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## THE NEEDS OF THE OCCASION IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAWS.

There is a fear generally expressed, although in a quiet way, that the great rebels, those who have been mainly instrumental in bringing on and continuing the calamities upon the country, will be suffered finally to escape condign punishment. Whilst more and more the fact becomes evident that no enormity was to be stopped at which might be made available to destroy the Union, late developments brought out by the trial of the band of assassins at Washington, and other events, show that in the very face of any hope of success, no hideous crime was to be balked at which might compass recompense. Had their wickedness ended with the surrender of their great armies, and the general breaking down of their so-called "Government," the friends of the Union might feel disposed to give them easy terms, and as quickly as possible forget the terrible animosities which culminated in the revolting murder of thousands of helpless prisoners; but even now the horrors they have inaugurated continue to shock humanity, since every few days we find them blowing up magazines, and with no scruples whatever, whelm vast numbers of those innocent of all complicity with the past strife, in one awful scene of destruction.

Scarcely has the public mind been afforded rest from the contemplation of one frightful outrage of the kind referred to, till news comes of another, and another; until if loyal men before incredulous as to their purposes of malice, and a determination to continue their atrocities, that dream is dispelled. And whether the purpose is mere revenge, or the hope and expectation of frightening from the performance of their duty the ministers of justice now occupied in an investigation and punishment of treason and murder, it is certainly time for our rulers at Washington to comprehend their position, and to deal with greater sternness than ever before with those thus making themselves obnoxious to the extreme penalties of the law. As the master stands at present, and with the evidence accumulating of the wide spread complicity of the rebel leaders with these late crimes, who knows, even now, that these men have not still hopes of overthrowing the Government by the destruction of those charged with its administration; and in view of this, can it be a time to talk of or practice a wholesale leniency, which releasing from restraint the vilest and most abominable gang that ever defied the laws of God and man, may return us to the contemplation of new horrors and dangers, which might, indeed, imminently endanger the safety of the Government?

The succession of Mr. Johnson to the responsibilities and duties of Mr. Lincoln, led those who understood best the true spirit of the rebellion, to hope for such a policy in its final extirpation as would leave unrepentant crime no immunity. It was hoped that with past atrocities repeated and continued, a corresponding strictness would be at once inaugurated; that old political affinities or complications would have nothing whatever to do with excusing crime. And yet when we hear of some of the very magnates of the rebellion, those who have been most instrumental in wielding its forces, favored with a "parole," counselled with as to plans for "reconstruction" in their own States, and so on, our convictions misgave us sadly as to how far such concessions may yet go to imperil the destinies of the Republic, and there with the welfare of the people.

The truth is, the nation expects the debris of the rebellion to be cleared up with no needless delay. There is such a crime as "treason" plainly defined in the national statutes; and when scores, perhaps hundreds, have within the past four years been made to pay the penalty of their wickedness, men who were the mere tools and minor instruments of the revolt, the loyal thousands, are naturally impotent of those over whom stringent laws which insist upon the difficult of convicting the principal conspirators; they mistrust the management which appears irresolute in dealing with the plain and imperative demands of the case. If, for instance, certain rebel governors are seen to be arrested with a vast show of earnestness in the determination to make them responsible for the forcing of thousands upon thousands into the ranks of the rebel army; if carefully guarded by a military escort, they are hurried on to Washington, consigned to the "old Capitol," and are long enough at large, jostling in the streets and hotels, loyal men, what is it but the merest farce to offer a reward of "five thousand dollars" for Isham G. Harris and who does not see that as this seem to be working, the men who by their acts have caused the ruin of States and the murder of tens of thousands of Union men, are far better off in their chances of escaping punishment, than the most insignificant "husk-whacker" tried by a court martial on the frontiers?

The nation, wavy, awaits with impa-

tience a change of programs in the particulars we have indicated. Looking for peace, for quiet, for immunity from wholesale crime, murder, incendiarism and all else that involves the conspiracy and personal rebellion, the rebels are now, however, little ashamed of the horrors that have so long afflicted us. Depressed "mobs" are not feeling that some thing must be done to admonish the fugitives, who sometimes their aggressions unless out of power, show themselves more alive to the needs of the occasion, than abandoning confidence so lately accorded them must suffer abatement, or something worse. The war has lasted four years, and with the rebel armies broken up, it must not be suffered to go on. Sustaining their munitions of war, their stolen cannon and other arms to the Government, it appears plain that they do not intend if any abdominal contrivance will serve their purpose, to suffer the Government to receive any or much benefit from them. It may be the case, besides, that by these wholesale atrocities they propose to frighten from a stern execution of the laws, those rulers designated to vindicate them. In any view of the case we have presented the re-call for the most popular, and if "V" therefore, specifically not is not the last option, comes to the aid of the confederates, "V" should support, certainly, as far as the strength of rulers in a Government depends, to the interests of the slaves.

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