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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

FOREIGN.—General Thomassin and other French officers will soon proceed to Greece at the head of a military mission.

DOMESTIC.—The Narragansett investigation developed still further contradictory testimony yesterday.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.—Twenty-one workmen were killed yesterday by the caving in of the temporary entrance of the Hudson River tunnel.

FRANCE IS SHOWING, IN A PRACTICAL WAY, THAT AS A REPUBLIC SHE CAN REDUCE TAXATION AS WELL AS REORGANIZE THE ARMY, ESTABLISH CIVIL LIBERTY AND ACCORD A GENERAL AMNESTY TO POLITICAL OFFENDERS.

MR. BERGH RECOGNIZES THE CLAIMS OF THE HUMAN ANIMAL FOR PROTECTION AGAINST CRUELTY, AND CALLS UPON THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN TO DECEE THE ARREST AND EXTERMINATION OF THE MIDNIGHT CAT, WHOSE "OWLS" MRS. HARRIS COULD NEVER BY ANY POSSIBILITY, EVEN IN HER MOST CONFIDING MOMENTS, HAVE MISTAKEN FOR "HORGANS."

THE PARK COMMISSIONERS YESTERDAY SENSIBLY RECONSIDERED THE VOTE BY WHICH THE SITE FOR THE OBELISK HAD BEEN FIXED NEAR THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART.

THE DEMOCRATIC STATE COMMITTEE DID NOTHING WHATEVER YESTERDAY EXCEPT TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION URGING THAT IN ALL PARTS OF THE STATE THE VOICE OF "DISSENSION MAY BE HUSHED."

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lish a Mexican Empire. The appointment of a railroad commission by President Diaz ought to lead to good results, provided it acts promptly and does not retard the enterprises which Americans have set on foot. Some revolts have followed the excitement of the Presidential campaign, but President Diaz may be relied on to maintain order while he is in power.

The new Eastern question is apparently approaching a critical stage. The six Powers have presented their demand regarding the Greek frontier to the Porte, but the Sultan is shrewdly waiting to see how they are going to enforce the claim before he will think seriously of yielding. Austria and Germany begin to show signs of indifference to the Greek claim, hinting that all the engagements should be carried into effect. Russia is ready, of course, to resume dismemberment of Turkey, but the other Powers are too jealous to make her their agent. England, which is mainly responsible for the Berlin Treaty, might be expected to be zealous for its fulfillment, but Beaconsfield has given place to Gladstone, and he is not disposed to engage in enforcing what he deemed mainly an act of folly or worse. So the Treaty stands largely unexecuted, and the question arises, Who will enforce it in whole or in part?

THE TUNNEL DISASTER.

The frightful accident in the Hudson River tunnel is very much to be deplored. Yet it was hardly to be expected, much as it might be desired, that such a hazardous enterprise could be successfully accomplished without loss of life. The law of averages, at least, was against any such hope. If the tunnel is completed, it will be the greatest work of its kind in existence, and the greater the work the greater the danger. It will be more than three times as long as the Thames tunnels, and much larger than either of them. The first of these, the work of the famous Brunel, was not constructed without several serious accidents. Such other subaqueous tunnels as there are in the world are comparatively of little importance. There are two in Chicago running out two miles under the bed of Lake Michigan to furnish the city with pure water; the largest of these is seven feet in diameter. There are two roadway tunnels in the same city running underneath the Chicago River. There is another water tunnel at Cleveland, and there is an unfinished bore, once intended for a railroad tunnel, at Detroit. This is believed to be a complete list of the existing subaqueous tunnels. The Hudson River project, it is thus seen, is the first attempt that has been made to furnish transportation for both the passenger and freight traffic of the principal railroads of a continent underneath one of the great rivers of the world. When it is finished, it will doubtless stand unsurpassed unless, indeed, the stupendous project of tunnelling the British Channel, about which there was much discussion with some practical experiments several years ago, shall some day be realized.

While it is true that a complete immunity from accident was hardly to be hoped for in the prosecution of such an engineering work as this, it is equally true that the very magnitude of the work and the consequent growth, in strict ratio, of the danger to those engaged in it should have caused the care taken for the preservation of life to be at least proportionally great. The serious responsibility devolves upon those who shall conduct the inquiry into this disaster, by which twenty-one human beings have lost their lives, to learn whether the managers of the enterprise have done their whole duty in this respect. Perhaps it is not necessary to say that the investigation should be made quite as searching and rigorous as if the victims had been twenty millionaires instead of twenty poor day-laborers, and yet there is more need of saying it than most of us would probably care to admit. At the same time, it will be grossly unjust to the projectors of the tunnel to assume hastily that the responsibility rests upon them. They have labored for years in the face of bitter opposition as well as great obstacles, to gain a foothold for their enterprise, and they are evidently men of resolute energy and large resources. It was obviously to their interest to prevent such accidents, just as it was to the interest of the workmen to save their own lives. And yet the responsibility clearly lies between the two.

The engineers in charge of the work and the officers of the company unite in believing that the accident was caused by the carelessness of the workmen themselves. They knew that the appearance of the smallest leak was a danger to the lives of all of them, and that it could easily be stopped in the way described. Yet it is thought that in changing gangs of men the danger was overlooked for one fatal moment—and after that it was too late. There is unfortunately no improbability in such a theory. The recklessness of laboring men, and especially, it would seem, of those engaged in mining work, is proverbial. Not even fines and imprisonments will prevent the coal miner, for example, from setting at defiance all the precautions against destruction which science and capital have combined to give him. He will smoke, if he and all his mates are to die for it. It is easy to believe, therefore, that some one of these poor fellows may have paid with his life the penalty of his own carelessness. One fact, however, bearing upon the responsibility of the employers, must be mentioned. The accident did not occur in the main tunnel, which, so far as it has been constructed, is securely lined with iron and brick, and will probably be found intact when the debris has been removed. It was in the temporary entrance to the tunnel, a narrow, sloping bore, running from the air-shaft at the foot of the working shaft to the main tunnel, that the leak and crash took place. In this temporary entrance the plan of building up the walls of the bore securely with every foot of advance was not followed, as in the main tunnel beyond. If it had been, probably there could have been no accident. The engineers state reasons why this was not done at the outset, and was left until now, but the president admits his regret that "the approach was not built first." That regret may well share.

NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY A CHANGE.

Mr. Schurz often hits the nail on the head in political addresses. In fact, it is one secret of his power in political discussion that he concentrates his efforts upon the vital point of controversy. This point in the present campaign seems, in his opinion, to be this: That the conservative, conscientious, and independent voters are not now satisfied that the Democratic party can be trusted, or that a higher degree of prosperity or good government could be secured by a change of parties in power. The Republican party has given the country remarkable prosperity in commerce and industry, and unvoted party in administration. A change is not to be desired, unless it would be for the better. But Democratic history, Democratic behavior, the constituent elements which make up the Democratic party, and its selection of leaders in the critical States, all go to show that the success of that party would involve great peril; that it probably would not

be a change for the better, but for the worse. For years the Democratic party has been showing what it wants to do. Its conduct has not satisfied conservative, conscientious, and independent voters that it desires or will try to do better than the Republican party has done lately. On the other hand, Mr. Schurz claims with truth that the Republican party gives evidence, not of deterioration, but of gradual improvement. It may be expected to do not only as well as it has done, but better still. The voters to whom this reasoning is addressed hold the balance of power in every Northern State. They do not care much for mere partisanship. The division of the spoils interests them but little. They want decent government and national prosperity, and the Republican party has been securing both in gradually increasing measure. The Democratic party, judged by its conduct, cannot be expected to secure either.

Democracy, for instance, would crowd a new set of men into office all over the country; men inexperienced, selected in hot haste, and with almost exclusive regard to their services as partisans. The Republican party has been gradually improving the character of the public service; of this, candid Democrats themselves bear witness. Most of the men in office have experience, and have been selected with some regard for their qualifications. The sweeping and wholesale change which Democracy would involve would result in great demoralization of the service, and in serious cost to the taxpayers. No matter how good the intentions of a Democratic President, he would be compelled to distribute the "spoils to the victors," and would therefore necessarily displace thousands of experienced men; thousands of tried public servants to make room for untried partisan workers. Sober men know that this would not be an imaginary but a most real and serious evil. What is to be gained by it?

Democracy, again, is intensely hostile to Republican systems of finance, banking, and taxation. No one can say what changes might result from the advent of that party to power. The one thing certain is that the changes would be very great. The party has persistently voted against resumption and the methods necessary to maintain it, against National banking and honest treatment of the National banks, against duties on imports which have encouraged a remarkable development of important industries. The party would unquestionably make radical and almost revolutionary changes if it could, and if it should elect a President it would have the power. But the Republican policy has given the country great prosperity. Everybody realizes the fact. Workmen know it when they receive their wages. Business men realize it when they make up their accounts. No doubt the Republican policy has been marred by many errors. But its tendency has been steadily toward maintenance of the public faith, toward the use of a sound currency, and toward reasonable encouragement of all our industries. Is there any reason whatever to hope that a change would be for the better? Radical change would certainly involve great loss and disturbance at first. Is the country prepared to court that loss, upon the bare chance that better results than the Republican would secure might be attained hereafter under a different policy?

It appears to *The Herald*, which took part in the shouting for Hancock, very enthusiastically at first, that the Democrats are inebriated with their unaccustomed hopes. Their canvass, it observes with truth, has opened "like the opening of a champagne bottle, with a 'whirr, and a fizz, and a gush of foam.'" It reminds them that the walls of the Republican Jericho "will not tumble at the blast of rams' horns"; that the party is composed of veterans, led by experienced commanders; that it is united to a remarkable degree; that the "sporadic instances of the transfer of partisan allegiance" are always exaggerated, and that it is a silly inference that the party is going to pieces because "here and there an unimpaired Republican has signified his intention to vote for Hancock." It appears to *The Herald* that "in order to win the Democrats need to cease 'filling their brains with gas and froth as soon as possible, and apply themselves to 'prove to the country that they are fit to win' and 'capable of governing.'" This is excellent advice. It is the more worthy of attention because it comes from a journal which has been enthusiastic in support of General Hancock. At this late day it occurs to *The Herald* that neither a hurrah for General Hancock nor abuse of General Garfield will win, and it counsels its friends to wiser methods if they mean to succeed.

THROWING AWAY GOOD ADVICE.

How loosely our friends of the Democratic press permit themselves to talk! They are excited. They swing their arms and make statements that won't bear examination. They launch out assertions that have no foundation nor excuse. Here, for instance, is a prominent Democratic newspaper saying: "We must remind our Republican contemporaries who are now piteously pleading that their candidate's record must not be assailed, that for over four years they assailed Mr. Tilden with the foulest of slanders, charging him with every known crime from murder and arson to bunco steering, and that since General Hancock has been nominated they, lacking pretexts as in Mr. Tilden's case, have been inventing the most glaring improbabilities and denouncing him as a 'rebel.'" Our Republican contemporaries ask us that we shall let Mr. Garfield alone while they continue their abuse of General Hancock." Now this is just the ordinary sort of loose statement that our friends indulge in. It is no worse than the average. But upon examination it will be found to contain hardly a single word of truth. "Republican contemporaries" are not "piteously pleading that their candidate's record must not be assailed," and the editor of course knows it. Nor have they "assailed Mr. Tilden with the foulest of slanders, charging him with every known crime from murder and arson to bunco steering," the editor knows that. Nor have they "invented the most glaring improbabilities" about Hancock or "denounced him as a rebel"; that also the editor knows. And he knows of course that no Republican contemporaries have ever asked him to "let Mr. Garfield alone while they continue their abuse of General Hancock." It will be said, of course, that this is all hyperbole; simply the usual exaggeration of a political campaign. It may be so; but isn't it possible in this everlasting flux of fiction to get so much as a grain of truth anywhere?

The Democratic press of Connecticut is getting in its work early. The mud-slinging and slang-whanging began several weeks ago and is vigorously kept up. *The New-Haven Palladium*, having published the fact which was brought out in the Wallace investigation that a portion of the fraudulent naturalization papers of 1868 were intended for use in Connecticut, *The Union* punces upon Postmaster Sperry, one of the owners of *The Palladium*, in this fashion: "Come, N-henah, produce your proof or stand convicted as a 'rebel.'" You profess to know a great many things, and are unscrupulous enough to insulate all manner of dishonest plots and frauds against the Democracy in the hope of saving you fat dice. We propose to pin you down to the above charge. Produce the proof. Go before the committee investigating the subject in New York as a 'rebel.'" Our Republican contemporaries ask us that we shall let Mr. Garfield alone while they continue their abuse of General Hancock." Now this is just the ordinary sort of loose statement that our friends indulge in. It is no worse than the average. But upon examination it will be found to contain hardly a single word of truth. "Republican contemporaries" are not "piteously pleading that their candidate's record must not be assailed," and the editor of course knows it. Nor have they "assailed Mr. Tilden with the foulest of slanders, charging him with every known crime from murder and arson to bunco steering," the editor knows that. Nor have they "invented the most glaring improbabilities" about Hancock or "denounced him as a rebel"; that also the editor knows. And he knows of course that no Republican contemporaries have ever asked him to "let Mr. Garfield alone while they continue their abuse of General Hancock." It will be said, of course, that this is all hyperbole; simply the usual exaggeration of a political campaign. It may be so; but isn't it possible in this everlasting flux of fiction to get so much as a grain of truth anywhere?

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The Democratic party would sacrifice New-York, New-Jersey and Connecticut, as well as Pennsylvania, if it should convince the country of its sincerity as to free trade and free ships. There is not a single level-headed Democratic politician who does not know this to be true. It would sacrifice Louisiana, Mississippi and

Tennessee, if it could convince the country that it would not favor wanton and reckless appropriations for Southern improvements. It would sacrifice not only Virginia but other Southern States if it should convince the country of its hostility to any form of repudiation. It would have not one chance in fifty thousand of success in Indiana, or in any other Western State, if it should convince the people that it was opposed to depreciated dollars, of silver or paper. The reason is that the voters who want Southern jobs, repudiation and soft money are nearly all Democrats, and many of them are exceedingly in earnest. They would not hesitate to kill the party, instantly and utterly, if they thought it would pursue the policy set forth in its platform. They cling to the party because they believe that its platform is framed with intent to deceive, and other voters have the same opinion.

The Democratic party has made another attempt to cheat the country. That is the pith of the matter. Its followers want exactly the things which the party professes to oppose, and their firm belief that their own platform lies is not only the cause of their support; it makes the party quite unable to convince voters that its platform tells the truth. If the party were not lying in its platform, Mahone and his followers would not support General Hancock in Virginia. The conviction that its pretences are false will save the votes of repudiators and communists. But it will cost the party every Northern State, and another defeat.

"IS CORPORAL FINNEGAN HERE?"

Stirring words were those which Lester B. Faulkner, the hero who led the Democratic hosts to their magnificent defeat last year, closed the call for the meeting of the Democratic State Committee. "Victory awaits us," said Faulkner. "Let the campaign begin." Men read these words and thought of the Pyramids, of Jena, of Austerlitz, of Napoleon, of Syracuse, Saratoga and Ulrica, of Tilden's refusal to condone fraud, and Spriggs' famous "Go on and finish the ticket." Old men were thrilled with emotion, and young men were inspired with confidence. Everywhere men said over their "rum sours" "Faulkner has arrived!" People who knew how he had managed the last State campaign, and with what ease and assurance he had reelected Governor Robinson in the committee room, and who remembered his success in securing the nomination of Tilden at Cincinnati last month, said with one voice: "This settles it." They knew that Faulkner never would have made the declaration, "Victory awaits us," if he had not been just as certain of it as he was of Robinson's election and Tilden's nomination. If there had been doubts and hesitation before, they flew away when Faulkner was seen to plunge red-headed into the St. James Hotel and heard to issue the order, "Let the campaign begin!"

But they make a mistake who call Faulkner a Napoleon, and say his orders are Napoleonic. His model is not Napoleon. It is General Butler. And the call to the Committee which has so thrilled the hearts of all men is in almost the precise words with which, according to Corporal Finnegan, General Butler began the battle of Dutch Gap. "Talk about 'your Generals,'" said Corporal Finnegan, "there's none to 'em but 'em, Ould Ben come ridin' down full gallop till he 'came to Company K of my regiment. 'What regiment is this?' says he. 'The 'Twintich New-Jersey,' says the Colonel. 'And where is Company K?' says he. 'Here,' says the Captain. 'An' is Corporal Finnegan here?' says he. 'Here,' says I, 'as I steps to the front.' 'Thin,' says Ould Ben, 'taking off his hat to me, 'Victory awaits us. 'Let the battle begin.'"

There is no need of going back to the time of Napoleon for models of style in issuing proclamations, when our own war, in which the Democratic candidate was one of the heroes,