

"Free from the feeling scraps that fetter our free-born reason."

THE FLORIDA VILLAIN.

The full text of the confession of Judge McLin, of Florida, has been published, and justifies all the charges of fraud and chicanery which have been brought against the Republican leaders in connection with the counting of the electoral vote of Florida.

"If the board had acted in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court of the State, defining the powers and duties of the board in reference to throwing out precincts, since rendered, there is no question of the fact that Mr Tilden would have been entitled to the vote of Florida."

Further on the Jones case into details, and uses this language: "Excluding the return from Baker county, which was counted, and which I have since learned from the parties who made it was a falsified manufacture, and including the true return, which corresponded with the original returns of that county, would certainly have given the State to Mr Tilden. Archer precinct, No. 2, Alachua county, was included in the count. The fraud committed in this precinct was not shown to the board by the Democratic lawyers, although a contest was made and much attention given to this precinct; but I have recently learned from the Republican leader of that county that after the returns had been brought to Gainesville, the county seat, 219 votes were added to the returns by the inspectors and clerk of said precinct. In Leon county seventy-four small Republican ballots were stuffed into the ballot box at precinct No. 9, yet it was made to appear even to the satisfaction of the Democratic member of the board that these were legal ballots. Subsequent confession shows that they were stuffed into the box. I had seen Joseph Bowles, one of the inspectors, have tickets similar to them a few days before the election, and I afterwards learned that he had given them up to the Republican county, in a certain precinct at which Mr J. Bell was inspector. 100 votes were surreptitiously added to the ballots and counted. No charge was made as to this fact before the board. The confession of J. Bell, since made to me, discloses the fact that the 219 votes fraudulently added to the Archer return, and the 74 votes, stuffed in the box in Leon county, and the 100 votes surreptitiously added in Jefferson, aggregating 393 votes, were rejected, and the Democratic rejected precincts, which were excluded for irregularity and illegality, contrary to the decision of the Supreme Court, been retained and counted. Mr Tilden would have carried the State. The conclusion is therefore, inevitable, that Mr Tilden was entitled to the electoral vote of Florida, and not Mr Hayes."

It is interesting to know what is thought in Washington of these developments. We therefore extract from the Washington correspondence of the "Orange" some remarks which are an evident attempt to belittle the value of the alleged confession of McLin, on the ground that his character entitled him to a sort of confidence. Not much, it is true, can be said in favor of McLin's character for honesty and veracity, but the friends of the President who were denouncing him today, apparently have forgotten that McLin stood so high with the President that he was twice nominated for important offices by the Executive, and went today by occupying a high judicial position if he had not been rejected by the Senate.

Senator Jones, of Florida, said today that he had been entirely ignorant of all the facts purporting to be set forth in the confession, and that he had no doubt of the truth of every thing that is stated.

Mr A. S. Hewitt said he knew nothing about the confessions. When McLin was here he thought he was ready to come out, but he (Mr H) would have nothing to do with it, as it would be said that he had bought it. He had a bank which he had just started, and which he thought would be bound to come to light and that it would be easy to prove them.

Very many members of Congress, of both parties, appeared to think there was something in the confession, and that the confession was a very serious matter. It was possible which could affect President Hayes's possession of his office. Mr Knott, chairman of the House Judiciary committee, expressed the opinion that the disclosures called for the most searching investigation, and he did not doubt for a moment that the investigation would be held. Mr Knott said he could not express any opinion as to the Kimmel bill, but there is a good ground for believing that he and several other members of the committee favored it, even before the confession of McLin.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Rev. A C Vanderwater, of Penn., Ill, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy; liabilities, over \$250,000; assets, \$60,000.

EASTERN COMPLICATIONS.

No Cutting Yet of the Gordian Knot and the Situation Practically Unchanged.—The Turkish Army Reorganizing.—Military Enthusiasm in England.—Serbian Disturbances—Russians Dying of Typhus.

LONDON, April 27.—Ex-Sultan Murad has been fully restored to health and is closely guarded.

The Standard's Paris dispatch says: "Official information has reached here that Gen Tollenbe has been appointed commander-in-chief of the Russian forces south of the Danube."

The Standard's Rome correspondent gives the names of four American vessels which he says have been chartered by Russian engineers who were in Rome, as follows: Charlestown, Freedom, Hawk and Simrock. No American vessels of these names engaged in the shipping trade in the Levant can be discovered.

A St Petersburg correspondent says it is not yet known whether the British government will accept the new formula, viz: that the congress shall consider the treaties of 1856 and 1871 in relation to the treaty of San Stefano. The British cabinet does not insist on any particular form of words, but merely demands that Russia should in some way formally recognize the supremacy of Europe relative to the Eastern question.

The Times commenting upon the above dispatch says: "It is the partition of Turkey that Russia desires. Now it was no partition she desired at the time of the Crimean war. Against such a policy we contended then and are contending now."

The London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian, in a dispatch that paper says: "Great enthusiasm was manifested in military circles here to-night, on its becoming known that the whole of the staff and commission officers stationed at Aldershot had received orders from the war office to hold their arms and be ready for immediate service."

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

TELEGRAPHIC MARKETS. APRIL 27, 1878. PRODUCE. New York—Flour has a good export and fair home trade demand, 5 00s 50 for common to fair extra. Southern flour 5 64s 50, good to choice extra. Wheat late better, closing rather quiet. Corn opened a shade stronger and closed quiet, the advance lot, 50s 33 for ungraded western mixed. Oats active. Pork easier at 9 00s 00. Lard steady. Coffee quiet and steady. Sugar quiet. Rice quiet and firm. Molasses quiet. Freight firm.

THE VATICAN AND THE POWERS. Hope of a Compromise with Prussia.—Negotiations with Switzerland Falling Through.

ROME, April 27.—Negotiations for the resumption of relations between the Vatican and the Swiss government have nearly fallen through in consequence of the opposition of the exiled bishops of Basle and Geneva.

PARIS, April 27.—A hundred thousand foreigners have already reached here to witness the ceremony of opening the exhibition on Wednesday next, May 1st. The prices of living have advanced but not to the extent feared.

ALTERNATELY SHAKEN AND SCORCHED. By the paroxysms of chills and fever, the wretched for whom quinine has been prescribed essays in vain to exterminate the dreadful disease with that hurtful palliative, which at best only mitigates the violence of the fits, and eventually proves highly injurious to the system.

THE STRIKE OF THE ENGLISH OPERATIVES CONTINUING. LONDON, April 27.—Although it is stated that the strike of the operatives at Preston is ended, that appears to be the case only inasmuch as the operative spinners are concerned. The weavers, winders and warpers are still standing out, and there seems to be no likelihood of a settlement at present.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES. WIN HAVARD, son of Secretary of State Hayes, is dead. Eight thousand Spanish soldiers go to Cuba in the autumn. Henri Rochefort, the famous Frenchman, has married Miss Streibinger, a Swiss lady. Two executions for about \$150,000 on judgments obtained for the government, were levied yesterday by the United States Marshal upon the tobacco and other stock of Christian A. Lilienthal, at his tobacco factory in Barclay street, New York.

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