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IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS. The Cause of the Visit of the French Minister to the Rebel Capital.

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The recent visit of the French Minister to Richmond has occasioned some speculation on the part of the public, but nothing like what its extraordinary character would have justified, among a people more skilled in Statecraft than ours. Such an event could not have occurred under like circumstances in Europo, without absorbing the attention of all the Cabinets, and leading to immediate explanations on the part of those engaged. Suppose, for instance, Ireland in a state of rebellion, and the French Minister at St. James' visiting the headquarters of the insurgents in the midst of the fray. Would not England know why he went, at all events, before horeturned and resumed his amicable relation to the English Government?

The speculations of your cotemporaries on M. Morcier's visit have, so far, been extremely superficial and absurd. His mission had a far deeper import than any one has yet publicly indicated, and it is well to let the people have a correct idea of it, that they may be prepared to meet the political necessities of their pusition.

And first, M. Mercier did not visit Richmond to look after the French Government's tobacco, for he is not a commercial agent, but a diplomatist.

Secondly, M. Mercier did not go to Richmond in the interest of the Rebels. He could not, as an honorable man, have gone through the Union ; and he could not, as the representative of an honorable Government, remain at Washington plotting adversely to the Government to which he is acceedited.

Then what did the French Minister go to Richmond for? The answer is this: To assure the rebels that the Emperor of the French does not recognize them as a power among the mations; that England and France, by recognizing them as belligrents, did all that could be expected on the part of neutral Governments; that they are fairly betaen is arms, and their independence as a nation impossible; that a continuance of hostilities, by the threatmed destruction of the cotton and tobacco crops of their independence as a nation

families shall not be impoverished by general and indiscriminate confiscations of their pro-perty: and that Mr. Lincoln's Administraon will be held to a faith'ul observance of tion will be need to a lath in observance or, the programme with which he appealed to Europe for forbearance at the outbreak of the robellion, to wit: A restoration of the Union or, the basis of the Constitution, with the inherent rights of all the States preserved.

The adoption by Congress of Mr. Lincoln's policy of voluntary and gradual emancipation by the slave States themselves, with the congration of the National Government settle. operation of the National Government, satisfies the conscience of European Governments, and the immediate overthrow of the institutions of the South by National power is contions of the South by National power is condemned on the same grounds as they condemn
the destruction of the present crops of cotton
and tobacco by the rebels themselves. It is
coatrary to the highest interest of commerce,
civilization and true philanthropy.

That M. Mercier would not make an important esimunication to the rebel Confederacy
without instruction of the Emperor is certain.
That the Emperor would not have such communication made without the knowledge and
consent of the President and Mr. Seward is
also certain. It follows, that the mission of
M. Mercier to the Confederate Government is
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passage shares the same fate. The President is to seize the property, but the courts are to institute proceedings. The claims of toyal creditors are made liens loyal process within the rebel districts who shall become free upon such enrollment, and may be, in such numbers as are required, enlisted in the military service of the United States. Both will probably be moved in the House.—A Dispatch to the Tribune.

serenity which says to all the world, "We fre masters of the position."

On the other hand, the visit of M. Mercier to Richmond is followed by disaster and disamps for the robels. Their Congress adjourns precipitately, leaving numerous communications from Jeff. Davis, whom they call their "President," unopened on their table. They adjourn when the fate of their robellion, for weal or woe, is within two weeks of final decision. They leave in such confusion and haste, that the rebel papers of Richmond mock them for cowards and fugitives that will never return. The next result is the abandonment of Yorktown by Gens. Lee and Jo. Johnston, the best point for defense in the Southern Confederacy, and the retreat, in tumult and disorder, of the best army that Jeff. Davis has had in the field. The reason is, they are hopeless and demoralized. They comfiture in death.
On the dispersion of the armies of Gens. Jo.
Johnston and Beauregard, which Joff. Davis
can neither accelerate nor prevent—for he is

llion will be ended, and the Union restored on the basis originally prescribed by President Lincoln, and enforced on the insurgents by the French Government as a political and international necessity. The war will cease; Southern industry will not be overthrown, but gradually regenerated; the present cotton crop, and increased future crops, will curich the commerce and manufacturers of the United States and the world, and France will above in the claw of the achievement. patch to the New York Times says: the commerce and manufacturers of the United States and the world, and France will share in the glory of the achievement.

Each hour of the immediate future, as it comes, will but reveal new confirmation of this reading of the Statesraft which is closing the rebellion. And so settling it as to leave as few fraces of its existence as possible in the specific of the States of the site of the states of the states of the site of the states of the

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"Change your bells into cannon, and charge with Confo-..."

Here the midnight scribe appears to have been interrupted in his work, most probably by the watchman on his way to extinguish the lamps on the corner.

At an early hour of the day, all these ribald inscriptions, except those on the houses of Purcell, Ladd & Co., were effaced by the proprietors of the different houses. Those at the latter places, owing, no doubt, to the fact that the owners of the two houses resided at a distance from them, were permitted to remain, and until night all proved a great attraction to Sunday loungers. Many bitter Imprecations were vented against the unknown perpetrator of the scurrilous performance.

be expected on the part of neutral Government; that they are fairly beaten is arms, and their independence as a nation impossible; that a continuance of hostilities, by the threatened destruction of the cotton and tobacco crops of their citizens, would only be a wanton injury to the commerce of the world, injuring France and England oven more than the United States; and that a resort to Guerrilla warfare, as proposed, when their armies are destroyed, would demoralize society, and be simply a return to barbarism.

The rebels have been admonished, therefore, that a cessation of hostilities is a duly they once to themselves and to the world, which all civilized nations will unite in requiring of them.

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supremacy can be made available many hundred miles from the sea, and an army can be sustained in the midst of a great continent by supplies brought by steamboats from depots hundreds of miles distant; and when gunboats can run up and down throught out that continent, and take part in every battle that happens within cannon-shot of a river, the laws of European tactics do not apply. With such facilities in the hands of the Federals, Gen. Grant, may be able to afford even such victories as those be claimed on the Tennessee. But we should be very much mistaken if we thought that this affair is calculated to bring the war to an end or to discourage the Southern people. Already it had given far more apprehension than hope in the African slave-trade, will be sent out to England by special messenger by steamer from New York.

The treaty is beautifully engrossed, sealed with a solid silver seal about four inches in diameter, and inclosed in a rosewood case. It was sent to New York in care of Mr. Baker, of the State Department, and in New York will be delivered to Capt. A. H. Shultz, who has been selected as the special messenger to bear it to England. This hone's was effected as the special messenger to bear it to England. This hone's was effected as the special messenger to bear it to England. This hone's was effected as the special messenger to bear it to England. This hone was offered to the property of the State Department, and in New York was effected as the special messenger to bear it to England. This hone was effected as the special messenger to be a succession of the great Southern conquest.—London Times.

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first bill were discussed but not noted upon, Mr. Noell being opposed to them. By one it is declared that under this bill slaves shall

Fidelity of Contrabands. The New York Times is compelled by facts, o do justice to the contrabands, in the fol-

lowing article:

One of our correspondents at Yorktown adds a postscript to his letter, dated on Saturday, May 3, at noon, to the effect that our pickets had been puzzled at, encountering no pickets of the enemy during the previous night and adds: "A contraband who has just come in, reports the rebels to have evacuated Yorktown." It will be seen that the news did not reach Gen. McCleilan until the morning of the 4th, when the pursuit was instantly commenced with vigor. Nor is this the only instance where the loyalty and reliability of the fugitive slaves have been tested. Our armies have hardly taken a step without reliance upon the reports of the faithful black fellows, whose accuracy has been remarkable. Gen. Bauks has had frequent occasions to acknowledge the value of these volunteer guides; and it is credibly stated that but for information carried by them to Gen. McDowell's officers, when they approached the Rappahan, nock, that important division of the army would have pressed forward and fallen into the hands of Gen. Gustavus Smith, whose rebel legions lay only a short distance beyond the river. The country will owe much to its African allies by the time the war is ended. Shall it pay the debt by giving them up to their vindictive masters, and to hopeless slavery?

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The Rebel Writing on the Walls.

[From the Richmond Examiner, April 22]

Yesterday morning the walls of the houses of Purcell, Ladd & Co., S. B. Spence & Co., Binford & Portar, the Powhattan House, and other conspicuous establishments about town, were covered with incendiary and plasphemous writings, a varbatim copy of some of which we give below. The writing was in a fair, round, and a deliberate hand, and all evidently performed by one and the same person—the writing in the various places named being identical in character. The dirty work must have been begun before the street lamps were exitinguished at 12 o'clock Saturday night, as it could not possibly be accomplished in the dark. We are confirmed in this opinion by the fact that all the writings are in the neighborhood of the lamps. From the amount of writing and the size of the letters, granting it to have been performed by one hand, it is computed that it could not have occupied the writer less than an hour, that is, from 11 to 12 o'clock. Where, it is on every hand-asked, where, during the dull hour of the watch, were the much vaunted, highly paid—Si per diem and perquisites—detectives? Where was Rossvaily? Where was Bob Crow?

That the writer was an indifferent poet and an illiterate and blasphemous man, there can be but one opinion among those who scan—

THE WRITING ON THE WALLS—

On Parcell, Ladd & Co.'s east wall: The Visit of the French Minister to Richmond. with his high official position, and that it had if neglected, often terminates scriously. reference to the opinions of the Emperor in Few are aware of the importance of some remains of their institutions, which a giving immediate relief.

On Purcell, Ladd & Co.'s east wall:

"On Yorktown's walks theory is willl they come."

"Change your bells into cannon, and charge with Confederate for."

"Southern Lexicon covered with glory: "Pinks of Caralty."

"The Lord is on our side, but, in consequence of pressing engagements elsewhere, could not attend at Pea Blidge, Donelson, &c., &c."

"He will also be prevented from visiting his chosen 'pinks' at Yorktown."

"Southern hearts are beating low—Manassas boasters shun the foe; Stars and Striptes shall wave again—Northerners tread this choos main."

On E. B. Spence & Co.'s west wall:

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going into a contest alone. A dispatch from Washington says:

Some official advices have been received from Havana to the 29th, and from Vera Cruz to the 22d ult. They chiefly deal with the rupture which had taken place between the allies, the French declaring that they must obey the Emperor's orders to disregard the La Soledad agreement and enter into no treaty with the Constitutional Government.

The English and Spanish Commissions, on the other hand, say that by the refusal of France to abide by the La Soledad agreement, and the protection she was affording to Almonte and other Mexican refugees, she had broken the treaty of London, and if she insisted upon her hostile course to Mexico, they would retire from the alliance and from that country.

The French notified the Mexican Government of their hestile intentions, and the Spanish forces had left the interior for Vera Cruz. Were to the Captain General of Cuba saking transportation to take his troops to Havana. Gen. Serrane refused to send any vessel, and ordered Gen. Prim to remain at Vera Cruz until instructed from Madrid.

Meantime, before Gen. Prim received this reply, his troops had taken passage in an English man-of-war, a part of them had already arrived at Havana, and the rest were soon expected.

Wheeling, Va., May 3.—Gen. George W. BIOTINA ROUFING. ommand of the forces in this department, at UNITED STATES BIOTINA BOOFING COMPT,

dorgan has the reputation of being an whom liberal in

was sont to New York in care of Mr. Baker, of the State Department, and in New York will be delivered to Cant. A H. Shalls.

years, and is a banished Austrian subject.

Though seventy years of age, he appears to be not more than fifty, and is justly regarded as an efficient officer.

The Copartnership herestores existing between.

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The rebel gunboats Jamestown and York. The rebel gunboat Jamestown have bound to Norfolk. The rebel gunboat Teaser came alongaide yesterday afternoon to ascertain the object of the flag of truce. The research with one 100-pound Parrot can be gun. All the officers of the Teaser, with but one exception, were drunk.

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News this forences, for instructions, and was ordered to return to Old Point, which she did. A dispatch received from Newport News. this morning states that the Merrimac was in sight. The Monitor and other gun beats were prepared for section, but the Merrimac has not yet been seen from this point.

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LETTERS FOR NOVA SCOTIA.—On and after the 1st. of June next, all letters mailed in the United States and addressed to Nova Scotia will be required to be prepaid by United States postage stamps, at the existing rates, namely, 10 cents for all distances not over 3,000 miles from the frontier line, and 16 cents for greater distances. All letters received from Nova Scotia after that date will come fully prepaid, and are to be delivered without further charge. LAKE FISH—200th, bbls. White Fish; 200 "Lake Herring; just received and for sale by my2

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