

FROM THE SEAT OF WAR. THE DEFEAT OF McMAHON AND BAZAINE. THOUSANDS OF THE FRENCH KILLED AND WOUNDED. The Surrender of the Emperor. THE SHOOTING OF GENERAL FAILLY. FRENCH OFFICERS KILLED BY THE SOLDIERS. The Great Battle of Sedan. 100,000 MEN CAPITULATE. TREMENDOUS ENTHUSIASM IN BERLIN. WILL THE WAR END HERE? &c., &c., &c.

BRUSSELS, September 4.—3 P. M.—Yesterday McMahon was completely beaten and shut up in Sedan, and his last road to Paris cut. Bazaine has been completely beaten before Metz by Frederick Charles. PARIS, September 4.—Yesterday's journals state that the reported insanity of the King of Prussia is confirmed. BEFORE SEDAN, FRANCE, September 2.—12 1/2 P. M. (FROM THE KING TO THE QUEEN.) A capitulation, whereby the whole army at Sedan are prisoners of war, has just been concluded with General Wimpfen, commanding, instead of Marshal McMahon, who is wounded. The Emperor surrendered himself to me, as he has no command, and left everything to the Regent at Paris. His residence I shall appoint after an interview with him at a rendezvous to be fixed immediately. What a course events, with God's guidance, have taken!

NEW YORK, September 3.—Noon.—The Telegram's special, from London, says: dispatches from the seat of war report a brilliant Prussian success. Twenty thousand French lay dead and wounded on the field. BRUSSELS, September 3.—General Faily was shot. One account says by his own soldiers, and another by order of McMahon. The Emperor ordered Prince Napoleon to return to Paris, but he refused. A decree has been issued stripping him of the rank of Prince and Senator. The Klotie of this city says: "The French are utterly defeated, and McMahon and the Emperor prisoners." The French soldiers massacred their own officers. Many officers escaped to Belgium.

WASHINGTON, September 3.—The Secretary of State has a dispatch from Minister Motley announcing the surrender of the whole French army at Sedan, with the Emperor. NEW YORK, September 3.—From conflicting telegrams we gather the following: McMahon was moving to the relief of Metz, when he was encountered and driven back by the Germans, who pursued closely. The pursuit involved a series of conflicts. There was serious work at Sedan Tuesday, where McMahon was perched on the heights of Vaux, near Carignan, whither the Emperor came on that day. Thirty thousand of McMahon's troops were attacked between Monzon and Moulins. This was the Battle of Beaumont. The French were driven over the Meuse to Monzon. The encounter on the other bank resulted in driving McMahon back about Wednesday between Douzy and Bazelle. The Prussians turned the French right—necessitating a retirement upon Sedan, before which they again renewed the fight on Thursday, when they were driven into the Fort of Sedan.

LONDON, September 3.—The King's headquarters were at Vendress, near Sedan, Friday. The battle of Sedan began at six in the morning, September 1st. Two Prussian corps were in position on the West of Sedan, having got there by long forced marches, to cut off the French retreat to Metz; South of Sedan was the first Bavarian corps, and East, across the Meuse, the second Bavarian corps; the Saxons were on the Northeast. PARIS, September 3.—The fortifications are completed. Trochu is virtually dictator. My informants left Paris on the 2d instant. To day is the last day of grace. BERLIN, September 3.—The news that the Emperor and McMahon had been captured was received with the most prodigious enthusiasm here. Thousands of people thronged the streets moving in ranks with arms linked, singing patriotic songs, shouting, and exhibiting every other sign of enthusiasm. A singing crowd assembled before the palace, where, in response to cheering, the Queen appeared and made a short address. All the schools are closed. The monument to Frederick II. was literally buried with flags. There were demonstrations before the residences of Bismarck, Moltke and the Minister of War. The streets are closed, and the day is given up to festivities. A MINISTERIAL PROCLAMATION. Confession of Signal Reverses. NEW MEASURES OF DEFENCE TO BE ORGANIZED. FRANCE DECLARES FOR THE LAST WORD. A Saragossa Defence Determined On. Trochu to have Extraordinary Powers. PARIS, September 4. By the Cable to New York. The Council of Ministers have issued the following proclamation to the French people: "Great misfortunes have come upon

the country. After three days' heroic struggles, sustained by the army of Marshal McMahon against three hundred thousand of the enemy, forty thousand men have become prisoners. Gen. De Wimpfen, who took command of the army in the place of Marshal McMahon, who was badly wounded, has signed a capitulation. This cruel reverse will not shake our courage. Paris is to day in a complete state of defence. The military forces of the country will be organized in a few days, and a new army will be under the walls of Paris. Another army is forming on the banks of the Loire. Your patriotism, your union, and your energy will save France. The Emperor has been made a prisoner in the struggles. The Government is in accord with the public powers, and will take all measures required. In the Senate yesterday, the Minister of War said: "We have learned through various unofficial channels, that Marshal Bazaine failed in his recent attempt to free himself from the hostile armies which held him shut up around Metz. His efforts were heroic. The King of Prussia could not help rendering justice to the valor of our soldiers. McMahon, after endeavoring to join Bazaine in the direction of the North, was obliged to retire in the environs of Sedan, in which there were several days fighting, with alternations of success and reverse, but we contented against an enemy numerically our superior, and in spite of the most energetic efforts, the attempt seems to have terminated in an unfortunate manner for our arms. Other accounts of Prussian origin are still more unfavorable, but do not appear to us worthy of credit in all cases and the Government is not willing to give them an appearance of authenticity by communicating them to the public. Our reverses afflict us; it is impossible for us to witness without deep emotion so much courage and so much devotion rendered unavailing, but this spectacle, so far from taking away our energy, augments and recoules it. Since the present Cabinet came into power it has drawn from France, and they still remain so strong that, with energy and the help of the nation, we may yet have the last word.

Jerome David added to the above by stating that the defenses of the capital were in the best condition, and according to competent judges, were capable of resisting all efforts of the enemy. Let us defend Paris, he said, on the walls and in the streets, and if it must be, we will bury ourselves under its ruins. In the Corps Legislatif a statement of the situation similar to that made in the Senate, was given by Jules Favre, who declared "we are unanimous for defence until death." [Great applause.] It is time that compliances should cease, if we wish to repair our disasters. He concluded by attacking the Imperial power, and proposing to place extraordinary powers in the hands of General Trochu.

REPORT IN THIS DISTRICT. We are rejoiced to state that our people are all becoming interested in the great work of Reform. Several large and influential meetings have been recently held in various parts of the district, at which much enthusiasm prevailed; and especially are we pleased to learn that those meetings were attended by the negroes, many of whom openly declare in favor of Reform. From what we can learn on this subject since our return home, we are satisfied that a change is taking place in the minds of the negroes, and that they will not be such a unit for Governor Scott as Judge Orr predicts. These meetings were addressed by white and black speakers, with the most encouraging results. They should be continued to be held in every nook and corner of the district, and the people instructed on the subject of Reform. The opposition to the present rulers and the reasons therefor should be explained to the people. There are men in every neighborhood who can do this if they will. The times and circumstances require no Demosthenian effort at rhetoric and declamation. Plain and stubborn facts, elucidated in the simplest and most comprehensive style is the most effective weapon of oratory in this canvass. Let every community assemble and use its influence to further the cause of Reform. A vast deal of good can be accomplished in this way. Let the people arouse themselves to the emergency and work until virtue, intelligence and worth triumph over ignorance, dishonesty and incompetency. —Kingston Star, August 31.

NORTH CAROLINA. RALEIGH, September 3.—In the case of Turner vs. Holden, and others, Judge Dick gave, in his opinion, that a warrant could not be issued against the Governor for any excess of authority in the discharge of the functions of his Executive office. The Court holds that a bench warrant cannot run to the Counties of Alamance and Caswell, while in a State of insurrection, against military officers acting under orders of the Governor; but warrants will be issued for the arrest of Colonel Kirk, Bergen and Alexander Ruffin, to be executed anywhere in the State, except in the Counties of Alamance and Caswell. The Court holds that a court of impeachment is the proper form for abuse of Executive authority, and that subordinate agents of the Governor are not free from arrest for any abuse of authority, when outside of any insurrectionary districts. Warrants accordingly were issued to the Sheriff of Wake County, commanding him to take Kirk and Bergen, now in jail, and Alexander Ruffin, wherever to be found, except in Alamance and Caswell, and the warrant was made returnable at Greensboro. Kirk is now in Alamance, and since this discussion, it is likely he will remain. Judge Bond, of the United States Circuit Court, sent for by Holden, arrived in the city this evening. It is not known, yet, the object of his mission.

The New York Sun says, in Italian: "If the Republicans want to make any headway in the coming election in this State, they must cut all connection with Grant's Administration, and take strong ground against putting a man at the head of the State Department who makes \$69,000 by a single berth."

the county are indicative of success now, and the work of organization will be pushed forward vigorously. A MEETING. Previous to the meeting, Representative Lee announced the King meeting for Friday, and among the speakers for the occasion, announced B. F. Whittemore and T. J. Mackay. This brilliant combination of two of the shining lights of the Ring will be appreciated, when one remembers how the latter denounced Whittemore once as a rogue "who stole the liberty of Heaven To serve the devil in."

Mass Meeting at Sumter. IN THE SCOTT-MOSES OTTADREL. Disgraceful Conduct of the Ring. CARPENTER, BUTLER AND KERSHAW. THE PEOPLE AWAKENED.

SUMTER, S. C. Aug. 31, 1870. The Reform meeting in this stronghold of the Scott-Moses Ring, was one of the most successful of the campaign. Our party arrived here yesterday, and were met at the depot by a Committee of the citizens, by whom we were entertained. Messrs. J. D. Blanding and A. A. Gilbert played the host, and played the role to perfection. This morning, by eleven o'clock, there were nearly 4,000 persons in the town, about two thirds of them being colored. A brass band from Wilmington, N. C., furnished delightful music during the meeting.

AN ARTFUL DODGE. The emissaries of the Scott Ring having failed to keep the colored men away from the meeting, resorted to another dodge which was equally as artful and equally ineffective. Before the meeting was called to order a fellow belonging to the Scott's Ring mounted the Court House steps, and made a speech to the colored people, endeavoring to forestall the Reform speakers, and telling them that the Reform speakers, (now that he couldn't prevent them,) to listen to the Reform speakers. The sublimity of this magnificent offer can be all the better appreciated when it is perceived that those fellows had endeavored to prevent the colored people from coming to the meeting; having failed in this the magnanimous was put on.

Col. J. D. Blanding called THE MEETING to order, stating the history and organization of the Union Reform party. A. A. Gilbert, Esq., was called to the chair, and after a few introductory remarks, introduced Gen. Butler. The General first paid his respects to those gentlemen in this section who have made a great outcry of "principles" of Democracy. He said that he could not forget how Andrew Johnson and the Northern Democracy urged the Southern people to hold back in 1863, and wait for that revulsion of feeling that was coming on—that groundswell which was to come to our rescue. The groundswell had been coming for some time, he said, and it had only swept us further from prosperity.

In the course of his remarks the General was frequently interrupted by a low vagabond, who seemed determined to create a disturbance. The colored man shouted out to him, "talk on, we want to hear you!" He then proceeded to show up the iniquitous misapplication of the school fund, and when he denounced the Ring for misapplying the fund, paying all out as salaries, the colored man shouted, "You're right, sir." One old man in the crowd, who seemed to be listening with all his ears, at the end of one of the interruptions shouted, "talk on, General; you talk so well, and we want to hear you."

Col. Blanding, in a few introductory remarks, introduced JUDGE CARPENTER. Who was as usual, assailed and interrupted from beginning to end, by Scott's emissaries. Prominent among those who interrupted him and attempted to break up the meeting, was a white man named Ferriter, who I learn, has been discarded by both parties, whites and blacks, and who was evidently trying to make political capital for himself. Lee, a member of the Ring, also interrupted, as did also that glorious constable, but the Judge answered all their questions, parried their thrusts and gave them such a handling as I think they never before received.

A DISTURBANCE. During Judge Carpenter's speech a difficulty occurred between a white man and one of the vagabonds who was interrupting the speaker. The crowd pushed in and but for the timely interference of the police a row would have been inevitable. GENERAL KERSHAW, who arrived on the one o'clock train, was next introduced by Col. J. B. Moore, and from the loud huzzas with which the General was received, I infer that he still possesses the hearts of the people, notwithstanding all that our Democratic (?) friends have said against him. His speech was replete with good advice to the white and colored people. He advised both if they deserted the Union Reform party they should prepare for war. If they desired peace, they should stand together on its platform.

THE WATCHMAN. WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7. A. A. GILBERT, EDITOR. The Summer Watchman has by far the largest circulation (especially in the surrounding country) of any paper published in Sumter, and was established in 1850. THE MASS MEETING On Wednesday Last. A GREAT SUCCESS. EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLAGE. Hon. R. B. Carpenter, Gen. M. C. Butler and J. B. Kershaw Speak. HAPPY EFFECTS OF THE MEETING.

The Mass Meeting at Sumter, on Wednesday last, in the numbers present and the effect produced, proved a success even beyond the most sanguine expectations of those who had been instrumental in inaugurating the movement. Various influences had been at work to discourage the occasion. Many were the predictions that it would be but a meagre affair. Some said that the colored people would not come to the meeting, others that the white people would not turn out. "Orders" were sent out, as usual, through Scott's paid servants, and we heard of mounted men permeating the county for several days previous. Some of our impracticable white friends, we are sorry to say, pulled backwards, and others were indifferent.

In spite of all these counteracting and opposing elements, at an early hour on Wednesday morning last, every avenue of approach to Sumter teemed with the moving population. Hundreds of people, white and colored, poured into our centre thoroughfares, until, by nine o'clock, our Court House square and the street in front and adjacent, was the scene of a crowd such as had not previously been witnessed since the war. The number present was variously estimated at from two to four thousand. The medium of these two figures we regard a safe calculation. It was evident that the Scott party (the natural opposers of the movement) as well as the opposition from the other extreme, were alike astonished by the volume of assemblage, both white and colored. The proportion of white and black present was about equal to that of the population of the county.

Judge CARPENTER and Gen. BUTLER, accompanied by Capt. TUPPER, and Messrs. MORSON, of the Courier and LEE, of the Daily News, had been received at the cars the day previous, and were the guests of Messrs. J. D. BLANDING and A. A. GILBERT. Early in the morning the fine music of the Wilmington Brass Band had enlivened the town. Two hours before the meeting was called to order, the colored people had gathered and were standing in solid mass around the stand that had been erected. The mass of them had come to hear the speeches, had put themselves immediately in the way of so doing, and were quietly waiting.

The whites, in large numbers—our best and most respectable and responsible citizens—from every portion of the county, had also gathered about the stand. It was truly an encouraging sight, looking to futur harmony and good will between the two races. At 11 1/2 o'clock the meeting was called to order by Col. J. D. BLANDING, and the chairs which had been placed on the platform all occupied by leading citizens, among whom were three of our colored friends. Col. BLANDING gracefully introduced the meeting, and, at the close of his remarks, called upon A. A. GILBERT to preside. Mr. GILBERT congratulated his fellow citizens upon the auspicious occasion, which witnessed the assemblage of white and colored upon a common platform, and after briefly reviewing the principles and spirit of the movement, introduced his honored friend, Gen. M. C. BUTLER. Gen. BUTLER was greeted with applause, and spoke for more than an hour with telling effect. Approving responses were frequent from the colored people, and when he indicated approach to the close of his speech, cries of "go on! go on!" came from numbers of them. He showed to them how hundreds of thousands of dollars of the people's money had been "appropriated" under the pretext of providing land for the landless. How \$32,000 of the \$50,000 appropriated for public schools had been absorbed by the salaries of the School Commissioners throughout the State,

having but \$14,000 to be applied to the education of the poor children of the whole State. The enormous and crushing taxation and unparalleled increase of expenditure for State purposes. The vast increase of the public debt, which amounted to over \$2,200 for every white and over \$900 for every colored man in the State. Gen. BUTLER closed his speech and left for the train at 1 o'clock, amid the protestations of the crowd generally. Judge CARPENTER was next introduced by Col. BLANDING. His speech was one of great power. It was interrupted by a temporary disturbance, which originated in a misapprehension. He rattled the Scott Ring, and dealt stinging blows to the "Court House clique," in response to questions asked by them. Judge CARPENTER is a speaker of great power and readiness, and is putting the State under lasting obligations to him, for his fearless and manly exposition of the reeking corruptions of the existing State government. His hearers, white and colored, were much impressed by his speech, which met frequent applause and expressions, and approval. Gen. J. B. KERSHAW, having arrived on the mid-day train, was handsomely introduced by Col. JOHN B. MOORE. His speech was one of depth and force, and was addressed mainly to the whites, in showing the utter impracticability of opposition to the platform of the Union Reform Party. We regret that our limited space does not permit us to give a more satisfactory synopsis of these speeches. The effect of them was manifest throughout, and we have heard nothing but favorable accounts from the country since.—Let our people cultivate the good seed that have been sown among our colored people, and great good will result to the country.

THE RADICAL MEETING. On Friday last brought a large gathering, almost exclusively of colored people. Compared with the numbers of Wednesday previous, however, there was but little if any advantage. Speeches were made by "Hon." B. F. WHITTEMORE, Gen. MOSES, J. H. RAINEY, and other lesser lights of the party. Great efforts were made to undo the work of Wednesday last; but there were many colored men who were present on Wednesday last who did not come to this meeting, and many others who indicated indifference to the whole occasion, and returned home at an early hour in the day. During the meeting a heavy shower of rain fell, which continued during the afternoon. A prominent colored man, who did not go where the speaking was going on, and who expressed disgust for the party and the whole proceeding, said in our hearing: "Something wrong about this, sir. The last great Radical Meeting they had here, it poured down on 'em; and here it is again." Another prominent colored man came to us and asked us to send somebody to ask the speakers questions. Among other things he said he wanted to know how it was that all the Radical leaders got rich so quick—what had become of all the money to buy land for the landless and to educate the poor children.

THE TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE. A monthly publication, thus named, and published at Columbia, by John A. ESKINS, at thirty cents per annum, has been received. It is neatly printed and is filled with interesting matter, in behalf of the great cause to which it is devoted. We greatly need such a paper as this in the State, and we trust it may meet sufficient encouragement to make it a permanent institution. The Methodists of Greenville have purchased a beautiful lot on Buncombe Street, a central locality, and will proceed forthwith to build a large and handsome Church.

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