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A DISGRACEFUL SPECTACLE. Language is wholly inadequate to express the disgust excited by the disgraceful spectacle now presented by the body called the Congress of the United States, but which no Congress, and which threatens never to become a Congress, but to continue as it is now, a body but little better than that of a mob, and thus let the Government starve out and cease to exist.

The position then of the Democrats in Congress is this—Their party have stuck the country in the mud and mire in which it is now wallowing, they are unable of themselves to get it out of the predicament in which their party corruption and folly have placed it, and rather than co-operate in the election to the Speaker's chair of a Southern slaveholding Oppositionist, they will risk the election of one who has endorsed the vilest compendium of treason and murder, yet brought to the light of day, and who cannot, as they charge, be elected at a cheaper cost than imminent danger to the Constitution and the Union.

John Brown's foray into Virginia will entail upon that already deeply indebted State a large addition to the debt, and of course no inconsiderable increase of taxes, new onerous in the extreme. Already \$150,000 has been appropriated to pay the expenses of the Harper's Ferry campaign, and in addition to that \$500,000 have been appropriated for arming the State. To this end, there will be a large army for the manufacture of arms of all kinds established. The annual expenses of working such an establishment cannot fall much short of \$200,000 a year. So that calculating the interest on the stock to be issued for money borrowed to pay the \$150,000 already spent, on the \$500,000 to be raised for the creation of the armory and the requisite machinery for it, and on the \$200,000 of annual expenditure in working it, we shall see that the Harper's Ferry raid has added \$51,000 to the annual interest account of Virginia.

Give us then, we say, the bold traitor in arms, whom we can meet in open day, and kill in battle, or on a gallows, rather than the mole-like traitor who proposes to undermine the foundations of the Government without the risk of exposing his person to any danger. Bold, arm-in-hand treason, is infinitely less dangerous than this speaking underground-working treason which is proposed. And yet the Democrats elected to Congress, who are constantly denouncing the Black Republicans as traitors, have failed, when they have had an opportunity, to avail themselves of it, when by organizing the House by the election of a conservative, national Speaker, they would have crushed the attempt, openly acknowledged, to starve the Government to death. In other words, the Democrats would rather send the Government to Davy Jones' Locker than lose its offices, or see the corruptions and villainies of their party exposed!

Prayers for Congress. We would respectfully inquire by what authority the "Prayer for Congress" is now offered by the clergy. No such thing as Congress is in existence. There is a Senate at one end of the Capitol, and a mob at the other, and that's all. We hope we will not be deemed presumptuous for suggesting that instead of the prayer for Congress being offered, a special supplication be made for the speedy conversion and reformation of the men who, instead of organizing as one branch of Congress, have turned themselves into a mob.

New Subscribers. We return our thanks to Mr. Jno. J. Howland, Hunter's Bridge, Deafoort county, for a club of ten new subscribers, and to many of our friends in other portions of the State for new subscribers which they have lately sent us. Among those who have been most energetic and untiring in their endeavors to sustain the Register, and who have at various times sent us clubs of new subscribers, we feel under special obligations to Mr. W. H. Hood, of Eagle Rock, Wake county; N. A. Ramsay, Esq., Pittboro', a bold, chivalrous and talented young Whig; E. H. Straughan, Esq., of Chatham, and Dr. J. P. Bryan, of Kingston.

Direct Importation. We call the attention of merchants throughout the State to the advertisement in another column of Messrs. O. G. Parsley & Co., of Wilmington, offering for sale 2,000 bags Coffee, imported by themselves direct from Rio Janeiro, in a Southern ship. Messrs. O. G. P. & Co. say they will sell it at prices which will compete with New York. Now, if our merchants desire to encourage direct importation, they have here an opportunity of doing so in the important article of Coffee. Send us your orders gentlemen.

Resignation of Judge Caldwell. The resignation by Judge Caldwell of his seat on the bench is much to be regretted, inasmuch as it will be difficult, if indeed possible, fully to supply the vacancy caused by that act. Judge Caldwell was one of the ablest Judges in the country, and in him were united great legal learning and a stern unbending integrity which flinched not at the fullest discharge of all the duties of his "grated office," for "great" is the "office" of a learned and upright Judge.

Congressional. In the Senate on Monday, Mr. Douglas spoke on his resolution to prevent the invasion of a State by the people of other States. He said the Brown raid was the natural and legitimate result of the doctrine of the Republican party as explained by their books, pamphlets, and especially by their leaders in and out of Congress. The hall was densely thronged during his speech. Mr. Fessenden, of Maine, replied, denying that the Republican party were responsible, and would favor the invasion of any State by the people of another. He intimated that Mr. Douglas was influenced by ulterior motives in making a speech at this time upon a subject which is in the hands of an investigating committee.

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