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Political.

Who is to Govern the Governor?

Editors *Columbia Register*:
The proclamation of Governor Chamberlain comes like a clap of thunder out of a clear sky. This proclamation in effect declares the counties of Aiken and Barnwell to be in insurrection; that the existing rifle and sabre clubs are illegal organizations; that if they are not disbanded in three days, he will suspend the writ of *habeas corpus*, call out the negro militia to enforce his orders, and, if that fails, he will call on Grant and the United States Army to carry his election. This is the plain English of the proclamation.
In England it is a grave offense for the government authorities, either military or civil, to interfere with the elections; and is it possible that here, where we boast of our freedom, an election is to be carried by the government by actual force?
The rifle and sabre clubs are organizations to protect our houses, families, lives and the negroes who affiliate with us. All the militia are Republicans, and nearly every man and officer a negro. All are hostile to the white Democrats. The Governor has, on sundry occasions, declared his inability to enforce the laws against the negroes of Combhee and other points. If our organizations are disbanded, our lives and property are in imminent peril.
In order to allow only Radicals to form military organizations, the law was passed making it a penitentiary offense for such organizations to be formed without the acceptance and consent of the Governor. He will not accept any white organization. This law is clearly unconstitutional. Our State constitution is explicit upon this point. Article I, section 28, provides: "No people have a right to keep and bear arms for the common defense." The expression to "bear arms" has its well known legal meaning as referring to military exercises and training. This definition is virtually given in section 30, which provides: "No person who conscientiously scruples to bear arms shall be compelled so to do, but he shall pay an equivalent for personal service." Hence the right of the people to keep arms to form military organizations is a constitutional right, which neither the Legislature nor the Governor can abridge.
The statute under which the Governor claims to act provides, that when an insurrection, rebellion, or "any unlawful obstruction of the laws" exists, he may suspend the writ of *habeas corpus*, and in effect declare martial law.
Clearly, there exists in South Carolina no insurrection or rebellion (and there has been none, unless the negro riots in Aiken and Barnwell and on the Combhee may so be called.) The provision in case "any unlawful obstruction of the laws" is a provision in violation of our constitution, for section 17, article I, provides: "The privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* shall not be suspended, except when in case of insurrection, rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it." Hence no person, the Legislature, the Governor nor any other officer, can suspend the writ, except in the three cases specified, to wit: *insurrection, rebellion or invasion*.
How can a rebellion or insurrection be said to exist? A "rebellion" is an organized attempt to overthrow a government by force; and an "insurrection" is an open organized resistance of a large number of persons to the execution of the laws of a government. Can Governor Chamberlain forbid white Democrats from appearing out of doors after 6 p. m., or their riding on horseback on the highways (even should the Legislature pass laws to such an effect) and, in case his orders be disregarded, declare martial law and suspend the writ of *habeas corpus*? Is there no limit to the discretion of the Governor, except what he may deem for "the good of the party"? Clearly the Governor may exceed the powers given him by the constitution, or he may attempt to exercise powers vested in him by laws passed in violation of the constitution; and in either case, his acts are unconstitutional and revolutionary, and he himself guilty of a "high crime."
But what are we to do? I say disband no legal organization (among which I include rifle and sabre clubs and military academy cadets), except when compelled so to do by an irresistible power. I regard, in our present condition, the legally constituted civil and military authorities of the United States as irresistible powers. This I do, notwithstanding the United States Supreme Court at its last term held, (*United States vs. Reese*), that "no enforcement act" is so general in its provisions that it cannot be regarded as "appropriate legislation" for the effectuation of the purposes of the

fifteenth amendment to the constitution; and is held to all intents and purposes inoperative." On no occasion let us be betrayed into resisting the United States civil authorities or returning the fire of the United States troops, should they be compelled by the instrumentality of our Governor, to fire upon us. Let us furnish no grist for the outrage-mill. Our courage and manhood are historic. Our blood should not be regarded as that of cowards, but as an offering of heroic fortitude on the altar of liberty.
JAMES H. RION.

Miscellaneous.

James Liel, the California millionaire, is dead.
Over \$16,000 has been collected in New York in aid of the Savannah sufferers.
It is rumored that ex-Sultan Murad is dead.
There was considerable frost in Charlotte, N. C., on the 11th.
Two masked men in Knoxville, Iowa, overpowered the county treasurer, and obtained \$14,000.
The cotton yield in Georgia is reported as about the same as that of last year.
Cursing a church in Mount Vernon, Ky., reduced the Radical vote in that State by one.
The total cost of boarding Gen. Babcock's dog, paid by the U. S. Treasurer, has been \$500 to date.
Cardinal Manning's Solicitor has run away with \$150,000, which he had as trustee for Catholic charities and associations. The Cardinal himself loses \$40,000.
The most important single influence in the late elections in Indiana and Ohio was that of the Israelites who almost unanimously voted the Democratic ticket.
In the United States District Court at Boston, notice has been given that the suit of the Government against the Union Pacific Railroad to compel the payment of five per cent. of the net earnings will be brought on for trial.
The heaviest run of cotton ever known over the seaboard and Ronoake Railroad took place last week, the arrivals in New York averaging 1800 bales per day.
Donations for the benefit of Mrs. Heywood, the widow of the bank cashier killed by robbers at North field, have been received at the First National Bank of St. Paul to the amount of \$11,000.
The steamer Southern Belle, was burned two miles above Plaquemine, on the Mississippi, on the 10th. The boat and cargo were totally destroyed, and several lives were lost.
A dispatch has been received from Brunswick, Ga., saying that the epidemic of yellow fever at that place may be considered at an end.
The largest set of scales in the world has been built at Ashley, Pa. The platform is 150 feet long, of the width of a Railroad track and the scales can weigh one hundred tons. The cost was \$5,000.
Two conflagrations occurred in Mobile, Ala., on the night of the 9th. Twenty-one buildings were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$21,000, on which was \$10,000 insurance, mostly in local companies. The fires are supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.
A fire broke out lately at Lauber's restaurant, which occupied the extreme eastern end of the Centennial grounds. The fire spread with great rapidity, and all that was saved was the lunch room and the drinking bar. The building cost \$52,000, and the loss is estimated at half that amount.
The Sublime Porte has tardily consented to an armistice with the Serbian insurgents, for a period of six months. This suspension of hostilities has been unwillingly forced from the Turkish government by the intervention of foreign powers.
The Cincinnati gas companies have reduced the price of gas to \$1.20 per thousand feet, and in Harrisburg, Pa., they have reduced the price from \$3.00 to \$2.50 per thousand feet. Everywhere is heard the cry for "cheap gas," and the companies are gradually yielding to the demand.
At Beaver, Utah, John D. Lee has been sentenced to death for participation in the Mountain Meadows massacre, which took place nineteen years ago. The prisoner having the right under the laws of the Territory to choose the mode of execution, selected shooting, and the sentence was conformer thereto.
Gambling has become one of the most flourishing industries in Gotham. Over one million dollars is said to be employed as capital in bank fare and other games of chance; and so great are the profits, that when a bank becomes, through any ill fortune, "broke," the gamblers have less difficulty in raising fresh capital in Wall street, than a first class mercantile house in negotiating a note.
The defalcations under Grant's administration have been, by post-mortems, \$373,371; by marshals, \$249,260; by collectors of internal revenue, \$2,312,544; by navy officers, \$923,208; by army officers, \$784,553; by sundry other public officers, \$265,713; total defalcations, \$5,500,595.
The dispute between the cotton operatives and the masters in England, regarding the decision of the former to be no longer bound by the arrangements hitherto regulating wages, and the notices posted by the latter that they hold themselves at liberty to close the spinning department of their mills without warning, affects the whole of North and Northeast Lancashire, and if something be not done to allay the discontent, it is believed that the great majority of the mills will be closed.

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