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There is a very strong feeling in the best quarters against sending European exiles to represent this country in Europe. The case of Carl Schurz has brought the matter very prominently under discussion, and I have yet to find the first man of any position and responsibility who would endorse his selection as American Minister to Sardinia. The relations of Sardinia to Prussia are very delicate; and the existence of the Italian Kingdom may be almost said to depend on the good will of Prussia. Under such circumstances the presence of a Prussian exile at the Sardinian Court, as an American Representative, would be a most embarrassing circumstance. Any friendly attention which the Sardinian Court might show to this country in the person of its representative would be liable to most injurious misconstructions. The appointment would be very injurious to the prospects of Italy, and might almost be regarded by Victor Emanuel, as an unfriendly act. There is a general willingness to recognize the abilities and political services of Mr. Schurz, but it ought to be done in some way less detrimental to the public honor and the good of Italy. His appointment to Brazil would give general satisfaction. Some of the most strenuous opponents of his appointment to Sardinia are among his own people—the German citizens of the West.—*Cor. of N. Y. Times.*

There is a good deal of anxiety in Republican circles concerning the President's health, and the effect upon it of his manner of doing business. He has no system or method whatever, but allows his time and strength to be exhausted in listening to office-seekers, and doing other drudgery, which belongs to the Departments. Until Wednesday morning he had not even taken a ride for recreation. From 6 o'clock in the morning until long after midnight, he permits himself to be made the passive victim of the thousands who would readily sacrifice his life and the safety of the nation to their own selfish eagerness for office. This course of action can have but one result. It has killed two good Presidents, and will inevitably deprive the country of another, if it is not changed. A false delicacy prevents his friends from making proper representations to Mr. Lincoln on this subject, and the danger is that his profound and unselfish anxiety to see everybody and give nobody any ground to complain of injustice, will sap his strength and shorten his life. The Departments have clerical force sufficient to digest all applications for offices, and he should require the Secretaries to bring him the *results* of such a sifting process, instead of taking the whole mass on his own shoulders. And, except in cases entitled to be important by the proper Department, or where he has some special personal interest or feeling in the matter, he should refuse to allow anybody to talk to him about office. His time and strength and intellectual energy are required by the country for higher duties.—*N. Y. Times.*

The Cabinet had another special meeting this morning, at which Lieut. Gen. Scott and Gen. Totten, head of the Engineer Corps, were present for two hours. The result has not transpired, but Gen. Scott's smiling face, and evidently excellent spirits, as he left the White House, seemed indicative that his advice in favor of the peace policy was likely to prevail.

Another surmise relative to the Cabinet discussion to day gives Mexico as the subject in connection with the supposed purpose of the Southern Confederacy to make some movement against the neighbor across their border. Dispatches for Mexico are understood to be preparing to be sent by a special messenger to-morrow.

Later.—I learn that the Cabinet came to no decision to-day on the proposed evacuation of Sumter, in opposition to which some very strong arguments were made. Recent letters from Major Anderson resent with emphatic indignation the insinuations against his disposition to hold the fort to the last extremity. The whole question must be decided on purely military principles.—*N. Y. Times.*

Hon. Anson Burlingame is receiving numerous letters from Boston, urging him to return and run again for Congress, in the Fifth District, in the event of the resignation of the Hon. Wm. Appleton, which is anticipated. Mr. Burlingame says he would do so through the campaign again for $1,800 a minute," and suggests that some other white man shall try it for a few years, and see if he don't become as black as the late member of Congress from the Fifth District of Massachusetts.—*Times.*

Gen. Scott to his Correspondents.—He begs to say that, of their innumerable letters, he does not find it practicable (being quite infirm) to read one in five, nor to answer one in thirty. Applications for autographs and offices are most troublesome. The former increases with his inability to use the pen, and—of the latter he has, within his own gift, but two small places, long well filled, and he recommends no one whatever, other than an old soldier, nor for any office whatever out of the army.

The Attorney-General has nearly completed the examination of the titles to the Public Building office, purchased by the Government, from Mr. Wendell. As soon as the reports upon the titles, Mr. Wendell will receive his money, $135,000, of which he will have some thousands to dispense among the lobby, who had been nearly starved of late, and appears to be very hungry.—*Times.*

Andrew Johnson continues earnestly to favor an abandonment of the United States forts at the South, wherever it is not essential to maintain them. He says the President has nothing to do in the matter, except follow the military advice, as this is a purely military question. There will be nothing left of Secessionists, he says, if Sumter is abandoned.—*Times.*

It is not true that Mr. H. J. Raymond applies for the Swedish Mission. I have his authority for saying that he neither asks, expects, nor wishes for any office. He thinks he can serve the Administration more effectively in his present office than in any which the President can give him.

Cassius M. Clay has not yet positively accepted the Mexican Mission, but unless he declines, will be unanimously confirmed.

Our secession correspondent at Montgomery telegraphs that the President will be satisfied till she has convinced the North that she can maintain an independent Government. This notion will strike the North as more childish than manly. No one doubts that the South can maintain an independent Government, as well as Hayti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Ashantee, Dahomey, and fifty other insignificant nations, which maintain their independence because they are too poor to be worth the expense necessary to deprive them of it. But the point to be considered by the South is, whether a contemptible independence as a tenth-rate power, existing by sufferance and maintaining a Government at an incordinate expense, is a better position than that she lately occupied as an equal member of one of the first nations in the world, and one which is soon to be the greatest.

According to our correspondent, the new Confederacy is graciously willing to admit Northern States into its fold, and expects, within a year, to see New York applying for admission. When her application reaches Montgomery, we hope our correspondent will be prompt to inform us of the fact.

Not only is New York to be enticed into the new Confederacy, but the Border Slave States are to be forced into it by the threat of an import duty of thirty per cent. on negroes brought from the United States. The cry of cheap negroes, of "niggers for the niggerless," seems to have lost its day. South Carolina was encouraged to go forward by the promise of the re-opening of the African slave-trade; but now, not only is that prohibited by the laws of the Confederacy, but a tax almost prohibitory is to be laid on the import of negroes from the breeding States.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

Office-Seeking in the Southern Confederacy.—One of the many clerks who resigned their offices here from "patriotic" motives, and went up Montgomery to tender their services to the Southern Confederacy, has written to his friends here that that Government is "no great shakes" after all. He and his compatriot applied for office, and did not get anything but a vague promise. He says that there are five times as many applicants for office there under the Southern embryo Government as there are here, and that the town is so besieged by this class of persons that the hotels charge three dollars and a half per day. He will return in a day or two. The rush for army and navy commissions is unparalleled, and the town is actually overrun by office-seekers; but the offers of men for the ranks of the army are proportionately small.—*New York Times.*

The Rogues Confederacy and Europe.—T. Butler King has gone to Europe on a secret mission from the Southern Confederacy, to prepare the way for the official Commissioners, Messrs. Yancey and Dudley Mann, who are to start within a few weeks. Mr. Slidell will not accept one of these positions, considering himself slighted by the manner in which his claims have been neglected and ignored. He would much prefer to be back in the Senate than in exile among the people whom he betrayed into disunion. These Commissioners will return without any official recognition. All Europe is against a government founded on Slavery alone, not excepting Spain and Portugal.—*Tribune.*

The Washington *Republican* argues that the abolition of Slavery in the Border States will be greatly hastened by the secession movement, seeing if the seceding States should return to their allegiance; but if two Confederacies are formed, the Fugitive Slave law would become a nullity, and the Border States would be compelled to remove their slaves to the interior of their Confederacy, thereby commencing the work of circumscribing the area of Slavery.

Gen. Robt. B. Campbell.—Which one of his friends in our midst, and they are legion, will not be rejoiced to learn that the General, sparing the life of holding office under Lincoln, the abolitionist, has resigned the consulate of London, and is making his preparations to return to his home on the Salado, in the empire county of Bexar, and in the glorious secession State of Texas. Three cheers for General Campbell!—*San Antonio Ledger.*

Illr ols to Mississippi.

Owing to an unfavorable season the farmers of several counties in the State of Mississippi have for some weeks been in great straits for grains, and recent accounts from there demonstrate very clearly that not only inconvenience but absolute starvation has been the consequence. Appeals to the residents of their own State were in vain, and at last when necessity became imperious, a public meeting was called, and one Major Hawkins was deputed to go to the Northwest and procure in some way, and from any quarter, the needed aid.

The Major started on his mission, and in the course of time found himself at Springfield, Illinois, the home of the President of *these*, but not their United States. Of course, the outraged "Suckers" at once seized, bound, questioned, and tortured the cereal Envoy preparatory to an intimation that his room was preferable to his company. Had they done so, we esteem it no difficult task to find instances of parallel hospitality in the home of the Major, wherewith to justify the cruelty of the operation. But on the contrary, the gentleman was astounded by the kindly atmosphere that surrounded him from the moment of his arrival until the hour of his departure. He was dined and wined and made in sundry ways the recipient of the most unbounded hospitality. Subscription lists were started most liberally and continued in the same style until sufficient means were obtained to purchase 1,000 bushels of grain, sacks included, which were at once sent to the destitute and needy farmers of Mississippi, who have received them gratefully, and as yet evince no disposition to repudiate the tender.

The Major was astonished, and being a man of shrewd judgment, did not fail to delay in the most unmistakable manner his lively gratitude in such unlooked-for treatment. He wrote to those who sent him a detailed statement of his experiences, adding that the farmers of Illinois, who were abundantly supplied with grain of every kind, had offered to furnish them still further with food *for crack.*

This, it seems, was a cap-sheaf that the Mississippians *par excellence* could not stand. They at once surmised, with financial shrewdness, that the people of Illinois had sent them the grain because they desired to open a heavy trade with them, and partly, too, because they feared the chivalric people of the independent State, and wished to be upon good terms with them again.

At this state of the case, it is gratifying to find that there is some honor left even in Mississippi. The Jackson *Republican*, in a candid article, acknowledges with gratitude the assistance given so generously by the Illinoisans, denounces emphatically those ill-bred knaves who would turn to ashes even these fruits of fraternal sympathy, and calls upon the citizens of the State to forget all former dissensions, and to cherish, again sentiments of brotherly love, such as in days gone by made the people of the several States one in all the essentials of peace and harmony.

What better illustration of the Scriptural advice, to heap coals of fire upon one's enemies by deeds of kindness and of love, could the residents of Springfield desire? From the home of Lincoln to the home of Davis have been sent, not cannon balls or threats, but bread and gentle greetings. In a chastisement of this sort, there can be little question as to which side wins.—*N. Y. Times.*

TREATIES WITH FOREIGN NATIONS.—One of the current fallacies of the secessionists is