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The Sinking of the Cumberland.

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An anchor in Hampton Roads we lay,
On board of the Cumberland ship-of-war;
And at times from the fortress across the bay
The shrillens of drums swept past,
Or a bugle-blare.

From the camp on the shore,

Then far away to the south uprose
A little feather of snow-white smoke,
And we knew that the iron ship of our foes
Was steadily steering its course

To try the force
Of our ribs of oak.

Down upon us heavily came,

Silent and sullen, the doating fort;
Then comes a puff of smoke from her guns,
And leaps the terrible death,
With fiery breath,

From each open port,

We are not idle, but sent her straight
Defiance back in a full broadside!

As hull rebounds from a roof of slate,
Rebounds our heavier hall

From each iron scale

Of the monster's hide.

Strike your flag!"—the rebel cries,

In his arrogant old plantation strain,

"Never!"—our gallant Morris replies :

"It is better to sink than to yield!"

And the whole air pealed

With the cheers of our men.

Then, like a kraken huge and black,
She writhes and raves in her iron grasp!

Down went the Cumberland all a wrack,

With a sudden shudder of death,

And the cannon's breath

For dying gaap.

Next morn, as the sun rose over the bay,
Still floated our flag at the mainmast-head,

Lord, how beautiful was thy day!

Every walt of the air
Was a whisper of prayer,
Or a dirge for the dead.

O! brave hearts that went down in the seas!

Ye are graven in the troubled stream.

O! brave land! with hearts like these,

They fly, that is rent in twain,

Shall be one again,

And without a seam!

The Emancipation Decree.

The proclamation of the President, which we insert below, in our humble opinion, will prove to be the death-blow of slavery. It may not completely destroy it in twelve months, nor in forty, but its ultimate destruction is as inevitable as any future event can be. Now that the word has been spoken, that the blow has been struck, the north will stand by the proclamation, and the fate of slavery—the cause and motive of the rebellion, its avowed Alpha and Omega—will be sealed so far as America is concerned. History will date the abolition of slavery there, from the 1st of January, 1863, no matter what causes may temporarily delay the carrying-out of the edict. An evil that has been the cause of the slaying of 200,000 freemen, and the wasting of two thousand millions of property will never again be permitted to re-enact the same bloody and desolating scenes. For all future time, slavery will, as it ought to be, be wiped from the records of the world's history.

By the President of the United States, etc.—
Washington, On the 22d day of September, 1862, a proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing among other things the following, to wit: That on the 1st of January 1863, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall be in rebellion against the United States, shall, henceforth and forever, be free, and the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them, in any effort they may make for their actual freedom; and that the Executive will on the 1st day of January aforesaid issue a proclamation designating the States and part of States, if any, in which the people therein respectively shall be in rebellion against the United States, and the fact that any State or people thereof shall on that day be in good faith represented in Congress by members chosen thereto by a majority of qualified voters in such States shall, in the absence of strong countervailing testimony, be deemed conclusive evidence that such State or the people thereof are not in rebellion against the United States.

Now THEREFORE, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested as Commander-in-Chief of the army and navy in time of actual rebellion against the Government of the United States, as a fit and necessary war measure for suppressing said rebellion, do, on this 1st day of January, 1863, and in accordance with my purpose to publish my proclamation after a period of 100 days from the date of the first above-mentioned order, designate the following States and parts of States therein, the people whereof respectively are at this day in rebellion against the United States, to be the following, to wit:

Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, (excepting the parishes of St. Bernard, Plaquemine, Jefferson, St. John, St. Charles, Ascension, Assumption, Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Mary, St. Martin and New Orleans, including the city of New Orleans,) Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, (except 48 counties, designated as "Western Virginia,") and the other counties of Berkeley, Accomac, Northampton, Elizabeth City, York, Princess Anne, including the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth,) which excepted parts are for the present left precisely as if this proclamation were not issued.

And by virtue of the power and for purposes aforesaid, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within these designated States, and parts of States, are and henceforth shall be free; and that the Executive Government of the United States, including the naval and military authorities, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons.

And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free, to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defense; and I recom-

mend to them that in all cases, when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages.

And I further declare and make known that such persons of suitable condition will be received into the armed service of the United States, to garrison the forts, positions, stations and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts, in said service.

Upon this, which is sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution, upon military necessity, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind and the gracious favor of Almighty God.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington on the 1st day of January, A. D., 1863, and of the Independence of the United States of America the 87th year.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, President.

By WM. H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

In our exchanges, we notice the following comments on the above document:

The act removes our government from responsibility for the gigantic curse that has rested on our country from its birth. Taken in connection with the movements in rapid progress for the emancipation of the slaves in the border states, it enables us to see the way to the final extinction of slavery, and to the removal of all sectional and national disabilities.

The proclamation will tell speedily upon the rebellion, we do not doubt; but whether it does or not, it tells at once upon the position, attitude and reputation of the United States, and of the American people, throughout the world. It dignifies labor, endows humanity, honors God.—S. F. B. T.

Every true American and loyal citizen and patriotic man will hail this as a great step forward, and as a signal victory required.

The President's proclamation will be a powerful engine in working out that result, no reflecting mind can doubt.

—S. F. C.

Now this is a war measure, it is evident with intrinsic justness. Punish, rendering as a weapon for the suppression of rebellion, complete and appropriate as the punishment of a guilty and traitorous nation, and as a signal warning to all others of a future for the country in which Liberty and Union will be one and inseparable.—SAC. UNION.

This is the greatest event, not only of the war, but of the age, as it is of the history of the United States, and all America—all humanity—and is fraught with such vast importance that its results cannot now, amid the din and smoke of battle, be easily discerned. Undoubtedly, as a work of war, it will be disastrous. Undoubtedly, as a work of God, it will be glorious.

This is the grandest public act of the present century.

The South may tremble with powerless rage; her malcontents and traitors will be exultant with unfeigned triumph. Her admirers—even those of the North—who wish to conciliate her friendship with a desire to support the Constitution—those even are now forced to bend their apostolates to their present task to bring about her reuniting with the Union. All the defenders of slavery are now enemies of the Union—L'Union Franco-Américaine, San Francisco.

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