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The Cincinnati *Commercial* says:

Our dispatches from Cairo indicate pretty strongly that a fight is going on near, or at, New Madrid. It is improbable, however, that the rebels are there in any such numbers as has been reported. If anything like such an army is stationed there, Gen. Pope's Division have a formidable obstacle to overcome before New Madrid falls into the hands of the Federal troops. This position secured, Island No. 10 will be of no value to the rebels.

Mr. Cowan Finding His Level.

The only two papers in the North which praised Mr. Cowan's speech, which have come under our eye, are the Pittsburgh *Post* and the New York *Herald!* Mr. Cowan has found his level. His descent was marvellously rapid, showing that his moral sense was greatly perverted, and his intellectual powers vastly overrated. But if he has any shame left, any repugnance to becoming utterly detested by his constituents, he must revolt at the use made of him by Benner, of the *Herald*. But has he any right to complain? Has not the *Herald* drawn a logical conclusion from his speech? Poor Cowan! To be patronized by the *Herald!* He will exclaim, like Cain of old, "My punishment is greater than I can bear." This is what the *Herald* says:

The progress of the debate on the Confiscation bill is developing the conservative, constitution-loving sentiment in Congress. It is a struggle of law and order against anarchy and revolution. The speeches of Senator McDougal (opposition,) of California, on Monday and Tuesday, are well worthy the attentive consideration of the whole people, and their endorsement by Mr. Cowan, (Republican,) of Pennsylvania, is a gratifying evidence of patriotism amidst the fierce passions of party spirit. "Shall we," says the latter statesman, "stand by the Constitution, or shall we open wide the field of revolution, and go back to the doctrines of feudal ages, and introduce feuds which centuries cannot quiet? That is what the bill proposes. The passage of such a bill will make the whole Southern people our enemies. The scheme of colonization is entirely impracticable. And further, the bill is directly in conflict with the Constitution, for the preservation of which alone the war is waged. The bill is unnecessary, impolitic and totally useless. The bill is unconstitutional, because the Constitution provides that no bill of attainder shall be passed, and no person punished for crime without regular proceedings in court. This bill is, in fact, a bill of attainder, and Congress has no power to pass it."

This covers the whole ground. And what is Mr. Cowan's opinion about emancipation? He says—"I protest against that section of the bill for freeing the slaves, as an entire departure from the principles of the constitution, and especially impolitic at this time. Because we are in a war we ought not to make a law which was unconstitutional before." "What have the negroes done to secure freedom at this time, when the course of their masters seems especially to invite them to strike for liberty? Nothing. *They simply rely on their masters, like domestic animals, with a sort of blind instinct.*" He concludes with "a hope that the bill would not pass, but that Congress would attend to the measures necessary to secure success in the great struggle in which we are engaged."

This is the language of a patriot; and if all men in Congress had only so spoken and acted from the beginning neither civil convulsion nor disunion would exist to-day. There is one great result produced by this war. The eyes of millions of men at the North are opened to the real character of the negro, and they have discovered from the experience of our troops and Generals, what we have so long proclaimed to them in vain—the natural inferiority of the negro to the white man, which can no more be removed than the color of his skin by any amount of legislation. It is the negro's nature to be the *servant of the Caucasian race. He "relies on his master,"* says Mr. Cowan, *"with a sort of blind instinct."* It is evident, therefore, that part of the bloody programme which contemplated servile insurrection is already exploded. *The negro is happier and better off physically, morally, socially and religiously, under the mild Christian servitude of his white master at the South, than he ever was in any other condition since the dawn of creation, or ever will be till the coming of the millennium.* To leave the negro to himself, and put him into competition with the white man, is to destroy him as effectually as our civilization has destroyed the red man of the forest. *Servitude is the negro's normal condition.* It is calculated to preserve the race from extinction, and to render it happy and at the same time subservient to the happiness of the white man. That white men should wage a war of extermination against white men to change the condition of blacks for the worse is an absurdity too great for the common sense of any people, and much more of the intelligent and practical people of the United States. Mr. Lincoln recognises the fact; and therefore, even if the fanatics in Congress should succeed in carrying their bill it will be met with the veto.

As to the unconstitutionality of the bill, both as regards the emancipation of the negroes and the wholesale confiscation of the property of the southern people, there cannot be a shadow of doubt. Bills of attainder and general forfeiture are expressly prohibited. But, if there was even the necessary authority to pursue this course, Mr. Cowan shows that it would be impolitic and unwise. It would "make the whole people of the South our enemies."

Not only is it unconstitutional and unwise, but it is contrary to the law of nations and the modern usages of civilized war, which forbid the capture or forfeiture of an enemy's private property. Let us show the world that the plan have full discussion; let it also have full credit; as evidence that the Government contemplates no forcible interference with the institutions of any State; rebellious or loyal, and desirable good may grow out of it. The New York *World* copies the President's resolution, and adds the following comments:

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

No public document for some time has created so profound an impression as the Emancipation Message. Although, practically, it may amount to but little, still it is an indication of a vast movement in the right direction. The idea of emancipation has been officially expressed from the White House, and as reforms never go backward, we look for a steady, mighty move in the right direction. The opinions of the leading press will be looked for by the reader with deep interest, and we hasten to lay them before him. The New York *Tribune's* special dispatch says:

The Message from the President to-day is perhaps the most important document ever addressed to Congress, and one of the most important in history. Though reserved and moderate in terms, it distinctly proposes to initiate emancipation." Such a proposition from the Chief Magistrate must be historic. From this time forward the great question passes away from the keeping of speculators and philanthropists into that of cabinets and statesmen. It cannot be put aside. One early effect will be the creation of an emancipation party in the Border States devoted to the Union, rendering the efforts of the Secessionists there hopeless. It is known that several of the largest slave-owners in the Border States have given in their adhesion to this project in advance, and are now very anxious for its adoption. The warning of the President to the rebels that if the war goes on, "all the incidents of war are to be employed, even if they cause ruin," will be understood at once to mean that slavery must cease to exist when it stands in the way of humanity and the Republic. The friends of freedom here are much elated, and all of us anticipate that the good cause will be quickened throughout the country. The Message being received in the Senate while in Executive Session, was not read aloud by the Clerk. It was shown around, and passed from hand to hand. Its reception by the Senators was electric.

The latest advices from Paris, wholly entitled to consideration, state the keystone of the Emperor's policy is the English alliance, and that he will do nothing to weaken this. It is important that this should be borne in mind by those who hastily think that France may be detached from England in her relations to our dealing with the slaveholders' rebellion. But happily all things surely indicate that neither of these powers is disposed to interfere. The President's Message of to-day makes this interference absolutely impossible.

The Emancipation Message of the President is regarded among the Foreign Ministers as an epoch, and calculated to produce a profound impression in Europe. It will be the subject of dispatches from all the Legations by Saturday's steamer.

The *Tribune*, in its editorial columns, expresses unbounded joy. It is an era in Mr. Greeley's remarkable career. He says:

We never printed a State paper with more satisfaction than we feel in giving to our readers the Special Message of President Lincoln to Congress yesterday, by which he recommends the passage of a joint resolve proffering National co-operation and pecuniary aid to each and every State which shall see fit to inaugurate the Abolition of Slavery within its borders. This Message constitutes of itself an epoch in the history of our country. It has no precedent; we trust it may have many consequents. It is the day-star of a new National dawn. Even if it were no more than a barren avowal by the Chief Magistrate of the Nation that IT IS WISELY DESIRABLE THAT THE UNION BE PURGED OF SLAVERY, it would be a great fact of far weightier import than many battles. But it is not destined to remain unfruitful. Congress will be more than ready to welcome and act upon it. It will lead to practical results, and these the most important and beneficent. The 6th of March will yet be celebrated as a day which initiated the Nation's deliverance from the most stupendous wrong, curse and shame of the Nineteenth Century. Years may elapse before the object boldly contemplated in this Message shall be fully attained; but let us never harbor a doubt that it will ultimate in a glorious fruition.

—We believe our neighbor of the *Herald* lately suggested the re-election of Abraham Lincoln as President of the United States. We heartily second the motion. Mr. Counselor Brady, likewise, at a recent Tammany festival, predicted that Mr. Lincoln would prove himself a good Democrat before the expiration of his present term. We congratulate the Counselor on the speedy fulfillment of his prophesy. The world *does* move!

The transmission of this message to Europe by to-morrow's steamer seals the fate of the rebellion in every Christian land. Dahomey is the last hope of the traitors in their eager quest of recognition and of allies. No civilized nation will think of entering into alliance with Jeffdom in view of this glorious demonstration that "Union and Liberty" are indeed "one and inseparable." Long live the American Republic!

The New York *Times* speaks in a tone of moderation and doubt. It says:

If proof were wanting of the patriotic ardor of the President for the peace and well-being of the country, it would be found abundantly in the message sent yesterday to Congress. Mr. Lincoln appreciates the infinite difficulty of the Slavery question. He evidently despairs of prostrating the institution by force of the war-power; he looks to its existence in full vigor, throughout the Gulf States at least, when the war shall have ended. The utmost reach of his practical dealing with the subject is to strip it of political influence in National affairs. To effect this capital object, there is certainly no way so sure as to destroy the identity of interest between Border Slave States and those at the southward; and this object the President's suggestion proposes to attain. * *