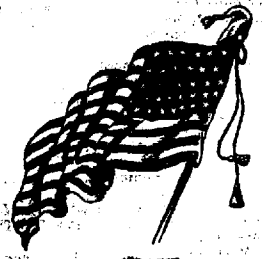


Daily Telegraph



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THE UNION—THE CONSTITUTION—AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW. HARRISBURG, PA.

NO MORE SEA-WAR CATCHERS IN THE SOUTH.

It is a fact that certain officers both in the regular and volunteer services, during our occupation of various localities in the rebel region, bound themselves and compelled those under their command to act in the capacity of negro catchers. Slaves that entered our lines for the purpose of imparting important information, were captured by our soldiers on the order of these officers, returned to their masters, and in some cases out of ten, the flesh scourged from their bones, as a reward for their allegiance to the Union, and their desire to aid those who were fighting in its defence.

Our brave volunteers did not enter the service to become slave catchers; but to put down the rebellion instigated by slave-holders. It is bad enough in civil life to be subject, (under penalty), to the humiliation of a legal requisition to aid in returning a fugitive slave. So revolting is it that any man with soul enough to appreciate the blessings of freedom himself, would sooner honor the law by submitting to its penalty than by obeying it. And so disgusting is the idea of hunting an escaping slave, that the northern soldier who would take it kindly would prove himself too great a poltroon to shoulder a musket.

If fugitive slaves must be caught, (and we concede the legal obligation,) let the dirty work be thrown upon those who are willing to do it for the pay promised. Our gallant army and navy don't want to soil their hands or violate their consciences by any such detestable work. And we are glad that Congress has told them they needn't.

THE PROPOSITION OF THE PRESIDENT to extend pecuniary aid to such slave states as contain slaves, the emancipation of their slaves, does not suit the rabid portion of the Democracy. They see in that proposition the clear freedom of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, and possibly North Carolina. They discover in it the doom of slavery, and with this doom the eternal destruction of that Democracy which has derived its vitality and recovered its force from this system of American slavery.

THE MEMPHIS PAPERS say that there was a heavy loss of steamboats on the Tennessee River, (the consequence of the invasion of the Federal gunboats. The Sam Orr, with 1,700 pounds of powder and twenty-seven submarine batteries, was set on fire by the Confederates ten miles above the Tennessee river bridge; the Lynn Boyd and Appleton Belle were burnt by the Confederates at the mouth of Duck river; the Sam Kirkman, Julius Smith and Time—the latter with one hundred thousand dollars worth of Government stores—were abandoned and burnt at Florence; the Dunbar was sunk in Cypress creek, and at Eastport, Miss., a gunboat was sunk.

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There is however a certainty of a foreign demand, although it may be small, but yet it will have its influence upon our markets, and combined with the fact of hundreds of thousands of men being transformed from producers to consumers, and immense tracts of hitherto cultivated land lying waste in our country, there can be no question but that interest and patriotism call loudly upon our people to put forth the most strenuous efforts to produce every bushel of wheat, corn, potatoes, etc., which can be put in the ground and cultivated.

We have so far conducted one of the most gigantic and expensive wars of modern times, without the assistance of a dollar from foreign nations. And how has it been accomplished? Simply because we last year produced an immense surplus of provisions, and in consequence have drawn millions of gold from England and France.

Our brethren of the south claim that cotton is king, but we beg to ask of them if a blockade of northern ports during the past year would not have produced immeasurably greater distress in England, through the scarcity and dearth of food, which would have resulted from such a course, than has the blockade of southern ports and the consequent scarcity and dearth of cotton? We think that any unprejudiced mind must acknowledge that this would have been the case during the past year, and it may be the same during the year to come.

THE SOUTHERN MASSES are brave, chivalrous and intelligent—the souls of honor and the embodiments of patriotism. Such were the clamors of those who were in political alliance with the south, said who were dependent on the slave power for political success. Then the masses of the south were incapable of being deceived. They were the only real governing influence in this nation, and as such ever claimed the prerogative and prestige of government, until the impression seized the southern mind that the Union was constructed for their exclusive benefit, to be preserved while it suited their pleasure and contributed to their profit, to be destroyed when it could no longer be used for such purposes.

TRAITORS, THIEVES AND LIARS are those who oppose the federal authority. Cowards and assassins are those who conduct the rebellion of the slave oligarchy. While these wretches were in the Union, they engaged in plans to get possession of the forts, arsenals and military force of the country, that they could better succeed in their treason. When these failed them, they bustled themselves in destroying private property, poisoning streams and fountains, devastating lands and submitting towns and cities to the destruction of fire.

THE WOMEN OF AMERICA, from she who sailed in the Mayflower and won the heart of the rough though honest Miles Standish, down through all the years of our wonderful development and progress to the present wicked rebellion, and the noble efforts to crush it, are as much identified with the greatness and glory of the nation, as are those of the sterner sex. They are identified, not merely by associates, but by deeds of daring and acts of devotion, such as are fit to emblazon any banner, however proud its history, and ennoble any race, however grand its reputation.

As it was in the Revolution so is it in the rebellion of the present. All the while and mother of the Revolution in humility, privacy and modesty, cheered on to and abridged the labors, privations, and when it was possible, pains of the struggling soldier, and the women of the loyal states sharing the trial of the soldier also struggling for the same end, the preservation of Constitutional Liberty and the defence of the American Union.

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THE REASON given by the rebels for not returning Col. Corcoran, is that maps and drawings have been found on his person. No further communication had been received as to the release of the federal prisoners at Richmond. The Richmond papers of Friday contain military news except the arrest of Union men principally Germans. The detectives broke into the room of the German Turners, and found two American flags, with a painting on the wall of the Goddess of Liberty, with the words underneath, "hate off." The painting and flags were confiscated.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

FROM THE LOUISVILLE JOURNAL. They tell us that Gen. Sigel was not educated at West Point, but he fights like a man educated at all points.

THE U. S. GOVERNMENT has laid a great wager against the Southern Confederacy—General H. Wager Halleck.

BUSSARD is striking hard blows at the front of the Southern Confederacy, whilst our Foot is vigorously at work at his rear. With Foot, the seat of attack is the seat of honor.

THE MOUNT Sterling Whig says that Humphrey Marshall, when last seen, was paroling corn for his dinner. The eloquent rebel never took his corn in that shape before.

SOME of the Confederates are consoling themselves with the thought that their reverses will do them good. Yes; these reverses will do them good—do good to the whole country, rebels as well as patriots.

FROM WASHINGTON.

THE KANSAS AND NEBRASKA INDIANS tender their Services to the Government.

6000 Loyal Indian Refugees in Southern Kansas.

THE NASHVILLE POST OFFICE. The Rebel Post Master Runs Off With all the Blanks, Locks, Mail-bags, &c.

THE NEW YORK POST MASTER. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Mr. Dole, has returned from the west.

THE PEOPLE DREAD THE DESTRUCTION OF THE CITY IN CASE OF ATTACK.

GENERAL BURNSIDE REPORTED TO BE MOVING ON THE CITY.

THE FEDERAL PRISONERS AT RICHMOND. Re-imprisonment of Col. Corcoran.

ARREST OF UNION MEN AT RICHMOND. LOYAL GERMANS. American Flags and other Union Devices Found in the German Turners' Hall.

COTTON AND TOBACCO TO BE DESTROYED BY THE REBELS. Silver from 40 to 50 Cents Premium in Richmond.

A Philadelphia Divine Consecrated Bishop of Alabama. The General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, Postponed Indefinitely.

THE STEAMER MERRIMAC. The steam tug Atlantic and Pegasus from Philadelphia, came into the harbor this morning.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES in session at Richmond, has adopted a resolution directing the military commanders to destroy all the cotton and tobacco that is in danger of falling into the hands of the enemy.

A DISPATCH from Atlanta, Georgia, says that the Federal troops have occupied Milledgeville, Tennessee, and that General A. Sidney Johnston has retreated to Decatur, Alabama.

THE REV. DAVID WILLMER late of Philadelphia, was consecrated at Richmond on Wednesday, as Bishop of Alabama.

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MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

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