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VIRGINIA PAYING BACK THE GULF STATES.

Perhaps as remarkable a feature as any other now noticed in the progress of events is the fact—that Virginia is at last driving the Gulf States to aid in destroying slavery, by her persistent determination to make use of the negro to defend herself against the armies of the Union. In this, there is a kind of poetical justice, singularly in unison with the antecedents of the case. When Governor Gist of South Carolina insisted that if the Border States would not join that State and others in the attempt to break up the Union and forward the interests of slavery, that Maryland and Virginia should keep their slave property within their own borders, until "the only alternative left them will be emancipation by their own act or that of their confederates," what was his angry reply? We quote: "Here we have the exhibition of a determined purpose to coerce Virginia and the other Border States to follow her example, and if they fail to do so, then they are to be placed in such a position, as will drive them to the emancipation of their slaves. This movement began ostensibly for the protection of slave property, for the diffusion and preservation of slavery, is to be so managed and directed now, as to force States holding slave property, to free themselves of it by emancipation."

Four years ago we rolled around since this reply was given by Governor Letcher, and during all that period, Virginia has devoted herself completely, truly, to the making of herself a "bulwark" for South Carolina and the other cotton States. Almost every portion of her territory has been saturated with the blood of her people in this great struggle; her towns have been destroyed, her people left without resources longer to continue the terrible conflict unless she calls upon so many as are left of her slaves to help her out! And remarking all this now, were not the calculations of Governor Letcher in a manner prophetic? Is not Virginia indeed compelled to free herself of her slave property by "emancipation"?

But with this movement inaugurated by the direct necessity, with this entering wedge driven by the slave States themselves to re-adjust the peculiar institution, does it appear needless—except by outside pressure—for the loyal States to trouble themselves greatly about its future? Were it to let alone now, with the attempted revolution abruptly arrested, is it not evident that the institution is so completely disorganized and ruined that it never could be made available again for any useful purpose? With the great changes caused by the original action of South Carolina more than begun, plain enough to see, that her short-sighted politicians and demagogues had little or no conception of the power of the mighty agency they were setting in motion, it is certainly futile for any now to attempt to arrest these movements, or even to control them. They will work out their own natural and legitimate results, despite the anticipated motions or purposes of any, and are long the Border States—even Virginia—will be so changed that she will not recognize herself.

Meanwhile, what is the duty of Maryland in such a crisis? Looked upon as a model State, as against some others situated much like herself in the beginning of the contest, she must not hold back, but must strive to recognize every sign of the times which considered, and acted upon duly, will place her in the front rank of States. In the very inception of changes destined by additions to her population to add vastly to her resources and to her political weight in the family of States, no old system should be suffered to paralyze or act as a drag upon her advance, let Virginia or other States limp along in her rear at what slow pace they may. She has lost her slave population as such; let her take measures to replace it and to add to it another kind, free, white, active, intelligent, wide awake to the necessities of the hour.

And it is cheering to observe that wise measures are foreseen both by Legislative action and by the movements of the people which promise all this. The war must go on, but that need not, and does not stop the adoption and carrying out of vital measures for the education and improvement of all upon whom the State must depend for its advancement.

Miss Emma Hunter, recently returned from California, where she became prominent as a public speaker during the Presidential election, has entered the lecture room and speak before the New York Tuesday evening.

There has been a new storm in the South of France, such as has not been known in living memory.

AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT.

HOLIDAY ST. THEATRE.—The Gladiator.

MISS ST. THOMAS—Cantabile Song.

MARBLIN

CHURCH—MORNING.—On the 1st instant, by the Rev. Mr. Caloway, Thomas A. Green, of Pennsylvania, to Miss Mary E. Chamberlain, of New York.

CHAMBERLAIN.—On the 1st instant, by the Rev. Richard Morris, John W. Chamberlain, of New York.

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