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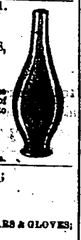

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Hon. William Whiting on Colored Soldiers.

The letter of Hon. William Whiting, Solicitor to the War Department, written in answer to an invitation from the Fremont Legion to address the mass convention of colored citizens held at Peughkeepsie, has been published. He pays a high tribute to the courage, endurance and heroism of the colored troops, of whom there are now 40,000 in the United States service. We make the following extracts from the letter:

On the 22d of May, the War Department issued a general order (No. 143) establishing a bureau in the Adjutant General's office for the organization of colored regiments, whereby the system of employing them as a part of the forces of the United States has become the fixed and permanent policy of the Government. That policy, sanctioned by Congress, carried into practical effect by the Government, has been approved by the general consent of wise and patriotic men. The country cannot afford to lose the aid of its best and chief supporters in the South.

The employment of colored troops, it is true, was in the beginning experimental. The law of 1862, which first authorised them to enter the service, provided no means of payment.

The second law, which permitted their employment, authorized them to be paid ten dollars per month and one ration per day. This law was, however, made with reference to those who by force of arms, or by provisions of statutes, had been recently freed from bondage.

The important class of colored soldiers from the Free States were probably not in the contemplation of Congress when framing these Acts. But now, while colored men are admitted to be citizens of several of the Northern States and of the United States, and since the Conscription Act makes no distinction between white and colored citizens, but requires them equally to be enrolled and drafted in the forces of the United States, there seems to be no reason why such citizens should not, when volunteering to serve the country, be placed upon the same footing with other soldiers as regards their pay and bounty.

The attention of Congress will be directed to this subject, and from the generous manner in which they have treated the soldiers heretofore, it cannot be doubted that they will honor themselves by doing full justice to those of every color, who rally round the Union flag in time of public danger.

But if do not forget that the colored soldiers are now fighting for pay. They will not let their enemies reproach with being mean, as well cowardly. They will not lose this, their first chance, to vindicate their right to be called and treated as men. Pay or no pay, they will rally around that banner of freedom which shall soon float over a country that contains no slave within its borders.

The policy of the Government is *fixed* and immovable. Congress has passed the irrevocable acts of emancipation. The Supreme Court of the United States have unanimously decided that, since July 13, 1861, we have been engaged in a territorial civil war, and have full belligerent rights against the inhabitants of the rebellious districts. The President has issued proclamations under his hand and seal. Abraham Lincoln takes no backward step. A man once made free by law cannot be again made a slave. The Government has no power, if it had the will to do it. Compromises alone can re-enslave a freeman. Fear not that the Administration will ever take the back track. The President wishes the aid of all Americans of whatever descent or color, to defend the country, and to reap the fruits of victory.

Henry Ward Beecher in London.

A London letter writer gives the following in reference to the movements of Henry Ward Beecher:

Henry Ward Beecher left London on the 9th for Paris and Switzerland. His continental tour will occupy about two months. He stayed two weeks in the country, and, on arriving at London, put up at the Great Queen Cross Hotel, Strand. Despite the assiduous and respectful attentions of which he was the object, he kept his word relative to the avoidance of all great public demonstrations. This, however, did not prevent him from sharing a temperance breakfast, given in his honor at the London Coffee House. As he made it a condition of acceptance that no reporter should be present, no account of the meeting appeared in the papers. I gathered the following particulars from one of the guests:

Edward Baines, M. P. for Leeds, took the Chair, and in a very feeling address welcomed Mr. Beecher for the second time to this country; stating that he once had the honor of receiving his father as a guest. He spoke of Mr. Beecher's position in America, of Mrs. Stowe, of temperance, the war and abolition. To this, Mr. Beecher responded characteristically, in a blended strain of humor, pathos and colloquialism, delighted to all present. Other speeches were made and everything proceeded pleasantly, until somebody had the bad taste to allude to American affairs in an anti-Union spirit. This brought Mr. Beecher to his feet again, and he electrified his auditors by a perfect burst of eloquence on the subject of England's attitude towards the United States during the rebellion, charging the Aristocracies of Great Britain with being false to their principles, inconsistent and deficient in backbone. Americans had hoped not for material, but moral countenance from England, he asserted; she might have achieved so much at the sacrifice of so little, but appeared deliberately to choose the worse part.

Mr. Beecher completely carried away the feeling of the meeting with him, and earnest hopes were expressed that he would address a public meeting. The time had gone by for that, he answered; he might do so on his return from the continent.

He also attended a breakfast given by the Congregational ministers at their libraries, and presided over by Mr. Scott, City Chamberlain, where he made a speech entirely on the war, giving a striking account of it from the fall of Sumter, downward. He was likewise honored by a dinner on the day preceding his departure for France.

From Tennessee.

A special dispatch to the Cincinnati *Gazette*, from Memphis, July 21, via Cairo, July 23, says:

It is reported that Gen. Hurlbut has tendered his resignation. He designs leaving the service.

Hatch's fight at Jackson, Tenn., is a more brilliant affair than at first reported. Hatch's men rode down the rebels like ten-pins, putting them completely to flight.

Col. Phillips, of the 9th Ill., attacked one of the forts and gallantly took it. The enemy had 178 killed and wounded, including ten commissioned officers. One hundred prisoners (regular troops) were taken. Four hundred conscripts were allowed to go free. Three hundred stand of arms were captured.

Pemberton marched out of Vicksburg on the 12th, with 30,000 men, about 15,000 of whom were on the sick list. The United States Government furnished or allowed each regiment a wagon and four mules. The officers were mounted, and retained their sidearms. Six day's rations were also furnished them by us.

There is a report here that Johnston is forcing some of Pemberton's men into his army.

The news from Mississippi is interesting and important. Gen. Grant's army is busy gathering in the results of his recent great victory. Sherman, etc. are joined by Grant, is on his way to bolster the Stars and Stripes in Mobile, which will fall easily into our hands, especially now that Farragut is at Sidney to send some of his fighting ships round that way.

A Record of Inhuman Cruelties.

The editor of the Memphis *Bulletin* has been upon a visit to Nashville, attending a State Convention. He communicates the following to his paper, and he vouches for his informant. It is sickening in detail—horrible in conception, and the wretches who perpetrated the outrages named are not fit for hanging. Some new and exquisite torture should be invented for their especial benefit. Here is the article:

From Col. Robert A. Crawford, of Greene county, Tenn., who is a refugee, and was one of the Vice Presidents of the late Convention at Nashville, we learn the following facts in reference to that beautiful "Switzerland of America," East Tennessee. Col. Crawford has a personal knowledge of some of the facts, having left the scene of enactment quite recently, and vouches for the truth of all of them, as his information was obtained from trustworthy persons, and written down on the spot.

THREE BROTHERS MURDERED.

Last summer three young men, brothers, named Anderson, left their homes in Hawkins county, and attempted to make their way into Kentucky. They were arrested by a squad of Confederate cavalry on Olinsh river, about seventy-five miles from Knoxville, shot, and thrown into the river. Their bodies were found floating in the stream, fifteen miles from their own forsaken homes.

THE SCARCITY OF SALT.

In the month of January, 1863, at Laurel, N. C., near the Tennessee border, all the salt was seized for distribution by Confederate Commissioners.

Salt was selling at $75 to $100 a sack. The Commissioners declared that the "Tories should have none," and positively refused to give Union men their portion of the quantity to be distributed in that vicinity. This palpable injustice roused the Union men; they assembled together and determined to seize their proportion of the salt by force. They did so, taking at Marshall, N. C., what they deemed to be their just share.

Immediately afterwards the 65th North Carolina Regiment, under command of Lieut Col. James Leith, was ordered to Laurel to arrest the offenders.

ARRESTS FOR SEIZING SALT.

L. M. Allen was Colonel of the regiment, but had been suspended for six months for crime and drunkenness. Many of the men engaged in the salt seizure left their homes. Those who did not participate in it became the sufferers. Among those arrested were Joseph Wood, about 60 years of age; David Shelton, 60; James Shelton, 50; Reddy Shelton, 45; Wilson King, 40; Halen Moore, 40; Wade Moore, 35; Isaiah Shelton, 15; Wm. Shelton, 13; James Metcalf, 19; Jasper Channel, 14; Samuel Shelton, 13, and his brother, aged 17, sons of Lifus Shelton—in all, thirteen men and boys. Nearly all of them declared they were innocent, and had taken no part in appropriating the salt. They begged for a trial, asserting that they could prove their innocence.

THE EXECUTION.

Col. Allen, who was with his troops, but not in command, told them they should have a trial, but they would be taken to Tennessee for that purpose. They bade farewell to their wives, daughters, and sisters, directing them to procure the witnesses and bring them to the Court in Tennessee, where they supposed their trial would take place. Alas! how little they dreamed what a fate awaited them!

HORRIBLE BARBARITIES.

The poor fellows had proceeded but a few miles, when they were turned from the road into a gorge in the mountain, and halted. Without any warning of what was to be done with them, five of them were ordered to kneel down. Ten paces in front of these five, a file of soldiers were placed with loaded muskets. The terrible reality flashed upon the minds of the doomed patriots.

Old man Wood (60 years of age,) cried out: "For God's sake, men, you are not going to shoot us? If you are going to murder us, give us at least time to pray." Col. Allen was reminded of his promise to give them a trial. They were informed that Allen had no authority; that Keith was in command; and that there was no time for praying. The order was given to fire; the old man and boys put their hands in their faces and rent the air with agonizing cries of despair; the soldiers wavered and hesitated to obey the command. Keith said, if they did not fire instantly, he would make them change places with the prisoners. The soldiers raised their guns, as if victims shudder convulsively. The word was given to fire, and the five men fell pierced with rebel bullets. Old man Wood and Shelton were shot in the head, their brains scattered upon the ground, and they died without a struggle. The other three lived only a few minutes.

MURDER OF A BOY OF TWELVE YEARS.

Five others were ordered to kneel, among them little Billy Shelton, a mere child, only twelve years old. He implored the men not to shoot him in the face. "You have killed my father and brother," said he, "you have shot my wife in the face; do not spoil me in that face." He covered his face with his hands. The soldiers received the order to fire, and five more fell. Poor little Billy was wounded in both arms. He ran to an officer, clasped him around the legs, and brought him to entreaty, stating that he once had the honor of receiving his father as a guest. He spoke of Mr. Beecher's position in America, of Mrs. Stowe, of temperance, the war and abolition. To this, Mr. Beecher responded characteristically, in a blended strain of humor, pathos and colloquialism, delightful to all present. Other speeches were made and everything proceeded pleasantly, until somebody had the bad taste to allude to American affairs in an anti-Union spirit. This brought Mr. Beecher to his feet again, and he electrified his auditors by a perfect burst of eloquence on the subject of England's attitude towards the United States during the rebellion, charging the Aristocracies of Great Britain with being false to their principles, inconsistent and deficient in backbone. Americans had hoped not for material, but moral countenance from England, he asserted; she might have achieved so much at the sacrifice of so little, but appeared deliberately to choose the worse part.

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