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## The Fall of Richmond.

The news of the fall of the rebel capital was received here on Monday last, and on Monday night the fourth annual celebration of the "fall of Richmond" was gone through with, only on a smaller scale this time than heretofore taken, for the reason perhaps, that its predicted fall had become humiliating long since, to the intensely loyal, and was now a matter of very little importance. The enthusiasm was weak compared with the wild excitement and joy of two years ago, when Hooker, from Chancellorsville, captured that place with 40,000 prisoners.

But this time, as will be seen from our telegraphic reports, the fall of Richmond is a fact. After four days of hard fighting, in which both armies suffered severely, Gen. Lee evacuated the place, leaving little to fall into the hands of the federal except what belonged to citizens. His retreat was in the direction of Danville, where Grant had dispatched his main army to intercept his march. At the present writing it is difficult to tell what the plans of Lee are, but in any event the authorities at Washington predict his early capture.

Later intelligence from Richmond, give little in addition to the reports received on Monday and Tuesday. The loss to the rebels is given, however, which foots up 15,000 to 25,000, killed, wounded and missing; the federal loss is not given, — it will be forthcoming when the wise heads meet and prepare a report to tickle the fancy of the "loyal." The Chicago Times, of yesterday morning says of the situation: Up to the present hour of writing there is a remarkable scarcity of details with reference to the capture of Richmond. The main feature of interest in the affair is the present whereabouts of Lee's army, and of this we know nothing. Much of the value of the fall of Richmond will depend upon the situation in which it left the rebel army. It is of the greatest possible consequence whether Lee has passed down the Danville Railroad, or Grant has succeeded in driving him towards Lynchburg. In the former case, he will unite with Johnson, and together they will muster a force that will be far from contemptible. In the latter case, Lee will be surrounded by Grant, Hancock and Thomas, and cannot long avoid utter annihilation.

## What Democrats may Expect.

We publish the following specimen of vindictive rant, contained in an article published in the Republican last week, in order to let democrats know what is in store for them in the future; provided, such follows as the writer of that article ever gain the ascendancy over them. — That Hingson, himself has the courage to "go for the copperheads" in case the going is attended with much risk to his personal safety, we doubt; we always doubt the courage of a man who is "literally spoiling to get at" something, and we believe he lies, and slanders his comrades when he says they are "aching to be at home" to act as bullies in a peaceable community, trampling under foot the law which they have gone to the front to sustain. We think we know them better, and believe that when the war is over they will return to their homes as law abiding citizens, and not as violators of law, as this fellow Hingson intimates. That there may be a few men in the army base enough to do, or attempt to do, as he suggests may be true, but they are few in number, and all good citizens are interested in preserving law and order. Let such devils as Hingson commence "going for" any particular class of citizens, and it would not be long before they would find it a costly exercise. But to the extract:

or so. You may again perhaps hear from us." Respectfully yours, HENRY HINGSON.

The allusion to Mr. Packard contained in the foregoing is beneath the notice of any gentleman, hence we pass it by without further comments. A fact that should not escape attention, is, that such men as Hingson "hail with great pleasure" the M. C. Republicans. Why? — evidently because it has been teaching the congenial doctrine that, to "go for" democrats at home who oppose their "honest old leader, Uncle Abe" is far more praiseworthy than fighting rebels at the front. — "Birds of a feather," &c.

## An Appeal.

By a law passed at the recent session of our State Legislature, the County Commissioners are "authorized and required" to borrow money at six per cent. interest, with which to relieve the wants of soldier's families. Inasmuch as there is as yet no money in the Treasury, subject to the purpose contemplated by the law in question, we hope our republican friends will see the necessity of stepping forward at once and supplying the needed funds. If, as republicans in the Legislature argued, and abolition newspapers insist, money is such a drag in the market, that the school funds cannot be loaned out, they will no doubt embrace this chance to invest with avidity, so that the needy families of soldiers may be speedily relieved from their distresses by having their allowances commence at once. There is no provision in the law we believe, "requiring" any body to lend the Commissioners money, although they are "authorized and required" to borrow it. Come up, gentlemen, you who have a little spare means, and show your love for the "brave boys in blue" by furnishing the means necessary to relieve the wants of their families at home, while they are periling their lives at the front.

## The Military Situation.

The recent successes of the Federal armies promises the speedy downfall of the military power of the rebellion. When that is subdued it only remains for the government to exercise towards the people of the south a wise and conciliatory course, prompted alike by justice to the masses of the southern people, and the interest of the whole country, to gradually wipe out the bitter feelings engendered by the war, and again cement the two sections of the country into a common government.

If the administration will act as becomes a victorious and magnanimous people, the time we believe is not far distant when peace and prosperity will again be our portion among the nations. But should a contrary course be adopted—should the spirit of revenge and retaliation be the rule of treatment applied to the people of the rebellious states—it will take many years to so conciliate the people who have been in arms against us, as to dispense with a standing army of large numbers in all the southern states.

Up to the time of the presidential election the powers of the government were used quite as much with a view to the re-election of Lincoln as to the suppression of the rebellion, and the consequence was the failure to accomplish any thing substantial in the way of military success; but since the election is past the administration is turning its attention more to the suppression of the rebellion, and the consequence was that Sheridan should cut the South Side railroad and reach over to the Danville road. The armies of the Potomac and James were to push over towards the left and turn Lee's right flank, while the line in front of Petersburg was still to be held, and, if possible, advanced. Judging by the latest dispatches, the whole plan seems to have been successful, including the cutting of the South Side railroad, turning Lee's right, and carrying a portion of the rebel rebels in front of Petersburg. Two lines of policy only are before us to Lee—retreat to Danville, or failing in this, to fight till Johnston can be hurried up on the Weldon railroad to reinforce him. This is believed possible, and herein military men conceive our danger.

"Mrs. Lincoln has returned to Washington, leaving the president at City Point, to enter Richmond, as Grant has promised him she shall within forty eight hours from Saturday evening."

## RICHMOND TAKEN!

The Confederates Evacuate the town, the Federals take possession—the City on Fire.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

WAR DEPARTMENT, } WASHINGTON, Apr. 3—10 A. M. }

To Maj. Gen. Dix, New York:

It appears from a dispatch of Gen. Weitzel, just received by this department, that our forces under his command are in Richmond, having taken it at 8:15 this morning.

(Signed) E. M. STANTON,  
Secretary of War.

**Confirmation of the Capture of Richmond—The City on Fire—Grant Moving to Cut Lee's Retreat—Lincoln Gone to the Front.**

[By United States Telegraph.]

WAR DEPT. WASHINGTON, Apr. 3.

To Maj. Gen. Dix, New York:

The following official confirmation of the capture of Richmond, and announcing that that city is on fire, has just been received by this department:

"CITY POINT, Va. April 3—11 A. M. —Gen. Weitzel telegraphs as follows:

"—We took Richmond at 8:15 A. M. I captured many guns. The enemy left in great haste. The city is on fire in one place, and I am making every effort to put it out. The people received us with enthusiastic expressions of joy."

"Gen. Grant started early this morning, with his army, towards the Danville road, to cut off Lee's retreating army, if possible."

"President Lincoln has gone to the front."

(Signed) T. D. DOWERS, A. A. G."

E. M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

The Result of Friday's Fighting.

NEW YORK, April 3.

Of the results of Friday's fighting, the Times' correspondent says: "We swung the left around three miles north of the Boydtown plank road, leaving between it and the South Side railroad but a single line of breastworks, thrown up since Monday night. We captured about 1,000 prisoners, and our own loss is not over 2,000. In the aggregate, the enemy have suffered much more heavily, and their forces were becoming demoralized very rapidly in the evening, and they could not be induced to make another charge on the 5th corps' front, although they had fought desperately early in the day."

Grant's Plan—Lee's Lines of Policy—The President.

NEW YORK, April 3.

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