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a mere name, has become a reality, and while the harem may continue, the slavery of the harem will be eliminated. One thing that will make the change easier and vastly more rapid is, that no people that there is any knowledge of have ever been more strict in obedience to law. What they have done is cruelty to people not Moslems, they have found authority for in their laws, and, in great measure, in their religion. In dealing with each other exact justice has always been the rule, and with the concession in their new code to foreigners, we look for progress and peace. With this emancipation the people should soon, with their schools, become a great people, because for centuries they have been drawing to them women of the fair and strong races of the north until the race has become a composite race, splendid in form and stature—such as those who at Plevna so long stood off the utmost efforts of the fiery Skobeloff and his assaulting columns.

Kindle the flame of real liberty and give personal ambition a hope to work upon, and the name of the "sick man of Europe" will speedily pass away, for on trial, many a modern Saladin will arise to contest for honors as did the other Soladen, with the bravest of the earth.

The Dark Days of the War

IN Scribner's for February, is a story of the conference of President Lincoln and his cabinet at midnight, when the question was, how to relieve General Rosecrans, who, after the battle of Chickamauga, was practically bottled up and in great danger.

It was Secretary Stanton's idea to withdraw 25,000 men from the army of the Potomac and rush them across the Alleghanies to Rosecrans' support. He thought it might be done in five days and told the meeting he had consulted with the foremost railroad man in the country, and believed it was the quickest way and the only practical way to extend the relief needed.

Mr. Lincoln did not believe in it, neither did General Halleck, but Secretary Seward came to the support of Stanton, Chase joined in and the order was issued next morning, and that famous railroad feat of transporting 25,000 men across the Alleghanies from Washington to Nashville in four days was performed by that prince of railroad men, Thomas Scott.

The story is prepared from Secretary Chase's papers, but it makes one almost tremble to read the account through, and to understand how President Lincoln was involved by the advisers around him, and it is clear that Secretary Chase felt all the time that he was not enough appreciated. He complains in letter after letter that he is not enough consulted, and there is a remark by Montgomery Blair that he believed Chase was the only man that Lincoln ever hated.

The close of the story is how disappointed and vexed all were in Washington that Meade permitted Lee to escape after Gettysburg. There is a story that Meade called a counsel of his officers, that Slocum, Sedgwick, French and one or two more opposed the advance, when Howard, Wadsworth and Pleasanton warmly urged that the remnant of Lee's army be pursued and a battle be given.

The same day that the news came that Lee had escaped across the Potomac, a bogus dispatch came that Grant had been defeated and his army captured at Jackson, Miss., and Chase is made to say, "I then told him (the president) that daylight always came before darkness and that all we had to do was to gather new forces and persevere."

Those were very trying days, notwithstanding that Gettysburg had been won, and though they did not know it at the time, instead of being captured, Grant had captured Vicksburg and its garrison.

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