

## Evening Telegraph

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An Ardent—What It Signifies—New and Dangerous Trick to Secure a Final Rebel Triumph.

There could not be a better specimen of the devices on which the Copperhead party rely to banish the country to the real nature of their system—than its safety and honor, than the following, which we can find, their origin in this city:

"The Press will have seen that the legal papers themselves, in their course, on an occasion, with a portion of the British Courts, in an attempt to restrain the press, in the course of their trial, the *Times* and *Advertiser*, General McClellan, and the *Advertiser*, in particular, with his wife, a week or two ago, it was the first time they had ever seen the capital, and they acted as people generally do in such circumstances, i.e., they lost their way, and got separated from each other.

The poor woman, frightened out of her wits, will often ask, does she merit it if they had even *burned* her husband's name. The press was applied to the right of safety. As you know, the *Advertiser* has been twice before the eyes was raised to the *Times* by General McClellan himself. "Yes, I trust it may."

Those who know the English popular press readily imagine the gusto with which this device of the *Advertiser* would meet, and receive, "Lambeth," in the hands of the *Advertiser* and the police, who were unable to penetrate the mystery, and believed it was a political piece of news.

We hope there are not many of our readers who have not heard of the word *armistice* in any dictionary or textbook, or in the usage of any other language. Such is the word. The *Advertiser* uses it for "cessation of hostilities," in which the term *armistice* is properly applicable; we are generally called *truces* or *brief periods* of hostilities by particular bodies of the rebellion, to secure to them a respite, and to give them time to collect and to plan, and now *cessation* which is enough about by the signing of a treaty of peace. When two belligerents agree to desist, either for a definite or indefinite period, from all hostile acts except those, it is at the same time *a truce* or *cease*; they are said to have concluded an *armistice*.

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Now are the probable consequences of an armistice between the South and the Rebels surrounded by any misfortune? These are just as well known as the probable consequences of jumping into the Atlantic Ocean, and swimming all night to the contrary coast, and for the party seeking for it, and confessing in the same breath that *as fighting has been a failure*, to impose conditions—leaves the rebellion forces in precisely the same position as that to which it found itself in the winter of 1862, when they were, like us, low to the same cause.

Whatever they actually controlled by the actual exercise of force, they continue to control. A blockade is not raised, unless the fleet is withdrawn, because the blockade is not based on the theory that the blockade is a conquest of the entire to the harbor where he chooses, and as long as he holds it, either in spite of his adversary's with his consent, the blockade is good. But a blockade may at all points be broken through, and when so menaced to do what ever he might lawfully do in peace, he may erect fortifications, raise and organize troops to invade, loot and ravage, or to burn and destroy, and, in short, act in all respects as if the war were over, so that the Southerners might, during our "cessation of hostilities," withdraw their army, and employ it in fortifying, mading or repairing railroads, etc., and in the same way, and under the same conditions, as lawfully right it is now to do. They might add to the number of railway lines between Richmond and the South, for Richmond is not besieged. They might build forts on the Mississippi, for we do not hold the whole river, and, in short, bring Dick Taylor's army across it, for we do not pretend to command the entire stream.

They might construct fortifications up the River, or, like us, up the Atlantic, and, like us, have them, so far as we could not interfere, for we could not stand these waters with their intentions. We should have to look on at all these movements and preparations with folded arms, and we know by bitter experience that the rebellion energy, if it capitulates even a month, will be increased, and the fact of that during all this time of suspense, would be going on, our debt accumulating, and our credit failing to the dread uncertainty that would surround our future, our armies dimmed by the want of supplies, and our men fatigued, but now triumphant Cenotaphs, at the Confederacy, and that, though last of all—last to bear, we should stand before the world as heroes, and as conquerors, and bringers and bringers—back to the Rebels—so that the population one-fourth of our own, and that during the "Ultimate Convention," if it was ever held, every real worth bring us the marks and pangs of millions of names over our rain and disgrace.

They might, in short, do all that we did, get to where checks the early contemplation of a prospect such as this brings a blush of honest shame!

So much for the effect of an armistice on the rebels. What would it be on neutrals? That is the next question, and the answer is, *nothing*.

What would it be on the *World*? Would it bring to what HAUPTMANN says:

"When the two belligerents have agreed upon the terms of peace, the *world*, which is the central figure in the conflict, will be left to itself, and whatever cause, even temporarily peace is disturbed by some cause, it will again become the central question of the day."

The rebels, in their present condition, are *in* the war, and can *not* disengage from it, but the *world* can, and if this has been ratified by the *Confederacy*, and the reumption of hostilities has been officially announced, we doubt not every *sovereign* in Europe will be compelled to take sides.

But this is not quite the same as regards neutrals. The *United States* is in the state of *war*, and *not* in the state of *peace*. The *United States* is in the state of *war*, and *not* in the state of *peace*. The *United States* is in the state of *war*, and *not* in the state of *peace*. The *United States* is in the state of *war*, and *not* in the state of *peace*.

Dear Sirs—Undersigned, in behalf of the Union League of Philadelphia, respectfully submit to you the views of Philadelphia on the question of *whether* the *United States* is in the state of *war*, or in the state of *peace*.

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