



PITTSBURGH
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The Confederacy Under a Cloud.

At length the defiant and imperious organs of the rebel Government, in Richmond, are beginning to weaken in their faith of ultimate independence.

The crushing of Hood and his army by General Sherman in Tennessee; the unparalleled and triumphant march of Gen. Sherman through Georgia; and the successful and effective operations of our fleets, have, at length, caused the indecible pride of the leading organs of the rebellion to pause and reflect.

Among those which have been thus impressed by the progress of our arms, is the Richmond Inquirer, which, in its issue of the 24th inst., remarks:

"These successes, the fact that for a time the stars of the Confederacy are under a cloud... The march of Sherman through the heart of Georgia has been accomplished, and he has been allowed to establish his communications with the naval forces on the Atlantic without any other loss than that of numerous stragglers and the usual wear and tear of a long and sojourning expedition."

Taking these admissions of recent success, in connection with the fact that the rebels are now more and more confident of success, and we cannot but conclude that the great body of the Southern people are heartily true of their revolt against the Government.

Under present circumstances, therefore, when victory is perching upon our victorious banners everywhere, and while, even leading rebel newspapers are candid enough to acknowledge the desperation of their cause, what ought to be the course of our National Executive?

It is not a matter of blood or carnage, and Southern annihilation, he ought immediately to turn both to his Government, whose financial agent he is at this point, and to the stockholders, who all know that even the government loans, which many would have been glad to take, had they only known about them, were negotiated here on the old foggy principle; but just look at the change now. It has even happened that the banks of the South, which were once the life of the South, and the set of bloody fanatics which now appear to control him, instead of the governments allied to hold out, and permit him to carry on a war of mere devastation and massacre, we think that he will find himself much mistaken.

The city, yesterday, contained the melancholy announcement of the death of James O. Pettigrew, who died in the Marine Hospital, where he had for a few days been stopping. He was a native of this city and belonged to a very respectable family. His father was the Hon. Chief Magistrate of the city, and he had by popular election been appointed to his present office.

At an early age young James took to steamboating as a profession; but he became clerk in the Mayor's office in this city in 1851, which position he held for two years. After this he became the Democratic candidate for mayor, but was unsuccessful. After this he returned to the profession of steamboating, and after a period of about two years he returned to Pittsburgh, which he exhibited peculiar symptoms, which attracted the notice of those with whom he had formerly been most intimate. His greatest hallucination was the belief of the existence of a vast conspiracy to crush him, which extended from this city to St. Louis. He would relate the details of this with remarkable cheerfulness and precision, and anyone with his plainness and wit did not wonder what he meant. The cause of the poor fellow's insanity was a matter of mere conjecture even among those who best knew him; but that he contemplated suicide for some months, is beyond question. He was last summer held in a lunatic asylum, and he has since returned to this city.

Shall Our Victories Open the Way to Peace?

The fitting thing for our Government to do, on the basis of our success, is to make a generous offer of peace to the rebels, which shall include all the rebel leaders, as recommended by General Butler in his speech to the city, is a policy which our nation may reasonably differ; but that a liberal amnesty should be offered, and that the present is a fitting time to offer it, is a proposition too evident for controversy.

Very likely, such an offer would be rejected, with great affectation of indignation by the rebel Government; but the circumstance should not weigh against a tender of complete amnesty, on the sole condition of immediate submission to our arms.

The purpose of the offer should be to detach the southern people from the rebel cause, and to induce them to accept of our terms. The tendency of the thick succession of disasters the South have recently suffered, is to cause dissatisfaction and distrust of the rebel Government.

The language of the rebel leaders and the press will still be, that it is necessary to the preservation of the Confederacy, that the Constitution should be revised. This would be lost by submission.

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The following shocking story, told by the Naples correspondent of the London Standard, is a true one. Seven miles from Naples, on the road to Rome, it appears, resided a notorious man, named "The Bull." He was a man of great strength and courage, and was famous for his strength and courage.

Our readers will recall the recent trial and acquittal of Dr. Demme and Madison Trumphy on the charge of murder. The Doctor was engaged to Flora Trumphy, and she was engaged to the Doctor. The Doctor was engaged to Flora Trumphy, and she was engaged to the Doctor.

Romance and Reality.

The story of the "Tiger of Leam," which plays a curious illustration from real life on the following police report, which appeared in the Irish paper.

"At the Warwickshire sessions, on the 19th of October, George Haynes, twenty five years of age, was brought up before Stratford-on-Avon, on the 15th of August last, stolen two pounds weight of beef. The prisoner pleaded guilty, and asked to make a statement. The chairman having remarked that he had been previously sentenced to penal servitude and discharged on a ticket of leave, the prisoner said that it was really true. He committed the offence when he was only thirteen years of age, and was sent to the prison for six months.

The town of Brookfield, Eaton County, Michigan, was short six on the quota under the late draft law, but had only one enrolled man left. This singular occurrence is explained by the fact that the town failed to raise a local bounty, and every able-bodied man on the enrollment, except one, volunteered in other troops.

"Rev. T. B. Dickens of New York," a letter, written to the "Pittsburgh Courier" as being honest, sober, and in every respect a respectable citizen, and who expressed his deep regret at the state of the country, and his confidence in the Union. He stated that he was a native of the State of New York, and had spent most of his life in that State.

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NEWS ITEMS.

COAL has reached so high a price that the Massachusetts railroads are going back to the use of wood as a cheaper fuel.

A LETTER from Montreal says: "It was evident to spectators, in the court room, that the raiders would be discharged, as they were well supplied with overcoats, mufflers, &c., all ready to be put on, as they were about to be taken away. The raiders were all prepared to convey them out of the city."

MILITARY ENERGY.—When Sherman made his advance upon Fort McAllister, the rebels burned a bridge, eight hundred feet long, to prevent an approach. On one night the bridge was reconstructed by Sherman's engineers, and the fort was captured. This shows how complete all his arrangements are for accomplishing his war successfully.

THE LARK TUNNEL.—The work on the tunnel under the Middleburg, Ohio, is said to be progressing at the rate of twelve feet per day. Eleven hundred and thirty feet of the tunnel has been excavated. In the course of the mining many curious kinds of earth and stone have been discovered, which are being collected and made up in a cabinet for a Chicago pet.

A WARNING.—It is stated that a large quantity of opium has been found in the trunk of a man named John Smith, who was arrested at the Customhouse. The opium was found in a small box, which was found in the trunk of the man.

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