

Pittsburgh Gazette

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The Report of the War Committee. We have received the Report of the War Committee, just printed, and devote a large portion of our available space, today, to lay before our readers the concluding chapter of this important document, in which, after their long and patient labors investigating the whole field of military operations during the past two years, the Committee review the situation from the standpoint of the present, and we are happy to say, gather the most cheering assurance of success in a near future.

Your committee think it better to submit the testimony which they have taken in relation to the conduct of the war, without criticism to any considerable extent of military plans or movements, leaving such remarks to form their conclusions from the testimony, and such opinions of competent military men as may contain.

When the government took its first active steps toward retarding the rebellion, the rebels had been for more than five months actively and openly making preparations to resist its authority and defy its jurisdiction. They had captured the control of the machinery of one State government after another, and thus overpowered the loyal people there. They had even taken control of the federal government itself as to make it not only acquiescent for the time being, but to contribute to that end. They had seized and taken into their own possession the arms and munitions of war of the government. They had scattered and demoralized the army, and sent the navy to the most distant parts of the world. There was treason in the Executive mansion, treason in the cabinet, treason in the Senate and the House of Representatives, treason in the army and the navy, treason in every department, bureau and office connected with the government.

When the new administration came into power it was necessarily obliged to adopt the measures with the greatest caution, scarcely knowing friend from foe. An army and navy had to be created. There was a rebellion in the capital, and the first necessity was to protect the capital, and the first security felt in the capital was when volunteers poured into it from all quarters.

But national confidence is not the only one for which false anticipations were formed for which the present condition of affairs presents a striking contrast with the early visions of its supporters. Those who have in Congress and elsewhere, the extravagance of the conspirators will know what were their hopes; what their expectations.

The rebels found themselves almost without resistance, in possession of every fort and harbor on the coast of the revolted States, except Fort Pickens, Pensacola harbor, and the isolated fortifications and harbors of Forts and Key West. They were followed by the victorious and conquering army of Mill Springs, Fort Donelson and Belmont, and the triumph of the army at Vicksburg, and the capture of the rebel army at Fort Fisher.

The capture of Fort Donelson Kentucky was the most important military success of the war. It opened the Mississippi river to our fleet, and gave us control of the most important commercial artery of the State. It was the first of the great victories of the war.

disgrace—New Orleans; an achievement which, estimated by the importance of the conquest and the noble daring of its execution, is scarcely surpassed in history. By this important conquest we obtained control of a large portion of Louisiana, and caused the surrender of the harbor of Pensacola with the forts yet held by the rebel army. In these hastily conducted military and naval operations, extending in the west through the States of Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee, and Kentucky, and on the Atlantic seaboard from Hatteras to Florida, and on the Gulf from Pensacola to the mouth of the Mississippi, we really made conquests as vast as if often falls to the lot of the most powerful and warlike nations to make in about a period of time.

We are now carrying on, shall carry on and conclude this war, without touching one dollar of the accumulated wealth of the country. We are already satisfied at the revenue now being raised from the taxation of our daily productions, and yet we do not begin to realize the amount to be yielded by the system already adopted, or the extent to which that system may be enlarged, without imposing any grievous burden upon the people—any burden to which they are not already subjected.

No government can long carry on a war, without the assistance of the accumulated wealth of the country. It is sustained by the revenue derived from the accumulation of the wealth of the country. It is sustained by the revenue derived from the accumulation of the wealth of the country.

It is particularly worthy of note that, in the reverse which followed the failure of the Peninsula campaign, at the time when the army of the rebels had reached its greatest strength and its highest state of enthusiasm, they were not only unable to gain any territory or capture any hold on the part of the important or controlling points before held by us on rebel soil, but our marches upon Washington, Maryland, and also Louisville, were little more than raids, from which they were obliged to retire before our opposing forces.

The past, notwithstanding its errors and reverses, is full of encouragement, and in military matters our own country, and a great war was ever conducted by any people or government without great mistakes, and giving to the critics of the time and those of succeeding generations a wide and ample field for their labors. No people on earth were ever called suddenly into a great war more totally unprepared than were the loyal people of this government.

It was indeed difficult for a people thus engaged, suddenly and almost without warning, to turn their attention to war. The indications now clearly are, that the rebellion is a great war, and that the people of this government are now engaged in a great war, and that the people of this government are now engaged in a great war.

Your committee will, however, briefly call attention to the fact that so many of these States held, today their true position in the Union, and that the great majority of the population in the Federal States, and that the great majority of the population in the Federal States, and that the great majority of the population in the Federal States.

Within less than two years we have thrown into and sustained in the hands of our army, and in the hands of our army, and in the hands of our army, and in the hands of our army, and in the hands of our army, and in the hands of our army.

And our committee believe this to be the sentiment, not only of the army and navy, but of every man in the country—of every man in the country—of every man in the country—of every man in the country.

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