

# THE EVENING NEWS.

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## THE COST OF WAR.

WAR is undoubtedly the direst scourge that ever the human race has been afflicted with; not only from the loss of life, and the suffering and privation of those actually engaged in it, or who reside within or near the scene of conflict; but also by reason of the heavy taxation and poverty it entails upon the millions unborn, through the expense incurred in waging it. Few think of this when reading the accounts of brilliant victories; they may shudder and sigh involuntarily at the details of the carnage and destruction wrought by the contending forces; but few, we think, ever realize or attempt to compute the expense of the royal game, or appreciate the tremendous power for evil exercised by him who "declares war." If the masses of the people were fully awake to the enormity of this proceeding, we are of the opinion that they would revoke the power thus delegated, and could scarcely be induced to have recourse to the dread arbitrament of war under the most extreme circumstances.

A recent number of *Voss' Gazette* gives the number of the German armies now in the field in France and furnishes statistics of the different kinds of food consumed daily. It says that the number of Germans now under arms on French soil is six hundred and ninety thousand; and their horses number one hundred and sixty thousand. The following is the daily amount of food said to be consumed by this enormous force: 250,000 loaves of bread; 185 oxen; 45,000 pounds of bacon; 54,000 pounds of rice; 40,000 gallons of brandy, and 4,000 pounds of coffee. The daily rations of hay for the animals amount to 80,000 pounds, besides immense quantities of oats and barley.

The magnitude of the above statistics is so great that the ordinary or careless reader fails to realize it; but the commissariat force, employed to provide, prepare and furnish the food, to the men, and the cost of the daily rations consumed by this enormous host of non-producers and destroyers will be more likely to enable the public to appreciate the fact that war, if long continued, is fraught with might save ruin the most overwhelming even to the victorious.

Speaking of the commissariat force of the German armies, a correspondent of the London *Standard* says:

"Every army corps has five provision columns, consisting of 160 wagons, 800 horses, 400 mules and 10 drivers. In addition to all these there are horses, men and wagons for a field bakery, and a certain number of surplus horses to be used in case of need. The 160 wagons are supposed to carry provisions for every man in the corps for three days, and as they are emptied they return to the rear to be again replenished at the magazines, which are established at convenient points, and are kept full partly by means of wagons and horses hired or obtained by requisition in the country, and partly by the railway."

Some idea of the enormous pecuniary worth of the rations may be arrived at without attempting to furnish minute data and details of the cost per pound, etc., of the various articles of diet consumed. It will be tolerably safe to say, when transportation and other circumstances are taken into consideration, that the average cost per day of each soldier's food is from twenty to forty cents; which for the entire German army would not fall far short, in round numbers, of \$250,000. In addition to this the feed for the animals—hay and grain, would probably amount to twenty-five cents per day per head, making a daily aggregate, for men and animals, bordering on three hundred thousand dollars. Say that this sum is too much by fifty thousand, the amount per week then would foot up to one million seven hundred and fifty thousand, or seven million dollars in a month.

The cost of rations for the French forces now in the field is little less, we may safely judge, than the preceding; and in addition to the mere cost of the food, that of the war material, ammunition and arms, the animals and their trappings, clothing for the men and also of the property destroyed during engagements and at other times, must be taken into consideration in estimating the mere money expense of war; which, however, foots up to a total beyond computation.

The present conflict between France and Prussia has been raging now for full five months; the cost of feeding the contestants only, according to the above estimate, reckoning the number of the French in the field at half those of the Prussians, would amount to nearly \$60,000,000.

Well might the ancient king, when congratulated upon a victory he had won, say that a few such would ruin him! The principle involved in the sentiment is as true to-day as when spoken; and whoever may ultimately prove victor in the pending Franco-Prussian contest, will have far more to mourn than to rejoice over.

The poverty of the masses of Great Britain has sprung chiefly from victories on the battlefield; for the British people to-day are taxed to the tune of nearly

thirty million pounds a year to pay the interest of the various debts contracted by their rulers in this and preceding reigns for the prosecution of their wars. The same prospect is before France and Prussia; and it is safe to say that war, under any circumstances, is never anything but a deadly losing game, and the most fearful of human ills, present and prospective, to the nations engaged in it.

## TERRITORY OF UTAH.

SUPREME COURT,  
Before the Hon. J. B. McKeon, C. J.,  
G. M. Hawley,  
and A. J.  
O. F. Strickland,  
Cromyn & Purvis, Appellants from the  
Third  
W. G. Higley, et al. District Court.

The transcript of this case shows that the plaintiff commenced an original suit against the defendants in the Probate Court, in Salt Lake County, upon a promissory note given by the defendants to the plaintiff. To this suit the defendant appeared and without objection to the jurisdiction of the Probate Court filed an answer; afterward the case was tried before a jury, which resulted in a verdict and judgment for the plaintiff. From this they took an appeal, but failed to perfect it in time. After the appeal was dismissed the District Court of the Third Judicial District, on the application of the defendant, issued a writ of certiorari, which brought the case to the District Court. On the hearing, the District Court held that the Probate Court had not jurisdiction. The judgment was, therefore, reversed and the suit dismissed. An appeal brings the case to this Court. The only question involved is, have the Probate Courts in this Territory jurisdiction in civil cases at common law?

This question is to be settled by determining the true meaning of:

1. The Act of Utah;

2. The Organic Act.

These questions also involve the legislative power of the Governor and Legislative Assembly of this Territory. I shall examine first the Act of Utah. Sec. 23, p. 50 of the Act of Utah provides that there shall be a Judge of Probate in each County within this Territory, whose jurisdiction within his Court in all cases arises within their respective counties under the laws of the Territory. Sec. 29, p. 51 of the same Act says, the several Probate Courts in their respective counties have power to exercise original jurisdiction, both civil and criminal, and as well in chancery as at common law, when not prohibited by Legislative enactment, and they shall be governed by the same general rules and regulations, as to practice, as the District Courts. Other parts of the same Act provide for a seal of Court, the keeping of clerks and a record by these courts, with a sheriff to execute their process. They are also authorized to submit grand and petit juries, thus providing for them all the common law requisites of a Court of Record. Sec. 1, p. 54 of the Utah Laws, provides that "all the Courts of this Territory shall have law and equity jurisdiction in civil cases, and the mode of procedure shall be uniform in said Courts." Not perceiving any ambiguity or uncertainty in the meaning of these statutes, I must conclude that if the Legislature had power to confer this jurisdiction on these Courts, it has been done. I therefore pass to inquire whether there is the requisite Legislative power in the Governor and Legislative Assembly of Utah to confer this jurisdiction. To determine this, I shall look to the Organic Act and examine it in connection with the Constitution and Laws of the United States, and with the decisions of the Supreme Court.

It is the right and the duty of the Legislative departments of all governments, when not restrained by a constitution, to provide Courts and to limit, fix, or set bounds to their judicial powers. The Constitution of the United States, Art. 3, Sec. 1, says, "the judicial power of the United States shall be vested in one Supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish." By it appears that Congress is charged with the duty of providing by law; it is therefore, within its legislative power, for limiting or fixing the number of judges of the Supreme Court and of prescribing, by law, the number of inferior Courts with the number of their judges, and for the original and appellate jurisdiction of each, as well as their exclusive, or concurrent judicial powers, and the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.

The same Article, Sec. 2, after stating the classes of cases to which the judicial power of the United States shall extend, of which there are eleven, and after setting the classes in which the Supreme Court shall have original jurisdiction, adds that in all other cases it shall have appellate jurisdiction, both as to law and fact, with such exceptions and under such regulations as the Congress shall make. Here we find it is not only the right, but the duty of Congress to limit, by law, the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, to create inferior Courts and to confer upon them original jurisdiction, which may be exclusive or concurrent, at the discretion of Congress.

By the Act of Congress Sept. 24, 1789, Congress exercised its unquestionable right to create inferior Courts, to limit their jurisdiction and to regulate the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. These are referred to, not because they settle the question now before us, but because they establish what every one must concede, that it is a rightful subject of legislation to limit, to fix, and to set bounds to judicial power, and, if need require, to create new Courts and abolish old ones, when not restrained by a constitution or a paramount law. It has been claimed that the Organic Act is a constitution for Utah, a claim which by no course of reasoning can be sustained; yet, if it were so it would not settle this question of Legislative power. It may be observed that there is a plain and necessary distinction to be drawn between the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of a State, or an Organic Act of a Territory, in relation to the constitution of the Legislative powers contained in them. The Constitution of the United States, having been given by the States as a national, supreme law, is understood to be constitutional; that is, to authorize the Congress to legislate on such subjects and on only such subjects as expressly, or by necessary implication, therein contained. The Constitu-

tions of a State and an Organic Act are both to be construed liberally; that is, to authorize legislation on all right but subjects of legislation, unless it be on subjects by it prohibited. This is in harmony with the theory, if not with the practice, of the American States; that all just powers of the governors are derived from the consent of the governed. Before proceeding to the Organic Act, I will remark: that neither the Constitution or a law of the United States limits, or attempts to limit, except in a very few cases, the power either of the Executive, Judicial, or Legislative in the Territories. And that no law of Congress exists which defines, limits, fixes or sets bounds to the judicial power of the Probate Courts in this Territory. Organic Act, Sec. 4, says, "the legislative power and authority of said Territory shall be vested in the Governor and Legislative Assembly." Sec. 6 says, "the Legislative power of said Territory shall extend to all rightful subjects of legislation, consistent with the Constitution of the United States, and the provisions of this act." Then follow certain inhibitions among which the jurisdiction of the Probate Courts is not mentioned directly or indirectly. With this language find the legislative power expressly given, "if it is not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States," and "it is a rightful subject of legislation" which I trust have before shown conclusively that it is. An act is consistent that is not inconsistent. When the Constitution says nothing upon a subject of the judicial power of a court of whom it has named, a state naming the court and limiting its jurisdiction must be consistent with the Constitution. One state having a court without setting bounds to its jurisdiction is not inconsistent with another state naming the same court and setting bounds to its jurisdiction. When authority is expressly given in a constitution, or in an Organic Act, to a legislative department, to legislate on all right subjects of legislation, such a power ought not to be neutralized, by other words therein, unless these other words clearly show such an intent, or at least, an intent to make the case an exception to a general power. It is not necessary to enumerate the various subjects upon which the Legislative Assembly may exercise its lawful powers nor to enumerate exceptions to this right. It is quite enough for our purpose to show what has before been shown: that the legislative power of fixing, giving, limiting, or setting bounds to judicial power, is a rightful subject of legislation, unless clearly restrained by a higher power, and that in the case at bar, no higher power has restrained it. Passing over several matters contained in the Constitution and the Organic Act, relating to inhibitions on Congressional and Territorial legislative powers, not necessary to be named, because not affecting the case at bar, I proceed to the sixth section of the Organic Act, which says, "The judicial power of said Territory shall be vested in a Supreme Court, District Courts, Probate Courts, and in Justices of the Peace. The jurisdiction of the several courts herein provided for, both the appellate and original, shall be as limited by law." By what law? A law of Congress or a law of the Territory? A law then in existence or a law thereafter to be passed? None others are possible. Certain states law of Congress, or a law of the Territory, then in existence, or a law of the Territory thereafter to be passed? If in this I am correct, and it is impossible for me to perceive my error, then here I find the legislative power expressly given as if the power mentioned in Sec. 6 was again thought of and again affirmed or re-enacted. It has been again suggested and it may again be suggested that the words "as limited by law" implies a law then in force, as the word limited is in the past tense which, I concede, is not with some force. It would have great force if there had been any law of the United States or of the Territory then in force on this subject, but as there was none and as Congress has not since passed any for this or any other Territory, Montana excepted—See Act of Congress of March, 1867, p. 492—and the Organic Act of the Territory of Wisconsin, passed 1852, contained the same word in this respect as our own; and as Congress never passed any law for that Territory the conclusion is irresistible, that Congress used the word limited with reference to future Territorial Legislation. It was held by the Supreme Court in the case of the Ins. Co. v. Carter, 1 Petron 513; and in the Dred Scott case, 19 Howard pp. 393, 442, 452, that Congress in the Territories had the combined powers of the general government and of a state government. If so then does not follow a logical deduction that by Sec. 6 of the Organic Act Congress conferred on the District Courts or on that which confines the whole appellate jurisdiction, to the Supreme Courts.

An alien may sue a citizen of the United States in a State Court or in the United States Courts, in certain cases; that is, both Courts have jurisdiction. Is the law of a State, giving jurisdiction to its courts in such cases, inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, or the law of Congress? see act of Congress, Sept. 24, 1850, Sec. 2, 11. In this Section 6, the words in connection with the jurisdiction of the Courts, exclusive and concurrent, are not used. There are, therefore, no words used giving them the very largest and most extensive import of meaning, which confers exclusive, or great jurisdiction on the District Courts or on that which confines the whole appellate jurisdiction, to the Supreme Courts.

It may not be uninteresting to look into the term limited. On examination of the law dictionary I do not find the word limit, but I do find the words limits and limitations. Limitation is the end of time, appointed by law, within which a party may sue for and recover a right. Limit is applied to boundaries such as States, Territories, counties, towns, and so forth. Limits limits says Webster, bounds, bound, bound, fixed, to limit in to bound, to set bounds, to fix bounds. Which, when applied to judicial power, means to define, to fix, the bounds to limit it. It is conceded in the past time but, as I have before shown, in this section it is used with reference to a future signature and with reference to the original and appellate jurisdiction of all the courts. The Supreme Court has held, though I think erroneously, that it has original jurisdiction in chancery. All confess that the district courts have original jurisdiction in such cases. If then the Supreme Court is right and I am wrong these two courts have concurrent jurisdiction even though the word concurrent, when applied to jurisdiction, is retained in the Organic Act.

If it be not inconsistent for these two courts to have concurrent jurisdiction, it can be inconsistent with the Organic Act, to confer the like original jurisdiction on another court?

Z. SNOW, for Pitcairn.

A FINE PIECE OF MACHINERY.—We have been shown die press, made at the City Creek Foundry and Machine Shop, which is under the superintendence of Bro. Elsison. The press was made for Messrs. Wilson & Hauerbach, and will be used by them in the manufacture of watch machinery. An amount of mechanical skill that could scarcely be surpassed, displayed in the construction of this little press. The design was supplied by Messrs. Elsison & Hauerbach, from whose establishment comes the name of the machine. Mrs. Pitcairn, wife of Mr. Pitcairn, is the owner of the press. It is a fine specimen of workmanship, and will be a credit to the city of Salt Lake.

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