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Jeff Davis

Arrangements for his Trial—The President Determines Upon His Prosecution for the crime of Treason—the Prosecuting counsel selected—Jas. S. Speed, General Rousseau, John H. Clifford and William M. Everts Retained for the Government—Charles O'Connor and Ransom H. Gillet for the defence—The Great criminal trial of the Age, &c., &c., &c.

The New York Herald of the 28th contains the following:

The language lately used by President Johnson in his interview with the delegates of the South Carolina Convention has added much to the grave interest felt by the people at large regarding the fate of Jeff. Davis. An authorized statement to the effect that Davis would be paroled on the same terms as were Stephens, Leagan, Campbell and others, was published throughout the country, and fears were entertained by many that the chief actor would escape unscathed. The marks of President Johnson on the occasion alluded to have made it apparent that he is firmly resolved that Jefferson Davis shall be tried. This determination of the President is not a sudden resolve, intended to quiet the numerous remonstrances suing for Davis' pardon, but a conclusion which he long since deliberately arrived at. The question was thoroughly discussed by the Cabinet in August last, and it was then decided not only that the trial should take place, but that the proper details for its prosecution were arranged.

It was expressly declared and understood that the purpose of the government in proceeding to be instituted should not to satisfy any craving for vengeance, but simply to pursue to its proper issue the old and often declared policy of Mr. Johnson, to "make treason odious." Treason the President considers crime, traitors as criminals, and his purpose is to make the crime and the criminals as offensive in the eyes of just men as more ignoble crimes and less dignified criminals.

THE CHARGE—TREASON.

The prisoner is to be arraigned on the charge of treason, in levying war against the United States, and the plan of the prosecution will embrace no other charge.

All charges of complicity with Wirz, &c., are to be abandoned, and the purpose of the prosecution will be to define the nature of treason and fix its punishment. As the Wirz trial was intended to reveal the inhumanities of the rebel leaders and forever disgrace the rebel Confederacy in the eyes of the world, the trial of Davis is intended to make equally odious the treason which had bred such horrors.

It is well known that Davis claims that he cannot be tried for treason on the ground that his State had seceded and he was bound to follow her lead. His entire defence would rest on the basis of the right of secession. Such a plea would have but little force in view of the fact that the late Constitutional Convention of Mississippi, the State which Davis represents, nullified instead of repealing the act of secession, thus declaring that the State did not secede, and agreeing with one of the great principles which President Johnson early adopted and has persistently maintained, that none of the Southern States were ever legally out of the Union.

It was also determined that the Wirz trial should be the last trial by court martial. The trial of Davis will be before the highest tribunal in the land. It is not known as yet whether Chief Justice Chase will preside, but it is presumed that he will.

THE TIME SET FOR THE TRIAL.

At the Cabinet session in August, when the details were arranged, it was decided that the trial of Davis should immediately follow that of Wirz, but the long delays in that case may tend to delay that of Davis.

THE PROSECUTING COUNSEL.

The Attorney General was authorized to select three counsel to aid him in the prosecution. Mr. Speed is a native of the South, and it was decided that another Southern and two Northern lawyers should be retained. It was suggested that it was desirable that the army should also be represented. The following attorneys were finally selected as the prosecuting counsel:—

- Hon. James Speed, Attorney General of the United States.
- Hon. John H. Clifford, formerly Attorney General of Massachusetts.
- Major General Lowell H. Rousseau, member of Congress elect from Kentucky.
- William H. Everts, of New York city.

THE COUNSEL FOR THE DEFENCE.

It has been understood for several months past that Mr. Davis had selected his counsel or had accepted the services of the following gentlemen:—
Charles O'Connor, of New York city.
Ransom H. Gillet, of Albany, N. Y.
It is probable that the prisoner will himself supervise, if he does not conduct, his defence.

THE PRINCIPLES INVOLVED IN THE TRIAL.

The trial of Jefferson Davis for treason will be the most important criminal trial which this country or age has witnessed, and will command universal attention. It involves principles of the very gravest importance and of vital interest to the existence of the country as a unit. The decision of the Court in the case will involve not only the defining of treason and its punishment, but also decide by law the question of the right of secession—a question already negated by the result of the war and the action of the several State reconstruction conventions. The trial will be the last victory or defeat for the cause of the Union. The acquittal of Davis would indeed make treason respectable, as Robert Toombs threatened it should be by reason of its formidableness, while his conviction will forever render the cause as odious as even Mr. Johnson could hope for.

SMALL POX IN ALABAMA.

It is useless to disguise the fact that the small pox is gradually but surely spreading throughout this city—not only amongst the colored pop-

ulation, but also amongst the whites. We have heard from undoubted authority that convalescent patients who have been afflicted with it, have appeared in our most crowded thoroughfares. Numbers of the prisoners in the jail have been attacked with it, and to the hospitals in the suburbs to be properly treated. We understand that there is not at this time any good vaccine matter in the city, but physicians, we imagine, will soon obviate this difficulty.

Montgomery Ala. Mail, Oct. 27.

FROM WASHINGTON.

THE CONDEMNED MAN WIRZ.

The Star of Thursday evening says: Yesterday, Mr. Schade, counsel for Wirz, visited the Executive Mansion, and laid before the President the affidavits of five Union soldiers who were prisoners at Andersonville, for the purpose of impeaching the testimony of an important witness for the prosecution, relative to Wirz's shooting prisoners under his charge.

Mr. Schade had an interview with the President in reference to having the sentence annulled to imprisonment, at noon today, which lasted nearly one hour. President Johnson listened attentively to Mr. Schade's representations, the latter saying that the health of the prisoner was bad, that he must soon die, and that if taken to the scaffold with his arm (the wound having broken out afresh) in the condition that it is now he would likely faint. The President listened patiently, and said he would do the best he could for Wirz, and would give the application due consideration. From this remark of the President, doubtless arose the rumor about to day that the sentence would be commuted.

Wirz states that he was born in Solothurn, Switzerland, and when quite young removed with his parents to Zurich, where he attended school. Subsequently he went to France, where he studied medicine and graduated, almost immediately thereafter emigrating to this country, where he prosecuted his studies in the English language. After spending some time in the North he went South, marrying in Kentucky and settling in Louisiana.

The condemned man now spends his entire time in religious reading and in conversation with his spiritual adviser, Rev. Father Boyle, whose visits are frequent. He expresses himself as prepared to meet his fate, but expresses the fear that his physical weakness may cause him to appear to falter on the gallows.

Rev. Father Boyle, who has been constant in his attendance upon the condemned man, has promised to take charge of his remains and see them properly interred, and Mr. Schade will take charge of his papers and such effects as he may leave.

It will be remembered that, several days ago, Wirz received a letter from a party in New York, who, after expressing the belief that Wirz was the greatest criminal known in the civilized world, cited several passages of Scripture, and advised Wirz to make his peace with God. Yesterday, Wirz answered this communication in sarcastic terms, and referring to the good advice of his correspondent, asked the privilege to cite a passage of Scripture, as follows: "Judge not that you may not be judged."

A telegram of the 9th says:

This afternoon the Chancellor of the Swiss Consul General visited Captain Lincoln, and informed him that the Consul General had prepared a petition asking the President to commute the sentence. He inquired whether the Consul could do anything for him, when the prisoner replied that he regretted to say that he proffered assistance of the Consul came at the last hour, and that the refusal of the Consul to receive money on behalf of his defence had done him immense harm, the more so as it came from the representative of his native country. While he was thankful for the offer he could not accept it. The prisoner was asked by a lady to-day whether

he had hope as in another world, when he replied: "Madam, I have hope; the greatest sinner has hope, and why should I not, feeling myself innocent of the charges for which I have to suffer?" Mr. Schade is to have a final interview tomorrow morning before eight o'clock, after which no one but his spiritual adviser is to converse with him."

A western bound passenger train on the Erie railroad, on Friday night, near Danaher, N. J., was run into by an eastward bound freight train. By the collision the Rev. Mr. Roney, Methodist clergyman of Sloatsburg, was killed, and others injured.

The following beautiful inscription is to be seen over a soldiers grave in the Alexandria Military Cemetery:
"Unknown is all thy epitaph can tell;
If Jesus know thee, all is well."

\$75 REWARD. STOLEN ON NIGHT
29th, Oct. a by Stead Mule, very large limbs and joints, medium size about 8 years old, a little weak eyed. We will give 25 dollars reward for the Mule, and \$50 Reward for the Thief.
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Nov. 14th, 1865. 2wd147

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