



The Union as it was: The Constitution as it is!

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MONDAY MORNING, JAN. 5.

WAR NEWS.

Terrible Fighting and Slaughter

The telegram from Tennessee, published in this morning's paper, meagre though they be, informs us that a battle has been raging near Murfreesboro since last Tuesday, which, for obstinate and bloody execution, surpasses not only all that has happened during the rebellion, but all we have heard of since the war began.

The intrepidity of Gen. Rosecrans shows conspicuously all through this continuous carnage. His putting himself at the head of the Fourth Cavalry and leading them to the attack, appears to be the most effective incident of the day.

NATIONAL EMANCIPATION.

The frothy demonstrations of the most crazy portion of the Abolitionists over President Lincoln's empty proclamation of freedom to the Southern slaves, demonstrate to our entire satisfaction, that they, themselves, have no faith in its being productive of important results.

These Abolitionists appear to be incapable of either forgetting follies, or of learning wisdom. They began their crusade against the South by declaring that a simple intimation from us to the slaves to assert their freedom would be immediately followed by their uprising.

As soon as rebellion threatened, they told us that it was all sham; that the Southerners could not go to war, because their slaves then would take advantage of the times, and arise themselves from bondage.

And now, after twelve months of carnage and death, these blinded enthusiasts discovered that instead of slavery being a source of danger and weakness to the South, it was a positive means of protection and strength.

Since this conviction has been clearly realized by them, they have been clamoring for legislation and proclamations to effect what force of arms has failed to accomplish.

Well, now the radicals have got their great panacea; their last desperate move has been made, and we are glad of it. Should the war continue, as it is likely to, we do not expect, nor will the people submit, to have the Abolitionists opposing another draft, because of the war not being carried on to suit them.

They have now succeeded in diverting the contest to suit their purposes, and we ought to see Greeley and his "nine hundred thousand" painting patriots, rushing in overwhelming numbers to the scenes of conflicts.

Gov. Andrew, of Mass., need not now hamper his loyalty with conditions. In reply to the last call upon his State for troops, that functionary objected to furnishing them, because the contest was not carried on to his liking.

But now that he and his set have succeeded in changing it to suit them, the people who do not agree with them will be anxious to see him redeem his promise and have "Massachusetts swarm" with the overwhelming multitudes, who were only waiting within her borders to come down like an avalanche upon the rebels whenever the trumpet of emancipation summoned them to the onset.

The blast has been given; "the year of jubilee has come;" all of Abolition creation is on tiptoe, welcoming the ransomed to the promised land. But just here the ugly reality of the proclamation will not be very active in the City of Richmond.

We remember his proclamation ordering the rebels to lay down their arms in sixty or ninety days; but instead of obeying that moderate request they only raised their arms higher. This present proclamation, we apprehend, will prove to be as great a failure.

As well might the President order the army to act from the portico of the White House, or to march to the arrest of Stonewall Jackson, in fact the only way we can enforce the President's edicts is by whipping the enemy, and wherever that is done, there will be no need of proclamations.

Some inquiring "sympathizer with treason," which means every one who is not an Abolitionist, may inquire how we propose to settle the contest, if we have no faith in a measure so much lauded by our opponents? Our plan for bringing the contest to a triumphant termination is for the government to see that no one shall be entrusted with any position in the civil or military service of the country who has not fully endorsed its policy.

Let us have emancipationists in the Cabinet, in the army and navy. Let no "half hearted" sympathizer with the rebels remain in any position in the army, or to thwart our progress by inaction in the field. Let the government look that there is no cause for courts martial hereafter, by having in its service "true men" — men like Fremont and Pope, who have, upon frequent occasions, demonstrated their confidence in the utility of proclamations. In order to leave no "blot on the blotches" in the proposed reform, let the President desist to parchment, and look to the rank and file of the army. Whoever is not for him is against him, is the slogan of Abolitionism; and every one in the army who is not an emancipationist

From Nashville.

THE BATTLE OF STONES RIVER.

An Intelligible Account of It.

THE MOVEMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CORPS.

THE VICISSITUDES OF THE FIGHT.

THE BATTLE OF WEDNESDAY.

The Battle of Thursday.

Special Correspondence of Cincinnati Commercial.

NASHVILLE, Jan. 11.—I have arrived from a terrific battle, on Stone's River, in front of Murfreesboro, on the West side of that town. It has raged with unremitting fury for two days, and at last report was not yet decided.

The most furious of battles, sustained by both sides with splendid determination. General Rosecrans marched from Nashville last Friday with about 45,000 effective men and 100 pieces of artillery, and struck the enemy's right flank, and he retreated in a headlong flight.

On Wednesday, when the battle closed, the enemy retreated to the west side of Murfreesboro. Their center on the west side of the river, and their right on the east side.

Their position was such that they were unable to retreat to the west side of the river, and they were forced to fight on the east side.

At dark they had a heavy force on our right, leading to the belief that they intended to surround us.

Their cavalry, in the meantime, was excitedly pursuing us, cutting deeply into our ranks, and capturing our baggage.

The 4th regulars made one splendid stand, capturing an entire regiment of 800 prisoners, and taking from us and recaptured 500 prisoners of the enemy.

THE FIGHT ON WEDNESDAY. Gen. Rosecrans, determined to begin the fight on Wednesday, opened his march on Tuesday night, and the battle worked that day.

At eleven o'clock matters were not flattering on either side. At twelve our battery was ordered to open fire, and a terrific fire was opened.

The enemy began to give way, General Thomas leading the advance on their left. The battle was more severe at that hour than at any other.

Gen. Rosecrans feels its importance fully. It is a decisive battle, and he has a brigade. If he is victorious the enemy will be driven back to the river.

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Stephen A. Douglas on Setting the Negroes Free by Proclamation.

A Voice from the Slave Against Lincoln's Policy.

Senator Douglas gave his report to the press on the 27th of December, 1861, in his speech before the Illinois Legislature, delivered at Springfield on the 27th of December, 1861, just before his death, he said:

"I think I can appeal to friend and foe—I use it in a political sense, and I trust I use the word for a just cause. I can appeal to them with confidence that I have never pandered to the prejudice or passion of my section against the minority section of this Union, and will say to you now, with all frankness and in all sincerity, that I will never sanction nor acquiesce in any warfare whatever upon the constitutional rights or domestic institutions of the people of the Southern States."

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