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THE MASSACHUSETTS SOLDIERS.

Their Conduct at Richmond Commented on by Impartial Witnesses.

Readers of THE OBSERVER will remember that the disgraceful conduct of the soldiers belonging to the Ninth Massachusetts Regiment, in their deportment at Richmond, Va., was commented on at the time in these columns, as we thought their action deserved. Impartial and truthful witnesses are springing up in all parts of the country. Look at the following which we clip from the Richmond *State:*

THEIR OUTRAGEOUS CONDUCT TOWARDS WHITES AND BLACKS FULLY DESCRIBED.

[Richmond Letter to the New York Herald.]

The *State's* editorial is intended to show that the members of the Ninth Massachusetts, while denying facts notorious in Richmond, proceed to villify the people whom they insulted. Their conduct while in this city was simply outrageous, and the fact that they were Northern soldiers passing through Richmond deterred the authorities from taking forcible measures to punish them for their excesses and orgies committed in broad daylight upon the principal streets. From the time of their arrival to lodge in the city they resorted to acts of violence in which they respected neither the rights of property nor the sex of woman. Parties of them went into barrooms and helped themselves, others seized vehicles and forcibly ejecting their drivers took poesession.

Some tore down the decorations from the houses and insulted the occupants, while gangs went about the streets attempting to kiss ladies and using foul epithets to them. A lot of them overtook some young factory girls on Venable street and forcibly deprived them of their lunch baskets and attempted to take liberties with them. Before the train left for Yorktown they went among a lot of negro women, denizens of the lowest portions of the city, and hugged and kissed them and behaved otherwise in a disgusting manner. Their bad behavior was the talk of the town. Some of them were knocked down for insulting ladies on the streets. When the train upon which they returned from Yorktown passed through the city an indignant crowd, composed of the brothers and fathers or friends of young ladies whom they had insulted, was waiting for the purpose of punishing them, but they would not let the train stop, and the crowd stoned it as it flew by.

Their conduct at Yorktown when they first arrived was equally reprehensible. A mob of them took possession of the Academy of Music there, and the proprietor was forced to close the performance and put out the lights. Their behavior was such that both Northern and Southern soldiers did not care to associate with them. It is not improbable that some action will be taken by the Richmond people, since the matter has been agitated, and affidavits of parties here be taken.

A MASSACHUSETTS VIEW OF IT.

[From the Springfield, Mass., Republican.]

The conduct of the Ninth regiment of Massachusetts volunteers on their excursion to Yorktown is a matter of the first importance to the good name of the Commonwealth. These troops represent the State to a degree which scarcely any other portable institution does, and if their conduct has fallen below that of gentlemen on any accasion, Massachusetts feels the disgrace.

There is a good deal of evidence that this was the case on the recent trip to the South of the Ninth Regiment. On the parade trip to Yorktown there were troops from the regular army, from Vermont and New Hampshire, and New York, as well as the Boston Cadets; we omit the Connecticut men because they did not get there in time to show any bad manners; although they had abundant opportunity afterward to do so at Charleston, where we have already shown they behaved themselves and were cordially received. No complaint was made against the Boston Cadets, or the Vermont and New Hampshire and New York men, so that it is utter humbug to lay anything to local prejudice against Northern men or against Massachusetts men. No explanation of the charges can be based on this ground. Now as to the charges themselves and the evidence on which they rest.

Going down, the Ninth began the lark beyond New York by gutting their boat crossing to Jersey City, "smashing things generally," as one of our informants was told by employees of the boat, the same day, Sunday, the 16th. At Wilmington they swept the railroad restaurant without paying for what they took, as was reported to members of our State party on their return. These charges are hearsay, but they are made of no other corps and by persons on the spot who had no interest in any competition for medals. They reached Washington Sunday, and were the guests of the National Rifles, and are said to have been very noisy. That night they left for Richmond, where their conduct is best described by the following letter from a citizen of New Britain, Connecticut;

To the Editor of the Republican: In this morning's issue I notice an article on the behavior of the Ninth Massachusetts Regiment in Richmond. Please let me give you the facts of the case as I saw and heard it. The Ninth arrived in Richmond on Monday, and had not been in the city but a short time when they seemed as if the devil took possession of them. Their first abuse was to confiscate everything in the shape of horse or mule team, in many cases unhitching them from the omnibuses or cars, and two or three mounting them and riding through the streets, making the air resound with their drunken howls. Then not satisfied with that they next took to tearing down the decorations, taking hold of anything they could reach and stripping them from the store fronts and awings, the people all this time thinking that they would see what they were doing and would come to their senses; but matters grew worse, and when the girls came out of the stores and workshops at 6 o'clock they attacked them, tearing their clothes and insulting them with the most foul and obscene language possible, at the same time defying the police and calling on them to dare to arrest them. Finally the mayor told the chief of police that it must be stopped, and to use all force to do so. In a very few minutes about one hundred of them found themselves inside of the lock-up; then they told the officers if they could take care of the rest, all right; if not, they would take care of them for them, and to take them out of the city as soon as possible, and under no consideration would they be allowed to return through the city. After all this the Richmond papers of the next morning simply said "We are sorry that our friends from Massachusetts saw fit to behave as they did," knowing that they did not represent the people of the good old State of Massachusetts. These are but a few of the facts of their visit to the South, and I think there should be some excuse made by the State of Massachusetts to the people of Richmond for their behavior while in their city.

WILLIAM A. ANDREWS.

New Britain, Ct., Oct. 26, 1881.

A Vermont man who was at Yorktown sends us this version of the affair:

"It was universally reported at Yorktown that the Ninth had been ordered out of Richmond by the city authorities for disgraceful conduct. A Richmond gentleman says that the boys overtook several young ladies on their way from their boarding-house to their school when they surrounded, hugged and kissed them on the public streets, while the girls screamed for protection. Horse cars were stopped, the horses taken off and hitched to the car and driven in an opposite direction from the one they were going, while street venders were compelled to see their wares taken and destroyed without pay. At Libby prison the keeper said that, seeing he was powerless to prevent the devils from knocking the bricks from the walls, and having been insulted by having two colored people paraded about as guests of the Ninth, he was forced to call on the police for protection. It is said (I know not how truly) that a large number of the regiment were arrested for misconduct and released on a promise to leave the city. I am told by a Richmond gentleman that the regiment was pleasantly welcomed in the city and would have had many favors shown them but for their disreputable conduct. And I think that the good feelings which existed between the Northern and Southern soldiers, prior to the reception of the news in camp of the Ninth's actions, was somewhat chilled afterward. And I positively know that the Ninth Regiment was held in contempt by the soldiers throughout the camp for their shameful, drunken actions, though all acknowledged their merits in drill."

The Ninth is a Boston regiment of admitted excellence in drill. Order is the first law of military life, and the order of "company front" is of no avail if it is suffered to react in ruffianism when ranks are broken. We don't want hoodlums, even well drilled, wearing the uniform of Massachusetts.

We are very glad that Adjutant-General Berry deems this scandal a matter of such importance that he has issued a special order directing Gen. Eben Sutton to "detail a member of his staff and one line officer of his command to proceeed to Wilmington, Del., Richmond, Va., and other points if necessary, with instructions to thoroughly investigate the recent rumors.

This is the proper step to purge the honor of the State, and has probably been taken at the suggestion of the commander-in-chief.

The Southern System of Cultivation.

New Orleans Democrat.

A late bulletin of the Census Department is devoted to statistics on a most interesting matter—the size and number of farms in several of the Southern States, and the manner in which they are cultivated—whether by paid laborers, by renting, or under the share system. Unfortunately, Louisiana is not one of the States, concerning which this information is given; but there are statistics from Arkansas, Georgia, Alabama and others of our neighbors, which furnish us with a fair idea of the present condition of agriculture in the South, and the changes that have taken place since the war. All of the States returned show a large increase in the number and a consequent decrease in the size of farms. Evidently, the era of big plantations is rapadly passing away and we are trying the small farm system which, it has been found, produces more to the hand and to the acre than any other.

Thus, in Alabama, the number of farms has more than doubled in the past decade, springing from 67,382 to 135,864, although there has been but a slight increase in the population of the State during this period. The number of farms in Arkansas has doubled during these ten years, while in Florida, they have sprung from 10,241 to 23,438. In Alabama, there is now one farm to every nine people, men, women and children, and in Arkansas, one to six—in other words, two out of three adult males in that State have farms to cultivate.

There is considerable diversity in the several States, as to the manner in which the land is cultivated. In Alabama, for instance, half the farms are worked by their owners, one-sixth rented and one-third cultivated on shares. In Arkansas, two-thirds are cultivated by their owners, one-tenth rented and nearly one-fifth worked on shares. In Florida, two-thirds are in the hands of their owners, one-sixth worked on shares and one-sixth rented. In Georgia, half are run by the owner, a third on shares and a sixth rented. In South Carolina, half by the owner, a fourth rented and a fourth cultivated on shares.

The advantages of these three modes of cultivation, have been made the subject of a special investigation by the Census Department that will prove highly interesting to the Southern farmers. This matter has been discussed at length for years, whether the share or wages system was the best—and yet both sides remain as unconcerned as ever. The result of the inquiries into this matter in Louisiana has already been published in Professor Hilgard's report on cotton production, but it is very difficult to arrive at any certain conclusion from this, as the reports are about equally divided—half of them declaring the share system the best, producing larger crops, but at the same time, somewhat deteriorating the soil, while the other half protested against it as both injurious to the farm and demoralizing to the laborers. It was generally admitted, however, that the negro preferred the share system as it gave him more independence and prevented him from spending his wages as soon as he obtained them. The weight of evidence, however, leans slightly toward the share system. The returns from nineteen parishes, the heaviest cotton producers in the State, favor it, while only eight, mainly white parishes, the country of small farms, pronounced in favor of wages.

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Boston Transcript, Rep.

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" Seneca.....G	9.20 AM	8 40 PM	11.25 PM
" Greenv'le ..H	10.58 AM	10.20 PM	1.00 AM
" Spartan'g...K	12.14 PM	11.40 PM	2.11 AM
" Gastonia....L	2.36 PM	2.13 AM	4.31 AM
" Charlotte...M	3.35 PM	3.15 AM	5.35 AM

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" Seneca.....G	6.51 PM	7.02 AM	5.47 AM
" Toccoa.....F	8.01 PM	8.15 AM	6.53 AM
" Lula.....E	9.16 PM	9.31 AM	8.09 AM
" Suwanee...D	10.38 PM	10.54 AM	9.22 AM
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