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THE CAREER OF ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS.

Late events at Richmond have had the effect of bringing Alexander H. Stephens again into prominent position as one of the main pillars of the rebel Confederacy, he having, on the strength of his futile mission to Fortress Monroe—as reported—gone home to Georgia to "stump the State;" or in other words, to endeavor once more to stir the smouldering fires of revolution into a blaze. And what seems to us rather remarkable, there are those who consider this political acrobat, this man who does not know his own mind, or knowing it, makes himself the mere weathercock of the hour to the Southern people, as one to be relied upon to bring about "peace," as one who may be instrumental largely in terminating the terrible conflict he was sagacious enough in the outset to see would bring only ruin in the end to those who led off in it!

Now to the careful observer of events from the outset of this war, there is not—as it appears to us—a more deplorable instance of shameless inconsistency, and of that kind, too, which no clarity can excuse, than the prominent rebel named—Uttering the most tremendous warning against the mad folly contemplated by his associates in bringing on the war, almost the next thing that happens in his case—so far as we know—was his Savannah speech, in which going beyond the extravagancies and madness of even the most ultra of his compeers, he proclaimed "Slavery as the corner stone of the new Confederacy," and adopting its mad follies, undertook to argue away free institutions on this continent. Hear him holding forth from the new light which had suddenly flashed upon him, in view of the temporary success of the infamous conspiracy to destroy the Union.

"The process of disintegration may be "expected to go on with almost absolute "certainty. We are now the nucleus of a "growing power, which, if we are true to "ourselves, our destiny and *high mission* [to "make Slavery the corner stone, etc.,] "*will become the controlling power* ON THIS "CONTINENT."

Well, since that time, Mr. Stephens has met with some slight disappointments in regard to his great programme. As the conquering forces of the Union gathered momentum and swept forward on *their* "high mission," as victory after victory followed the glorious old stars and stripes, the views of Mr. Stephens became considerably modified. His mind became somewhat bewildered, and forgetting or ignoring the other two very remarkable phases in his ideas, his first great Union speech before the Legislature at Milledgeville, and his "corner stone" speech,—he makes another very pathetic address, the salient point of which was to illustrate his utter ignorance of all that had gone before—inasmuch as the burden of his harangue was, speaking of the appearance of a battle field after the fight was ended, —"*What is all this for?*"

Matters still progressed favorable to the final triumph of the national arms, to the ultimate punishment of treason, and so, for a long period, during which, he must in his retirement have heard of Vicksburg and Gettysburg, and all that happened from Chattanooga to Savannah, we hear little of him, only that forgetting his past anticipations and speculations, he had given the cold shoulder to his guilty associates at Richmond. He was even regarded at that period in his erratic career as a good enough Unionist; one very much to be relied upon by General Sherman in the way of bringing Georgia back into the Federal fold, and thus to make a serious breach in the line of the slaveholding Gulf States. He is even eulogized as a very proper man; as one essentially the victim of circumstances, not the maker of them—not the man who in his fierce pro slavery speech at Savannah, had gone so far beyond the maddest of the Yanceys and Rhetts as to leave them panting behind. Men seemed to forget that his "corner-stone" speech had excited more horror and wonder throughout the civilized and christian world, than any speech whatever by any traitor of any like pretensions in the ranks of the rebellion, and yet, because it was rumored that he had "quarreled with Jeff. Davis," men seemed disposed to forget and forgive his despicable and mischievous inconsistencies and fantastics in the past.

Well, he has just taken on a new character. Visiting our lines after a "consultation with Jeff. Davis," on a mission to consummate the *separation* and *destruction* of the Union, insisting on terms which he should have known could not be accepted by that loyal section which, attacked, has finally turned the tables on its blood thirsty and reckless assailants, pouring out its choicest blood and treasure in the interests of free government and the whole world of humanity, the arch traitor, goes back to Richmond to harangue his compeers on to new fights and new overthrows and losses, and even proclaims a purpose to "stump" Georgia, in the same spirit of wickedness.

In view of all this, it strikes us that a more deplorable instance of utter want of high principle has not found its exemplar in the ranks of forsworn treason. In what he has done he has demonstrated himself a very fit associate for the unscrupulous gang with which he is associated. Talented, beyond all question, he has "sinned against light and knowledge," and by every rule of just judgment is an hundred fold more guilty than the pig-headed Wigfall and men of his stamp, who blindly rush on their fate, whilst proclaiming themselves the especial champions of slavery for its own sake. But let us hear from Mr. Stephens whilst he was credited with possessing enlightened patriotism.—Let us hear from one more of his prophecies in regard to the ultimate result of the work he has in hand. He said in his famous Milledgeville speech:

"When the moderate men who are patriotic have gone as far as they think "right and proper, and propose to *reconstruct*, then will be found a class below "them, governed by no principle but personal objects, *who will be for pushing matters further and further, until those who have sowed the wind will find they have reaped the whirlwind.*"

Is he not demonstrating the truth of his own prophecy—and more—is he not proving that he himself is of the "class below," —of that set which inciting further needless and useless slaughter, invokes for itself the most terrible and deserved retribution?

REBEL DESPONDENCY.

General Lee is reported as having expressed his regret over "the causeless despondency of the people," declaring that "we have strength enough left to win our independence, if the people will not give way to a foolish despair." We might attach more importance to his opinion if he had not pronounced the manifest despondency causeless. The people have good reason to be despondent. It would be very unnatural and very ominous if they were not. They have lost more than half of their territory. They have been compelled to surrender or abandon all their forts. They are shut out from communication with the rest of the world, and are getting scarce of arms and ordnance. Their armies are scattered, with one exception. A resistless general is moving once more through the heart of their country, and they have no force to put in his front. Their leaders are sorely divided over the policy of arming the slaves, and wrangling and dissensions fill the halls of Congress, while their President is most bitterly assailed. They cannot raise men to set against the gathering armies of the Union. All this is calculated not only to awaken despondency, but to increase it. And despite Gen. Lee's assurance, we believe it will increase until the people are ready to unite in ridding themselves of the leaders who have so foully betrayed them.—*Chronicle.*

☞ The deepening of the summit reach of the Welland Canal, to bring it down to the level of Lake Erie, will probably be completed during the summer of 1865.

AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT.

HOLLIDAY STREET THEATRE—Richelieu.

FRONT ST. THEATRE—The Workington Men of Baltimore.

MARRIED.

LYCETT—FANWELL.—At Westminster, Carroll county, by the Rev. M. W. Meminger, George Lycett, of Baltimore, to Carrie Flint, daughter of Jacob Fanwell, Esq., of the former place.

ROBINSON—HOLLINGSWORTH.—On the 11th instant, by the Rev. William Williams, William H. Robinson to Miss Louisa Hollingsworth, all of this city.

MASON—BRADDOCK.—At St. Paul's Church, Baltimore, on Tuesday, the 14th of February inst., by the Rev. Dr. Mahan, Jas. Wason, of Hagerstown, to Laura Braddock, of Baltimore. No cards.

DIED.

HILBERG.—On the 14th inst., Frederick Hilberg, in the 49th year of his age. May he rest in peace.

His friends and relatives are respectfully requested to attend his funeral from his late residence No. 22 Aisquith street, this afternoon at 2½ o'clock.

BEAM.—On the 14th instant, of consumption, in a hope of a blissful immortality beyond the grave, Ann R., beloved wife of Lewis H. Beam, aged 28 years 3 months and 7 days.

BRUN.—On the 13th instant, Mary Amice, youngest daughter of Amice and the late Francis Brun, in the 22d year of her age.

CALDWELL.—On the 14th instant, Eliza J., aged 4 months, youngest daughter of Wm. M. and Eliza Caldwell.

MEREDITH.—On the 14th instant, Josephine, youngest daughter of Margaret Ann and the late Joseph P. Meredith, in the 34th year of her age.

MORRIS.—On the 13th instant, Sophia Morris, wife of James Morris, in the 46th year of her age.

YOUNG.—On Tuesday morning, Robert H., eldest son of G. W. and Sarah Young, aged 20 years and eleven months.

BUSH.—On the 14th instant, Amelia Virginia, youngest daughter of George H. C. J. and Eliza Bush, aged 6 years 8 months and 10 days.

KEYS.—On the 13th instant, Priscilla Taylor, wife of Bayly Keys, and daughter of the late late Joseph Taylor, aged 62 years.

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