



## What Does It Mean?

A few days ago the Governors of Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana met in conclave at Indianapolis and remained in session a couple of days. What the subject of their grave deliberations was may be inferred from the fact that immediately thereafter Gov. Morton made a visit to Washington and in behalf of the four States mentioned, tendered the "government" 100,000 men for six months; \$30,000 each from Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and \$10,000 from Wisconsin. It is alleged by some, that the object is to use these men to garrison the forts along the border, thus enabling a large number of soldiers now employed in that service to be employed in the army of the Potowmack in its contemplated campaign against the rebel Capital. Others insist that they are to be used only for the purpose of repelling a threatened invasion of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. It will be remembered that at the close of the last year's campaigns, the administration party all over the country asseverated loudly and long that the rebellion was then on its last legs; that the rebels were well nigh starved out; had by conscription forced all their fighting men into the field; and that one more short campaign was all that would be needed to complete the work of subjugation. In accordance with this view of the case President Lincoln called for 300,000 men, and shortly after increased the call to 500,000, when as an inducement to procure volunteers to make up this large number without drafting, assurance was given that but a short time would be required to complete the task of crushing out the rebellion. These calls were filled, and still the work of enlisting continued—continues yet both for the Army and Navy. Can it be possible that under these circumstances the North is in danger of invasion by the rebels? If so, what becomes of the assurances given last fall that the rebellion was so rapidly waning as to be even then in the throes of dissolution? Were those who were charged with the duty of raising troops to fill the aforesaid calls, deceiving the people and inducing men to enlist by means of false pretences? On the other hand if the assurances then given were true, and a half million of additional men have been put to the field since the close of last year's operations, how does it happen that *far more* men are now wanted, and for what are they wanted? We can see but just one reason why they are wanted now, and that will also account for, or explain the reason why they are wanted for a *month*. That reason is this, the *loyal* Governors of Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Ohio, in the light of the spring elections just passed, the final doom of their party in those States this fall unless something can be done to avert so dire a calamity. They have seen in Maryland, Missouri and Kentucky, the the case with which elections can be carried when an armed soldiery surrounds the ballot box to guard the approaches thereto from the presence of all who refuse to worship at the political shrine of abolitionism; hence this voluntary offer of 100,000 more men by these *loyal* Governors. We believe the project is simply a diabolical scheme hatched in the fanatical brains of four as corrupt unscrupulous, malignant partizan demagogues as ever were entrusted with official responsibilities by a free people, and to deprive them of the poor remnant of the liberties left them by the worse than Austrian despotism now the supreme power in this land. These men are to be enlisted for six months, a term extending from the time they can possibly be organized, over the fall elections. They are to be armed and paid by the government of the United States, the attendant expenses defrayed from the general fund raised and to be raised from the hard earnings of toil and industry, alike from men of all political parties, and to be used as we honestly believe to crush out the freedom of the ballot-box, to control for purely partizan purposes, the elections both State and National next fall.

Since writing the foregoing, we learn that in consequence of opposition in the military and Congressional circles at Washington, these intensely loyal Governors were induced to modify their plans somewhat, and finally in a formal manner tendered the government 85,000 men for *one hundred days*, which offer has been accepted by the President. We publish in another column a copy of the offer as finally made, and also the call of the Governor of this State for 20,000 men. Governor Yates of Illinois, and Governor Brough of Ohio have also issued a call in accordance with the plan finally adopted.

## Great Copperhead Conspiracy.

The abolition savans have discovered quite a mare's nest again, in the shape as usual of a conspiracy among the K. G. C's to rise in opposition to the government. They profess to be advised that a plan has been inaugurated by that invisible fraternity in southern Indiana and Illinois, to act in concert with their visible brethren in Dixie when those visible brethren shall make that mythical invasion of the North so much feared by these laborers in the "cause of God and humanity." Some of the miscreants who profess to be within the circle of state secrets say that the 85,000 men proposed to be raised for 100 days, by his adjacency O. P. Morton, are to be used to repress and keep down these vile copperhead plotters of treason, instead of being used as has been suggested to garrison the forts on the border. This may be so. Governors Morton and Yates are known to keep a sharp lookout for copperhead plots and handsons ladies possessing nerve enough to make a visit to such battlefields as Shiloh and Gettysburg.

## The Spirit of Dictation.

Secretary Chase demands the passage of two financial measures: Repression of the redundant circulation of the miscellaneous banks by taxing their issues, and an amended tax law that will raise half the current expenses of the war. Will Congress pass them? Or will factions demagogues and wild-cat advocates be allowed to defeat them?—Chicago Tribune.

Who is Secretary Chase, that he should demand the passage of Bills by Congress? Who has invested him with authority, that he should say to the Representatives of the States and the people, "I demand this that at your hands," and they shall not dare to disobey? By what authority does his august highness address the Congress of the United States in the language used by superiors to inferiors? If he has the right to demand, it is the duty of Congress to comply without hesitation; and if this be true Congress had better come home at once, and leave the Secretary alone amidst his schemes, and thus save the country from the humiliation of Congressional legislation under dictation. But let us look at these financial measures of this would-be Dictator. "Repression of the redundant circulation of the miscellaneous banks by taxing their issues?" Why? Simply to make room for another flood of greenbacks. In other words, to compel the people to bear 500,000,000 of dollars to the government, to be used in prosecuting still further the present war for the freedom of the negro, instead of loaning it to the various banking institutions of the country, as heretofore. He demands it—"will Congress pass?" the measure at his bidding?

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PROCLAMATION BY COR. MORTON. INDIANAPOLIS, April 28.—The following proclamation has been issued by Gov. Morton.

object they have in doing so is to create a huge moneyed monopoly under the control of their party in Washington, by means of which they hope to perpetuate their hold on the reins of power for another Presidential term.

This correspondent of the Tribune very naively says "here is food for reflection." Would to God there had been more reflection on the part of those entrusted with the management of our national affairs before they brought the country to the very brink of ruin, it might have saved the Union, prevented the bankruptcy of the nation, saved hundreds of thousands of lives, uselessly sacrificed in the insane attempt to make the African race on this continent, equal to the Caucasian.

In conclusion we, too, say here is food for reflection—let the people reflect, and study well the causes of our existing troubles not the least among which is the dictatorial spirit so rampant in the breasts of those now in power; and then let them ask themselves whether it is expedient, safe, or wise longer to continue in power a party which has already well nigh blotted out our very existence as a free people, and threatens still further to degrade us by reducing us to a level with the serfs of despotism.

## Long's Speech.

The speech of Hon. Alex Long, recently delivered by him in Congress, stirred up quite a mass in the ranks of the miscreants, and called down upon him and his defenders the thunderbolts of partizan wrath, both in and out of that dignified body. In order that our readers may see for themselves what has caused all this ado in relation to Mr. Long, we publish on the outside of this week's Democrat, a portion of his speech, and will give the re-echo next week. We command its careful perusal to our readers, not because we urge all he says, but that they may thus be able to judge understandingly between him and his assailants, and also compare the sentiments uttered by him with those written and spoken by those who are among the most virulent of his traducers. If his speech was treasonable, then are the great lights among the abolitionists traitors.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, April 23, 1864, To the People of Indiana:

Here, then, we have undoubtedly "loyal" authority for saying that hitherto *not one* part of the current expenses of the war has been raised by taxation, and if *one half* must be raised as demanded by Mr. Chase, we must multiply former payments by five in order to reach the amount necessary.

In order that our readers may understand how far this will affect them, they have only to remember that every note which heretofore required a stamp of 10 cents, will hereafter require 50 cents; every note which heretofore required a stamp of one dollar, will hereafter require five; that every article used by them will be taxed five times as much as heretofore. Coffee is now worth half a dollar a pound; sugar 20 to 25 cents; calico, muslin, &c., at least three times the former prices, in consequence of the existing revenue laws, and the inundation of the country with greenbacks; yet Secretary Chase demands that Congress shall quintuple the taxes, and virtually authorize him to double the amount of Treasury notes already in circulation. This is not all; by taxing the circulation of the bank not of existence, to make room for an equal amount of greenbacks, the banks will be compelled to close up under very unfavorable circumstances, and many of them no doubt will go to the wall, thus creating still further disturbance in our monetary affairs, where everything is already so unsettled that none can tell what a day may bring forth. Yet the Secretary demands the passage by Congress of these measures, and the Tribune, sycophant like asks: "Will Congress pass them, or will factions demagogues, and wild-cat advocates be allowed to defeat them?" All have heard of Satan reprobating sin, and of the pot calling the kettle black, but we apprehend that nobody prior to the commencement of this war ever heard the Tribune and its partisan friends denouncing wild-cats. It would be decidedly refreshing to hear them do so now if it were not quite so apparent that the only

(Signed) O. P. MORTON.  
Governor of Indiana."

The following is from the Boston Commonwealth (Abolition), organ of Senator Sumner:

"It can never be safe to enfranchise these rebels until they have been governed by a power outside of themselves long enough to make the rehabilitation of slavery impossible. How long that will be, the loyal people of the North are the best judges, and that judgment can be legitimately expressed only through their representatives in Congress."

How does that read by the declaration of American Independence, which declares that "all governments derive their just power from the consent of the governed?"

## WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON,

April 21, 1864.

To the President of the United States:

First, The Governors of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin offer to the President infantry troops for the approaching campaign.

Second, The term of service to be an hundred days, reckoning from the date of muster into the service of the United States, unless sooner discharged.

Third, The troops to be mustered into the service of the United States by regiments, when the regiments are filled up according to regulations to the minimum strength. The regiments to be organized according to the regulations of the War Department. The whole number to be furnished within twenty days from date of notice of the acceptance of this proposition.

Fourth, The troops to be clothed, armed, equipped, subsisted, transported and paid as other United States infantry volunteers, and to serve in fortifications or wherever their services may be required, within or without their respective States.

Fifth, No bounty to be paid the troops, nor the service charged or credited on any draft.

Sixth, The draft for three years' service to go on in any State or district where the quota is not filled up; but if an officer or soldier in the special service should be drafted, he shall be credited for the service rendered.

(Signed) JOHN BROWN, Governor of Ohio.  
O. P. MORTON, Governor of Ind.  
RICH'D. YATES, Governor of Ills.  
W. M. STONE, Governor of Iowa.

THE NEWS.

From the Chicago Times, 56.

In the House, yesterday, a bill was introduced providing for the more speedy punishment of guerrillas. The internal tax bill was considered in committee of the whole, and an amendment was adopted imposing a tax of one-fifth of one per cent, upon all sales, and contracts for sales, of gold and silver, sterling exchange, uncurrent money, stocks, bonds, &c. In the evening, Mr. Morrill's resolution to increase the tariff was discussed. We have no report of Senate proceedings.

The rebel operations against Plymouth, N. C., resulted in the capture of that place on the 20th inst. The rebels took from 1,500 to 2,500 prisoners and from 25 to 30 pieces of artillery. The ram rendered efficient service to the assailants. Two Federal gunboats were sunk, a third disabled, and a small steamer captured. The rebels placed their loss at only 300, while the Federals assert that it was 1,500 to 1,700. The Federal loss in killed and wounded was comparatively small. It is reported that the rebels are moving upon Little Washington and Nebern, two towns co-operating with their land forces, and news of an attack upon those points may be expected shortly.

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November 5, 1863.—I.

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