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The President's Message in the Border States

The main centers in the border States are St. Louis, Louisville and Baltimore. They may be said to represent the sentiment of the people of the border States. What they say of the Message is therefore interesting.

In St. Louis, the tone is one of satisfaction, except by one paper, the Democrat. That paper would have been better placed in favor of the confiscation of the slaves of rebels.

In Louisville, on the contrary, the Message has driven the people crazy. The Louisville Journal is absolutely frantic, and talks as if all was lost, and the country going to the dogs generally.

Now, of all others, says the Journal, is the critical hour of American nationality. What is to be done? There is but one thing to be done. The adoption of the extreme measures contemplated must be prevented.

Such ravings would excite only ridicule, were it not evident that the writer is in earnest, so completely away by passion or fear as to be scarcely responsible. There is one of his three propositions, however, which deserves the sternest rebuke.

Who would ever have expected to see the day when Edwin Casswell and Gerritt Smith should fraternize in the inveterate Old Hunter with the real abolitionist?

Further from Port Royal

The improvements on Hilton Head.

The New Expedition

The Rebels Burning their Cotton

The transport steamer Vanderbilt arrived yesterday morning from Port Royal, South Carolina, bringing news to the 3d inst. She will return immediately with supplies for our troops.

There is little news from Tybee Island. The plan of the government in regard to its occupation has not been made known. A considerable number of guns, and among them some mortars, were found on the island.

Preparations were going on for the new expedition, which is now believed to be intended for some locality than Georgia. The original plan was to land on the coast of the State, and then march inland.

Reconnoissances are quite common; and recently some batteries have been discovered in the vicinity of Hilton Head. The rebels were seen to be burning their cotton.

Four days before the Vanderbilt sailed, a gunboat and a schooner were in the vicinity of Port Royal, and remained overnight. On the passage up, vast quantities of cotton were seen to be burning.

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