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IMPORTANT FROM WASHINGTON.

A Message from the President.

He Finds "a Man After His Own Heart"

General Hancock the Great Exemplar of the Army.

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Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The President sent the following Message to Congress to-day:—

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:—An official copy of the order issued by Major-General Winfield S. Hancock, commander of the Fifth Military District, dated at his headquarters in New Orleans, La., on the 20th of November, has reached me, through the regular channels of the Department, and I herewith communicate it to Congress, for such action as may seem to be proper, in view of all the circumstances.

It will be perceived that General Hancock announces that he will make the law the rule of his conduct, that he will uphold the Courts and the civil authorities in the performance of their proper duties, and that he will use his military power only to preserve the peace and enforce the law. He declares very explicitly that the sacred right of trial by jury, and the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, shall not be crushed out and trodden under foot. He goes further, and in one comprehensive sentence asserts that the principles of American liberty are still the inheritance of the people, and ever should be.

When a great soldier, with unrestricted power in his hands to oppress his fellow-men, voluntarily forgoes the chance of gratifying his self-love and his ambition, and devotes himself to the duty of building up the liberty and strengthening the laws of his country, he presents an example of the highest public virtue that human nature is capable of producing.

The strongest claim of Washington to be "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen," is founded on the great fact that, in all his illustrious career, he scrupulously abstained from violating the legal and constitutional rights of his fellow-citizens. When he surrendered his commission to Congress, the President of that body spoke his highest praise, in saying that he had always regarded the rights of the civil authorities through all dangers and disasters. Whenever power above the law invited his acceptance, he calmly put the temptation aside.

By such magnanimous acts of forbearance, he won the universal admiration of mankind, and left a name which has no rival in the history of the world. I am far from saying that General Hancock is the only officer of the American army who is influenced by the example of Washington. Doubtless, thousands of them are faithfully devoted to the principles for which the men of the Revolution laid down their lives; but the distinguished honor belongs to him of being the first officer in high command, south of the Potomac, since the close of the civil war, who has given utterance to these noble sentiments in the form of a military order.

I respectfully suggest to Congress that some public recognition of General Hancock's patriotic conduct is due, if not to him, to the friends of law and justice throughout the country. Of such an act as his, at such a time, it is but fit that the dignity should be vindicated and the virtue proclaimed, so that its value, as an example, may not be lost to the nation. (Signed)

ANDREW JOHNSON.

[ANOTHER DESPATCH.]

A Message from President Johnson has just been read in the House, transmitting a copy of General Hancock's order on assuming the command in New Orleans, which the President characterizes as exhibiting a patriotism worthy of Washington when he resigned his command.

The President asks the House to adopt some testimonial to General Hancock in appreciation of his efforts to restore the supremacy of civil over military authority in his District.

The Message was received with laughter by the Republicans, and was laid over without any action.

LATEST FROM EUROPE BY CABLE.

Censorship of the French Press.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The *Moniteur* to-day publishes a circular by the Prefect of Police, placing the press under a more rigorous censorship.

Evening Report of Markets.

LONDON, Dec. 18—2 P. M.—American securities are firmer. United States Five-twenties, 72; Illinois Central, 89¾; Erie, 40¾.

Corn, 46s. 3d. Lard, 50s. Bacon, 40s. 6d. Common Rosin, 6s. 9d. Refined petroleum, 1s. 4d. Other articles unchanged.

ANTWERP, Dec. 18.—Petroleum firmer at 45¼ francs.

National Manufacturers' Convention.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 18.—The National Convention of Manufacturers assembled in this city to-day at 10 A. M. About two hundred delegates were present, representing Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan.

John J. Newberry, of Detroit, was chosen for temporary Chairman; and L. B. Sidway, of Chicago, for temporary Secretary. After a recess the Committee on Permanent Organization, through their Chairman, E. B. Ward, reported the following for permanent officers of the Convention:—

President, B. W. Raymond, of Illinois, representing the watch interest. Vice-Presidents, Ethan Chamberlain, of New York, cotton. Charles Dickson, Connecticut, brass, German silver, and copper. P. W. Gates, Illinois, machinery. John McNulty, Maryland, sugar refining. G. W. Cochrane, Massachusetts, shoes and leather. J. F. Fairchild, Wisconsin, Furniture. E. W. Stevens, Pennsylvania, Iron. D. W. Richardson, Michigan, matches. Preserved Smith, Ohio, car builder. Robert Montgomery, Indiana, Furniture. B. F. Hamilton, Maine, cotton. J. H. Woodman, Vermont, cotton.

Secretaries, Jasper E. Williams, Ohio. H. McAllister, Jr., Philadelphia. A. T. Gosporn, Ohio. E. F. Waters, Massachusetts. J. H. Dow, Illinois.

The report was adopted, and Mr. Raymond took the Chair, briefly returning thanks for the honor conferred.

J. S. S. Newberry offered the following resolution:—

Whereas, The proposition and call for this Convention emanated from the Detroit Manufacturers' Convention, and by their action they specified particularly the subjects which they wished considered by this Convention;

And whereas, The delegates appointed to this Convention were appointed under such call; therefore

Resolved, That as the sole purpose for which this Convention was called was to obtain from Congress the immediate removal of all taxes upon manufactures and productions, except luxuries, and to change the mode of assessment and collection of revenue, and the appointment and removal of revenue officers, we will confine the action of this Convention to that purpose strictly.

After a brief discussion this was adopted.

A general committee was appointed, to whom was referred all resolutions, etc., for consideration, as follows:—

Maine—F. A. Dow, B. F. Hamilton.
Massachusetts—F. F. Emery, W. C. Plunkett.
Connecticut—Charles Dickerson, George Johnson.
New York—Jno. Williams, Geo. W. Chadwick.
Pennsylvania—H. W. Oliver, Jr., G. Campbell.
Maryland—James A. Gurry, G. P. Tiffany.
Ohio—S. H. Burton, James Mason.
Indiana—Robert Montgomery.
Illinois—S. J. Russell, Charles L. Wilson.
Wisconsin—L. Blossom, George Esterly.
Michigan—E. B. Ward, D. Richardson.
Vermont—J. A. Woodman.

The committee was instructed to receive and consider all resolutions, suggestions, and memorials submitted to them.

The Convention then adjourned until 2:30 P. M.

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