

of near a half million voters had set their seal of condemnation upon it.

The fortieth Congress is to be more radical than the present. The Southern States must come to the terms of their conquerors, and be thankful that they get so much generosity. The grand result will be the displacement of the former leaders by new and younger men. The men that led in the rebellion must go into obscurity. "There must be a new heavens and a new earth" to the South. "There must be a regard for righteousness to which she has been a stranger hitherto. The constitutional amendments must pass and humanity must be recognized as such in all sections of the Republic. The President has learned that the people are getting jealous of their rights and will not submit to have one man manage the affairs without their voice in the matter. The position now held by the United States gives it the advance ground in the march of political and moral progress, as well as *physical*, for which last quality it has been renowned for years.

The condition of Mexico has been one of marked anxiety to the people of the United States for several years. The impudent benevolence of Louis Napoleon in giving the Mexicans a fourth or fifth rate German Prince for an Emperor was never fully appreciated while the Republic was struggling in the contest with the rebels; but as the rebels lost, the cause of the Empire waned in Mexico. The French Emperor was not long in finding out that the old European ideas could not flourish on the soil of the Tropics, especially in a country adjacent to the Great Republic. The influence of peace was soon seen in an agreement to remove the French troops, which is now exciting some attention in the diplomatic circles of the two countries, the most interesting feature of which was the sending of a telegram from Washington to Paris by way of the Atlantic Cable at an expense of thirty-five thousand dollars.

Speaking of the cable brings us to that topic. The unsuccessful efforts of 1858 and 1865, had measurably annihilated what little confidence the general public had reposed in the enterprise at the first. But the indomitable perseverance of the projectors would not be discomfited. They pushed on all the more resolutely the less the chances grew, and

as the faith of outsiders diminished theirs increased. The fact that a cable had been laid in 1858 was proof that a wire could be stretched across the ocean, but the fact that it failed to do the work expected was not pleasant. There was the doubt. Every body had a good reason why the cable could not work. Very few could furnish a reason why it should work. At last all these doubts were silenced by the news that the new cable was laid last summer, and was talking across the briny expanse, and a few days later the old one of 1861 which was broken in the laying was picked up spliced and extended across the rest of the distance. So that two cables now span the distance between America and Europe, and the greatest wonder of the world achieved. The value of this enterprise to the commercial and intellectual world cannot be estimated. Like the application of steam to ocean vessels, its value can only be determined by the continued use and profit it brings to the nations. No great time will elapse before submarine cables will be laid between all countries and beneath all oceans. In this way the world will be brought gradually to speak one language, and the human brotherhood be organized into one grand family. The oriental will be stripped of his exclusiveness, the Brahmin of his pride of caste. The wild races will disappear under the progress of advancing civilization, or adopt the settled habits of the dominant races. Trade will become safe; its profits more equably distributed: There will be fewer Astors and Rothschilds, who augment their riches in proportion to the ignorance of those they trade with. The people that now cultivate the earth and live at starvation's door at the same time while ruthless robbers in the shape of landlords or despotic governments steal the most of the crop, will some time find out their true position and refuse to be slaves to men or their money. This will result from the rapid and expanding means of communication that will bless the world when all parts of the two continents are connected. It will take time; but the great beginning has been made in the present year of grace, and this alone will stamp it in history as one of the wonderful years in the list of great results.

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