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Richardson and Jos. V. Richardson, Executors

of Joseph Richardson, late of St. Mary's

county, Maryland, deceased, give the notice re-

The Army and the Law.

"Whoever excuses himself accuses himself." Never was this maxim more pointedly illustrated than by the curious and characteristic little speech of General Sherman at the banquet of the "Friendly Sons of St. Patrick" on Saturday night. The author of "The March to the Sea" made a plea in behalf of the United States troops which strikingly resembled a famous passage in Tennyson's "Maud," and like the poet's language of Great Britain, he passed from the consideration of war in general to an eloquent vindication of our "poor little army," and an equally eloquent attack upon certain persons who he insinuates to be eagerly "preaching it down." It was long ago wisely said that no author was ever really written down by anybody but himself; and General Sherman might have reflected with advantage that the army is ever likely to be preached down in a free country by anybody but itself and its commanders.

It is undoubtedly true that the Federal army no longer holds the same place in the confidence and esteem of the American people which it occupied at the close of the civil war. But before General Sherman so publicly bewailed this fact it might have been well for him to remember that before the civil war broke out the regular army was so far from being universally regarded as an essential feature of institutions that he himself, though he was educated at West Point and had served with distinction in the contest with Mexico, did not hesitate to throw up his commission and add to himself to mercantile pursuits as a banker. General Sherman achieved his present position as a commander, not of the regular army at all, but of the gallant volunteers of the Union. Of course the regular army did its duty up to the full measure of its capacity during the civil war; and it has since that time lost ground with the public in the part of true state-manship to ascertain the causes which have led to this result. The misuse of the regular army by the late President of the United States and by his Secretaries of War has had much to do with it, but the officers of the army themselves are by no means clear of blame.

It is undeniable that the spirit of supreme respect for the laws of the country which has been manifested by such officers, for example, as General Hancock, has attracted public attention mainly because it was in such striking contrast with the very different spirit of blind obedience to executive authority which has startled thinking men by the conduct of most of the officers charged with carrying out unconstitutional orders for unlawful purposes.

During the two presidencies of General Grant the country requires the edicts of its regular army who are educators of the public expense to take oath among other things to obey "the legal orders" of their superior officers; and it is the obvious intention of this requirement that they should learn to do their duty not as mere military machines but as citizen soldiers. During the Presidential terms of General Grant no small portion of the regular army has been diverted from legitimate and honorable service and set to doing police duty illegally in one and another State of the Union, and yet the country has seen no substantial protest made by American soldiers against orders which regard as a degradation and every true American citizen to resent as an outrage upon the laws. The Federal soldiers entered the State House in New Orleans in January, 1875, and the out-lawfully elected members of the legislature of Louisiana, doing violence directly to the rights of the people of that State and indirectly to the rights of the people of the whole country, as Mr. Evans, in an earnest and eloquent speech delivered at the time, very clearly and emphatically showed. The Federal soldiers again last autumn entered the State House at Columbia, took control of the legislative halls of South Carolina, and by the aid of the lawfully elected representatives of the people of that commonwealth. The Federal soldiers, no longer ago than on the 22d of February last interfered to prevent the citizens of South Carolina, in the cities of Charleston and Columbia, from celebrating in a lawful military parade the birthday of George Washington, thereby not only trampling on rights which they are raised, organized and paid expressly to defend, but insulting the memory of the great founder of the republic. These acts are but a few of many which might be cited if our present object were to stimulate the deep and intense indignation with which a great majority of the American people now regard the course pursued in regard to these matters by the party so long and so mischievously dominant in our affairs. And while nobody, we presume, regards the officers of the Federal army as primarily responsible for these disgraceful and dangerous departures from its true province and duty, no thinking man can fail to see that such a course as this could not have been pursued by the politicians in power at Washington, if the officers of the Federal army as a body had understood their true relations to the Government of the United States, and been animated by proper respect for the Constitution and the laws of the country. We are sorry to say that General Sherman stands convicted of his own mouth of singular ignorance or singular indifference on both of these points.

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