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MEMPHIS APPEAL

A PROMISE OF DAWN FOR POLAND.

The New York *Times*, after speaking of the domestic progress of Austria, says that her foreign influence has of late revived in a marvelous manner, and adds:

Whereas formerly her weight in European politics was estimated merely by the number of men she could bring into the field—and the natural antagonism of Prussia always went far to neutralize that weight—she now exercises an appreciable influence of a very different nature. For Austria to appear in the character of a champion of oppressed nationalities is certainly startling enough, but more unlikely things have happened in late years. Prince Lichnowski (a Polish name, the more pronounced the Prussian) Polish exiles, has recently issued a very remarkable statement of what he considers the true Polish policy for the future. Despairing of further unaided revolutionary attempts against Russia, he looks for help, he credulous as it will, have seemed but a few years ago, to Austria. "Other reigns of Warsaw," and even sanguine Polish patriots are beginning to abandon hope of armed resistance to the countless hosts of the Czar. But in the Austrian Province of Galicia three out of the six millions of inhabitants are Poles. They have already obtained great and liberal concessions from the Imperial Government, and, taking into consideration the success of Hungarian self government, it would be no matter for surprise should Galicia ere long attain a position in relation to the Austrian Empire of somewhat analogous character. It would then become an organized Polish community, protected by at least one great Power, and always ready to act as a center of attraction, in time of any great European conflict, toward the other fragments of dismembered Poland. Austria, without Venice to hold down, without Italy ready to spring at her throat, with Hungary well affected, and with a certain solidarity of interests with the entire Polish race, would possess enormous power in a European war. As Napoleon, for a kample, her alliance would be invaluable. We can scarcely go so far as an English journal, which expresses its belief that Prince Czartoryski's "new Polish programme" has been inspired by Napoleon, and already tacitly approved by Austria. The simple fact of a man in Prince Czartoryski's position advocating such a policy is significant enough. A glance at its possible effect on European politics shows its importance.

The United States have their Ireland and Poland in the Southern States. They imagine that they are reconstructing the Union, by giving the political power of the South to the negroes, and empowering them to disfranchise and to oppress by the extortion of vindictive taxation the white people of this unhappy land. Even those Republicans who have not deemed these measures of reconstruction wise, insist that no step ought now to be taken backward. They say, in the words of the *Times*:

The country cannot afford to have these questions reopened. It cannot afford to postpone the restoration of the Union, in order that these battles may be fought over again. It demands restoration, upon some basis, as the earliest possible moment. It requires the presence of the Southern States again in Congress, to aid in securing wise legislation for their own interests, and to regard to their own affairs. It needs the South as a check upon the sectional struggles that are inevitable for supremacy in the control of public affairs. The interests of the South—the temper of the South—the principles and policy of the South, all are essential elements in the governing forces of the nation, and should be represented in the working forces of the Government. It is not much to them that the country has suffered—that legislation has been one-sided and awry—for the last three years.

And rabid Radicalism cries, with the New York *Tribune*:

The Southern States are just ready to have their reconstruction perfected. It is not the fault of their loyal people that they have not been ready before. There has been too much shouting at the doors of Congress, where Virginia, Mississippi, and Texas will soon follow them. We want to see the very last State admitted, her self-government perfected, military rule superseded, and the Freedmen's Bureau withdrawn. Let our Congress assemble. We shall thus have drawn every fang of the Copperhead, and reduces him to the harmless recreation of hissing. He won't make many sectional votes out of that.

As Ireland has long been the shame and weakness of England, so Poland seems about to become the weakness, and, it may be, the cause of the dismemberment and ruin of Russia. Such is the law of Divine retribution.

Poland was partitioned in 1772, by Treaty between the Empress of Russia, the Emperor of Austria, and the King of Prussia. The Russians, on various pretexts, entered Poland in 1792, and the Kingdom of Stanislaus was finally partitioned in 1795. In 1830 the people revolted, and revolution was attempted at Warsaw, which was suppressed in 1831, and in 1832 a ukase of the Czar Nicholas declared Poland an integral part of the Russian Empire. Another vain attempt at revolution was made in 1846. In 1862 new disturbances occurred, and in 1863 an insurrection. Poland was put in a state of seige, a Polish provisional Government was established, and Langiewicz declared Dictator. The insurrection became general and guerrilla warfare successful; a Secret Central Committee assumed supreme command; the Czar's offer of amnesty to all who would lay down their arms was rejected; the European powers endeavoured in vain to interfere; many eminent Poles were executed, and among these many priests and nobles; and after 50,000 Poles had been slain, and 100,000 exiled to Siberia, the insurrection was suppressed in 1864, and Poland denationalized.

Such is in brief the history of the subjugation and fate of Poland, and of its desperate struggles to free itself from the oppressor's yoke; and every enslaved people will with the same desperation at intervals endeavour to regain its lost liberties and independence.

The North intends that the white men of the South shall in all time hereafter be their hewers of wood and drawers of water, their inferiors, to be insulted by them at pleasure, when oppression shall have deprived them of the spirit to resent an insult, even if offered by a coward. Never again, it is intended, the Southern States shall be the equals of those of the North; or the Southern people the superiors of negroes.

Where the negroes had not the majority of votes, constitutions have been framed by conventions whose members were elected in such a manner as not in the least to represent the white population of the States; and the voices of majorities against those constitutions have, when the vote has been taken upon their ratification or rejection, been suppressed and stifled by the most open, shameless and unparallelled frauds. He who imagines that the white men of the South will ever regard these constitutions as lawfully and rightfully supreme over them, deludes himself with a lie. They may be enforced by violent means, and the disfranchisement of vast numbers of white men; but the true people of the South will never regard them as having the sanction that can give them vitality and impose obligation. They will always be to the people of the South, like Russian ukases to the Poles, the enactments of the British Parliament to the Irish, and the franchise law of Tennessee to its disfranchised white men; the law imposed by the victor on the subjugated, not resisted to the death only so long as successful resistance is hopeless.

So far from reconciling the South, the enforcement of the decreed measures of reconstruction will only exasperate and still more alienate it. The fire will still smoulder under the ashes; and these measures be more violent inciters of hate, and more increase the thirst for revenge, than the ruins of towns, the blackened chimneys of burned homes hope for. On the contrary we fervently wish that the future held out to us other hopes. We speak of that which the coming years are to disclose, as we should if we were a foreigner, dispassionately looking on from a distance, and endeavoring to judge of that which is to occur here in the future, by what has occurred elsewhere in the past. Human nature remains the same in all the ages; and the day will never come when to follow civil war with disfranchisements and disqualifications and insults and degradations, and to set the inferior race above the superior one, or attempt to make one the political equal of the other, will not produce an eternal hatred, and a thirst for vengeance that no length of time will diminish. As the Celt hates the Saxon, so these miserable measures will cause the Southern whites to hate the North.

In the body of the great order of Freemasons, the animosities of the war have already died out, and we meet together once more as brothers. Among those who served in the armies of the two belligerents, the case is in a great measure the same. Only a few days since we met a Federal officer who courteously sought to know us. A young lady, curious to know how we at once became like old acquaintances, asked him if he was a Mason. "No," he said, "but there is another kind of Masonry between us; that of men who have served against each other in the field."

But such is not the spirit that inspires the scam that has risen to the surface, amid the disturbances and convulsions of the times. This generous and manly spirit is not that of those who, unfortunately for the country, misdirect and mismanage our National affairs,—the Sumners, Stevenses, Wades, Colfaxes, Butlers, Binghams, Boutwells, Covodes and Logans. Theirs is the very lunacy of malice and hate, or the cold calculation of sordid partizan self-interest; and of these motives, the fatal and mad measures of reconstruction have been born.

Poland has borne her yoke, not patiently, but often attempting to throw it off, for fifty years; and at length the promise of a dawn of redemption for her begins to arise; and one of the very Powers to which all her misfortunes have been owing, seems about to be the instrument of Divine Providence to redeem her from bondage. The redemption of the South will not be delayed forty years. The great Northwestern States are being rapidly forced into a position of antagonism to the Northeast; and must soon begin to look South for alliances. There is identity of interests and mutual intercourse among all the States of the Mississippi Valley. In a little while New England will have as little sympathy with those States, and they with her, as they now have with Canada. She will not always be allowed to have her twelve votes in the Senate, to dictate protective tariffs, taxes on cotton, and payment of the bonds of the United States in gold. Her love for the Union has always been the offspring of self-interest. Like her religious toleration, it has always been hypocritical pretence. The only Union tolerable for her is one from which she can reap pecuniary profit and make her will, her prejudices and her notions the law. She would far rather rule the South by force than by the influences of kindness, affection and gratitude. She will pay dearly, some day, for the devilments of which she is the chief author in the South. The day of the Divine retribution is often long delayed; but it always comes at last. Try all it can, as England tried for centuries, the oppressing State cannot make the oppressed one powerless; and the hate of the conquered is always dangerous to the victor.

An Unjust Slur.

Editors Memphis Appeal:

In the report of the committee of the Draymen's meeting, I find the following:

"That we waited on Hon. T. A. Hamilton and F. S. Richards, our *leading* Representative and Senator, and they severally expressed the opinion," etc.

This is nonsense, as neither Hamilton nor Richards is Senator, and the designation of either of them as "leading" Representative, seems an unjust fling at the Hon. Mr. Ryder. It may have been unintentional, but I am satisfied it never would have been made if the committee had known that Mr. Ryder was fully as influential in the Legislature as either of the gentlemen named. Mr. Ryder is himself a working man, and he did more than Mr. Richards, and ten times as much as Mr. Hamilton, for the interests of white working people. Mr. Ryder's merits can be certified to by Messrs. Cubbins and Black, the delegates from the working men of Memphis to urge the passage of the mechanics' lien law. It will be sustained, if need be, by other witnesses and by reference to the measures before the Legislature.

I do not wish to detract from the merits of any honorable gentleman, but I know that Mr. Richards, serving as Speaker of the House, and very efficient in that capacity, could not give as much attention to measures as Mr. Ryder did. I know, also, that while Mr. Ryder was working for the interests of mechanics and other working people, Mr. Hamilton was mainly occupied in trying to create offices for negroes, so that he could thus secure the negro vote and be nominated for Congress. I can prove that there is a wish to make flings at Mr. Ryder because he was not sufficiently unscrupulous in pandering to the wishes of demagogues who affect to control the negro vote, and I fear that unconsciously the Draymen's committee have been used. Whether so or not, the use of the word "leading" is calculated to prejudice the minds of many against the Hon. M. T. Ryder, who was a faithful, sensible and useful Representative—sustaining fairly the rights of blacks, but not forever riding the hobby of the negro and extreme Radicalism. If a distinction has to be drawn, he was, in ability, in influence with the House and especially with the Senate, in attention to business, and the prosecution of measures for the general good, the "leading" Representative from Shelby county.

Yours, FAIR PLAY.

—On the 28th ult., a freedman named Henry Wheeler, was shot and killed at Marshallville, a few miles below Fort Valley, Ga., under the following circumstances: "Wheeler had a child hired to the mother of W. C. Staley, and going for her early in the morning to take her away, he said or did something which caused Mrs. Staley to go into spasms. Mr. Staley coming in while in that condition, thought her dying, and instantly went in pursuit of Wheeler, and struck him with a whip, when the other, attempting to draw a pistol, was shot by his assailant, who was admitted to bail in $5000."

MISCELLANEOUS.

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—An affair of honor came off at Screven's Ferry, below Savannah, on the 21st, between Messrs. John Griffin and R. Wayne Russel, of the latter place. Result—one round fired, nobody hurt. Difficulty amicably adjusted.

—The west side of Bay street, Newnan, was destroyed by fire last Thursday morning, about 3 o'clock—supposed to be the work of an incendiary. Several business men were ruined by the fire.

—The Alberton Academy was burned down on the night of the 21st, by an incendiary. The citizens offer a reward of $1000 for his arrest.

—A young man named Dennis had a difficulty with some freedmen near Thompson, which resulted in Dennis killing one negro with a wagon spoke, breaking the arm of a second, and shooting a third.

—The Athens *Banner* of the 29th ult., says: The weather for several days has been quite warm and dry. This is, we believe, regarded as favorable to the wheat crop, which will soon be ready for harvesting. Indeed, we learn that some has already been cut in this vicinity.

—The Macon *Telegraph* says of wheat: Clear out the old crop and prepare for the new. Down with your prices, for there is enough and to spare.

—The Bainbridge *Georgian* reports that the recent heavy rains in that section have caused great injury to the fruit crop. The young peaches have fallen in large quantities, and the worms are making sad havoc with what remains on the trees.

—The Macon *Telegraph* says of Southwest Georgia: Our traveling agent writes from Smithville, that the crops are backward, much retarded by heavy rains and storms lately, but the gardens are in a flourishing condition everywhere—vegetables larger and better than he ever saw them; farmers hopeful they will make plenty; business all along the railroad very dull, and merchants complaining.

—The Columbus *Sun* says: We learn that no one has yet been found to take the "iron-clad" and be qualified as Judge of the Pataula Circuit, to take the place of Judge Clarke, removed.

—Maj. Forsyth, of Montezuma, was drowned in a millpond near Americus, on the 23d ult. He went into the pond to bathe, and is supposed to have been taken with cramp. His remains were recovered the next day.

—The Augusta *Chronicle* of the 29th ult., says: The body of Mr. Edw. Crocker, a young man well known in this city, was found near the farm of the late Chas. Carter, Esq. The verdict of the Coroner's Inquest was that his death was caused by laudanum administered by his own hands.

—The Griffin *Herald* says that a private letter received there from Dahlonega contains the following sentence: "The investigations to-day exhibited the most stupendous frauds in the Dawson county election."

—The Macon papers tell of a rich affair which has occurred in that city, concerning a Yankee school marm who came South to inoculate New England moral ideas into the darkey children. She had eighteen little black day scholars, and over that number at night. She fell in love with an ebony freedman in the employ of Greer & Lake. In several affectionate letters she styles him "My Dear Arthur," and the documents are full of "tender love," etc. She, however, has come to grief. She forged an order on Tuesday to the firm mentioned, for some eight or ten dollars' worth of family groceries. To the order she signed the name of Mrs. Wills, wife of the Presbyterian pastor of Macon. The goods were sent, when the forgery was discovered, and the dispenser of the Gospel and learning in a correct manner was arrested and lodged in jail. The articles were taken from her. The case was before the grand jury on Thursday. Her name is given as "Amanda Fawler" by one paper, and "Lawler" by the other.

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