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The London Times on President Johnson's Policy.

When the people of the Northern States elected Mr. Lincoln for the second time, they were moved by a happy impulse to choose as the second magistrate of the country Andrew Johnson, of Tennessee. The office of Vice-President is, in itself, of little importance, and though on two former occasions a Vice-President has succeeded to the Government of the Republic through the death of his superior, we may presume that the expectation of Mr. Johnson's accession to the higher office was hardly present to the mind of any one of those two millions of electors. Those who chose him wished to pay a compliment to the most energetic and zealous of the few Southern men who had remained faithful to the Federal cause, and it may have seemed to them that by electing a Tennessean they declared emphatically the non-severance of a seceded State from the Union. But the great crime of April last has given supreme power to the politician who otherwise would have filled for the next four years the dignified, but powerless, office of President of the Senate. All parties were startled at this sudden change of men, and there were probably few but the most extreme who looked on it without alarm. Mr. Johnson must now receive the credit of having disarmed groundless fears, and disappointed extravagant hopes. We cannot tell what thoughts have passed through his shrewd and energetic mind during these five months of unexpected rule—how much he may owe to the sobering responsibilities of his high office—how much to the counsels of two or three able men who have been schooled to government amid the difficulties and calamities of war—how much to his own Southern extraction, and to the fellow-feeling which he avows for the seceders in everything but their secession. But, whatever the motives which influence his policy, the Americans have found in Mr. Johnson an able and successful magistrate. Mr. Lincoln is said to have meditated in the last days of his life a large amnesty, and the restoration of the South to its due place in the Union. When he fell, it was not unreasonably thought in America that a sterner rule was to be instituted, and the zealots of the Republican party hastened to accept Mr. Johnson as their leader, with the hope, perhaps, that they might use him as their tool. These expectations have, however, vanished. Within a month after the President's accession to office, his leaning towards a moderate policy began to appear, and though it was received with marked disappointment by a strong party of his own supporters, the effect of it on the conquered South was so favorable and tranquillizing that he has persevered in it, and it may be expected to characterize his whole term of office.

But we think Mr. Johnson, in his liberal treatment of the South in all these matters, shows political wisdom and a true appreciation of the differences which have divided the two sections of the Republic. The principles which he enounced in his speech to the Southern delegation at Washington the other day, are consistent both with his former acts and his present policy. They are simply that the Union must be maintained at all hazards, by any means, and against any man or party; but that the Union, once secured, the rights and political independence of the States are the best guarantees of national prosperity. Slavery is gone and the rebellion is over. This being the case, the restoration of all the States to their former relations with each other and

with the Federal Government is desirable. "While I dreaded and feared disintegration of the States," says the President, "I am equally opposed to consolidation or concentration of power here, under whatever guise or name they bear; and if the issue is forced upon us, I shall endeavor to pursue the same efforts to dissuade from this doctrine running to extremes, but I say let the same rule be applied. Let the Constitution be our guide. Let the preservation of that and the Union of the States be our principal aim." This theory undoubtedly tends to give the South an earlier and larger possession of political power than is thought safe, even by moderate men of the Republican party. But we think that the confidence of the President, and the bold liberality of his policy are not likely to be in vain.

The Dangers of Travel.

The New York Times has a chapter of "statistics of time and disaster" in the United States for six months ending 10th of October, in which, after a long array of homicides, parricides, matricides, fratricides, soricides, famicides, &c., it gives the following under the head of viricides, or murders of travelers:

RAILWAY MASSACRES.

Railway accidents open up a large account. From May 15 to October 15, there were 68 in all, or 63 in six months, up to September. Of these 24 were collisions, 9 explosions, (two of which did not occur on the line,) 6 came from bad bridges and culverts, 22 from rotten ties, broken nails and axles, and 12 were precipitations, more or less uncomfortable to the traveling public. Ten accidents occurred in June, 8 in July, 15 in August, 27 in September, and in the whole year to date, not less than 100, comparing the present with our former statement of accidents published in August. Thirty million dollars would be a modest reckoning for the loss involved in the demolished lives, trains, and properties of the past year, and probably not less than 300 persons have been killed, and more than 600 injured in every shape by accidents in the same time.

CALAMITY BY STEAMBOAT AND SHIP-WRECK.

Steamboat explosions and ship-wreck naturally accompany this class of traveling accidents. Ten explosions and eight collisions of steamboats are noted, along with 45 burnings, sinkings and wrecks of vessels, 63 disasters in all, upon the water. Several of these catastrophes, which have crimsoned river and ocean far and wide, are remembered in all their awful poetry, and helpless agony and terror. By the explosion of the steamer Sultana, some 1,200 victims found a muddy grave in the Mississippi; 400 went down in the burning ship Nelson; 250 with the Brother Jonathan, and 100 were drowned by the collision of the steamers Pawabic and Meteor on Lake Michigan. Nearly 3,000 lives, it may be guessed, have been lost at sea between April and September. The translatable loss cannot be far inferior to that sustained upon the railroad. Eight additional disasters are recorded in October.

SPEECH BY FRANK BLAIR.—Frank Blair made a characteristic speech at Rolla, Mo., one night last week. He stated that around the works of Vicksburg were captured by Grant over one hundred thousand bales of cotton, and turned over to the Government, and not a thousand bales of it ever were accounted for. He said the Provost Marshals of the West were a set of robbing plunderers generally, and robbed the people and swindled the Government. He made bitter war upon Stanton; accused him of being an original traitor, and said that Alexander H. Stephens, the Vice-President of the Southern Confederacy, was a loyal man—a more loyal man than Stanton, Drake, Fletcher, or any other radical; and that, when Stanton had Stephens locked up, the good, loyal and true man was inside, and the rascal and traitor upon the outside. He came down upon the officers of the Western army with one full swoop. He charged them with all sorts of corruption.

CHAMP FERGUSON.—Champ Ferguson, who was recently executed at Nashville by a military commission, in his last statement said:

"I was a Southern man at the start; I am yet, and will die a rebel. I believe I was right in all I did. I don't think I done anything wrong at any time. I committed my deeds in a cool and deliberate manner. I killed a good many men, of course; I don't deny that, but never killed a man whom I did not know was seeking my life. It is false that I never took any prisoners. I have taken a great many, and after keeping them awhile paroled them. I tried to prove this during my trial, but they would not give me time to do it."

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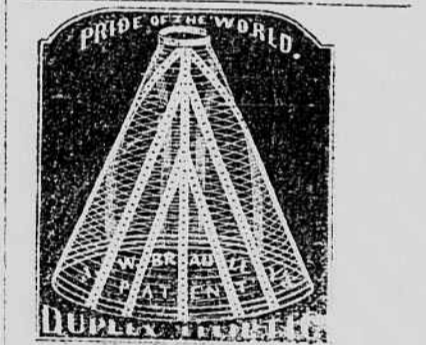
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