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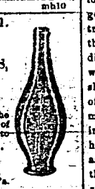

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We clip the following paragraph from an editorial article in the Louisville *Journal* on the President's Emancipation Proclamation:

We shall not stop now to discuss the character and tendency of this measure. Both are manifest. The one is as unwarrantable as the other is mischievous. The measure is wholly unauthorized and wholly pernicious. Though it cannot be executed in fact, and though its execution probably will never be seriously attempted, its moral influence will be decided and purely hurtful. So far as its own purpose is concerned, it is a mere *brutum fulmen*, it will prove only too effectual for the purposes of the enemy. It is a gigantic usurpation, unrelieved by the promise of a solitary advantage however minute and faint, but, on the contrary, aggravated by the menace of great and unmixed evil.

Kentucky cannot and will not acquiesce in this measure. Never! As little will she allow it to chill her devotion to the cause that nobly imperiled *anew*. The government our fathers framed is one thing, and a thing above price; Abraham Lincoln, the temporary occupant of the executive chair, is another thing, and a thing of comparatively little worth. The one is an individual, the hands of whose official existence are running fast, and who, when his official existence shall end, will be no more or less than any other individual. The other is a grand political structure, in which is contained the treasure and the energies of civilization, and upon whose lofty and shining dome, seen from the shores of all climes, centre the eager hopes of mankind. What Abraham Lincoln, as President, does or fails to do may exalt or lower our estimate of himself, but not of the great and beneficent government of which he is but the temporary servant. The temple is not the less sacred and precious because the priest lays an unlawful sacrifice upon the altar. The loyalty of Kentucky is not to be shaken by any mad act of the President. If necessary, she will resist the act, and aid in holding the actor to a just and lawful accountability, but she will never lift her own hand against the glorious fabric because he has blindly or criminally smitten it. She cannot be so false to herself as this. She is incapable of such guilt and folly.

The Louisville *Journal* has long been regarded as the leading paper of Kentucky. It has stood up firmly for the Union ever since the rebellion broke out; but while it has been true to the cause of the government, it has been equally true to the cause of slavery. It has been the organ and most able exponent of that mongrel thing called Border-State loyalty, which has so paralyzed the arm of the government, and shielded openly hostile traitors from its blows. We see its effect at this moment in Kentucky—divided, distracted, dishonored, down-trodden Kentucky—so weak, so vacillating, so half-hearted, that she is dependent upon her neighboring sisters of the North for protection against her own marauders—her women and children fleeing in terror from her principal city, while she has perhaps as many sons in the rebel service as in the loyal. Yet, notwithstanding all this humiliation, Kentucky has at no time abated her haughty pretensions to dictate the policy of the National Government, and even to say who shall, and who shall not command our armies. And now, when the man in whom God and his country have embedded the power of government, and upon whom rests heavier responsibilities than were ever before borne by human shoulders, after waiting with a degree of patience that has astonished the world and disheartened many of his more impetuous countrymen, at as a mighty blow at that cursed thing out of which the rebellion sprung, and from which it draws all its vitality and strength, the *Journal*, speaking for Kentucky says, "*Kentucky cannot and will not acquiesce in this measure. Never!*"

In this article we have one more proof of the truth of the Napoleonic aphorism—"From the sublime to the ridiculous there is but a step."

"*Kentucky* will not acquiesce!" Pray, what has Kentucky, as such, to do with it? If she remains in the Union as a true and loyal State, even though unable to defend herself against her own guerrillas, it cannot touch her at all; but should she choose to go out and join her fortunes with those of her rebel sisters, she will be compelled, and that very easily, not to "acquiesce," but to submit. In neither case will her acquiescence be asked.

"*Kentucky* will not acquiesce!" How glaringly does the abominable heresy of State sovereignty manifest itself in this brief sentence! and in point of arrogance it was never surpassed by South Carolina herself. "Pride goeth before destruction," says the wise man, "and a haughty spirit before a fall;" but in the case before us the "haughty spirit" and the "fall" appear to be simultaneous. Poor Kentucky! trodden by slaves, invaded, robbed and spoiled by slaveholding rebels, protected by outside freemen, distracted and torn by domestic factions, and yet so insolent! How great is the contrast between her present situation and that of Pennsylvania, who sent out, without any ado about it, 75,000 of her sons, in addition to her hosts in the national armies, to repel a threatened invasion of her soil; yet Pennsylvania does not stand up in arrogance and say to the supreme government of the nation, either that she will or that she will not acquiesce.

GENERAL CASSIUS M. CLAY has definitely abandoned all idea of returning to Russia, and will serve his country unconditionally in the field, wherever the Commander-in-Chief may send him. Mr. Cameron, his successor as minister to Russia, is expected back to this country early in November, and the duties of the legation will probably devolve on his secretary, Bayard Taylor.

THE Philadelphia *Press* says: From Mr. District Attorney Coffey, of this city, we learn that over $50,000 of prize money has been placed in the hands of the sub-treasurer of the United States, subject to the draft of the seamen showing claim. The additional sum of $200,000 is now being paid over to the sub-treasurer.

By the surrender of Harper's Ferry, the rebels took 14,500 men; rations for 14,000 men for 20 days, 100 tons of ammunition, 57 guns, (some of which were the best Parrott,) 14,000 stand of arms, and 4 batteries of artillery.

THE Governors of fourteen States endorsed the President's proclamation freeing slaves, during the great convocation at Altoona.

Additional Particulars About the Late Battle---The Rebel Army at Sharpsburg and their Retreat.

The day following the battle of South Mountain, Gen. Lee's forces, estimated at one hundred thousand strong, arrived at Sharpsburg. The Union army followed the Confederates up close; and both armies camped that night within a mile of each other, only a small creek dividing the pickets, the latter firing at one another all night. Both armies were preparing for a battle, and it was fully expected that it would be fought the following day. Gen. Lee advised all who were in the village of Sharpsburg, to either leave the place or join the Confederate army, as the Yankees were coming to burn the town. Many families left their homes, and it is reported that some of the men accepted Lee's invitation and joined his army. Other families, however, wished to remain at their homes, and did so during that terrible battle, the shot, shell, grape and canister, flying in a perfect shower from our own batteries, into the village.

Early on Tuesday morning, Lee opened the ball by firing the first gun, followed by about twenty others, before our batteries replied. But little occurred on Tuesday of any importance, except that Lee was heard to say that the Yankees were too strong for him, and that an orderly should be immediately dispatched for Jackson, with his entire command, to make all haste from Harper's Ferry, and join him, as a great battle could be delayed no longer. This was about 12 o'clock in the day, and about 6 o'clock p. m. the forces of Jackson (about 30,000 strong) entered the village. He was given his choice of position, and chose the left wing, remarking that the Yankees never had "whipped him and never could."

At break of day on Wednesday morning Jackson fired the first gun, when the Union batteries answered by scores, and the distance being very short between the two armies, the left wing was cut to pieces. The same evening, my informant says, he saw a rebel captain who told him that out of his regiment but he and two others escaped uninjured, the rest being killed or wounded. The right wing, commanded by Longstreet, was terribly cut up. The center, commanded by General Hill, lost considerably, but not to be compared to the right and left wings. Some idea may be formed of his loss when the left wing suffered when I state that my informant and two others counted no less than five hundred dead bodies within a square of 100 yards. Nearly every house was struck by either shell or cannon ball, and many of them six or seven times. Two or three stragglers of the rebel army were sitting upon a door-step in the village, when a cannon-ball passed through a house, struck one of them in the body, and killed him instantly. Several others were also killed and wounded in the streets by the bursting shells. The forces of Lee, Longstreet and Jackson formed a half-moon or crescent, the village being in the center. This line extended about eight miles. The Union army formed in line of battle in a similar manner, except that their line was longer, from ten to twelve miles in length, the right and left wings of the Union army lapping those of the Confederate.

The rebels said that every effort was made to get back into Virginia without fighting a battle, but that they were so closely pursued by the Union army that it was impossible to do so without their whole baggage train being captured.

On Thursday morning Jackson sent in a white flag, with a request that he be allowed to bury his dead. This was granted, but instead of burying the dead or caring for the wounded, they were left by thousands, and his wagon train started across the river. The Confederate army commenced to cross about 8 o'clock on Thursday evening, crossing principally at Shepherdstown and Seven Springs, four miles above Sharpsburg. A number threw away their guns and swam across. The enemy's pickets kept up a constant fire all night to blind our forces as to their movements.

The Noble Volunteer Army of Pennsylvania.

A letter in the Philadelphia *Press* pays the following just tribute to the militia of Pennsylvania:

When in after years a complete history of this rebellion is written, the events of the past week will form a most interesting page in it, and the freemen of Pennsylvania, whose recent unanimous—I may say—rushing to arms has won for them the plaudits of the nation, will bear a conspicuous part.

Politics were thrown aside, old partisan feeling was forgotten; the farmer left his fields, the judge his court, the lawyer his forum, the minister his pulpit, the merchant closed his store, the brawny-fisted mechanic his implements, and all rushed forward—each township and borough eager to be the first at the post of danger.

No time was taken to change clothes, count the chances of being killed, or how much was to be lost by leaving their legitimate business; but all seemed nerved with the determination that should the traitor foe set one foot on loyal Pennsylvania, they should be met with stout resistance, and "welcomed with bloody hands to hospitable graves." These were the determinations evinced by every one of Pennsylvania's freemen as they marched to the capital of their State, and were transferred in a short time from the peaceable citizen to the warlike soldier. No vain boasting escaped their lips, and instead of marching with splendid brass bands, and making as much show as possible, they were content with simple fife and drum, the same music which their fathers marched to during the Revolutionary struggle.

The robust testimony that could be given to your citizens is when it is made known that fifty thousand were asked, and over a hundred thousand were offered.

Now that their labors are nearly ended, they can return to their homes conscious that they, as a general part, stopped the tide of invasion, and helped in a great deal to make the work of a veteran army lighter.

When the rebels saw that, with 100,000 freemen in front of them, and McClellan's noble army in the rear of them, their situation was fast becoming critical, they determined to change their tactics, and, instead of marching still further, they sought the best road to return to their own shores. True, the militia of Pennsylvania were not engaged, but still they were eager, and their presence on McClellan's right flank during the battle of Antietam, no doubt, exercised a controlling influence over the movements of the rebels in that direction.

Washington Items.

GENERAL BUELL'S INEFFICIENCY.

There is reason to hope that the Government has under consideration the question of appointing a successor to General Buell, if not also that of assigning one General to the command of the West; now divided into so many departments. Generals Hunter and Heintzelman have been spoken of in connection with the position.

GENERAL HOOKER.

Gen. Hooker is confident that he shall be able to take the field within two weeks. Gen. McClellan, in a letter, thanks him for his brilliant services at the battle of the Antietam, and, expressing regret for the wound, says: "If I know had you not been struck, you would have gained the main road." That "main road" was the only one upon which the enemy could retreat, the one upon which he finally did retreat, and had it been gained he would have been intercepted.

INDIGNANT ARMY OFFICERS BEATING POOR NEGROES.

The indignation of small army officers of a certain class on account of the President's proclamation is very great. Instead of finding vent in resignations, as was threatened, it takes the direction of abuse of the colored people of this city. Many without the slightest provocation have been knocked down and beaten. A captain of cavalry, accompanied by a few men, made an assaulton a black boy about fourteen years old, who was strolling with a white lady on First street, striking him and endeavoring to keep him down with his sword, and riding him down with his horse, but he escaped behind the trees.

THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION IN MAINE.—A dispatch from Bangor says that, on Wednesday, in that city, one hundred guns were fired at noon, the bells rang, and loyal good character, be admitted as a citizen without any previous declaration or intention.

The Harper's Ferry Surrender.

A letter from Harper's Ferry, in the Philadelphia