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Fifty Days.

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Great events crowd the times. But the action is too scenic, too dramatic for permanence. Nations may be born in a day, but they do not spring, all panoplied, from the front of every passing hour.

Let us review the events of fifty days.

On the 6th of November the people of the United States elected their fourteenth President—Abraham Lincoln, of Illinois. He was chosen regularly and constitutionally, but with scarcely the honor of a vote in a Southern State, except Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Kentucky, and Missouri. In these a ticket was run, and though overwhelmed, was enough to show that a difference of opinion, at least, existed there. The States further south fell hereupon into an extraordinary excitement, and on the 20th of December, South Carolina—whose white population of 303,106, there being only five of the thirty three less than she—passed an ordinance of secession. This was followed by the secure of the reverse letter Fleets, and of the United States arsenal, and was the first scene of the most lamentable tragi-comedy whose scenes have flitted before our eyes.

On the 26th of December Major Anderson moved from Fort Moultrie to Fort Sumter, and so took the command of Charleston harbor—by the same act threw a bomb into the nest of traitors at Washington, blew up the Cabinet, awaked the dozing President, and made himself the most popular man in America. On the 30th of January, Forts Pulaski and Jackson, and the United States arsenal at Savannah, with Fort Mason and the arsenal at Fayetteville, N. C., were seized. On the 31 Fort Morgan, near Mobile, and the Mt. Vernon arsenal were taken. On the 5th the arsenal at Apalachicola, and on the 9th Forts Johnson and Caswell, in N. C., were also seized. The same day the Florida Convention adopted secession resolutions. On the 9th Mississippi followed suit, while at Charleston the New York steamer Marion was seized and the Star of the West fired into. On the 10th Fort McRae, at Pensacola, and on the 11th Forts Pike, St. Philip, and Jackson, with the arsenal at Baton Rouge, were seized. The same day, Alabama seceded. On the 12th, Fort Barrancas and the Pensacola navy yard were taken. On the 19th Georgia seceded. On Sunday, Jan 20, Ship Island Fort was taken by Captain Howard. On the 24th Gov. Brown of Georgia seized the arsenal at Augusta. Louisiana seceded on the 26th, and Texas on the 1st of February, about which time the revenue cutter M'Clelland fell into the hands of the Secessionists. Feb 8, the cutter Lewis Cass was surrendered by its traitorous commander. Feb. 8, the arsenal at Little Rock, Ark., was taken. Feb. 9, the Montgomery Convention proclaimed the "Confederate States of America," and elected Jeff. Davis President of its Provisional Government. The same day the New York troops, were seized in the port of Savannah, by order of Gov. Brown.

Here we stand. The United States flag floats yet at Fort Sumter, Fort Pickens, Fort Jefferson and Fort Taylor, supported by a handful of men in each. Mississippi scarcely fill the air. Treason's jubilation resounds through the South. New Orleans rejoices as she never has since the heroic Jackson delivered her from Packenham's throw. The seven seceding States have a population of 2,719,146, with 2,250,603 slaves on their hands. Meanwhile, the eighteen Northern and Western States, with 24,000,000 inhabitants, not one of whom has not a personal interest in his State, are firm as a rock, and are more and more united in support of the Federal Government. The powerful and patriotic Border States hesitate, as well they may. The voice of treason would seem strangely enough from Mt. Vernon, Ashland, and the Hermitage. It is the fifteenth of February; seventeen days more will bring the inauguration of the new President. He has already started for the seat of Government, by the spot where Jefferson and Jackson stood. Lincoln will take the oath they took, for the millions of the North stand behind him. Europe, and especially England, trembles with interest. It is only a vast pageant—

"Nations scarlike, kingdoms for a stage
And mortal lives behind the swelling scene."

The Naval Officers and Secession—A Reply to Jr. J. R. Hamilton, late Lieutenant in the Navy of the United States.

UNITED STATES SHIP ST. MARYS, PANAMA BAY, N. G., Feb. 3, 1861.

Sir:—I have read your reasonable appeal published in various papers of the United States, and addressed to your late associates of the navy. So far as I am interested, I will here state that I was born in New Orleans, the State of Louisiana, but educated and domiciliated in Pennsylvania; and that during the thirty years I have not performing my duties as a navy officer, I was generally a resident of Virginia, or the district of Columbia. I, therefore, may be considered a Southern man; having twice married at the South. It affords me pleasure to say that I have been in the navy of the United States thirty-eight years, and am a descendant of a gallant officer, who in three very sore battles for his country under the stars and stripes, and under the present Constitution; and among my early lessons I was taught to love the Union, the stars and stripes."

You, sir, have called upon your brother officers, not only to become traitors to their country, but to betray their sacred trust and deliver up the ships under their command. This infamous proposition would, in ordinary times, be treated with the contempt it deserves. But I feel it's duty I owe to myself and brother officers with whom I am associated to reply, and state that all, under my command are true and loyal to the stars and stripes and to the Constitution. My duty is plain before me. The constitutional government of the United States has entrusted me with the command of this beautiful ship, and before I permit any other flag to fly at her peak than the stars and stripes, I will fire a pistol in her magazine and blow her up. This is my answer to you infamous letter. You were one of those men who were retained on the active list by the late "detestable Retiring Board." In doing this you were endorsed as one mentally, physically and morally fit to occupy the station you hold as an officer in the navy.

And you are one of the first to prove the decision of that Board was as erroneous in your case as it was in mine, "who they retired from the navy, A. D. 1855, and then in the depths of treachery, never dreamed of becoming a traitor to my country; and now my country has recalled me to active service and entrusted me with an important command. I will not betray their trust. The Constitution of the United States defines "treason" to be bearing a war against the United States. Your have frequently heard this read on the quarter deck of those vessels of the navy, and yet you would persuade the gallant men of the navy to place themselves along side of the "traitor" Arnold and "yourself." It has ever been the boast of the navy that she has never had one traitor within her "corps." You, sir, are the first to destroy the good name. Future history will place you alongside of Arnold, and you will be the first to blot the page of naval history, illustrated by the example of Decatur, Porter, Hull, Bainbridge, Jones, Caldwell and other gallant and patriotic officers.

You also boast of the Star of the West having been driven back by the rebels of South Carolina, and relief prevented that gallant officer (Colonel Anderson.)

There are in the employment of the government sons of a gallant officer, late of the navy, who carried on the same the stars and stripes with honor to himself and glory to his country, "I am the third within call," and had either of them command of the Star of the West, the gallant Colonel would have been relieved, and at any time the government wants this done, it will only be necessary to send one of these officers. You, sir, have not much to boast of in driving off an unarmed steamer, commanded by a merchant captain.

Whatever right the Southern people had under the "constitution," these States that have chosen rebellion have forfeited their rights, and the only means for them to obtain justice, will be to return to their allegiance. No one for a moment who has been born and brought up in Southern soil can approve of the course of Northern fanatics; yet, on the other hand, a true patriot will not approve of dismembering his country merely because a few fanatics on the other side have been guilty of wrong, "which can be righted by legislation." To fly in revolution is to seek the very worst of evils, and the people of the United States must be aware that "revolution simply is rapine, murder, bloodshed, and that nothing but extreme misery can follow in its train." And I am yet in hopes the good sense of all parties may yet cause to trust to traitors and wily politicians, and retrace their steps, and that harmony may soon be restored to my distracted country.

W. D. PORTER, Commander, United States Navy.

The Tennessee Election.

The election in Tennessee was for "Convention" and "no Convention," and for delegates to serve in case the Convention party prevailed. The Convention was voted down, and none of the strong Secession candidates were elected, as contingent delegates. The State of Tennessee is divided into Eastern, Middle and Western Tennessee. In those districts the vote, so far as heard from, was:

East—"Convention,"	8,868
"No Convention,"	23,567
Middle—"Convention,"	19,623
"No Convention,"	22,048
West—"Convention,"	13,969
"No Convention,"	3,256
Total, "No Convention,"	53,023
" "Convention,"	38,699
Majority against Convention,	15,424

There are yet to hear from, 16 counties in East Tennessee, 13 in Middle Tennessee, and 19 in West Tennessee.

Senator Johnson belongs in Eastern Tennessee, where the vote was overwhelming against the Convention plot. The Secessionists of the State have suffered a total defeat, and are in a very ill humor with the people.

The temporary secession of the Cotton States will have a good effect on our diplomatic and commercial relations with Mexico, the Central American States and Cuba. It at once shakes off the element of filibusterism from our national character, and reassures all our Spanish American neighbors against the apprehension of invasion, from which they have not been free for the last dozen or fifteen years. The encouragement was strongly awakened by the result of the Presidential election.

Traitors Levying Tribute on St. Louis—The Free Navigation of the Mississippi Established.

The St. Louis *Democrat*, of the 16th, says: It was very generally foreseen and announced that the secession of any of the lower Mississippi States would endanger or destroy, the right of free transit on that river. The mere apprehension was sufficient to agitate the people of the West, and to elicit from them the expression of a determined purpose to resist and overcome at any hazard such an arrogant usurpation. The Mississippi Convention "recognized the right of the States bordering on the river to its free navigation in time of peace," and in this resolution it was followed by that of Louisiana. Now, it is to be observed that by this expression those States implied that although they would not interfere with traffic under the circumstances named, they yet reserved to themselves the right of doing so at their pleasure. This amounted to an absolute assertion of the claim of sovereignty, or eminent domain, as jurists term it—an assertion which struck at the very existance of the commerce and prosperity of the entire West. Were such an assumption to be tolerated, the trade of all the territories which border the Mississippi, the Missouri, and its tributaries might be at once annihilated.

Men, however, the announcement of the implied reservation on the part of the two States referred to was made, it was not supposed to be of very serious import, and no feeling beyond that of indignation at the preposterous assumption was manifested at the time; nor was it commonly supposed that, in any event, those States would be rash enough to give it a practical application. But in this it seems the public were egregiously mistaken; for it appears that just a few days since a committee of merchants consigned to Messrs. Child, Pratt & Fox, of this city, has been seized and detained at New Orleans, until it shall have paid a special duty to the State of Louisiana.

It is unnecessary for us to point out to the people of St. Louis in particular, and to those of the West generally, the serious import of this step as regards their most vital interests. The right of free transit on the Mississippi involves the question of their prosperity or decline in its fullest extent. In magnitude and importance, it is the gravest ever yet submitted to their consideration. The act of Louisiana on this occasion amounts, in point of fact, to one of downright piracy—such as might be expected from the corsairs of the Bey of Tunis or the Dey of Algiers, in former times. Furthermore, it is an act of war upon the State of Missouri, whose imperscriptable right to the unimpeded navigation of the river is too obvious for discussion. It is for her citizens now to consider what action they will take in the premises.

THE IRREPRESSIBLE CONFLICT AT A QUAKER CITY BALL—COERCION BROUGHT TO BEAR.—The Philadelphia *Ledger* says:

Quite a sensation was created, a few evenings since, at a private fancy dress ball, in consequence of a young lady, a daughter of a citizen of this city, appearing in a dress representing the State of South Carolina. She had on a white satin dress, on which palmetto leaves were sewn. Her head-dress had a single star in the centre, and she carried in her hand a fac simile of the State flag adopted by South Carolina. Her appearance caused quite a sensation, and it was evident, by the looks of the guests, that the display made by the young lady was distasteful, and considered out of place; but the party being a private one, of course the visitors contented themselves with frowns.

Later in the evening another young lady made her appearance, dressed to represent the Goddess of Liberty, while she carried a small American flag, having 34 stars upon it. The reception of this young lady was most cordial, and