

We are constrained to look, with feelings of no little solicitude, to political developments at the North. It was to have been expected that, having met the sacrifices of defeat—that having abandoned hopes of self government, accepted the disruption of our society, the ruin of our institutions, the loss of property it involved, the desolation in the track of invading armies, and the captures of our constitutions, necessary to the restoration of relations with other States—our trials would have ended; that it would have been allowed us to return, with the strength and resources yet remaining, to the pursuits of peaceful life; and that, in the laborious restoration of our ruined fortunes, we might anticipate some compensation for the past, in a participation in the futures of the Republic.

But the developments, to which we have referred, render it doubtful whether even those anticipations are to be realized. It has long been reasonably certain that the people of the North have been under the influence of two very distinct purposes in the prosecution of the war. A very large number of that people were unwilling to permit a dissolution of the Union. They feared the loss of interest that dissolution would involve. They were averse to the rivalry and contact of another and perhaps an adversary power. They feared that disintegration, once commenced, might be continued, and that the Republic would be broken into still other fragments; and, fearing this, they resisted dissolution, but resisted dissolution merely, and truly fought for the restoration of the Union.

But another portion of that people had no such purpose. By force of numbers they had seized the government. They found it a convenient instrument. They could not see, or were unwilling to perceive, a limit to its power. Beyond the pale of party, all was plunder. The South, isolated by her institution, was the most obvious and attractive object. They also were unwilling to permit a dissolution of the Union. It would be too much to say, perhaps, that they disliked the action of the South. That put in peril, it is true, the power and plunder they saw within their grasp; but it left them in more full possession of the North. It gave them occasion to invoke an enormous military force. It gave them an excuse to overstep all constitutional restrictions on their power. And while, therefore, they were willing to expend every energy and resource of the Government, were willing even to risk their own money in the purchase of troops to fight the battle, it was from no purpose to restore the Union. That, of all supposable events, was the one which they least desired. They had won their stake. Every party had been successful. They were undisputed masters of the North; in that way they were undisputed masters of the Government; through that Government they were as undisputed masters of the South. That section lay a helpless, bleeding, prostrate victim. It was a source of imperial patronage and spoil, with no hand to grasp its treasure but their own. Their leaders, with such realms of plunder to distribute, were potentates and powers. The crowd of clients even could expect a share; and to surrender this domain of plunder—to spare the prostrate victim—to let it reach the sanctuary of the Constitution—to let it join the adversary party at the North, and put even their own power in peril—was not to be admitted. It transcended every conception of political prudence. It might be honest, just, and magnanimous to do so, but while they praise those virtues, they cannot practice them at such a price as that. The imperial stake already won was not to be abandoned to the claims of merely moral obligation; and periling the Union to achieve their power, they would peril or break the Republic to retain it.

Such was the state of facts a few months since. Everywhere the surface indications were of peace. All classes at the North were equally active in winding up the war, and no question was raised but of the punishment and humiliation necessary to the South, and the state of feeling to fit her for the Union. But to those who looked below the surface it was very certain this state of peace could not continue. The men who looked to peace for the restoration of the Union, and all the hopes and glories of the Republic, could hardly hold as brothers those who dared to say the Union and such glories should never be restored. The men who held the Government as an instrument of aggression, and the South as plunder, could scarcely feel a brother's kindness for those who would tear it from them, and charge them with the crimes they meditated. Between such variant parties it was utterly impossible collision should not come, and it has come at last.

The first distinct announcement of hostilities was in the speech of Mr. THADDEUS STEVENS, which we published a few days since, and made the subject of remark. That is followed now by the speech of Mr. SUMNER, before the Convention to nominate a Governor for the State of Massachusetts. The flag thus raised must float at every section of the North. It is not to be supposed these men have acted without concert; not to be doubted that they speak the purpose of the party, and that the die is cast whose turn is to determine, for future time, the fortunes and even the form of this Republic. The Government sustained, and the Southern States restored, it may re-enter its career with hopes and prospects bright as ever; but not sustained—the power remaining in the hands of a party whose sense of liberty is the privilege to plunder and oppress—no hope of freedom remains to us, nor is it certain that the forms even of a free government can survive the shock of such collision.

It was impossible to look upon those occurrences without some feeling of apprehension, and the feeling must be greater with us, for that, while we have everything at stake, we are to be passive spectators of the contest. The issue will be made in Congress, upon the admission of our representatives, and upon that issue we can have no influence. We can make no concessions; adopt no forms that will render our representation acceptable. The conclusive reason against it, is that it will strengthen the party that stands by the Government to sustain it against their threats of violence; and the battle, therefore, must be fought by the Government, with the support only which comes from those people at the North who have yet the purpose to preserve and perpetuate the Republic.

But it is hard to believe that the issue can be against us—hard to believe that, in this enlightened age, the majority of a people can be misled to the support of their liberties—that the Government will fail to detect in time the vital nature of the issue, or fail to evoke the powers it possesses.

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A hint to ladies with grey hair—never say "I do." A wife who loses her patience must not expect to keep her husband's heart. A man may as well expect to be at ease without wealth, as happy without virtue. Society, like shaded silk, must be viewed in all situations, or its colors will deceive us. Education begins a gentleman, conversation completes him. No man has a right to do as he pleases, except when he pleases to do right. A hypocrite pays tribute to God that he may impose upon men. Fame's loudest blast upon the ear of Time leaves but a dying echo. There are said to be large flocks of lame ducks in Wall-street. France has 8000 miles of railway, and 5000 miles more building. The theatrical sensation at Nashville has been Matilda Heron's "Woman in Red." The South American jerked beef sells in England for fifteen shillings per cwt. A hair-dresser in Paris committed suicide in despair at the new fashions. The Mississippi river is running low. Only ten feet water in the channel from Cairo to Memphis. Rt. Rev. Joseph C. Fallot, D. D. has been elected Assistant Bishop of Indiana. The oldest inhabitant of Harrisburg, Pa., is a lady aged 107 years. There are nearly 11,000 negroes in Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Hackett has raised \$20,000, the sum named for the Shakespeare monument in Central Park. At last advices from Rome, Ga., cotton was selling at twenty-nine cents for middling. The Columbus papers of September 13 state that cotton was decidedly flat in that city. It was selling at from seventeen to eighteen cents in gold. Quill's boy asked him if he wanted his dispatch carried to the Insulated Telegraph office; he meant the Insulated Co's. The vocalist Pa'pa has had great success in New York. She is a dashing, handsome woman, and a splendid singer. Two thousand bales of cotton passed Cairo September 11. Seventeen hundred for Cincinnati and three hundred for St. Louis. A match factory at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, employs fifty girls, who earn from three to five dollars a week each. Cranberries are scarce in Maine, and sell readily for four dollars a bushel. Potatoes, however, are only ninety cents a bushel. In Louisiana the rice crop, which bids fair to be an extraordinarily large one, is being rapidly cut and prepared for market. The colored people of Richmond are raising money for a sword to present to General Butler. This will cost about eight hundred dollars. A synagogue is about to be opened in St. Petersburg. Gumburg, the Jewish banker, has given 70,000 roubles towards this object. Clarence J. Frontice, late an officer in the rebel army, has withdrawn from the Louisville Journal, being about to leave the country. The Board of Controllers of the public schools of Philadelphia have passed a resolution to introduce calisthenics and light gymnastics into the schools. The first colored student at Harvard College was admitted to the Freshman class on Friday. His name is Richard T. Green, of Boston. The largest nugget found in Idaho Territory was taken out on Wilson gulch, some fourteen miles northwest of Prickly Pear City. It is valued at more than \$2000. The oil excitement has reached Tennessee. Boring is being energetically prosecuted in various localities, among the mountains of Cumberland. New machinery is arriving daily. "What flower of beauty shall I marry?" said a handsome young spendthrift to his miserly governor. "To which the governor replied, with a grim smile, "Mari-gold."

A young lady down East advertised for the young man who "embraced the opportunity," and says "that if he will come over to their own town he can do better."

We frequently hear of our Generals capturing "pieces of artillery." "What's the use of continually capturing pieces?" says Mrs. Partington. "Why not capture whole ones?" A Wisconsin paper estimates that in the year 1870 Milwaukee will contain 100,000 souls within its corporate limits, and that Wisconsin will have 1,250,000 inhabitants. The negro laborers in Jamaica are on the verge of starvation, owing to high taxes and other causes. They blame the Governor and his officers, who, fearing an outbreak, have dispatched two gunboats to that locality. The Antietam soldiers' cemetery will consist of eleven acres. The land costs one hundred dollars an acre. The area will be twice as large as that of Gettysburg National Cemetery, and will contain twice as many graves. The capital invested in the Gloucester fisheries, in Massachusetts, is \$2,000,000, and the value of fish taken during the year ending May 1st, 1865, was \$1,679,852. The number of vessels employed is three hundred and forty-one, with a tonnage of 24,450. During the past week sixty canal boats left Cumberland for Georgetown, with 6500 tons of coal, making 217,404 tons for the season. There were also shipped over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad last week 5069 tons, making for the season 90,981 tons.

The Nation says the fashion which has so largely superseded felt hats, with the manes of cloth, is due to the enhanced cost of alcohol and lace, in a solution of which the former are dipped for stiffening. But that does not account for "the brick in the hat." It is reported that Gen. Banks, abandoning all hope of a United States Senatorship from Louisiana, will seek election to the House of Representatives in his old Massachusetts district, this fall, a vacancy existing by the resignation of Mr. Good.

THE LABOR QUESTION.—The authorities in Memphis have decided upon a very good thing, which would work well in other localities. We learn from the Bulletin, that there at this time applications on file at the office of Brig. Gen. Tilson, from respectable and responsible planters, who require, and desire to employ at once, four thousand laborers. A knowledge of this fact, and of the determination of Gen. Tilson to remove from the city those who are paupers or unwilling to work, is inducing a general desire to go to the country, especially when, in their contracts, it is guaranteed that they may have their own little patch, on which to grow their corn and raise their chickens. Those who go first will probably get the best places. From these returns it appears that there are one hundred and thirteen distinct classes of manufactures; the shoe business alone employing a capital of \$2,558,000; the rolling mills, \$1,800,000; envelope manufactory, \$142,000; wire manufactory, \$1,500,000; and woolen mills (eleven in number), \$3,162,000. The number of factory operatives employed in the city is nearly eight thousand, and one-third of these are women.

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New English Publications.

In addition to his recent announcement Mr. Murray has also in the press, "Media, Babylonia, and Persia—their History, Geography, and Antiquities, being the concluding volumes of The Ancient Monarchies of the East, by the Rev. George Rawlinson; "The Student's Manual of Old Testament History," from the Creation to the Return of the Jews from Captivity, and the close of the Old Testament Canon," edited by Dr. William Smith; "The Student's Manual of New Testament History," also edited by the same; "The Student's Manual of the systematic abridgment of Sir W. Blackstone's Commentaries, adapted to the present state of the law, by R. Malcomb Kerr; "A Handbook for Westmoreland, Cumberland, and the Lake District," the third volume of "The New History of Italy," by Messrs. Crowe and Cavallotti, with illustrations; "Mythology for Schools," edited by Dr. William Smith; "A Dictionary of Christian Antiquities, comprising the History, Institutions, Archaeology, Geography and Biography of the Christian Church, from the Apostles to the Age of Charlemagne, by the Rev. William Smith, with illustrations; "The Student's Manual of Modern Geography," by the Rev. W. L. Bevan, with maps and illustrations; "The Agamemnon of Eschylus and the Bacchantes of Euripides, together with Passages from the Lyric and later Dramatic Poets of Greece," translated by Dean Milman, with classic illustrations; "The Harvest of the Sea, a contribution to the Natural and Economic History of the British Food Fishes, with Sketches of the Fisheries and the Fishermen," by James G. Bertram, with illustrations from the author's own sketches; "The Music of many Nations, including the Substance of a Course of Lectures delivered at the Royal Institution," by H. F. Chorley; Mr. Tom Taylor's and Mr. Charles W. Frank's "Descriptive Catalogue of the Works of Sir Joshua Reynolds," with notes of their present owners and localities, and illustrations; "Poetry and the Poets, or the History of the British Embassy at Peking," by Dr. Rennie, 2 volumes, &c.

Messrs. Macmillan & Co. have in the press "An Attempt to Ascertain the State of Chaucer's Works as they were left at his death, with some Notes on the Manuscripts of the 'Canterbury Tales,' and 'Essays on Art,' by Francis Turner Palgrave, including papers on Mulready, Dyce, Holman Hunt, Herbert—Poetry, Prose, and Sensationalism in Art—Sculpture in England;" "The Albert Cross, &c.;" and "A Class-Book of New Testament History, including the Connection of the Old and New Testament, with Maps, by the Rev. G. F. Maclear.

Messrs. Smith, Elder & Co. have purchased the entire copyright of all the works of the late Mr. Thackeray, and also the interest held by Messrs. Low, Son & Marston in the novels by Mr. Wilkie Collins first published by them, who have arranged Messrs. Smith, Elder & Co. are now the publishers of all the works which Mr. Wilkie Collins has as yet published.

Messrs. Tinsley Brothers have in the press a new novel, in 3 vols., entitled "Rhoda Fleming," by George Meredith; also, "Maxwell Dremitt," by the Author of "Constance Sherwood," "A Trip to Barbary by a Roundabout Route," by G. A. Sala; "Running the Gantlet," by Edmund Yates, 3 vols.; "John Nivell, Soldier, Sportsman, and Gentleman," a novel, 2 vols.; and "Sans Merci; or, the Last Stoop of a Falcon," by the author of Guy Livingstone.

Messrs. Williams & Norgate will publish in the autumn a work by Mr. Samuel Laing, on the Prehistoric Remains of Caithness, recently discovered, to which Professor Huxley will add a memoir on the skull and other human remains. The work will be profusely illustrated. Bentley announces Lady Georgiana Fullerton's new story, "The Three Voles," in three volumes, for the 25th inst.; a second edition of Miss Maryatt's "Too Good for Him," and "A Life for a Love," by Mrs. Wynne, two volumes, are now ready; as is also the popular edition, in one volume, of "Enoë Silas," by Mr. Sheridan Le Fanu; and at the end of this month the second volume of the shilling series of "The Sea and the Stars," by Messrs. Low, Son & Marston have in the press, to be ready on the 24th inst., "Tales for the Marines," by Walter Thornbury, author of "Haunted London," &c., 2 vols.; and "Marian Rooke, or The Quest for Fortune," a novel, 3 vols.

Messrs. Hodson & Wright announce "Hymns on the Holy Communion," by Ada Cavtridge, with a Preface by the Rev. R. H. Baynes, M. A. NEW AMERICAN PUBLICATIONS. Ticknor & Fields' presses are busy with a great variety of new books—some of them for general consumption, and others especially intended for the holidays. Here is the list: FORTHCOMING BOOKS. Recollections of Seventy Years. By Mrs. Farrar, widow of the late Professor Farrar, of Harvard College. Atlanta in Cadydon. By Algernon Swinburne. Hesperus. By Richter, translated by Rev'd. Charles T. Brooks. Poems. By Henry Howard Brownell. Complete edition of Aldrich's Poems, in blue and gold. Translation of Sardi's Persian Poets: edited by Emerson. A story for boys, by "Edmund Kirke" (J. R. Gilmore)—entitled "Patriot Boys and Prison Pictures." Life and Letters of Robertson—nearly ready. Professor Nelson's Greece—to be ready in November, in two volumes octavo. Sensible Studies. By Alexander Agassiz, son of the famous Professor. Lyrics of Life. By Robert Browning. Humorous Poems. By Oliver Wendell Holmes.

HISTORICAL AND OTHER WORKS. Martin's History of France—two new volumes, bringing the work down to the revolution of 1789. The whole work will be issued in seventeen volumes, of which two are published and two nearly ready. Thayer's "History of the Rebellion"—third and fourth volumes, being the work. A new series of "Hymns for Mothers and Children." A new volume of the "Spectacle" series, by Miss Lander—Subject: Rome. Mr. Longfellow is busily engaged in his new translation of Dante. Holme's is putting the finishing touches to his humorous poems, to prepare them for the printer. Little & Brown's new edition of Burke and the completion of Grant White's Shakespeare are two notable events in literature. A. K. Loring is preparing to supply Boston with complete sets of the Tauchnitz edition of the circulating authors. There is a steady growth in the circulating library enterprise started by this gentleman; his additions of fresh books keeping up the interest and establishing the soundness of the principle he works upon.

DROUGHT IN NEW ENGLAND.—Whilst the West has been suffering from too much rain, New England and New York have been enduring a terrible drought. The Boston Traveler says: "We have not had so severe a drought in this section since 1854. The springs are not so low as they were in that year, because until last year we have had a long series of wet years which have kept the springs well filled. We had in this part of the country, the present year a greater crop of hay than in any year for a quarter of a century, owing to the rain and warm weather of May and June, and the favorable weather for securing the crop in July. All the late crops will be very light, and of apples such a scarcity has never been known within the memory of the old inhabitants. Provisions which usually produce several hundred barrels, will not furnish enough to supply the family at the homestead. 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