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LEE AND JOHNSTON--IF RICHMOND AND ATLANTA FALL, WHAT THEN?

In the divine rescript of God to man, it is written that the thing that has been shall be; that what has been done shall be done, and that there is no new thing under the sun. The experience of every day, and the history of the great anomaly of life, man proves the word of the quaint preacher Ecclesiastes. Since communities were organized, there has been no change in the animal instincts of man, and there never will be. The intellectual and spiritual nature can be developed, enlarged, beautifully refined, but his animal appetites and loves are the same they were three thousand years ago. Moreover, the same means which accomplished the desired objects will to-day accomplish them; and the same thought and execution, which centuries since, thrilled the mind and made glad the heart, will to-day pass in their eternal round, fulfilling their ends, and making up the history of the world.

The present perilous situation of affairs has led us to this musing, in the trustful hope that all is not bad which seems so. We have been seeking, in our own mind, to discover the good. The present campaign is a great study; it requires thought and reflection—not conclusions arrived at through the blind and unthinking hate of the partisan or fool—not such conclusions as General Joseph E. Brown finds—that man of sophomoric but partisan proclamations—but the calm conclusions and thoughts of the good and the brave, the hopeful and unswayed.

Here, as elsewhere throughout our land, there are many anxious hearts and wistful ears, and the slightest rumor from either front makes the blood course quicker and the heart beat faster; and for a few days past, with us particularly, the movements of the armies on the Chattahoochee have caused a painful solicitude.

The questions which we hear most frequently asked on the streets to-day are, will Atlanta fall into the hands of the enemy? Will Gen. Johnston give up the city without a fight? Will Sherman force him to retire again by flanking? How ever all these may be answered, we think that unless the victory for us is certain, General Johnston should not, and we are satisfied will not hesitate to march out from Atlanta and permit Sherman to march in? And if he should do so he has done nothing new—nothing unwarranted by true military genius and the history of war—nothing assuredly which would force the conclusion that Gov. Brown would leave on the minds of the people, that the State has been given up by the President.

Rome, whose history of a thousand years, is almost the history of the world for the same period, furnishes an illustration of Lee's and Johnston's entrenched retreats, which is most apropos to the movements and fighting of the two great Generals during this campaign.

In the year one hundred and two, before the Christian Era, the imperial city, that mistress of the world, was suddenly brought to realize a fact which astonished her proud people—the fact that Italy and even Rome was not secure from invasion, and that by an almost unknown race of barbarians. The restless Germans were migrating; and they came in numbers which made the vaunted Roman legion insignificant.

After a series of engagements during more than two years of bloody war the Romans were retiring on all sides from the advancing hosts. Many of her Generals had been defeated and Rome was alarmed. There was then what was termed for ages afterwards among them the "Cimbrian panic." Her last hope was centered in Marius and his two armies, as much as the hope of the Confederacy is centered in the two armies of Lee and Johnston.

Marius confronted the enemy but fought no great battle; and the German flank him; but he would retire and confront them. Often as they passed would the Germans jeering ask "if the Roman had any commissions for their wives?"—But he bided his time; and not until the right place was found and the right moment had arrived, did Marius marshal his legions for the last conflict. He said to his soldiers, "you fight now for existence, not for trophy." And with this admonition he fell upon the enemy and victory unequalled in the annals of war crowned his arms—the retreat of the enemy was cut off and the whole horde scattered and destroyed.

The action of Lee and especially Johnston finds a parallel in the conduct of Marius; the same thought with the same hope, which controlled the movements of the skillful Roman two thousand years ago, has influenced and controlled the action of our Generals during this campaign. We are fighting for what the Romans fought, against a worthless people, who come with fire and sword, leaving desolation and ruin in the pathway—coming for the same objects, to occupy and appropriate our lands. In truth, the illustration will hold good still further. We are branches of the same people. For while the majority of our people and the controlling blood of the South is Roman, or Gallic, or Norman, that of the enemy is not entirely Germanic in its origin; yes, the same harsh gutteral sounds which astonished the polite Romans as it emerged from the wild forests of the Rhine, is heard to-day in the ranks of the enemy, who are so exultingly pressing us to the centre of the land.

"For existence," said Marius, "we are fighting;" for existence say Lee and Johnston, to the caving critic of their movements, are we fighting. "Until victory an assured fact we remain in our entrenched camp, or retreat to other strong positions," said Marius to his impatient troops. "We will retire before the enemy," says Johnston, from hill to river, from river to city, and from city to plain, until victory can be ours.

Will Georgians despond under such circumstances, even under the proclamation of Gov. Brown. We fear that many of our people at home do not appreciate the action of Gen. Johnston and Lee; but if there was ever wisdom in the policy of saving the lives of your soldiers, when it is very difficult to supply their places even with raw recruits, and of only fighting when every thing pointed to victory, there is wisdom in it to this day.

Our part of the war is defense; that of the enemy conquest. The enemy have all the world

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to draw recruits from; we depend upon the bravery, patriotism, and long suffering of our own people. We must retreat, then, until victory is in our reach; not do our retreat lessen, but they increase, our strength—they are but moves leading to success. Our armies must be kept together and unsubdued, if we are reduced to the area of one single State.

Let us, then, place confidence in Gens. Johnston and Lee. And, as we have committed to their bands, under God, the management of our armies, we must entrust to them the movements of those armies; and we should not despair, when important places and cities are lost, but should nerve ourselves to the realities of the case re-collecting always that our fight is for *existence*, not *conquest*, and that, with the favor of God, and their own stout arms, no such people were ever yet conquered.

NORTH CAROLINA SICK AND WOUNDED.

List of North Carolina Sick and Wounded Soldiers, in the Hospitals at Richmond, on the 20th of June, 1864.

Bell S, co E 51	Brown W R, co C 50
Burgis J, co C 17	Burton O K, co I 1 cav
Bland C H, co G 35	Bullard J, co G 20
Barcham J M, co D 32	Oarp Beasley, co A 24
Bullock C, co F 51	Beeman Lieut, co H 43
Butter W, co A 51	Badget J, co B 2d bat
Ch strout O L, co A 5 cav	Chuck N, co G 53
Cramble R N, co U 56	Glaedster Jaco H 14
Cobb R, co G 45	Clarendon A, co H 15
Cope P K, co E 33	Clayton H, co B 6
Caldwell H H, co K 46	Cole E, co B 32
Cratz E, co I 48	Clayton S H, co G 58
Cope W G, co I 23	Carver C, co K 15
Canthon J O, co H 11	Cook J M, co H 49
Covington H P, co D 46	Cave A, co B 2d battal.
Cally Sergt, co C 66	Carroll S R, co A 3
Casher J, co C 27	Carr J R, Manly's bat
Carrill D, co D 15	Cordry G, co B 35
Cross E, co H 5	Cobble J, co E 53
Cander J R, co I 46	Couch W D, co G 5cav
Christopher J, co K 52	Compell H A, co D 46
Critchfield R C, co II 21	Cobb J H, co D 27
Caley W C, co H 56	Collins T W, co G 54
Cox J, co A 23	Clark, co G 27
Coon Lient, co D 15	Carroll E M, co G 25
Craig J, co C 32	Cochran J F, co A 25
Craigie A Y, co B 53	Covington T, co E 52
Critchfield R C, co II 21	Cobb J A, co I 26
Cobb J H, co D 22	Canis W J, co D 2 bat
Carter C, co E 14	Carter S H, co A 21
Cox C D, co H 14	Coward E M, co G 25
Coggins N R, co F 14	Cochran J F, co A 25
Costin A, co E 18	Cook E S, co H 45
Craft E H, co I 44	Cradock L, co A 45
Crause A, co F 37	Cooper A J, co I 46
Carter J W, co D 5	Craigie W, co E 17
Cavner M, co B 28	Cutter H, co A 44
Coghill C G, co D 8	Coleman J D, co E 45
Caua E, co F 8	Codd J, co B 48
Canady J, co B 48	Coldwell R, co E 52
Candle D, co D 61	Coltraine J, co E 48
Chambers A, co E 48	Coleman J D, co E 52
Coggle J Y T, co H 2d bat	Carey H B, co A 26
Carey H, co E 27	Cladifer R, co H 48
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