

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, the term of service of a part of the volunteer forces of the United States will expire during the coming year; and whereas, in addition to the men raised by the present draft, it is deemed expedient to call out three hundred thousand volunteers to serve for three years or the war, not, however, exceeding three years;

Now, therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States and Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy thereof, and of the militia of the several States when called into actual service, do issue this my proclamation, calling upon the Governors of the different States to raise and have enlisted into the United States service, for the various companies and regiments in the field from their respective States, their quotas of three hundred thousand men.

I do further proclaim that all volunteers thus called out and duly enlisted shall secure advanced pay, premium, and bounty as heretofore communicated to the Governors of States by the War Department, through the Provost Marshal General's office, by special letters:

I further proclaim that all volunteers received under this call, as well as all others not heretofore credited, shall be duly credited on and deducted from the quotas established for the next draft.

I further proclaim that if any State shall fail to raise the quota assigned to it by the War Department under this call, then a draft for the deficiency in said quota shall be made on said State or on the districts of said State, for their due proportion of said quota; and the said draft shall commence on the fifth day of January, 1864.

And I further proclaim that nothing in this proclamation shall interfere with existing orders, or those which may be issued for the present draft in the States where it is there now in progress, or where it has not yet commenced.

The quotas of the States and districts will be assigned by the War Department, through the Provost Marshal General's office, due regard being had for the men heretofore furnished, whether by volunteering or drafting; and the recruiting will be conducted in accordance with such instructions as have been or may be issued by that Department.

In issuing this proclamation, I address myself not only to the Governors of the several States, but also to the good and loyal people thereof, invoking them to lend their willing, cheerful, and effective aid to the measures thus adopted, with a view to reinforce our victorious armies now in the field and bring our needful military operations to a prosperous end, thus closing forever the fountains of sedition and civil war.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this seventeenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the independence of the United States the eighty-eighth.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

By the President:
WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Sec. of State.

Robert Wright, Chief Clerk in the Census Bureau, of Maryland, had a slave who stole his horse and escaped. The slave was arrested and put in jail, and afterwards taken out, brought before Provost Marshal Todd and enlisted, with the desire of his owner, who offered to manumit him, provided the Government would receive him as a volunteer. The certificate of enlistment was forwarded to Mr. W., who at once filed the boy's manumission papers.

Matamoras is still held by the French, and it appears that the citizens exhibit no desire to oppose them. Galveston is described as being very strongly fortified, and is now the stronghold of the Confederates in Texas.

Gen. Jim Lane has replied in a speech at St. Louis, to the late speech of Gen. Francis P. Blair. We quote, by way of specimen, as follows:

"I remember reading an incident in the history of Mr. Wirt, one of the first lawyers of Maryland. It was like this: When a young man he became addicted to the use of ardent spirits. One day he was so overcome that he fell in a street of Baltimore. A young lady, his betrothed, passing along that way, saw his situation, and to prevent other passers by from recognizing him, and to preserve his brain from injury from the rays of the sun, threw over his face her handkerchief, marked with her name. It is said of Wirt that on recovery he found that handkerchief so marked, and from that moment he reformed. If by act or word of mine, I could hope to work such a reformation upon Major General Francis P. Blair, of the U. S. army, I would undertake it. [A voice from the crowd: "Jim you hit him first pop!"]"

General Lane—I said, on reading that speech, that I was forced to the conclusion that the points in it were furnished by his brother, Judge Montgomery Blair, of Washington city; but that the filling was the emanation of the fumes of remarkably poor whiskey.

[A voice from the crowd—"Lager beer didn't do that, did it?"]

General Lane—While in that condition, and in such language, he referred to my politically waning fortunes. That was extremely unkind, and especially when we all know, and his friends admit that politically he is as dead as a dried herring—putrified and petrified politically. The senatorial election was the cause of the depopulation of the border counties of Missouri! I have been led to the conclusion that a senatorial election, cinctly seen in the distance, was the cause or one of the causes, of that most remarkable speech. He parted wide as the ocean, from his old friends and political companions; he is obliged to go into the camp of the enemy for support, and is now engaged in endeavoring to construct a political party, composed of a few, a very few Union men, sympathizers with traitors, and vile Copperheads. He may succeed, but if he does Jim Lane is no prophet. That assault was made upon his friend, without notice, in his absence, at a point where it was not believed I should have the opportunity of answering; and I declare it a most cowardly assault.

A voice from the crowd—General Lane give him h—!

General Lane—I am as bad as Quantrell, says General Frank P. Blair. What points of resemblance are there between Quantrell and myself? This paper says Quantrell and I were acquaintances. The acquaintance that I have had with Quantrell was, that I was a lawyer and he was a horse thief. What points of resemblance are there, I ask? He hates unconditional Union men: I love them. I hate rebels and take their property—he protects rebels and preserves their property.—What points of resemblance, then, are these?

How is it on the other side? Quantrell wants to kill all radical, unconditional Union men. In that most remarkable speech of Major General Francis P. Blair, of the United States army, does he not want to hang all radical, unconditional Union men? And the only difference between the two is, that Quantrell is not particular as to how he kills, while Blair wants to hang us. Major General Francis P. Blair wants to woo rebels, and Quantrell wants to be wooed."

A person answering to the name of John Smith was arrested on Saturday at the Long Bridge by the guard. "He" was taken to the office of the Provost Marshal, when "he" turned out to be a woman named Mary Johnson.—She stated that she had served as a private in the 3d Pennsylvania Reserves, but was not mustered in. She left the army in May last, and has lately been on Kalorama Heights.—She was turned over to the civil authorities.

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