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ASSURD CONDUCT OF THE SOUTH-EMERS.

We have read somewhere that, at the battle of Waterloo, Napoleon avowed that his splendid troops had completely broken two celebrated Scottish and Irish regiments, but that "the stupid fellows knew so little of the art of warfare that they refused to throw down their arms in token of surrender." In other words, although badly beaten, they kept on fighting until unconscious of such an important fact. It is pretty much the same with the Confederates. They have lost altogether during the war three millions of men in killed, besides the usual proportion of wounded and missing, (vide the Northern telegrams) their credit is bad abroad and far worse at home, and now they are reduced to a state of semi-idiotism as to outward covering, and gnawing hunger with regard to the interior men. So great has the necessity of the Confederates become in Richmond, that Mr. Horace Greeley, with a rare sense of the humorous, delicately hints that the denizens of that happy metropolis will soon be under the necessity of resorting to cannibalism, and even then rations can only be served out at the rate of a morsel a month. Negroes will not be killed for home-consumption, the Tribune thinks, as the article is so high that a choice cut of black meat would be beyond the means of most of the Richmond folk. If this is the depth to which they have fallen, why will the Confederates persist in fighting? Why not hold up their hands and plead for mercy? Their conduct is every way as absurd as that of the Scotch and Irish at Waterloo—a great deal worse, in fact, because the latter were fed and clothed. Then, again, the wicked Southerners, they will continue to fight, cannot have the satisfaction of knowing that they are suffering in a good cause, for has it not been proven to them, time and time again, that Secession is the sum of all meanness? It is well for the special admirers of Mr. Lincoln that they have among them such profane reasoners as Messrs. Beecher, Greeley, Phillips and Sumner, otherwise the world might be induced to believe that nothing short of pure patriotism could enable a people to endure such sufferings as are heaped upon the Confederates, and what is set down to pride and brute obstinacy might be regarded as one of the noblest instances of self-sacrifice and heroic devotion on record. Even as it is, a great number of intelligent persons there are who vote decidedly against the hired special pleaders, and boldly differ from them in opinion when they dare. Seriously, however, when a man is starved, he will either sink in despair or grow desperate, and when the latter is the case, beware. A struggle for life and liberty for broad acres as for political power, must, in the nature of things, be an appalling one, and the ragged, half-starved Confederates may yet cause their opponents to change the laugh of derision to a wail of sorrow.

THE CONFEDERATE PLOT.

A new sensation has arisen, which will give a nine-days' relief to the press of the country from the ennuis caused by the absence of all excitement, since the proposition of Parliament. It has been discovered that a plot existed, but from that fact it is not necessary to telegraph to Lord Lyons at midnight on the 11th, and that the latter considered it necessary to impart the information thus received immediately to the federal government, we must first find out that such a plot really existed, but from all subsequent revelations, the scheme, in fact of assuming more startling proportions, has divided down into something like a big scare. We think the precautions taken by our Government and its promptness in warning the Americans to be upon their guard were highly commendable. It is important that Canada should keep out of the quarrel as long as possible, and permit not that might be twisted into a breach of neutrality. In this opinion our population generally will agree, on whichever side their sympathies may lie. It is true the American Government did not manifest so much zeal when filibustering expeditions were being launched against us from their shores, yet two wrongs can never make a right one, and it is our duty to see to it that those who have found here beneath the British flag an asylum do not abuse our hospitality and plunge us into war unnecessarily.

After all, however, we are not prepared to believe that Canada has given shelter to such vast numbers of Southerners. One paper, the Detroit Free Press, sets down the number at 100,000. This we all know to be ridiculous nonsense. The latest estimate is 25,000, and we feel confident that to make even this number it will be necessary to include all who have skeddled to escape the draft, a class which is more dangerous to the peace and well-being of our towns and villages than to the cities they have left. It is plain that whatever the nature of the plot may have

been, great reliance was placed on aid and comfort from the American side, and it is quite possible that the confidence would not have been misplaced, for there are thousands of desperadoes along the border who would be found willing to embark in any scheme offering opportunities for pillage and plunder. The excitement is quieting down. The famous expedition from Detroit which mistook a school for the Merrimack No. 2, and returned in triumph, the telegraph has given us as a fact, and the fact has been given place to confidence. "There will be humanity if all campaigning ended so bloodily."

EUROPEAN NEWS.

By the arrival of the Bohemian we learn that the Confederate privateer Georgia passed Halifax, Jamaica, on the 13th inst. Considerable commotion was caused by a report that the rebel ram was to be forcibly taken out of the Mercury. Precautions were taken to thwart the scheme. It is reported that the French Government had stopped the building of certain vessels intended for the Confederates. It was again reported that the French troops in Italy would be replaced by a Spanish garrison of 10,000 men. The Empress Eugenie was supposed to be mixed up with the affair. There was no further news from Poland of any importance. The Prussian elections resulted in a triumph for the Liberal party. The Acts arrived on the 13th. A railway depot had been blown down in London causing the death of three or four persons. A National Steam Navigation Co., is announced with a capital of two millions sterling. A line of powerful steamers will be laid on between Liverpool and New York. The Laird rams are closely guarded. The Times concludes that in respect of iron-clad navies England is by no means behind the times. The Board of Trade returns indicate a season of unexampled commercial prosperity for England. The Mexican consuls in France have been dismissed. No solution had been found to the German embroglio. Russian barbarities in Warsaw continued with unabated violence. Every indignity was being heaped upon the miserable Poles. Liverpool Markets were quiet and firm, no great change having taken place since last quotations.

EDINBURGH REVIEW.—The number for the current year is a good but usually heavy one, according to the custom of the Review. It is a lively, well-written article, 9. T. A. Mahan, a well-known writer, has contributed an article to the Review, 10. The Colonial Episcopate.—Published by Leonard Scott & Co., New York. Sold by Mr. Moorhouse, Goderich.

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PHILISTINEAN ON THE LAKES.

Buffalo and Detroit Threatened.

Washington, Nov. 11.—Midnight.

To the Mayor of Buffalo.

The British Minister, Lord Lyons, has tonight telegraphed to the Government that from telegraphic information received from the Governor-General of Canada, there is reason to believe a plot is on foot by persons who had had no official communication with the United States and destroy the city of Buffalo, that they propose to take possession of the city of Buffalo, and to surprise Johnson Island, set free prisoners of war, and proceed to capture the city of Buffalo. The Government will employ all means in its power to suppress any hostile attack on Canada; but as other towns and cities on the shores of the lakes are exposed to the same dangers, it is deemed proper to communicate this information to you, in order that any precaution which the circumstances of the case may require may be taken.

The Governor-General suggests that should the number of character of the persons on board, should be ascertained. You will please inform the Government of any information you may have or hereafter have on the subject.

(Signed) EDWARD M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

DETROIT, Nov. 12.

There is little doubt that a plot has been formed by rebel refugees in Canada to make a hostile demonstration on the lower lakes. Not much has been made public regarding the matter, but it is apparent, but whatever they may be, it is safe to say that our authorities are on the alert, and conspirators will meet with a severe reception.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.

The facts contained in the despatch sent from Washington this morning, with regard to the alleged plot to capture the city of Buffalo, and the capture of Johnson Island, have given notice, through Lord Lyons, to the Secretary of State, of a rebel plot, hatched in Canada, to capture the city of Buffalo, and Johnson Island, and to set free prisoners of war. The community and good faith of the British authorities are high, and the Government is not prepared to entertain any suspicion of the plot.

These are the facts as stated by the Detroit Advertiser.

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PHILISTINEAN ON THE LAKES.

Buffalo and Detroit Threatened.

Washington, Nov. 11.—Midnight.

To the Mayor of Buffalo.

The British Minister, Lord Lyons, has tonight telegraphed to the Government that from telegraphic information received from the Governor-General of Canada, there is reason to believe a plot is on foot by persons who had had no official communication with the United States and destroy the city of Buffalo, that they propose to take possession of the city of Buffalo, and to surprise Johnson Island, set free prisoners of war, and proceed to capture the city of Buffalo. The Government will employ all means in its power to suppress any hostile attack on Canada; but as other towns and cities on the shores of the lakes are exposed to the same dangers, it is deemed proper to communicate this information to you, in order that any precaution which the circumstances of the case may require may be taken.

The Governor-General suggests that should the number of character of the persons on board, should be ascertained. You will please inform the Government of any information you may have or hereafter have on the subject.

(Signed) EDWARD M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

DETROIT, Nov. 12.

There is little doubt that a plot has been formed by rebel refugees in Canada to make a hostile demonstration on the lower lakes. Not much has been made public regarding the matter, but it is apparent, but whatever they may be, it is safe to say that our authorities are on the alert, and conspirators will meet with a severe reception.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.

The facts contained in the despatch sent from Washington this morning, with regard to the alleged plot to capture the city of Buffalo, and the capture of Johnson Island, have given notice, through Lord Lyons, to the Secretary of State, of a rebel plot, hatched in Canada, to capture the city of Buffalo, and Johnson Island, and to set free prisoners of war. The community and good faith of the British authorities are high, and the Government is not prepared to entertain any suspicion of the plot.

These are the facts as stated by the Detroit Advertiser.

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(Correspondence of the Richmond Sentinel.)

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