 will not doubt that, if any new resistance to law should be attempted, its punishment would be swift, merciless and terrible. A second rebellion, during this generation, would be a very short one, and it would not end in amnesty.—*New York Tribune.*

They Talked so Just Sixteen Years Ago.

Who is there, to-day, that goes brawling about Governor Hayes having received a minority of the popular vote? For every one such there were a hundred sixteen years ago who said the same of Mr. Lincoln. Who is there that threatens in drunken fury that Hayes shall not be inaugurated? They or their prototypes experienced just such a frenzy in 1860, and with greater and more passionate energy swore that Lincoln should not be inaugurated. We all know what came it. Have these men learned nothing in all these costly years—these years of sacrifice of treasure and of human life, with their continuing legacy of distress and debt? They say a majority of the people have voted against Governor Hayes, and they will not have him President. So a majority voted against Mr. Lincoln, but a majority of the electoral votes—of the votes of the States under the rule, of which they are so fond, which exalts State sovereignty and gives the choice of the President to the States and not the people—were cast for Mr. Lincoln, and he was both elected and inaugurated. Under similar circumstances, Governor Hayes, if he has received an honest majority of the electoral votes, no matter how small, and no matter if he has received only a minority of the popular vote, will be declared elected, and will be inaugurated. Anything else would be revolution. Is this Democratic party prepared to resort to revolution twice in sixteen years? Is not the experience of one sufficient?—*N. Y. Tribune.*

The Difference.

Nothing could more vividly exhibit the contrast between the Republican party and the Democratic party than the course of events since the first Tuesday in November. While the Republicans have shown themselves to be eminently law-abiding and disposed to submit to the popular will, all the threats of trouble to come—the menace of a House of Representatives unconstitutionally absented from the counting of the electoral votes; the incendiary messages telegraphed to Southern leaders; the tumultuous declaration that Hayes would not be allowed to take his seat as President if Florida, and South Carolina were counted for him, and dark hints of an appeal to force have come from the Democrats. It is these malign foreshadowings, breeding uncertainty and apprehension, that have kept the public mind in a constant ferment and filled the future with forebodings. Democrats are alone responsible for the general disturbance of the public tranquility. Intelligent and reflecting people could not fail to remember that all the threats came from those and the partisan allies of those who had once seized upon all the arsenals, arms, ammunition, mints, custom-houses, postoffices, forts, navy yards, and revenue-cutters, within their reach, as preliminaries to a war upon the Union, rather than submit to the election of Abraham Lincoln. With such a black catalogue to refer to, thinking men have been puzzled to decide whether genuine intention lay behind the various menaces, or whether these were merely the outbursts of baffled expectation. In either case, they show the domineering spirit of the Democracy and their proneness to run into excesses of feeling and action, clearly evidencing the incapacity of the party to administer the government with credit to themselves or advantage to the country.—*Inter-Ocean.*

THE law under which the Louisiana Returning Board must act, if they obey the oath of office they have taken, absolutely requires them to throw out the votes of parishes where proof is complete that intimidation, fraud, or violence affected the poll sufficiently to affect the general result. Under this official compulsion what else can the Board do than throw out the Democratic "majority" returned from East and West Feliciana parishes? In 1872 these two parishes gave a Republican majority of 2,194. In 1874 they gave a Republican majority of 2,251. The white population is 6,689, while the colored population is 10,398. At the recent election the vote stands Tilden 3,919; Hayes 1. Tilden's majority 3,118! If there is one man in the United States who defends such a fraud as that, he thereby proclaims himself a villian, as well as a fool.—*Inter-Ocean.*

The Louisiana Returning Board.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 16.—Nothing of importance has occurred to-day. The Returning Officers of election met in executive session and adjourned to Saturday. The vacancy on the Board is not yet filled.

No election returns were touched, but it so happened that the first letter opened by the Returning Officers was a threatening one, postmarked this date, and addressed to J. Madison Wells, of the board. The letter reads as follows:

"SIR: *Resolved*, That we take upon ourselves the duty of redeeming Louisiana, our native State from the thieves and parasites now preying upon her prostrate, bleeding body. We have appealed to our Southern brethren in vain. We now propose to act in her behalf, and teach her robbers and despoilers such a lesson as the world never saw.

"We warn you, 'dishonest trickster,' that you are, and your companions in sin, the bastard Kenner, the negro thief Casanave, and the unscrupulous villain Anderson, that if you swindle us again your lives will pay the forfeit. Listen villain! We are armed, organized and sworn to do our duty.

"The braggart Sheridan and his paid emissaries cannot save you or the corrupt men at your back. Our attack will be sudden and decisive. We will do our work and disappear before the the hordes of the despot Grant can protect you. You are warned! Now beware!

"UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF LOUISIANA."

Republican Florida.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Nov. 16.—*To the People of the United States:* The undersigned are informed that telegrams are being sent North to-night from this State, based upon the tables of reported majorities in the *Floridian* extra of this afternoon, claiming that Tilden and Hendricks have carried Florida by 637 majority.

An examination of these tables shows that in the county Alachua alone, the actual Republican majority of 717, as shown by the official canvass now on file, is reduced to 498 by leaving out certain precinct votes on false pretenses of fraud; and that in a variety of other waves the actual figures have been changed, so as to give an apparent Tilden majority.

The undersigned are satisfied, from a careful examination in detail of the returns already received, that, allowing the Democrats all the majorities now claimed in the counties kept back by them, the returns from the whole State will show a majority for Hayes and Wheeler. This majority can be largely increased upon ample proof of Democratic frauds and intimidation.

The Republicans of Florida are not devoting themselves to manufacturing public opinion at the North, but convinced that the State has been carried for Hayes and Wheeler, they await with perfect confidence the result of a fair and impartial canvass, which they are sure will carry full conviction to the people of the country.

J. M. THORNBURGH, of Tennessee.
T. W. OSBORN, of Florida.
W. E. CHANDLER, of New Hampshire.
M. MARTIN, Chairman Campaign Committee.
J. P. C. EMMONS, of Jacksonville, Florida.

Nonsense.

The New York *Herald* (independent) of Saturday warns the Democrats that a very little imprudence or impatience may spell all their hopes; that the country has given them a large vote with misgivings and doubts, and is extremely ready to resent the least misconduct on their part; that having received a majority in only four out of twenty-two Northern States shows how far they are from having established themselves in the confidence of the North; and finally it says:

They may be assured that the country has not forgotton that on the Democratic party rests the guilt of the rebellion; that their folly and wickedness brought on us the civil war, with all the losses and the huge train of evils from which we still suffer. The country has not forgotton these, nor the agency of the Democratic party in bringing them on us. Modesty is a virtue the Democratic politicians will do well to cultivate. We repeat what we said yesterday, the people will not tolerate for an instant anything which looks to a disorderly or violent attempt to grasp power; they will resent instantly and fiercely even anything in their conduct or language which could be construed into a threat to do so. Let the Democratic leaders join frankly in efforts to disentangle the present political maze. Let them show decent confidence in the honor of their respectable opponents. And if they shall prove to be beaten, which may happen let them take their defeat good-naturedly, and thus they will do more to regain a permanent place in the confidence of the people than in any other way.

Storm Wave in India.

Three Large Islands Completely Submerged

CALCUTTA, Nov. 20.—Three large Islands, namely, Hattiah, Sandeep and Dakhan Shahabazhare, and numerous smaller islands, included in which are the Backergunge, Nookholly and Chittagoing, were entirely submerged by the storm wave of October 31, as was also the mainland for five or six miles.

These islands are all in or near the estuary of the river Megna. The largest, Dakhan Shahabazhare, is 500 square miles in extent, and had a population of about two hundred and forty thousand. Hattiah and Sandeep together had about one hundred thousand of a population.

Up to 11 o'clock on the night of the 31st there were no signs of danger, but before midnight a wave swept over the country to the depth in many places of twenty feet, surprising the people in their beds. Dense groves of cocoa and palm trees around the villages enabled many to save themselves by climbing among the branches, and some took refuge on the roofs of their houses, but the water burst the houses asunder and swept them out to the sea. Some were carried thus across the channel ten miles to the Chittagoing district, but the vast majority were never heard of again. The country is perfectly flat, and almost every one perished who failed to reach the trees. There is scarcely a family on the islands or on the adjacent coast but what lost some of its members.

The cattle are all drowned, boats swept away, and the means of communication with the districts destroyed. There is much distres among the survivors, which the Government is relieving. The *Gazette* says that wherever the storm wave passed, it is believed not a third of the population survived. The islands have barely one-fourth of their former inhabitants.

The stench from the putrifying bodies is insufferable, and a general outbreak of cholera is expected. A correspondent says this fear is, happily, not yet realized, except in Nookholly, where the disease has appeared

News from the famine threatened districts of Madras is somewhat better. Rain has come in time to do some good. In Bombay the prospects are stil gloomy. Actual famine in two or three districts seems probable, and great distress in four or five more.

Domestic Troubles.

DETROIT, MICH., November 13.—A murderous shooting affair occurred about three miles east of Lansing, about midnight last night, in which C. Waynes was killed, J. F. Marley, his father-in-law, fatally wounded, and two or three others seriously wounded. Several of the parties belong to that city. Domestic troubles the cause.

ALL EUROPE ARMING.

Gigantic Preparations for War Being Made by Russia, England and Turkey.

The *Herald's* London special says: "The news this morning is still more warlike than that of yesterday, and conviction is now general that immediate resort to arms has been determined on by Russia. The air, in fact, is filled with rumors of war, and people who had hoped all along that England would keep clear, are now coming around to the belief that the Premier, for reasons best known to himself, is determined on a fight in case of Russian invasion of Turkey. Whether he counts upon having an ally or not is one of those things which the future may bring to light, but it is now generally felt that even should England be single-handed in the conflict, Disraeli will not hesitate to resist Russian aggression by force. It is stated that he counts on bringing 100,000 Sikhs and Sepoys from India into the struggle and those with the hordes of Mahometans from the Turkish dominions and from Africa, which English money could place in the field would enable the Turks to meet the Russians on something like equal terms, but whatever the government means to do there can be no doubt that preparations on a large scale for war are being energetically pushed forward. The Admiralty have issued orders to have all the gunboats at Portsmouth got ready for sea immediately, and recruiting for gunners is actively going on in all the naval departments. Extensive military preparations are also going on and in all the arsenals the utmost activity prevails. Troops have been ordered to the Mediterranean, and the garrisons of Gibralter and Malta are to be strengthened with all possible dispatch. Colonel Stokes, of the Royal Engineers, with a competent staff, has been ordered East to organize the defense of Constantinople, and this is regarded as a sure indication of England's intention to act at once in case Russia moves her troops into Turkish territory."

In relation to the proposed conference the *Herald's* correspondent at Vienna telegraphs that the Porte refuses to grant autonomy to the Sclavonic provinces without striking another vigorous blow against its revolted subjects. This of course upsets the conference scheme completely, and makes a settlement almost impossible without a Eropean war. The *Herald's* Vienna correspondent confirms the statement that the Russian Government has assembled seventy steamers at Odessa for the purpose of landing troops below Vama, so as to avoid the passage of the Danube. The mobilization of the Russian army is being pushed forward with the greatest possible vigor, and the Czar will soon be in a position to pour a formidable force into the Turkish dominions. Eighteen divisions are now ready to march, and are concentrated in the neighborhood of Odessa and in the Caucasus. Eight more divisions are awaiting orders to move into Asia Minor. The situation grows more alarming from day to day, and the news of an outbreak of hostilities on a gigantic scale is looked for at any moment.

LONDON, Nov. 15.—The *Standard's* Vienna special says the force which Russia mobilized in accordance with the recent ordinance numbers 195,292 infantry, 26,788 cavalry, and 624 rifled breech-loading cannon. The rifles are of the American Berdan-pattern. Because of the state of the weather military men estimate that at least a month will be required before the above force can be concentrated on the Pruth.

The *Post's* Berlin dispatch says preparations have been made for a concentration of the Russian army of Vistula, which is to be reinforced by the Imperial Guards.

Intelligence from Warsaw indicates an impending Polish rising. The Government has posted placards in Warsaw prohibiting any gathering in the streets. In this connection the *Financier* says: "the news of the proclamation of a state of seige in Poland arrived in London last night."

THE LATEST.

PARIS, Nov. 16.—It is reported that Austria contemplates a partial mobilization of her army.

There is reason to believe that Russia will call in next year's contingent of the recruits, numbering 200,000 immediately, instead of waiting until April the usual time. It is announced that the first military train of 16,000 men leaves St. Petersburg for Kischenoff to day.

The *Golos* states all railway companies in Russia are ordered to place their lines at the absolute disposal of the government.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The *Time's* dispatch from Paris says it is announced that Lord Derby is on the point of addressing a protest to the various powers against the mobilization of the Russian army.

The Vienna correspondent of the *times* says: "Advices from the Russian frontier announce that freight traffic on the railway lines from the Polish frontier southward, has been stopped, the roads being required for the transportation of military stores."

Large hospitals are being established, and all the physicians in South Russia have been invited to enter the army.

Turkey is also preparing. She intends to concentrated five army corps of 10,000 men each in Bulgaria, and will merely have sufficient men to maintain the defense on the side of Servia and Montenegro.

Four English officers of the Royal Engineers have been engaged by the Porte to superintend the strengthening and arming of the fortresses of the Danube

A contract has been signed for provisioning Widdin for eight months, for a garrison of 14,000 men. The armament of Widdin is complete. It consists of sixty large Krupp guns and eighty-five pieces of smaller caliber. The Danube flotila has been reinforced. The arsenal at Constantinople is briskly engaged fitting out a fleet. A military train of 1,200 wagons is being formed.

Sued for Libel.

RICHMOND, VA., November 20.—James Jorgensen, Congressman-elect from the Fourth district, to-day entered suit in the Circuit Court of Richmond against the proprietors of the Richmond *Dispatch* for alleged libel, laying his damages at $10,000. The suit is based on an editorial in this morning's *Dispatch* referring to an article in the Petersburg *Index-Appeal*, charging him with embezzling public money while Postmaster of Petersburg.

LOOK AT THE FIGURES.

THE VOTE OF THE NORTH.

FOR HAYES.	Electoral Vote.	FOR TILDEN.	Electoral Vote.
California	6	Connecticut	6
Colorado	3	New Jersey	9
Illinois	21	New York	35
Iowa	11	Indiana	15
Kansas	5		
Maine	7		
Massachusetts	13		
Michigan	11		
Minnesota	5		
Nebraska	3		
Nevada	3		
New Hampshire	5		
Ohio	22		
Oregon	3		
Pennsylvania	29		
Rhode Island	4		
Vermont	5		
Wisconsin	10		
Total	166	Total	65

THE VOTE OF THE SOUTH

FOR HAYES.	Electoral Vote.	FOR TILDEN.	Electoral Vote.
Florida	4	Alabama	10
Louisiana	8	Arkansas	6
South Carolina	7	Delaware	3
		Georgia	11
		Kentucky	12
		Maryland	8
		Mississippi	8
		Missouri	15
		North Carolina	10
		Tennessee	12
		Texas	8
		Virginia	11
		West Virginia	5
Total	19	Total	119

Bloodshed in South Carolina.

CHARLESTON, November 17.—A special despatch to the *News and Courier* received at 2:30 o'clock P. M., says that a colored Democrat was severely beaten by Radical negroes in Lawtonville, in the upper part of Beaufort county. The trial justice issued a warrant for the arrest of the offenders, and five were arrested by the constable and posse. These, on returning with the prisoners last night, were attacked by a body of armed negroes, two of the white constables killed and the prisoners rescued. The Sheriff of the county is now on his way to Lawtonville. Telegrams from Vernvill state that the negroes, 2,000 in number, are armed, are at Stafford's Cross Roads, near Lawtonville, swearing vengeance on every white man in the county.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

AUGUSTA, GA., November 17.—A posse of six men were sent out by Trail Justice Mulligan near Lawtonville, S. C., yesterday, to arrest a party of negroes for beating a colored man. After the arrest was made the posse was surrounded by an armed body of blacks, and two whites named William Shooman and Abe Deloach, were shot. Shooman's body was found this morning with his head chopped open.

RUMORS OF ANOTHER CONFLICT.

CHARLESTON, November 17.—A later, but unconfirmed, despatch from Stafford's Cross Roads says there was a fight there yesterday, lasting until dark, between twenty-seven whites and three hundred well-armed negroes. No negroes are reported hurt. Twenty-five citizens arrested under the Enforcement act were brought into Aiken from the Elenton section this morning

No additional trustworthy particulars of the affair at Stafford's Cross Roads have been received up to 9:15 P. M., except that only two constables, De Loach and Shooman, made the arrest of the five negroes, and that early to-day dispatches were sent along the line of the Port Royal and Savannah and Charleston Railroad calling for help, which help is said to have been sent.

DESPATCHES TO REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS.

ALL THREE DOUBTFUL STATES CLAIMED.

WASHINGTON, November 17.—The action of the Supreme Court of South Carolina in deciding that the Returning Board of that State must proceed to canvass the vote in its ministerial capacity only creates the liveliest satisfaction among the followers of both political parties here. It is thought that the actual count will give Hayes the electoral vote of the State, but that Hampton is elected Governor. It is stated that O. H. Brewster, a Republican elector of Louisiana, is at present the United States Surveyor General for that State. Democrats assert that he is ineligible under the Constitution.

R. C. McCormick, Secretary of the Republican National Committee, received a despatch this morning from ex-Senator Osborne, of Florida, saying that the State had undoubtedly gone for Hayes and Wheeler.

Sixth Auditor J. M. McGrew received a dispatch this morning from N. D. Stanwood, a brother-in-law of Senator Blaine, dated New Orleans to-day, saying: "Louisiana has undoubtedly gone Republican, electing Hayes and Wheeler electors and three Republican members of Congress—Messrs. Darrell, Leonard and Smith."

Judge Edmunds, Secretary of the Congressional Committee, received a despatch from South Carolina this afternoon, saying that that state is without doubt safe for the Republicans. The Judge seemed considerably elated over the despatch, and while declining to state who sent it, said it was from parties in whom he placed the utmost reliance.

Terrible Accident.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 18.—A Sacramento dispatch says: Last night, during a performance at Moore's Opera House, the floor gave way, killing eight and wounding about a hundred spectators. The Opera House was situated over a large livery stable, on Second street, between E and I, and was formerly used as a State armory. It had recently been converted into a theater by putting up a gallery and tier of boxes, making the hall capable of seating one thousand people. The floor was unsupported, except by the usual beams. A vaudevill troop had engaged the theater, and it being the opening of the establishment, the house was crowded. Soon after the performance commenced a sudden sinking of the floor was noticed, accompanied by the cracking of the beams, and directly the entire auditorium, carrying with it the stage and gallery, was precipitated into the stable beneath. The rear portion was partly supported by the stalls beneath, and the audience was thrown forward towards the stage. The lights were extinguished by the concussion, and a scene of fearful confusion ensued. A fire alarm was struck, and in a few moments the department was on the ground, and with the assistance of the police proceeded to rescue the wounded and remove the dead. A great crowd in the meantime assembled, and the excitement was intense. Hundreds crawled from the ruins unassisted and uninjured. On cleaning up the *debris* the following were dead: T. W. Perry, janitor of the court house; Frank Meyer and W. J. Foster, compositors in the *Record and Union* office; Henry Vaca, Ezra Woolson, formerly County Treasurer, Michael Tiernan and two unknown. The performers escaped with some bruises, Eddie Peak, at the Swiss bellringers, and Mr. Wilson, a variety performer, being most injured, neither seriously. Many of the wounded taken from the ruins are in a critical condition, and a number will probably die.

Congressmen Elected.

The following Congressmen were elected in Pennsylvania.

1. Chapman Freeman, R.*
2. Charles O'Neil, R.*
3. Samuel J. Randall, D.*
4. Wm. D. Kelly, R.*
5. Alfred C. Harmer, R.†g.
6. William Ward, R.
7. Abel Rambo, R.
8. Heister Clymer, D.*
9. A. Herr Smith, R.*
10. Samuel A. Briggs, D.‡
11. Francis D. Collins, D.*
12. H. B. Wright, D.†g.
W. H. Stanton, D.‡
13. James B. Reilley, D.*
14. John W. Killinger, R.‡
15. E. Overton, R.g.
16. John I. Mitchell, R.
17. Jacob M. Campbell, R.g.
18. Wm. S. Stenger, D.*
19. Levi Maish, D.*
20. L. A. Mackey, D.*
21. Jacob Turney, D.*
22. Russell Errett, R.g.
23. T. M. Bayne, R.g
24. W. S. Shallenberger, R.
25. Harry White, R.g.
26. J. M. Thompson, R.‡g.
27. L. P. Watson, R.g.

*Re-elected; †Members of former Congress, but not present members; ‡Elected to fill vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Judge Ketcham; *g* gain on present delegation. Republicans, 16; Democrats, 11. Present delegation—Republicans, 16; Democrats, 17.

THE CENTENNIAL.

Count of Visitors Finished—The Total for Six Months 9,789,578.

PHILADELPHIA, November 15.—The Department of Admission to the Centennial Exhibition has just finished the count of the visitors to the grounds on Friday last, the closing day, and thus completed the official record of admissions during the six months extending from May 10 to November 10. The Exhibition was open one hundred and fifty-nine days. During that time the paid admissions were 8,004,325. The free admissions were 1,785,053. Total admissions, 9,789,378. The total receipts were $3,813,749.75. The average daily total admissions were 61,568. The average daily receipts were $23,985.88.

Great Destruction of Cotton.

SAVANNAH, GA., Nov. 13.—A very large fire in the depot cotton yard of the Georgia Central Railroad has to-night destroyed one warehouse, twenty empty cars, and about one thousand bales of cotton. The fire is still burning, with the wind high and in the direction of some ten thousand bales more. The white and colored people are working shoulder to shoulder to save the cotton. The fire has been burning since 8:40 o'clock this evening

The Whisky Ring.

ST. LOUIS, November 16.—The pardon of William O. Avery arrived here to-day and was forwarded to Jefferson City to-night. The sentence of Col. Constantine Maguire of six months in jail for complicity in whiskey frauds will expire at 12 o'clock to-night, and he will be sentenced to pay a fine of $5,000, but being a poor man he has remained in jail one additional month to meet the requirements of the law in such cases. He will have a hearing before United States Commissioner Clark to-morrow touching his insolvency, and if found to possess no property he will be discharged.

Fall of a Floor in a Public Hall.

UTICA, N. Y., Nov. 12.—During a church entertainment at Hill's hall, Perrysville, Madison county, Friday evening, the floor gave way precipitating over fifty ladies and children ten or twelve feet to the floor below. Mrs. H. L. Keeler had her right leg broken, the bone being shattered, and the left arm bruised. Mrs. John Cress and Mrs. David Wells were severely injured about the body. Mrs. Cora Marine, knee and ankle sprained, and others painfully bruise. Mrs. Cress may not survive.

Five Men Scalded to Death.

DETROIT, November 15.—A report just received from Sheboygan, Mich., states that the tug J. U. Bennett went ashore on Monday near St. Helena island, straits of Mackinaw, on Tuesday morning. Five of her crew were smothered and scalded to death in a room over the boiler by steam escaping from the safety valves. The names of the unfortunate men are Paul Peery, Captain; F. Martin, mate, W. Mulcrone, fireman, Vetal Bunesou' stewart, and John Newton. The Bennett has been pulled off by the tug Leviathan, and brought to St. Helena, slightly damaged.

Piracy.

HAVANA, November.—While the steamer Moncazma, belonging to the line of steamers running between here and Porto Rico and touching at various ports of this Island and at Puerto Plata, was at the latter port, about eleven passengers embarked. When the steamer was on the high seas, they killed the captain, first mate, first engineer and supercargo and took possession of the steamer. They then landed the rest of the passengers off Romero Key Cuba, and put to sea again. It is supposed these so-called passengers were Cubans, Puerto Plata being full of refugees.

An Investigation Wanted in Mississippi.

JACKSON, November 15.—The following telegram was sent to-day to General James A. Garfield, New Orleans: The Republicans of Mississipi earnestly invite you and your associates of both parties, when you have completed your investigation in Louisiana, to visit this State to make a like investigation into the fraude and violence with which the State has been carried.

[Signed,] H. R. WARE,
Chairman Republican State Committee.

Riot in Scranton.

SCRANTON, November 14.—A serious riot occurred to-day between the Delaware, Lackwanna and W[illegible] Railroad Company's mechanics on