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A TRIO OF WORTHIES.

Mr. Lincoln does not seem very fortunate in the choice of his cabinet advisers. They all exhibit a remarkable propensity to commit serious blunders, and to render themselves either digustingly ridiculous or unutterably odious. Mr. WELLES, the Secretary of the Navy, congratulates Yankeedom in his official report on the successful outrage committed on the Trent, and addresses Captain WILKES a complimentary letter on the subject. Three or four months after, the unhappy Secretary finds himself virtually compelled by HOWARD'S appeals to Lord LYONS to disavow what he made it justly of himself, and tell the outdoor of Captain WILKES, on highly headed, was in fact no officer of the United States at the time he went to war with Great Britain in 1812. Secretary CHASE, in his annual report, dilates with marked passion upon the prosperity and wealth of the country, and in less than a month is busily engaged with the New York bankers endeavoring to hatch out some scheme for staving off the threatened bankruptcy of the Government. Nor has he yet succeeded, though it is presumed that an issue of irredeemable Treasury notes may for a while keep Mr. LINCOLN and his Cabinet afloat.

If the blundering of WELLES and CHASE are mere child's play compared to the magnificent mistakes perpetrated by the Secretary of War. The Hon. SIMON CAMERON forbidden himself he was going to blow the South sky high, when he incorporated in his report on current recommendation to declare the slaves of the South free, by one sweeping act of emancipation, and to arm them, and enrol them among the Yankee hosts for the purpose of quelling the rebellion more speedily. This, evidently, and by a mere inspired pro-cess. In the heated frenzy of the man he thought that the announcement of his bloody and barbarous suggestions would fill every Southern heart with consternation, and paralyze every Southern arm. But the poor, short-sighted fool never looked beyond the extremity of his nose, and could therefore see nothing but what he desired to see. He forgot several highly important facts. First, that there remained nominally in the Union three States, viz: Maryland, Kentucky and Missouri, and a part of a fourth, i. e. Western Virginia, which recognized the institution of involuntary servitude, and held slaves as chattels. The first effect of his fanatical and lustful views was to create profound agitation and unconcealed distrust among the so called Unionists of these States. These men had undertaken to fight for the Union, but never dreamt for an instant that they were to be made sufferers by their allegiance to the Federal Government, and that the very institution on which they had relied for their prosperity was to be turned against them. They were, therefore, thunder-struck. Even the meanest and most unscrupulous, of their organs, such as the Louisville *Journal*, found a voice to protest against the horrible and incendiary doctrines advocated by CAMERON. The result has been that the Federal secretary of War was hooted down as he deserved, that desertions are frequent, that many of the officers have resigned, and that, should Congress venture to adopt the line of policy recommended by CAMERON, Kentucky, Missouri, Maryland and Western Virginia will cease to furnish volunteers for LINCOLN'S Abolition army.

Upon the South the effect of the Cameronian ideas has been simply to awaken scorn and contempt, and to deepen and intensify the detestation felt for their author. We spit upon and loathe the wretched caricature of a Federal Government. We defy its bossed power and deride its impotent threats. Let it attempt to carry into execution the infamous scheme promulged by CAMERON and it will soon discover how much easier it is to theorize than to practice. We laugh at the senseless notion of giving freedom to our slaves by a Congressional enactment and a Presidential proclamation; and as the edict can have force of law only by actual enforcement, we invite the presence in the heart of the South of Yankee armies, that they may form a *posse comitatus* to give effect to Mr. CAMERON'S sanguinary statute. Only let them come, and we promise them so hospitable a reception that they will lose all wish, and indeed all power to return. We shall allow every man at least of each of his land dwelling slave, and if CAMERON will only lead the way, we promise him, in view of his exalted station, a few inches more. Upon the whole we think it will be conceded that LINCOLN'S Secretaries are entitled to the epithets of either simpletons or knaves. They may select the one that pleases them most. They have an extraordinary capacity for blundering, and they never move a step without disgracing themselves and injuring the cause they are endeavoring to sustain.

SOUTHERN LITERARY MESSENGER.—We are indebted to the publishers for the December number of this valuable magazine. Dr. WM. H. HALCOMBE, of Louisiana, contributes to the present number a highly suggestive and valuable paper on the characteristics and capabilities of the negro race. We knew of few writers who have examined this subject in a more careful and truthful spirit of analysis than Dr. H. The other articles embrace the usual pleasing variety.

The Cincinnati *Gazette* furnishes a very important fact in regard to the extent the North west is suffering by the cutting off of the trade of the South. That paper estimates that there will be a surplus of 99,000,000 pounds of bacon in that portion of the United States this year, should the Southern markets not be opened. This will involve a loss of about $7,000,000 in the item of bacon alone.

We are indebted to R. M. Lesher, Esq., Chief Collector, for pamphlets containing the instructions and supplement instructions for Collectors of the War Tax, and the act itself, in virtue of which the tax is levied.

GEN. PRICE'S ARMY.—The Little Rock *Journal* says that the prisoners captured in Missouri were not "Price's men," but disbanded soldiers, formerly belonging to Col. Hughes's regiment, who had been discharged from service and were on their way home. Price had not lost a man since he left Springfield the first time.

His headquarters are now at Huntsville, sixteen miles north of Springfield, on the Little Sac river, in Greene county, Mo. Price fell back from Osceola to Humansville for the purpose of selecting better foraging quarters. He has about 20,000 men, and reinforcements are daily coming in. The ranks are well armed to defend themselves and protect the country.

FEDERAL SOLDIERS.—The *Cincinnati Commercial* publishes the following:

A lady, connected officially with the Government hospitals, and of undoubted veracity, told the city men: "Systematically kill fight one—of soldiers ordered entirely blind, and wholly so in one of their eyes—of men received with ten fingers, and one of them shot away. Then is so bad as the regulary deaf and dumb boys, who had you enlisted and passed muster, and were not for some time discovered. Then wounded legs, of the kind which leave them dead and dumb, as well as to the otherwise incapable, has led to an immense number of discharges. The abuse has become so great as to be not only notorious, but very expensive.

ARMISTICE INTELLIGENCE.—We have the Little Rock *Journal* of the 7th. It asserts that the reported armistice between that State and the Federal forces at Pocahontas is incorrect. There is a detachment of cavalry, under Gaines, a regiment of infantry under McCarver, and a battery of artillery under Dunn—making a force of nearly 2000.

Two hatchouk had arrived at Little Rock with fresh corpses of army stores, tents, &c., for Jeremy Sinnatt legion.

A regiment of Arkansas troops has been formed at Camp Walker, near Little Rock, and mustered in by Capt. Rowland, U. S. A. Colonel Major Reid has also just organized a regiment of cavalry in Dallas county. Both commands will leave in a few days for Kentucky.

GOOD NEWS.—We learn from Col. C. W. Marshall, Assessor, that he has received by the steamer Star of the West, from Galveston, Texas, the following sum and names, and are this morning distributed among the Fifth Ward Ladies and others in a most worthy way:

Mrs. Pope	$ 5 00
Mrs. Hunter	5 00
Mrs. Hall	5 00
Mrs. Hall	5 00
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