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THE SALIENT POINTS IN THE RE-PROBATION OF SHERMAN'S GREAT MARCH.

We have already received enough information direct from the army, and what is better, enough from one of the most reliable leaders of it, Gen. Howard, to know that a more successful military expedition was never accomplished than that which traversed the "Empire State of the South" as at last accounts made its appearance in Richmond, and in regard to its progress, as heralded by interested and lying rebel prints, even there has been no difficulty at all to the right conclusion. All knew that the same chronicler who recorded Grant as "the best of the war" in Spotsylvania Court House, Richmond, were still anxious to do the rebel Confederacy good service by systematic falsehood, and must be owned that in what they have advanced they have managed judiciously for themselves, since they have certainly left little of truth leak out since Sherman left Atlanta. And yet such was the nation's faith in Sherman and his brave army, that during the whole period of his momentous enterprise, there has seemed to be not the slightest doubt but that he was to come out perfectly triumphant.

With his splendid army, composed of the very flower of the Northwest, especially, all have felt that these valiant sons and brothers were in no unusual peril; but that under such a leader, and in the desperate extremity to which the rebellion had itself driven, such an expedition was to be certainly a mighty success.

And with his forceless exchanging congratulations with the fleet and with the troops under Gen. Foster, it is worth while now to recur to the persistent bragging of Wheeler's "successes," in his encounters with Kilpatrick. Boasting of having captured the last named general's "flag," hardly an inflated paragraph from that quarter has appeared since, when the said "flag" had been seen to play a conspicuous part. We will venture to predict, however, that the line of march along the whole route, they have captured very little to boast of beside the tin instrument, and as an effect to this, we are quite willing to take their own exhibit, and place over against it the "three thousand muskets" left behind by Gen. Brown, in the hot haste with which he fled from the Capital of the South.

The truth is, no set of falsehoods were ever more outgeneraled in the world, when we regard the whole matter, than the flood of lies to the West with such a score upon him that he never stopped running until he reached North Alabama, Sherman turned away from his pre-determined route to ravage the detestable land that region. Hood had previously sacrificed some thirty thousand men around Atlanta, the gate city, to protect.

And what a time they have had of it, as the plain result of Sherman's audacity, and of their own blunders, taking their own account for a good deal of what has happened. The capital of the State and other large towns penetrated, the very fact that they could not remove things as indispensable to war as markets, shows conclusively that vast quantities of machinery invaluable to the war, and much more troublesome to remove, must have been captured or destroyed. And whilst this was being done, and two or three rebel States adjoining, had been panic-stricken at the invasion, demoralized and breaking down all faith in the power of the rebellion hereafter to defend itself, he has remembered that nothing that can be called a punishment for the boldness shown, has been practicable on the part of the rebel chief.

When in this connection does not recollect the assumptions they have in the past, put forth on behalf of Beauregard, who they delighted in apostrophizing as "a worthy creature," the one who was to prove more than a match for any Federal General in the detestable, uncovered, unscrupulous and crafty of the rebellion who is to believe in him any more, and if not in him, where they heeds to fall back upon any prospect of a cease.

the power of the Confederacy worth, further, when with a whole month and more in which to do something to impede Sherman's march, to punish him, they are compelled to let him pass onward on his grand mission of hastening on the great rebellion in their chosen camps, and breaking the backbone of the great Confederacy by the severance of its great lines of railroads! Let them brag and bluster for the "next steamer for Liverpool," as they have been in the habit of doing, and who does not know that it will fall on deaf ears? Who hereafter, will invest in "cotton loans" when said cotton has been left in the track of Sherman's force, and where, wherever it may be stored on rebel domain, hereafter, the great raider is about the truth is, no estimate can yet be formed of the effect of the tremendous blow the rebel Confederacy has received in the result of this great march, a blow to be felt both at home and abroad, for it is in fact as certain, that no power on earth can now save the rebellion from the fate it merits—a wretched, gallant, ruinous to those who so wretchedly inaugurated it.

As ENGLISH PORTRAITURE OF GEN. BUTLER. The British are terribly taken aback by the re-election of Mr. Lincoln, but their disappointment seems even greater at the defeat of that compound of Uriah Heap and Amundias Sleek—Horatio Seymour. But how the latter was beaten, we are told in part by that wonderful rascal in this country for the London Times, Mr. George Augustus Sala. It is pleasant to know that the United States are so thoroughly appreciated in one sense, by them—a combination of awe and hatred—for they regard him as General Butler. We trust to see him yet giving them some of his views on "International Law." Here is the picture of General Butler in New York on the day of the selection.

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