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The Maintenance of Order.

When Thursday last the different foreign consuls presented the European Brigade, Gen. PAUL JONES, and the French Brigade, Gen. MERCIER, have displayed a most laudable zeal in maintaining order in our city, in respecting private property, and in hunting up all disturbers of public tranquility. Our population is unanimous in praising the distinguished and devotion exhibited by both officers, their officers and soldiers. The press without exception, has raised its voice of thanks and gratitude in conjunction with that of the citizens, and all good citizens of New Orleans. The departure or disbandment of the other volunteer troops, and of the State militia would have deprived the Mayor of the means of repressing disorders which, although at first pretty slight and transient, might speedily have assumed a grave and even alarming character. At this critical emergency General PAUL JONES and MERCIER offered their valuable services and for nearly a week the few thousand men offices composing their brigades have performed every duty pertaining to the city both by day and night.

The attention was such as to preclude the possibility of reorganizing any other military body. Besides, they would have been liable to be considered and treated as enemies by the Federals. For this reason Mayor MONROE appointed the elder officer, Gen. PAUL JONES Commander-in-Chief of all the forces, and he in his turn made an appeal to all good citizens to augment the effective strength of what may with propriety be regarded as "Urban Guards." In consequence of the events which have so powerfully agitated the city, comparatively few have responded to this appeal. But the general prudence certainly requires that all faithful citizens, all friends of public tranquility, should effectually co-operate in the work of preserving public order, first undertaken by the foreign brigades.

The Federals have thus far taken possession of the city simply as a matter of form. They merely occupy certain public buildings, and have delegated to the civil authorities the duty and responsibility of the internal police. The principal force, two detachments of marines in the Custom House and Mint numbering about 200 men, which seem to be created for the sake of ornament interest. Now the foreign brigades, while perfectly willing to endeavor to maintain peace and public order, have carefully avoided doing not that might possibly be construed into an intervention, direct or indirect, between the Federals and the citizens of Louisiana. This delicate reserve will be properly appreciated by all sensible and reflecting persons. It will be seen elsewhere that Commodore FARRAGUT devolved upon the Mayor the responsibility for any disturbances which might be caused by the presence amongst us of Federal uniforms, or of the national banner of the United States. Mayor MONROE in view of his position again request of Gen. PAUL JONES to make use of the forces under his command for the purpose of preventing any hostile demonstration whatever; and the General being disinclined to trench upon the duties assigned to his authority, referred the matter to the French Consul. The latter replied in a letter to be found in our columns, that with a view of avoiding all causes of irritation of his nationals, he ought to disapprove of the country in the performance of their new and special duty. We sincerely trust, therefore, that all worthy citizens will hasten to place themselves at the disposal of General JONES, and thus enable him, in connection with the Mayor, to accomplish the ardent wish conceived by them.

THE UPROOT.

The painful and embarrassing conflict of opinion between the Mayor and Common Council on the one hand, and the Federal squadron on the other, was yesterday brought to a close in perhaps the only manner compatible with the safety of the city and its inhabitants. The correspondence and other details published in our local columns will appraise the reader of the mode in which this most unpleasant controversy was terminated. While the prudence of Commander FARRAGUT has spared New Orleans the horrors of a bombardment, the civic authorities have acquitted themselves with dignity and firmness, leaving no cause whatever for censure or reproach.

There can be very little doubt that this compromise was occasioned by the surrender of Forts Jackson and St. Philip—an act rendered unavoidable by the refusal of the garrison—with the exception of a company from St. Mary—to continue the defense. The officers and men gave themselves up as prisoners of war, and were, with a liberality well appreciated, immediately liberated on parole. The officers being permitted to retain their side arms. We presume the complete triumph of the Federals rendered them to be less exacting in their requisitions than they had previously been.

However this may be, the flag of Louisiana has been lowered from the summit of the City Hall, and the Stars and Stripes wave from the edifice heretofore considered as the property of the Confederate Government. To all hearts and purposes New Orleans is a conquered city. We have lost all but our honor, and that this remains to us is our only consolation; for that has not been surrendered; it has been captured. We have done all that man could do to avert this calamity, and now it behooves us to bear it with the resolution fortitude of the truly brave. Every one will now feel the necessity of dismissing from any misplaced or hostile demonstration. Not only would this be in bad taste, and unworthy a chivalrous and gallant people, but it might afford a pretext for reprisals which we are in no condition to resist. Let us maintain our dignity, and we shall win the respect and esteem of the Federals. No subject spectacle can be witnessed than of brave and energetic calamity with coerced submission, when it is absolutely irremediable. The events of the past few days will constitute a memorable chapter in the future history of our country.

Meanness or Patriotism.—The Richmond Enquirer says:

Many of our soldiers are captives in the hands of the enemy. We have many of them in our hands. We trust that upon the negotiations which were interrupted by the Beauregard affair, the two will be satisfactorily reinstated, and that