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THE GREAT DUEL ON RECORD.

Mark Twain on the field of honor in a duel with a Frenchman. The duel took place in the Assembly on the 23rd of February, 1870, and was the most remarkable event of the year.

At 9.30 in the morning the procession approached the field of Pleas-Piquet in the following order: First came our carriage—nobody in it but M. Gambetta and myself; then a carriage containing M. Fourton and his second; then a carriage containing two poet-orators, who did not believe in God, and these had MS. funeral orations projecting from their breast pockets; then a carriage containing the head surgeons and their cases of instruments; then eight private carriages containing consulting physicians; then a hack containing the coroner; then the two hearse, then a carriage containing the head undertakers; then a train of assistants and mutes on foot; and after these came plodding through the fog a long procession of camp-followers, police and citizens generally.

I laid it, all lonely and forlorn, in the centre of the vast solitude of his palm. He gazed at it and shuddered. And still mournfully contemplating it, he murmured in a broken voice: "Alas, it is not death I dread, but mutilation."

I heartened him once more, and with such success that he presently said: "Let the tragedy begin. Stand at my back; do not desert me in this solemn hour, my friend."

I gave him my promise. I now assisted him to point his pistol towards the spot where I judged his adversary to be standing, and cautioned him to listen well and further guide himself by my fellow-second's whoop. Then I propped myself against M. Gambetta's back and raised a rousing "Whoop-ee!" This was answered from out the far distance of the fog, and I immediately shouted:

"One—two—three—fire!" Two little sounds like spit! I broke upon my ear, and in the same instant I was crushed to the earth under a mountain of flesh. Buried as I was, I was still able to catch a faint accent from above, to this effect: "Die for perdition take it, what is it I die for? Oh, yes—France! I die that France may live!"

"Bloodshed!" "That's about the size of it," I said. "Now, if it is a fair question, what was your side proposing to shed?" I had him there; he saw he had made a blunder, so he hastened to explain it away. He said he had spoken jestingly. Then he added that he and his principle would enjoy axes, and indeed prefer them, but such weapons were barred by the French code, and so I must change my proposal.

After proposing Gatling guns, rifles, navy pistols and brickbats, Mr. Twain left the choice of weapons to the other second, who fished out of his vest pocket a couple of little things which I carried to the light and discovered to be pistols. They were single-barreled and silver-mounted, and very dainty and pretty. I was not able to speak for emotion. I silently hung one of them on my watch chain and returned the other. My companion in crime now unrolled a postage stamp containing several cartridges, and gave me one of them. I asked if he meant to signify by this that our men were to be allowed but one shot apiece. He replied that the French code permitted no more. I then begged him to go on and suggest a distance, for my mind was growing weak and confused under the strain put upon it. He suggested sixty-five yards. I nearly lost my patience. I said:

"Sixty-five yards with these instruments? Pop-guns would be deadlier at fifty. Consider, my friend, you and I are banded together to destroy life, and not to make it eternal." But with all my persuasions, all my arguments, I was only able to get him to reduce the distance to thirty-five yards; and even this concession he made with reluctance, and with a sigh said:

"I wash my hands of this slaughter; on your head be it." There was nothing for me but to go home to my own lion-heart, and tell my humiliating story. When I entered M. Gambetta was laying the last lock of hair upon the altar. He sprang towards me, exclaiming: "The weapon! the weapon! Quick! what is the weapon?" "This!" I displayed the silver-mounted thing. He caught but one glimpse of it, then swooned ponderously to the floor.

When he came to he said, mournfully: "The unnatural calm to which I have subjected myself has told upon my nerves. But away with weakness! I will confront my fate like a man and a Frenchman!" He rose to his feet, and assumed an attitude which for sublimity has never been approached by man, and has seldom been surpassed by statue.

THE NORTH HAS ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO GET WHATEVER APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT THAT IT NEEDED OR DEMANDED.

The North has always been able to get whatever appropriations from the General Government that it needed or demanded. The South has never been largely favored. Whilst the North obtained its barrels the South got but drops.

The Louisville Courier-Journal says: "There is not a river improvement desired by the South which is not national in its character, while one piece of ditching, the costly Fox and Wisconsin river improvement, is a local job entirely, and it will cost \$15,000,000 before it is completed."

In addition to this demand the Courier-Journal mentions other little favors that are asked for by the people of the Northwest. For instance: Chicago wants several millions to dig a canal around the city; the Detroit people want \$5,000,000 to dig a canal across Michigan. These little improvements foot up not less than \$12,000,000 or \$15,000,000.

A correspondent of the Raleigh News has written an appreciative and admirable article on the late Col. David M. Carter. We would be glad to reproduce it, if space allowed. It is as just as discriminative, and was written evidently by one who had a keen insight into his intellectual qualities as well as an intimate knowledge of the man. We copy a few disjointed passages:

"Col. Carter was an extraordinary man in every way; in most respects he was head and shoulders above any man in North Carolina. In reach and breadth of mind he was without a peer. It was an impossibility for him to discuss any subject without getting at the bottom of it."

"His views upon the subject were broad, comprehensive, conservative. He was a statesman, not a partisan. His mental and moral integrity were complete. Popular passion and clamor passed him by without disturbing one single element of his mental, moral or physical machinery."

"He was a ripe scholar, a thinker of rare deliberation and coolness, and his matured opinions were expressed with matchless lucidity. He could analyze a subject and extract its kernel with a power and precision equal to the most perfect surgical operation. His fund of humor was inexhaustible. His kindness of heart was most admirable."

Mrs. Cobb, who has been sent to the penitentiary of Connecticut for life, for the murder of her husband, is a remarkable woman if she be guilty. She is a sentimental murderess, and can write no mean verse. An unfortunate woman, who was said to have been murdered by Mrs. Cobb and Bishop, her paramour, was a Good Templar. That Order held some memorial services, when the Cobb appeared and read some very touching lines to her memory. They are very curious under the circumstances. We give them:

Although the coffin has closed above her gentle face, Although she ne'er again will sit in her accustomed place, Although I ne'er again shall press her pallid brow, I cannot think that she is dead; I feel her presence now.

Although she sleeps above the hill, where gentle zephyrs blow; Although the blue-veined violets around the head-stone grow, Although the bitter, burning tears from 'neath my eyelids start, Still she is not dead to me; she lives within my heart.

Ben Butler said that there would have been no war if Davis had been elected President in 1860. The omission of the no spoil the whole of his remarks. It is hard to make the types, and sometimes typos, do right.

THE AGE.

Age will find a sounder opinion expressed by Edgar A. Poe more than thirty years ago. The age is thoroughly Democratic, and some of its articles are caustic and exhorting. It will doubtless improve with age.

Wisdom, right, prudence, honesty, fidelity, all unite in demanding that what the Democratic press of the State and what the politicians promised, shall be carried out to the letter and in the utmost good faith.

Prior to the war we believe North Carolina had the best constitution, the best laws, and the best government of any State in the Union. The men who held office were pure, capable and honest. Taxes were low, salaries were moderate. Now taxes are high and salaries are excessive. When the people could have easily given the public functionaries large salaries it was deemed improper and unsafe to do so. It was simply contrary to the best convictions and wishes of the tax-payers. In those days the total salaries paid the officials of the capitol amounted to not much more than \$6,000. Now they aggregate over \$25,000. Are the people any better served now than then? If necessary we could enter each Department and show that the men of that time were every way equal to those of the present. Why then this large increase? It is one of the legacies of carpet-bag rule. They introduced the custom of paying large salaries.

The Raleigh News has shown that the taxes are relatively higher now than they were under Radical rule, and that the \$90,000 saved by abolishing annual sessions of the Legislature has disappeared, leaving taxation as high as ever. In South Carolina the Democrats have reduced the taxes nearly fifty per cent.

Senator Lamar is certainly a man of very superior abilities. The country has done justice to his gifts. But he is more than a man of fine culture and superior mental parts. He is singularly scrupulous, and differs so much in his old-fashioned notions of mine and thine, from those that prevail, as to make him appear something odd, if not really eccentric. A hundred and fifty years ago Henry Brooke, a man of genius and an Irishman, wrote a work that still lives and richly deserves a place in every library. It is called "The Fool of Quality." Brooke was a very devoted, spiritual Christian. He makes his hero, who was the son of a nobleman, conduct himself under all temptations and difficulties and dangers just as the Bible teaches. The result was the world deemed him a fool. Hence the title of the work. If Mr. Lamar continues to bear himself as he has done, he will be regarded as a splendid idiot—a crack-brained man of talents, and all because his ways are not as many other politicians' ways.

When the reader has run over the following he will then appreciate the astounding singularity of Mr. Lamar's conduct. We copy from a recent special in the Baltimore Gazette:

"I cannot save any of my salary," said Senator Lamar to-day to your correspondent. "It is impossible. I never paid a cent beyond livery hire and a few little kindred items of election expenses in my life, and I have been in politics a long time. I could save \$1,000 a year if I would do certain things, but I don't think my conscience would be satisfied if I did. For instance, I pay about \$300 a year for newspapers; I like to read them. I have passed over railroads; I could travel all over the United States free, but I pay my fare. It costs me \$7 for each member of my family every time I come and go between here and home. I have telegraph passes, but I never use them. I do not think it would be right. I can send anything I please over the express lines, yet I pay my express bills. I depend my salary, and never have any money. Some Senators use all these privileges of dead-heading, and they say it is right. I think otherwise."

"THE AGE." We have received an exceedingly handsome political and literary weekly paper, entitled The Age, and published in Louisville, Ky. It is in size very similar to The Nation. It is "modelled after the English Weekly Reviews," and contains from sixteen to twenty-four pages about the express lines, yet I pay my express bills. I depend my salary, and never have any money. Some Senators use all these privileges of dead-heading, and they say it is right. I think otherwise."

One of the most important and interesting events which has taken place in this country for a long time occurred in Charlotte, N. C., on Wednesday last. On that day representatives of Northern settlers in the South from five States assembled in convention and passed resolutions declaring that they were entirely satisfied with their social treatment in their adopted homes, and that in no section of the Union were citizens more thoroughly protected in the enjoyment of all their rights.—Savannah (Ga.) News.

Senator Jones, of Nevada, denies he has spoken harshly of the South. He says he has no sentiments but those of kindness and friendship. The question now is, how does Senator Jones vote?—Wilmington Star. Yes, verily. For instance, how does the Se or intend to vote on the proposition that is likely to come up in the Senate within the next few days, to expel from his rightful seat General M. C. Butler, a true and honorable representative of the real people of South Carolina, and to put in his place one D. C. Corbin, a most malignant and tainted adventurer, and slanderer of the State which he insolently claims to represent? Here is a practical test of the sincerity and solidity of the friendly professions made by Senator Jones, which we hope he will not permit to pass without the right kind of action.—Petersburg Index-Appel.

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