

AN ERRONEOUS CONCLUSION.

Col. A. K. McClure contributes a very interesting article to the Chicago Inter Ocean, in which he expresses his belief that if the Confederate government had not fired on Sumter, and had refrained from any like attack upon the United States troops, or the flag of the Union, the Confederacy would have been successfully established.

While this assertion may not startle, it certainly will surprise students of history, for it is difficult to see how anyone with the Colonel's knowledge of the facts can reach such a conclusion. Surely it is not warranted by anything in the attitude of the South. For forty or more years her political leaders had been active in creating and fostering a public sentiment in that section favoring secession from the Union and the formation of a separate government by the slave-holding states. So well had they succeeded in doing this they determined, in the event of Lincoln's election, to go into open revolt.

From the time the presidential nominations were made up to the day of Lincoln's inauguration they were actively engaged in making all the material preparations they possibly could in aid of their determined purpose. Through the connivance of Floyd, Buchanan's secretary of war, northern arsenals had been stripped of ordinance and munitions of war by transferring their stores to southern depots. South Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida and Alabama had already seceded, and the forts, navy yards, custom houses, mints and other federal property within these states had fallen into Confederate hands.

The vessels of the navy were scattered on distant stations. The little army had been cut up into small detachments and so distributed that its mobilization was impossible. Beauregard had made the most efficient disposition of his forces for the reduction of Sumter, which it had been determined should be neither provisioned nor reinforced. The South had the military situation well in hand.

Almost a month before the inauguration of Lincoln the Confederates had organized all the departments of a civil government and installed their president. Whatever Union sentiment had existed in these states had been awed into submission. Every overture of compromise and peace based on her remaining in the Union she scornfully rejected. So far as the South was concerned secession was an accomplished fact. It rested with the United States government whether there should be war or not. Any attempt to provision Sumter, or to repossess itself of the forts, arsenals, and other property seized by the South, would be casus belli and would be forcibly resisted. This was the defiant attitude of the South when Lincoln was inaugurated.

Col. McClure has very clearly set forth the condition of the government and the divided counsels of the North. There was no army, no available navy, little desirable war material, an empty treasury and sadly impaired credit. Truly, from a military view, the government appeared to be utterly powerless to protect itself, let alone coerce the South.

Southern leaders had skillfully played upon Buchanan's natural timidity to prevent any coercion until they had matured their plans and rendered coercion quite impossible. Always skilled in mere casuistry, they easily convinced Buchanan and his attorney-general not only of the utter absence of constitutional authority, but of its hideous wrong and injustice. They compassed this the more easily because both the president and his attorney-general had been in life-long sympathy with the South on all questions. Public sentiment in the North was divided and quite demoralized. The pro-slavery Democrats, of whom Fernando Wood was a perfect type, would have attempted anything in aid of the South. The commercial North was anxious to avoid war, for that would bring destruction of lucrative trade and almost certain repudiation of Southern obligations.

Some of the people, heartily tired of the interminable strife over slavery, were willing the South should go. A few, like Horace Greeley, had no stomach for actual blows. The masses, long used to Southern swagger,

and final acceptance of compromise, believed this only another and intensified exhibition of Southern character that would be calmed as before. The Northern people abhorred war, especially an internecine war. They could not endure the contemplation of a horrible fratricidal strife. They knew in their inner consciousness that neither themselves nor the executive they had chosen entertained the least purpose of harming the South. They stood firmly and calmly on the righteousness of their own intentions. Yet not for one moment did the patriotic masses of the North, the quiet, earnest, purposeful men who had supported Lincoln in common with those who had supported Douglas for president waver in their determination that the Union must be preserved. They only requested that every thing possible should be done to turn the South away from her mad purpose, and if blows became necessary the odium of striking the first blow must be upon her. The North had given no just cause for war and would give none but it would preserve the Union at all hazards. This was the calm, quiet, earnest purpose of the North. Col. McClure has strangely overlooked this.

The attitude of the border states called for the exercise of the greatest patience, caution and wisdom on the part of Mr. Lincoln and never was so critical a situation so wisely dealt with. These states were saved to the Union, and thus the Unionists won their first victory.

Lincoln, whose reliance was in the abiding patriotism of the masses, knew if he moved slowly and cautiously the Union cause would gather strength day by day until it would solidify in support of whatever measures he might find necessary to restore the Union and quell the tumult. He never lost sight of, never turned aside from this righteous purpose. To believe as Col. McClure, we must believe that the mass of the northern people were devoid of patriotism, without attachment to the Union and wholly lacking virile courage. It involves believing Lincoln was not sincere, not earnest, not courageous. It pre-supposes that he and the people of the North had forgotten their most sacred political traditions and ceased to draw inspiration from the example of their heroic fathers whose priceless gift was the Union.

Until Lincoln had time to develop his policy there was but little danger of foreign recognition of Confederate independence. The very fact that the South seemingly had already achieved independence convinced foreign nations that it was not necessary for them to hasten in the matter and thus unnecessarily become involved in possible difficulty with the government of the United States.

The astute leaders of the South saw that every day's delay strengthened the hands of Lincoln and that ultimately they must ingloriously submit or fight. Lincoln's purpose, as avowed in his inaugural, meant that they must submit or take the initiative and fight. They did not hesitate. The crisis came and they courageously chose to fight. That the initiative was taken in Charleston harbor is of no consequence. It had to be taken somewhere and very soon, for peaceable secession was an absolute impossibility and always had been.

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