



The Union as it is. The Constitution as it is.

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 19

Reading matter on every page.

TROUBLE IN HIGH PLACES.

It is certainly discouraging and lamentable to think, that while the nation is convulsed in its present stupendous struggle for existence, and the people are serious and apprehensive about the future, there should be anything like intrigue or division among those who have the destinies of this government entrusted to their keeping.

Yes, that jealousies, rivalries, and intrigues among the members of the Cabinet are causing serious alarm is hinted at and affirmed. Besides, it is also said that some of the Cabinet are in collision with various officers in the service, whose joint efforts are now being used for the speedy prosecution of Gen. McClellan. Some names mentioned in these dark proceedings we are sorry to hear of; but when some public men in this country, once conceive the idea of being President, there is no enterprise too great, or scheme too monstrous for their adoption. To the accomplishment of their ends all causes must give way.

It is almost incomprehensible to think with what ingenuity and malice General McClellan is pursued by a portion of his countrymen. For every blunder, no matter in what division of the service it happens, he is held responsible; while detractors endeavor to rob him of every particle of credit when it is honestly his.

This is poor encouragement for a young and gallant general, it is enough to break the spirit of a practical diplomat, who had been all his life accustomed to plots and intrigue. There is a relief, however, and that is, he has no detractors among the soldiers of the army. The great body of the officers and men, both in the regular and volunteer service, honor their gallant and ingenious commander.

It is said that a few dissipated old officers, who remember McClellan as having been a mere Lieutenant in Mexico, do not contain their wrath because of his elevation; and these rickety gentlemen, instead of assisting the General-in-Chief, are said to be rather inclined, if they could, to thwart his plans and suggestions.

Up on this subject the Washington correspondent of the New York Commercial says that "these officers receive encouragement in high quarters."

The New York World, another Republican paper, adds:

"The intelligent and loyal people of the North will shudder to hear that General McClellan is the object of vindictive and jealous hostility, that his military operations are crippled by those in power, and his military rank and place coveted by those who have only his military operations as a model."

"These schemers, civil and military, had better be warned in time. The people will break up further injustice to one upon whom already so much injustice has been wrought. His patience, and their silence had better not be misconstrued. They are averted eyes, and they are still making the good of the nation and the success of the army subordinate to their own selfish ambition. It had better be understood that he will not succeed in Mr. Lincoln's place in 1864 who has made the most proclamations, nor has the General commanding who has made the most military blunders and incurred the most defeats."

SECRETARY STANTON.

We have no doubt that this gentleman has no objection to the publication of anything except the one in the Tribune, and we are therefore at a loss to know how that paper received such important and exclusive information. That there are troubles in the Cabinet we do not at all doubt; but we trust that, for the sake of the country, Mr. Stanton will not leave his post in such a critical juncture of public affairs. No point of etiquette or party consideration should prevent him from doing his duty. It is sufficient to justify a competent public opinion in abandoning his position in a crisis like the one which now convulses the country; and the Secretary of War, having, up to the present moment, made so admirable an impression upon the country, his abandonment of his position now would be disastrous indeed.

The country is now in its most critical and delicate situation, what our services have done is merely preparatory; Yorktown and Corinth are about being assailed by McClellan and Halleck, and nothing should induce the head of the War Department to abandon his position, at such a crisis, unless something of so serious a character as to preclude any interference in it from any quarter whatever. Harmony, energy and confidence among our rulers are of more of incalculable value at the present moment. Mere differences of opinion, or incompatibility of temper, however provoking, would not, just now, reconcile the people to the propriety of Mr. Stanton's withdrawal from the Cabinet.

SENATOR HALE'S RESIGNATION.

The following is Senator Hale's letter of resignation of the Chairmanship of the Committee on Naval Affairs:

To the President of the Senate:

I hereby resign my place as Chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs. I do so because I can no longer hold the place consistently with what I conceive to be due to a proper self-respect.

And that there may be no mistake or misapprehension in my reasons for so doing, I wish to add that nothing which has occurred during the Senate Chamber has had any influence upon me, except the step taken at this time may subject me to misapprehension, I will further add that all I have and all I am shall be cheerfully devoted to the cause of my country.

Should my constituents demand it of me, I have the fullest confidence that I can readily vindicate the propriety and necessity which compelled me reluctantly to take the step I have.

JOHN P. HALE.

Union Men at the South.

General Hunter and Burnside have solved the problem of the existence of a strong Union sentiment in the Carolinas. To construct works for the defense of our army, there is no doubt that the National Union is a reality, but it is not only a reality, but indispensable. These large garrisons are uniformly of African origin, a circumstance that greatly enhances the value of their services.

ANOTHER BROADSIDE FROM ENGLAND'S NAVAL POWER CRIPPLED.

Mr. Train, who for the past two years has been making speeches in London, upon every important event which has transpired here, delivered another of his bold and characteristic addresses on the first of the month, from which we copy the following extracts:

The Late Naval Battle-Fight.

The Merrimac. Five years ago, I was invited by the Mayor of Southampton to meet the officers of a five thousand ton American frigate that had just arrived in the harbor. The Mayor gave me an accurate description of this fine specimen of modern architecture, and the Emperor of Russia ordered that the frigate be named in honor of the late Emperor.

The Merrimac was built in England, and was the largest ship of the line ever built in that country. It was launched in 1855, and was the pride of the British Navy.

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HOW POST PULASKI WAS CAPTURED.

Particulars of the Bombardment and Surrender.

New York, April 18.—The steamer McClellan has arrived from Port Royal with dates to the afternoon of the 14th inst.

The United States frigate, Vermont was being towed into Port Royal by the steamer McClellan, when she was captured by the rebels.

The following is an account of the capture of the Vermont, as given by the rebels.

On the morning of the 14th inst. the Vermont was being towed into Port Royal by the steamer McClellan.

The Vermont was a fine vessel, and was the pride of the Union Navy.

She was captured by the rebels, and was towed into Port Royal.

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Latest from Yorktown.

AN ATTACK ON SMITH'S POSITION.

An Attempt to Capture our Batteries.

Washington, April 18.—The following dispatches were received at the War Department from General McClellan: