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PLYMOUTH, INDIANA, THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1864.

SPEECH OR HON. D. W. VOORHEES, OF INDIANA.

[The following is an extract from a speech of the Hon. D. W. Voorhees, delivered in the House of Representatives of the United States, March 5th, 1864.]

SIR, I will not here pause to dwell on the usages of civilized nations in conducting civilized warfare. But I challenge history, that "evergreen chronicler of the grave," whether in its sacred or profane records to produce a parallel to the spirit and temper with which the party now in power has conducted the awful struggle in which we are engaged. Commence at the early daybreak of the world, traverse all time, and explore all space, grope your way among the vast catacombs of all former wars, examine the gory stains of every battle plain, ransack the archives of kings, cabinets, and councils, and no instance, not one, can be found where a people claiming Christian civilization has waged a war of any kind against any in dumb, ferocious silence, without a word, a sign, or a look in behalf of a peaceful solution as we have now been engaged in this cruel conflict. "Blessed are the peace-makers," was not spoken for the present administrators of American affairs. They spurn the examples and teachings of all Christian ages and enlightened people. They drink not from the benevolent fountains whose waters were unsealed to gladden and refresh the earth by the divine Nazarene on the Mount of Olives. They have their lips, rather, in a stream whose wave, more putrid than the river of Egypt when smitten by the rod of Moses, taunt the air with pestilence and calamity. Nor are they wholly without models in the past. The boundaries of civilization it is true, as I have stated, are barren of any precedents for their conduct, but the dark regions of barbarism furnish here and there a ghastly and horrible example of fury, hate and revenge, which is now followed by the Executive and his partisan supporters. Demons have occasionally, in the mysterious providence of God, visited the earth in the guise of men, to prey upon the human species from the sacre love of slaughter and misery. Attila, the Gothic monster, never treated with his enemies, never negotiated for peace. The dying groan of the soldier, on the field, the bitter wail of the widow, and the clinking sabre of the orphan at home were equally music in his ear. Attila, the fierce Hun, known to history as "The scourge of God," neither sent or received Commissioners to discuss and ally the causes of war. He pointed upon his banners the sword, and the sword alone, and proclaimed that by that sign and in alone, he would conquer. Genghis Khan and Tamerlane, preserved by the pen of the historian for universal execration, found no pursuit so pleasant as scaling for more men, more men, more men for the harvest of death, and like our present Executive, smiting with just and ribaldry the warm taunt of blood on every gale. The patriots who surrounded these barbarian chiefs spurned with eager indignation all proffers of mediation, all efforts at compromise, all talk of negotiation, just as do now the patriots who are seated on the west side of this chamber, and who pay court to contracts at the west end of the avenue. Nor did Hyder Ali, that more modern incarnation of unconditional exterminating war, regard with favor the suggestions of peace, when pausing for a moment like a cloud of wrath on the brow of the mountain he swept down over the plains of the Carnatic, and smote them with blasts of fire, with indiscriminate war. Sir, these are your examples. These are they who never said conciliate, but always said crush; who never said harmonize, but who always said destroy; who denounced fraternal affection and embraced the doctrine of subjugation; who never sought to restore peaceful relations with their neighbors, but who always sought to ruin them by confiscation and plunder, whose voice was forever like the voice of Moloch in hell, and the voice of those who now rule this nation, for war, for war, and war alone, as a cure for every evil remedy for every grievance fancied or real. With what loathing and abhorrence does a Christian world now regard these destroyers of their kind! All countries and every people utter a cry of horror at the mention of their names. No pillar, no monument, no fountain, no grove perpetuates their place in the respect of a single human being that ever lived or died. And yet who will compare the ages in which they enacted their various tragedies to the one in which we live, and call them to such account as awaits those who in this period of gospel light have fashioned the Administration of the American Republic on the principles and practices of unfeigned barbarians.

But I will cease to reason on this point by comparison. I will grasp the naked question which the supporters of this Administration have so persistently clamored into the public ear for the last three wretched years. Is it right in itself to treat with those who are in rebellion, with a view to a restoration of their allegiance, and thus to ensure the domestic tranquillity? If we draw an answer from the conduct of this Government in former instances of treasonable resistance to law, that answer is all in favor of negotiation, and compromise. Washington set the example in the case of Pennsylvania, and Jackson followed it in the more celebrated case of South Carolina, in 1832. In our wars with foreign powers, the same course has uniformly been pursued. And we ourselves were the objects of similar treatment even from the tyrannical ministry of George III in the days of the Revolution. Commissioners from the Court of England came to our shores more than once a year during that struggle, to treat for a return of the rebellious colonies to the union of the British Empire. But I shall not content myself with the enlightened precedents furnished by the history of our own and other countries. Is there no higher standard of moral right, to which to appeal? Is the voice of Him who spake as never man spake, hushed and stifled by the hoarse cry of passion and rage? Have those pages which blaze with inspiration and which contain all the principles of national as well as individual morality and justice, been irreparably discredited? Have the advocates of the Procrustean bed of their blind and furious prejudices, which they mistake for conscience, Sie, I here proclaim as a fact to which all history attests, that wherever in the tide of time the ministry of the Most High have assumed as a part of their duties the control of affairs and the policy which conflict with their ignorant and selfish bigotry has been their favorite calling in all countries and in every age. They have a higher law than the sermon on the mount; and the word of God is made to fit the Procrustean bed of their blind and furious prejudices, which they mistake for conscience. Sie, I here proclaim as a fact to which all history attests, that wherever in the tide of time the ministry of the Most High have assumed as a part of their duties the control of affairs and the policy which conflict with their ignorant and selfish bigotry has been their favorite calling in all countries and in every age. They have a higher law than the sermon on the mount; and the word of God is made to fit the Procrustean bed of their blind and furious prejudices, which they mistake for conscience. Sie, I here proclaim as a fact to which all history attests, that wherever in the tide of time the ministry of the Most High have assumed as a part of their duties the control of affairs and the policy which conflict with their ignorant and selfish bigotry has been their favorite calling in all countries and in every age. They have a higher law than the sermon on the mount; and the word of God is made to fit the Procrustean bed of their blind and furious prejudices, which they mistake for conscience. Sie, I here proclaim as a fact to which all history attests, that wherever in the tide of time the ministry of the Most High have assumed as a part of their duties the control of affairs and the policy which conflict with their ignorant and selfish bigotry has been their favorite calling in all countries and in every age. They have a higher law than the sermon on the mount; and the word of God is made to fit the Procrustean bed of their blind and furious prejudices, which they mistake for conscience. Sie, I here proclaim as a fact to which all history attests, that wherever in the tide of time the ministry of the Most High have assumed as a part of their duties the control of affairs and the policy which conflict with their ignorant and selfish bigotry has been their favorite calling in all countries and in every age. They have a higher law than the sermon on the mount; and the word of God is made to fit the Procrustean bed of their blind and furious prejudices, which they mistake for conscience. Sie, I here proclaim as a fact to which all history attests, that wherever in the tide of time the ministry of the Most High have assumed as a part of their duties the control of affairs and the policy which conflict with their ignorant and selfish bigotry has been their favorite calling in all countries and in every age. They have a higher law than the