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Editorial Correspondence.

The tyranny with which the so-called Republican majority in the House of Representatives has acted within the past ten days is unparalleled in the legislative history of the country. Heretofore, even in times of great party excitement, it has been conceded that unless a majority of the members of the House are present and acting, no business could be done. NEITHER PARTY HAS EVER TAKEN A DIFFERENT POSITION. We recall many instances in which, although the roll-call showed the presence of a quorum—a majority—and yet, by the refusal of a part of those present to take part in the proceedings, no legislative action could be had. No doubt this was quite unpleasant to those who desired to control, but the right of the minority party to refuse to participate and thus force the other side to furnish a quorum, was undisputed until the present House of Representatives met. Now one Tom Reed, a member from Maine, who was chosen as Speaker by the so-called Republicans of the House, claims that if a majority of the members are present, whether they vote or not, they shall be counted by him as participating! This tyrannical conduct is the result of a party caucus in which it was determined that the necessities of their party demanded the commission of an unheard-of outrage. In plain English, these "fellows of the baser sort" have declared that the "ends justified the means" and that they are READY AND WILLING TO DO ANYTHING TO preserve their party ascendancy.

We have some recollections as to the course pursued by the minority when any offensive legislation was proposed to require the majority to furnish a quorum. We have sat in the gallery, or elsewhere, and seen Mr. Conger, of Michigan, sustained by the whole Republican party, direct his forces to abstain from voting, and thus prevent a quorum. In that he was sustained by Garfield, (afterwards President), Reed, the present Speaker, and McKinley, Cannon, Dannel, Caswell, O'Neill, Bayne, Henderson of Illinois, and a few others, who are now supporting Reed in his present outrageous and unprincipled tyranny. THEN these fellows, with apparent sincerity, claimed that they were only doing what they had a right to do. Now they show that they were either hypocrites then or are hypocrites in their present action. Even McKinley, who claims to be a gentleman, has admitted that he formerly took the course which he now denounces, but was always ashamed of his conduct. He never had the courage or the honesty to say so, until he and his friends desired to play the part of the tyrant. But after this admission who can say that he would not, if the Democrats had the Speaker, boldly stand in his place and declare that he was ashamed of his present conduct?

Mr. Carlisle, Mr. Crisp, Mr. Springer, Mr. Bynum, Mr. Turner, Mr. Breckenridge of Kentucky and others have shown not only the inconsistency but the want of principle on the part of the Radicals. Mr. Bynum, who lives at Indianapolis and represents the district in which the President, Ben Harrison, lives, has on the floor denounced the Speaker as a corrupt tyrant, and yet that unprincipled fellow from Maine has borne the impeachment! He has openly defied him and dared him to put his name down as present and thus force him to become an agent of the destruction of his own rights.

These fellows now say that all precedent was wrong. They allege that under the Constitution if a majority is present in fact, though not taking part, the minority of the House can, by having the Speaker to say so, make them participate. Whenever it suits their purposes they invoke the Constitution; when it is in their way they ignore and despise it. But the Constitution

does not sustain them, as has been shown conclusively to all honest and sensible men. Section 5, Article I provides that "a majority of each shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day and may be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as each House may provide." There never has been a rule in all our parliamentary history which attempted to FORCE any member to vote, even if he were present. When this was attempted in the House of Commons of North Carolina in 1850 by announcing that Mr. Stanly, of Beaufort, should be required to vote, he remarked that "anybody could lead a horse to the branch but no one could force him to drink."

The fact is, the present course of the Republican members of the House of Representatives is only another evidence of the utter want of principle of that party; of its readiness to act the part of a tyrant and even a perjurer when it suits the exigency. All thoughtful men will see where such a party will lead the country. That party revolutionizes by artifice, by intrigue, by hypocrisy, and by vile fraud. Reed is a suitable tool for the execution of their nefarious designs upon Constitutional liberty.

THE FATE OF MARSHAL NEY.

Staff Correspondence.

This writer was in Paris the past summer, and, passing through the cemetery of Pere La Chaise where a plain slab marked "Ney" attracts attention, the question was raised whether the great Marshal of France was actually buried there. Our polite guide, being a Frenchman and proud of his country's history, said there could be no doubt about it. He had not heard that it was a mooted question in this country, or that the friends of one Peter S. Ney in North Carolina claim that he was Marshal Ney. So lightly was the question treated by the incredulous guide and, for that matter, by the party of Americans with us—not one of whom had ever heard of the controversy about it—that we could not induce the crowd to forego another engagement by going out of the way to look at the tomb. It was only after repeated assurance by the guide that the tomb was unpretentious and simply marked with the letters "Ney" that we desisted from solicitude to see it. We came away unsatisfied. But from such further inquiry as we were able to make of Frenchmen and others we gave it up that Marshal Ney was actually shot to death under the walls of the Luxembourg.

The above was suggested by the Wilmington Messenger's reference, in its issue of the 29th ult., to the forthcoming life of Peter Stuart Ney, who figured as a school teacher in North Carolina during the forties, written by Rev. James A. Weston, rector of the Episcopal church at Hickory, N. C. We observe that the writer is distrustful of his ability "to prove that P. S. Ney was Marshal Ney." Nevertheless, he proposes to make a book that will be invaluable as a contribution to the history of the time of which it treats, and, we may add, of a most interesting character—the true hero of his story. We shall be only delighted to read the work, although not prepared to pronounce whether Peter Ney was Michael Ney. What we have given above is worth, perhaps, nothing.

* * * "And the Buford Hotel is the only hotel in North Carolina with an elevator."—Charlotte Chronicle.

THERE you are mistaken, brother Haydn. The Orton, in Wilmington, is provided with an elevator; and our candid opinion is that it was put in to raise the price of board, as the bills are too heavy to "tote" up the steps. We agree with you, however, that Charlotte has the cleverest and most progressive business men of any city in the State.

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Bishop Brewer, of Montana, thinks he will have to get recruits from England to help him in his missionary work. In a State which at her age shows the precocious development for wickedness that Montana does, there is room for missionaries, and a good many of them; but a good, first-class penitentiary ought to be one of the adjuncts of this missionary movement.—Wilmington Star.

REED'S DESPOTISM.

Carlisle Issues an Address to the People of the Country.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3.—An address to the country explaining the position of the Democratic members of the House has been prepared by ex-Speaker Carlisle. The address begins by stating that the present situation in the House of Representatives is so anomalous, and the unprecedented decisions of the Speaker are so full of danger to the integrity of future legislation, that we (meaning the Democratic members of the House), consider it our duty to submit a brief statement of the facts in order that the propriety of the course we have taken, may be fully determined.

After referring to the appointment of the committee on rules by Speaker Reed, and its duties, the address states that although nearly two months have elapsed since the committee on rules was appointed, it has made no report upon the matters to it, except a partial one on Dec. 9, authorizing the Speaker to appoint House committees, and consequently the House has been compelled to conduct its business without any rule or system, except the general parliamentary law as construed by the Speaker. There have been no calendars, (it is stated), no order of business, no fixed time to receive reports from committees, or for the consideration of bills or resolutions, and in fact no regular methods whatever in the proceedings of the House. No measure can get before the House for consideration, unless the Speaker chooses to allow it to be presented, and members have no means of knowing in advance what they are to be called upon to discuss or decide.

This is the first time in our history that a legislative assembly or even a public meeting has attempted to transact business for any considerable period without a regular code of rules prescribing the order of its proceedings, and the inconvenience and injustice resulting from such an attempt has been forcibly illustrated in the present instance.

The rulings of the Speaker are referred to in vigorous terms and the address charges that "he has subverted nearly every principle of constitutional parliamentary law heretofore recognized in the House."

The Smith-Jackson contested election case on Jan. 29, and the unprecedented rulings of the Speaker in the battle that followed, are referred to. Speaker Reed himself, the report goes on to say, when in the minority on the floor of the House, stated the true philosophy of the Constitution when he said:

"The constitutional idea of a quorum is not the presence of a majority of all the members of the House, but a majority of the members present and participating in the business of the House. It is not the visible presence but their judgment and votes which the Constitution calls for." Gen. Garfield, Mr. Blaine, Mr. Hawley, Mr. Conger, Mr. Robeson and other eminent Republicans have taken the same position, and their arguments have never been answered.

We are not contending for the right of the minority to govern, as the supporters of the Speaker have endeavored to make the country believe; on the contrary, we are denying the right of the minority to eject members from their seats, or to pass laws for the government of the people.—Under the constitution a majority of the members of the House constitute a quorum to do business, and we are simply insisting that less than a majority shall not do business. We are contending that the majority shall take the responsibility which properly belongs to them, and shall come to the House of Representatives and vote if they desire to control its proceedings, and we are protesting against their right to carry their measures by counting us when do not vote.

The claim of the majority that they have a right to govern the House without attending its sessions and taking part in conduct of its business is too preposterous to require refutation. It must be evident to anyone who understands the position taken by the Democratic majority in the House, that it can not possibly result in any injury to the country or in any injustice to the majority. Its only effect will be to compel the Republican majority elected by the people to assume the responsibility imposed upon them.

On the other hand no one can foresee the evils that may result from the inauguration of the practice of counting votes not cast in order to make a quorum. Under it a majority of the members-elect to the House and Senate, may pass the most tyrannical laws for the oppression of the people, and most corrupt laws for the spoliation of the public treasury. Whether so intended or not, its direct tendency is to break down the barriers heretofore existing for the protection of the citizen against the encroachments of power, and the spoliation of the treasury by destroying the limitations which the constitution has wisely imposed upon the legislative department.

Constitutions are made to restrain majorities and protect minorities. A majority ruling without restraints upon its power, is a pure despotism, and is inconsistent with our system of government.

Speaker Reed's autocratic proceedings in the House yesterday, in defiance of the usages of that body and all respectable parliamentary precedent, illustrates the capacity of the leaders of the Republican party to make it odious with conservative people by resorting to unscrupulous methods to attain their ends. Not having a quorum of his party present to sanction proceedings to unseat a Democratic member, the Speaker dictatorially undertook to make a quorum by counting Democratic members present but not voting.—Baltimore Sun.

The families of Messrs. George Whitfield and John Divine were made very sick by some southerly wind last Wednesday. Their physicians decided that the meat was tainted with acid from putting it hot into a tin pan, which is a warning to makers of it before somebody's life is lost by it.—Laurinburg Exchange.

Randall on the Rules.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Wm. Randall, referring to the conflict now pending in the House of Representatives, states that the effort made to blame Mr. Carlisle for the non-reporting of the rules from the committee on rules, is almost too ridiculous to notice; yet truth of justice demands a flat denial. Mr. Carlisle is one of a minority not responsible for the act of the committee, but as I happen to know, Mr. Carlisle with my concurrence, and authority from me, has been ever ready to meet and act as a minority.

Mr. W. D. James has purchased Mr. Peter McIntosh's plantation of 200 acres about two miles north of here for \$5,750.—Laurinburg Ex.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF RICHMOND, SUPERIOR COURT.

A. S. McNeill, administrator of George Woodard, dec'd, Plaintiff,

AGAINST

Raphael Woodard, Eliza Woodard, Willis Teague and wife Harriett, J. W. Woodard, M. C. Woodard, D. H. Woodard, Margaret Woodard, Edna Woodard, Miranda Woodard, C. J. Wright and wife Mary A. Wright, J. A. Woodard, Catherine C. Woodard, Rebecca Woodard, Saunders Seasons and wife Sarah, the heirs of Lilly Brown, wife of Richard Brown, names unknown, the heirs of Ally Brown, wife of Ebenezer Brown, names unknown, and D. C. Woodard, Mary B. Woodard and Isabella Woodard, who are minors, Defendants.

To the heirs of Lilly Brown, wife of Richard Brown, and to the heirs of Ally Brown, wife of Ebenezer Brown, names unknown.

The above entitled proceeding was begun by the plaintiff, as Administrator of Geo. Woodard, dec'd, against his heirs-at-law for the purpose of selling the real estate of his intestate for the payment of his debts and the costs of administration. Summons returnable the 20th day of February, 1890, before Z. F. Long, Clerk of the Superior Court for county aforesaid, at his office in Rockingham, N. C. You are further notified that if you fail to appear at said time and place and answer or demur to the plaintiff's petition, which was this day filed in my office, that the relief demanded therein will be granted.

Witness, Z. F. Long, C. S. C., at office in Rockingham, this 1st December, 1889.

Z. F. LONG, Clerk Superior Court for Richmond county

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF RICHMOND, SUPERIOR COURT.

Elias & Cohen, Plaintiffs,

AGAINST

L. C. Robinson, Defendant.

This is a motion by the plaintiffs for leave to issue execution on a judgment recovered by them against the defendant on the 14th day of January, 1890, before H. C. Wall, a Justice of the Peace for said county, and duly docketed in the Superior Court for county, for \$79.50 and interests and costs.

The defendant is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Richmond county on the 12th day of March, 1890, and show cause why execution should not be issued in said judgment. This January 25th, 1890.

Z. F. LONG, Clerk of the Superior Court of Richmond County.

Burwell, Walker & Guthrie, Attorneys for Plaintiffs.

Administrator's Sale of Land.

UNDER and by virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Richmond county, made Jan. 14th, 1890, in the case of A. J. Taylor, adm'r of Richmond Yates, dec'd, vs. James Yates and others, the undersigned will, on Monday, the 17th day of February, 1890, sell at public auction on the premises at Laurel Hill depot, in Richmond county, to the highest bidder for cash, One and One-quarter Acres of Land lying at Laurel Hill depot, in aforesaid county.—Full description of said land will be given on day of sale.

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