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Our readers have seen occasional notices, of late, in the telegraphic dispatches, of the Bonnet Carré Cravane, the damage and danger it has caused, and the serious apprehensions it has given rise to; but although frequent allusions have been made to this subject, they have been too meager to gain any clear conception of the actual condition of things at Bonnet Carré. The editor of the New Orleans Times recently paid a visit to the scene of the disaster, and in his issue of April 20th he furnishes his readers with a short account, from which some of the following particulars are taken.

These crevasses, or breakages of the Mississippi beyond, the levees which have been constructed to keep them within bounds, are almost of annual occurrence in Louisiana; but this year they have been on a more disastrous scale than usual, the cause of which is said to be the bad state of the levees, they having been neglected for some ten years past. Bonnet Carré, a small village, forty or forty-five miles above New Orleans, has been the scene of the main breakage this season. But the origin of the difficulty there this season is said to have been the act of a planter who cut a road through the levee to roll sugar to the landing, leaving the breach unprepared; and when the rising waters reached this level they found an outlet and then it was too late to provide a remedy, for they quickly enlarged the gap, until in a few days it was more than a quarter of a mile wide.

The levee at Bonnet Carré is about twelve feet high, and extends at the same height for several miles each way from the village. Through the opening thus made the waters rush at the rate of about eight miles an hour; and have submerged this and several other parishes, including about 500 sugar plantations, and comprising a district of country many miles in extent, the waters, presenting the appearance of a turbulent arm of the Mississippi river, being as much as ten or twelve feet deep. They have now gained such headway that no mortal power can arrest their progress, but a large force of laborers are engaged in constructing bulkheads to prevent further damage to the levee.

The dissolution and damage in Bonnet Carré and vicinity is unspeakable. A short time since it was a beautiful and pleasant location; but the people have been rendered homeless, and comfort and industry have been supplanted by ruin and desolation.

Bad as things are there, one good result is likely to follow the present disaster, which it is believed will prevent their recurrence in future. The policy pursued on the Lower Mississippi, to prevent an outbreak of the waters, has been to build the levees higher and higher. This custom afforded only present relief, owing to the continual deposit of sediment on the bottom of the river, which, each succeeding year, raised the surface level of the waters higher; but by this tremendous crevace at Bonnet Carré the waters of the river were made three feet lower, and they have formed a junction with Lake Pontchartrain, and the supposition is that this will constitute a permanent canal, which, if not sufficient of itself, to prevent the break of the waters in future, will prove, it is believed, so beneficial, that other canals for a similar purpose will be constructed.

GENERAL BUTLER had a reception from the colored people of Boston on the 5th inst., and delivered an address to them in the most aristocratic colored church of that city. In this address he bestowed unstinted praise upon the conduct of the white men in the South:

A Correspondent of the Chicago Times, writing from Milan, Ohio, furnishes the lovers of the marvelous with the latest sensation in their line. Our readers may remember seeing occasional notices, some months ago, about spirit photographing in New York, and even nearer home than that. These notices were strongly tinged with the marvelous and the sensational element; but the correspondence of the Times puts anything of this kind hereabouts, heard of completely into the shade, for while it is claimed that photographs of the departed have been taken, yet it has been by human agency, but the method has been improved, (probably patented) so that spectral help is now dispensed with.

At the date of writing, (the 15th ult.) the correspondent says that for the two months previous Milan has been the centre of a great deal of sensational talk, owing to the fact that upon the windows of several buildings in the city, pictures of human faces have appeared which resembled daguerreotypes taken when the art was in its infancy. These portraits are not perfect to begin with, but are gradually developed. When they first appear the glass is of a stone-like color, in others there is the appearance on the surface of the glass as of water with tar or crude oil mixed with it. In this stage there is no clearly defined outline; but gradually, day after day, human faces become more and more distinct, until finally there is the appearance as of persons looking out of the room through the window into the street. If parties go into the room and look through the pane thus decorated there is nothing whatever to be seen, the glass appearing perfectly clear. Most of, but not all, the rooms are vacant in which the windows are thus adorned, and the origin or agency by which these appearances are produced is a mystery which the brains of the place are vainly trying to solve.

One of these pictures is said to be the face of General Washington, at any rate it is the face of a man in a military three-cornered hat; another is the portrait of a Major March, a soldier of the late war, who died at Milan soon after the close of the war. Another of the pictures is a female figure, bearing the reclining form of a man.

A window in the store of a Mr. Ashley, a deacon in the Presbyterian church, has been opened upon, and has caused the deacons considerable annoyance. The picture in this instance is that of a negro, the border of her cap being plainly visible. The deacons, though Republicans and a good member of the church, did not like this, and he did his best with soap and water to obliterate the appearance, but failing with these, he put on a thick coat of paint and let it remain in a corner of the room in hopes of getting rid of it, but when the paint was cleared off there was the old negro as plain as ever, so the deacons have concluded to let him stay in peace.

As to oratory and statesmanship he told of a speech delivered by a colored colleague of his from South Carolina as the subject of the Ku-Klux Klan, which was so well delivered and so well considered and well argued, that the colored people have been proud to have been the author of it himself, and he and his only wished that the man who was then delivering to them were half as good as it was. And then as to the negro's willingness to work, that was established now beyond a doubt; also his lack of taste for whiskey. He hardly remembered to have seen a drunken black man. During the war the experience of every officer of the army who served with colored troops, he said, prompted him to prefer negroes as sometimes over the commoner and carrying whisky supplies. Another thing had been proved and that was that the negro would fight. He had seen some storms, in solid column, the enemy's works, and a battery and howitzers charged was never made. The negro was patient and desired peace but he informed the Southern men that they had better not impose law upon him kindly nature; for it, said he, "The Government fails in its duty to protect him, and he must take up arms for his protection, his honor will qualify him before the determination of his do-

fence and the courage of his battle; and they may, perhaps, be struck and stand aghast with horror at the cruelty of a peaceful and kindly nature, when it is too much aroused and bursts the bonds of patience under accumulated suffering and wrong."

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Afternoon Dispatches.

WASHINGTON, D. C.
Favorable to the ratification of the Treaty.—The Premature Publication of the Treaty.

W. WASHINGTON.—In executive session to-day, the treaty was formally reported by the chairman of the committee on foreign relations. Unanimous—no member any recommendation or amendment. The general vote was in favor of the pact, which was followed by Morton, who explained certain parts of the treaty in response to inquiries. No general debate has yet been opened upon the subject. The proceeding, thus far, having been merely of a preliminary character. The report of the committee to the Senate is to be referred to the committee on foreign relations.

FRANCE.—The *Journal des Débats* thinks that self-interest should direct the course of Canada in any consideration of the treaty, while at the same time it recommends a difference of opinion in the matter between Great Britain and the Dominion should be avoided.

PARIS.—The Versailles forces are under the walls of Paris exchanging shots with the insurgents, who line the ramparts from Porte de la Muette and to the arrondissement of Passy to Porte de l'Asy. The Parisians have been expelled from the trenches between fort Vanves and the Seine.

THE SINGER'S—The *Journal des Débats* thinks that a wide spread conspiracy exists in Paris for the overthrow of the Commune.

THE GARDENS OF LUXEMBOURG are closed to the public and are occupied by a military force, in anticipation of a rising on the part of the populace.

MORNING—**Pacific Coast Dispatches.**

NEW YORK.—Struck with paralysis—Macé pays no attention to Cuban's challenge.

ROCHESTER.—Henry Drayton, the famous English baritone, was stricken with paralysis in the lower limbs as he was about to take train for Syracuse to-day.

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