



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

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SAURDAY-MORNING, DEC. 20.

AN IRREVREND RIVAL.

A subscriber to the Post, living a few miles in the country, and given to very plain speaking on extraordinary occasions, sends us a letter renewing his subscription, in which he freely comments upon the condition of affairs generally, and closes his remarks by the laconic and prophetic observation that, "Hallock and Stanton have started a new 'watch'."

The reader, without endorsing this language, cannot but be struck with its applicability. Col. Finck, himself, did not make more fuss than our Secretary of War did upon his elevation to office. He wrote stilted letters in which he labored to be sententious and Cromwellian; in which he talked about the "God of hosts," and of moving upon "the enemy's entrenchments" with all the parterre of an apprentice General and master cook.

The smilers, the Urah Hoops who hang about the War Department for jobs, and the numerous Packmen of the John Wesley Greene stripe, who are always ready to...

all school the Secretary of War's bluster, and to the poor fellow who offered world of objection. The Mock Duke, dressed in borrowed robes, with a profusion of feathers, which only exposed the poverty of invention ought to be at once put out of the way of doing further harm.

It is proper to state that this publication by the Evening Post, of evident sympathy with "Jeff Davis' programme" appeared in the Dispatch's article was written. We trust that our neighbor will hold the Evening Post to a strict accountability for its sudden accession proclivities.

AN APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT.

The most splendid army of the world, with generals as gallant as ever met in the field, has been the fruit of the disaster of the war. By Gen. Halleck's orders the Army of the Rappahannock was marched up against the impregnable heights of the Fredericksburg heights, brigade after brigade, division after division, one after another decimated, thousands upon thousands slaughtered, from day-break till sunset, and the corpses piled up in the mud, until well nigh twenty thousand brave and noble souls were the Virginia hillsides with their blood.

By that sorrow, in which there is not a family in all the cities and villages of the North but shares; by that love for the country which was not fostered among us and does not foster in her darkest hour; by the hopes which must yet linger in the bosom of the Chief Magistrate, to recover the confidence of his people, and to transmit an honored name to his and their posterity; by the desire which, in his own moments, must yet move him, to win in times as trying as those in which Washington won the title of the Father of his Country the equal title of the Saviour; by the unutterable contempt of the men of his own time and the blasting scorn of history, which will surely be wreaked upon him, if he fails in aught which he may fairly do to save the republic; by the glory which may yet await, and the doom which threatens him; by these and every other consideration which the breaking hearts of the anxious minds of twenty millions of people can conceive or frame, we beseech the President to cut loose now and finally from the past and fatal policy, and from the men of whom it is enough to say that the Union and the Constitution might have been preserved, but that, with the resources of continent and the arms of twenty millions of united freemen at their back, they have not saved it.

DEFEAT OF GEN. BURRIDGE.

Since the President called Gen. Halleck from the West to assume command of our armies, he has organized two campaigns, each of which has resulted in disaster and disgrace. The last of these catastrophes is the worst, inasmuch as it is a more stunning and fatal blow to public confidence. Our earlier dispositions did not lower the tone of the public mind or shake its confidence. The immeasurable superiority of the North in every kind of military resources made doubt and discouragement puerile. But, after two such enormous waste blankets as the President and Gen. Halleck have put on the national order, what can we further expect from the combined stupidity and imbecility of these officials but fresh accumulations of national disaster?

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First Edition.

LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

Latest from New Orleans.

FOREIGN NEWS ITEMS.

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STREAM FROM NEW YORK.

LIVERPOOL.

GREAT EASTERN.

NEW YORK TO LIVERPOOL.

SATURDAY, January 3d.

First Cabin, \$110 to \$150, each berth, according to the season, station or recommendation of the steamer, all having the same privileges in the saloons and in regard to meals and attendance.

Second Cabin, \$60 to \$80, each berth, according to the season, station or recommendation of the steamer, all having the same privileges in the saloons and in regard to meals and attendance.

Third Cabin, \$30 to \$40, each berth, according to the season, station or recommendation of the steamer, all having the same privileges in the saloons and in regard to meals and attendance.

Fourth Cabin, \$15 to \$20, each berth, according to the season, station or recommendation of the steamer, all having the same privileges in the saloons and in regard to meals and attendance.

Fifth Cabin, \$10 to \$15, each berth, according to the season, station or recommendation of the steamer, all having the same privileges in the saloons and in regard to meals and attendance.

Sixth Cabin, \$5 to \$10, each berth, according to the season, station or recommendation of the steamer, all having the same privileges in the saloons and in regard to meals and attendance.

Seventh Cabin, \$3 to \$5, each berth, according to the season, station or recommendation of the steamer, all having the same privileges in the saloons and in regard to meals and attendance.

Eighth Cabin, \$2 to \$3, each berth, according to the season, station or recommendation of the steamer, all having the same privileges in the saloons and in regard to meals and attendance.

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