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Prospect of a Foreign War.

There is probably no danger of an immediate outbreak with England; yet events seem to be working out such a result. The late circular of Secretary Seward to the Governors of the loyal States, respecting the fortification of our sea-coast and lake shores, conveys the impression that the Government apprehends that there is danger of foreign invasion. The recent letter of Lord Lyons and Secretary Seward's rejoinder are generally regarded as evidence of a latent disposition on the part of the British Lion to pick a quarrel with the American Eagle. The history of the former proves that when he wants a pretext for a fight, it is never at a loss in finding one, however slimy it may be.

It were idle to suppose that this civil war in which we are unhappily engaged, can last long without involving one side or both in a foreign war, and in what is perhaps to be equally dreaded, entangling foreign alliances. Each side thinks its cause demands the sympathy of the civilized world, and both will naturally seek foreign aid. The more distant the prospect on either side of ultimate success, the more desperate will be the efforts to obtain help from abroad, or at least to prevent the opposing party from obtaining such help.

For the first three months after the rebellion assumed a decidedly belligerent attitude, it is not probable that the idea of taking any other than a strictly neutral position toward the parties at war in the United States, had obtained much hold on the English mind. But since the affair at Bull Run, a change has come over the aristocratic and governing classes in England, and is gradually working its way into the middle and lower classes. The impression is gaining ground that the war, if in the end successful on the part of our Federal Government, will be a protestation, and of great detriment to British trade and British interests. The propriety of recognizing the Southern Confederacy has been discussed both in public meetings and in Parliament. It is true, that this proposition does not meet with anything like general favor; but the bare fact that it is broached at all, is sufficient to show that the time may come when the Government may venture to entertain it.

It would be folly in us to be either alarmed, or to affect a stoical indifference at the prospect of a foreign war. Such a war would undoubtedly complicate and increase the difficulties with which we will have to contend. Our resources are great; but they are not inexhaustible. While the high seas are open to our trade, and our commerce is unobstructed except by the few freebooters the Southern rebels can arm and sent out, we cannot be seriously crippled. But a war with a great naval power like England would make the ocean and the lakes instead of the land the scene of conflict, and our foreign trade would be greatly impaired. Restrictions and obstructions would injure, if not render it comparatively insignificant.

If a foreign war must come, we must meet it, and not cowardly shrink from it, or listen to any dishonorable terms, that the enemies of our free institutions in Europe may have the impudence to dictate to us. Still every exertion that can be honorably made should be made to prevent a collision with any of those powers with whom we have so long maintained peaceful and amicable relations.

It is very certain that if we could obtain a brilliant victory or two over the Confederate forces, or obtain and hold possession of some of the more important points over which the rebel Confederacy claims jurisdiction, there would be little danger of foreign interference in our family quarrel. Decided success at home will insure peaceable relations abroad.

The Emancipation Argument.

The only difference between the New York Tribune and many of its prominent Republican contemporaries, on the question of proclaiming, or in some way effecting the emancipation of the slaves in the South, is that it is a little more positive and outspoken than they are.

The Tribune calls this question of emancipation "The Great Question," and from an article in its issue of the 19th instant, with that title, we take the following statistical arguments in favor of its emancipation scheme, that our readers may understand the ground assumed by those who would convert the "War for the Union" into a war for the freedom of Southern slaves:

By a table prepared for the American Almanac of 1861, by Mr. Kennedy, the Superintendent of the Census, it appears that the free population of all the States, not including the District of Columbia or the Territories, was, in 1860, 37,390,070. Of this number, the States had 15,370,200, and the Territories 8,449,741. Their slave population was 3,999,755. Counting the slaves as neutral, the relative strength of the two sections, without estimating the difference as to the means and appliances of war, is represented by their free population respectively, viz.: as 18,810 to 8,410. Adding the slaves to the free population of the South, either as laborers, supporting the whites, or as combatants (and they are already acting in the former capacity, and sooner or later will be in both), and the relative proportions are as 18,810 to 17,440. Adding the slaves to the population of the North, and the proportions are as 22,810 to 8,410.

Now let us look at some further deductions from Mr. Kennedy's tables. Slaves between the ages of fifteen and sixty are regarded as able-bodied, for working or fighting. There were, in 1850, between these ages, 815,425 male slaves. In 1860, calculating the increase in the same proportion as the increase of the whole slave population, there were 1,193,281. Every one of these men, now, would support the families of the rebel soldiers, or performing the arduous labor of the trenches and works of the camp, which Northern "mud-sills," in our armies, have to do for themselves. In Maryland there are 22,000 men of this age, and in both States, 2,100 able-bodied male slaves. There were in Virginia, in 1850, 121,554 able-bodied male slaves; to-day there are 136,000, and 14,000 able-bodied colored men—140,000 men helping support the rebel armies, if not actually helping to constitute the rebel armies. Supposing we permitted them to work for us, and they should be welcome to us, in the same proportion as the slaves in the South, we have to report of our side that it is the reverse of oppression, and of our cause that the poor slaves have bones and flesh, and their feathers are iron! How long, in such a case, would Beauregard fling the rattle-snake flag in sight of the White House? There are 52,823 of the same class in Kentucky, 63,268 in Tennessee; and in both States, 2,100 able-bodied free colored men. Total, in both States, 136,000. What? Allies or enemies? Every one of them is a Union man, and, if we choose to have him so, a fighter for the Union. North Carolina has 5,000 of the same class, besides 5,000 freed colored men; some weeks since Mr. Patrick was arrested and committed on the 25th of August. He was a resident of Brooklyn, Long Island. His discharge occurred in September. Mr. Raine is a resident of New York, and was arrested on the 23rd of September; but was an inmate of Fort Lafayette for little more than a fortnight, having been discharged on the 17th of the same month. Both these gentlemen gave their parole on discharge.

It will be seen that the present, for declaring the freedom of the slaves and "welcoming them within our lines," it is to employ them to work

and fight for the Union, and thus increase our own strength, while we proportionally diminish that of the rebels. The Tribune urges that this will, at once put down what it styles "the slaveholding rebellion."

We doubt very much whether those who insist so strenuously upon this plan for "quelling out the rebellion" and "restoring the Union," have any real faith in its efficacy for that end. They know that it would increase and intensify the conflict between the North and South a thousand fold, and render the prospect of anything like an amicable settlement utterly hopeless.

But the scheme of effecting a general emancipation at once is wholly impracticable. It is said, however, that the idea is to gradually give the slaves their freedom as our armies advance southward. The moment this plan is adopted, such advances which we are so slow in making now, will become more difficult still—the whole South will be animated as one man to resist what will then justly be called an "Abolitionist."

But supposing the scheme were practicable, when then? Regarding the slaves as property, which by law they are in the Southern States, their emancipation by force would be like setting on fire and burning to ashes every dwelling and building in those States, and making the whole country a barren and desolate waste.

We have not understood that it was the object of the war on our part to save the Union by destroying or annihilating any portion of it.

Aside from this and other considerations that might be named, we do not think that people at the North are yet quite prepared for the influx and mixing up among them of four millions of negroes. They are not the kind of immigrants which our people have accustomed to "welcome within their lines."

Our Army in the Field.

No statement has come from the War Department of the number of our troops in the field, and the difficulty of compiling such authentic tables without access to its official documents, it is impossible to hit upon one that will do full justice to the task. The following compilation, nevertheless, is made up from a careful perusal of all the messages or documents of Governors or Adjutant-Generals of States which have been published during a month past, as well as all letters, without exception, from army correspondents of all the leading newspapers, and the telegraphic dispatches to the Associated Press. This statement, accordingly, is not a mere compilation of figures, but is the actual listing of all the numbered troops in each State, in camp or on march, in round numbers, some thirty thousand horses; and such horses! I would not have believed that such a number of poor animals could have been gathered up, if all the dead, dry bones of the horse kind could have been brought together, the flesh been made to come upon them, and the breath of life been breathed into them. I cannot compare them to anything but swine. And this is the Government's \$100 apiece. It is said some of the inspectors were misinformed, and they accepted all that were blind, spavined and ring-boned. Others were cross-eyed, and could not tell the gait; whether a trot, a pace, or a double-shuffle; or whether true or balky at draft, or moved forward, backward or cross-wise.

Now think of a man, with gilt buttons and full military dress, riding one of those animals, that never galloped before, Jahu-like through the streets, and his master, mounted on a fine stallion, and giving the tail a twist at every jump. A man or woman is not safe at any hour crossing the streets, for you never know where the horse will be after the next stride. I pity the enemy when charged by such horses; they will have to open a wide gap if they escape being trampled by the breed of horses; and, while its hand is in, that will not forget to improve the breed of riders. It was only yesterday I saw a gilt-buttoned soldier riding John Bull's fat jockey, and nearly tumbling off at every jump, because he could not find the pommel, on which to hold fast with both hands.

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