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campaign.

Then, next in the presence
of the review, as did our
exemplar Abraham Lincoln
in the presence of the facts
of Gettysburg, speak forth a
few high resolves — resolves, not
in the interest of copperheadism
nor of pessimism; but in
the interest ^{as you would express it} of a genuine legal
conservatism. ~~I hear~~

~~Chosen~~ On 100 days campaign
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The ~~Sumner~~ Cheatham House in

At ~~_____~~ Nashville ~~_____~~, the 18th of March 1864,
Grant and Sherman met. Grant had just been to Washington
and put on his new crown of General-in-Chief; ~~_____~~ Sherman
had but recently visited Meridan, Miss. on an experimental
tour to try the mettle of his horses, the endurance of
his mules and the legs of his men. ~~We had, doubtless,~~
~~entertained a covert plan of decoying his enemies, who~~
~~were looking to the four winds for this ubiquitous Angel~~
~~of Reckoning.~~ *Now* Behold these men, *together-* Grant
of medium size with short neck, square shoulders, well
proportioned head, and firmly knit frame. His heavy brow
and large eye, changeable surely, but always masked by
his strong self control, accorded him *quiet* dignity and becom-
ing respect. His smile which ~~_____~~ never failed him
up to the last ~~_____~~ sickness, lighted his face, bespoke
humor and good-fellowship, and to Sherman the utmost
friendliness. Sherman appeared tall beside him, his fore-
head high, his hair light and sandy, his eye keen and

piercing, and his frame, though not so compact as Grant's,

~~the~~ supple and expressive of health and energy. Grant

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general plan of our Spring campaign. It is put into another form, when Grant writes Sherman the ensuing April fourth, "You, I propose to move against Johnston's Army, to break it up, and to get into the interior of the enemy's country, as far as you can, inflicting all the damage you can against their war resources." With this order Sherman was delighted and rejoined April 10th, among other things that: "Should Johnston fall behind the Chattahoochee, I will feign to the right, but pass to the left and act against Atlanta or its eastern communications, according to developed facts." One other item followed a little later, April 19, '64. "My directions then would be, if the enemy in your front shows signs of joining Lee, follow him up to the full extent of your ability." *from Grant* *Substantially* *Here* was our work, comrades, in a nut-shell. Take a bold offensive. - Beat Johnston. - Get into the interior. - Inflict damage, and keep ~~X~~ your enemy so busy that he cannot reinforce elsewhere.

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some original ways of rapid transit. A special car took him, the 25th of March, to General G. M. Dodge, ^{a corps commander,} then ~~sent~~ [^] ~~him~~ at Pulaski, Tenn. Next he joined Mc Pherson ~~just~~ [^] ~~him~~ at Huntsville, Ala. The two latter were ^{very} soon with Thomas at Chattanooga; and ^{were after that} ~~then~~ [^] speedily with Schofield a hundred miles eastward without rail-cars at Knoxville. Schofield turned back with them, so that shortly after, at Chattanooga, in the left hand room of a story ^{one} ~~house~~ [^] house, now owned by Mr. J. T. Williams, took place before the end of March, ^{another} ^{war} [^] a memorable meeting. ^{figure was that of} ^{he} [^] One General Schofield. ~~he~~ [^] was to bring into the field about 14,000 men. He was in form more like Grant than Sherman. He combined ~~with~~ [^] intellectual vigor with marked judiciousness. Another, Mc Pherson, ^{he} [^] had to furnish some 25,000 soldiers. He was already ^{abreast} ~~with~~ [^] of Sherman in quickness of thought, but like all engineers more ~~cautious~~ [^] wary in his execution. With his genial face, his large high head and ^{fine} [^] figure, he stood ^{with} ~~abreast~~ [^] the noblest. The third, General Geo. H. Thomas, with his nearly 70,000 aggregate. He was ^{tall} ~~big~~ [^], and broad, and

heavy, and handsome, of good judgment and sterling record. These three army commanders were thus assembled and the hearty Sherman was with them. Of this group, Sherman in his story has said: "We had nothing like a council of war, but consulted freely and frankly on all matters of interest then in progress or impending." At ^{farthest} ~~the~~ the first of May was to end the period of preparation, when the different clans should be gathered and ready for the fray. The leaders of corps and divisions, and the essential consolidations were there fixed upon; and the great problem of safe supply was, at least to themselves, satisfactorily solved. The meeting broke up-- the commanders returned to their places, taking Sherman for a while back to Nashville. No man can tell the amount of hard work that resulted from this interview. That next month was pregnant with the faith and hope of the coming campaign. Behold the loaded trains, following untiringly in sight of each other; but do not stop to count the broken engines by the way side, or the cars turned topsy turvy. Behold the duplicate and triplicate bridges, the hosts of

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"Here is Dalton, - there your force! - on this side Schofield. Down there Mc Pherson, soon to pass the Snake Gap and strike Johnston's line." Thomas in his quiet way ~~at~~ ^{then} ~~this time~~ put forth the bolder view, viz: "Send at once the larger force, not the smaller, through the gap." Sherman shook his head, and signified that he was not yet ready to exchange ~~his~~ ^{with} base ~~for~~ Johnston's. But there was no jar ~~among us~~, only confidence in each other and strong hope in our hearts as we separated that day.

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Far off to the center and right, Palmer with his strong-marked face and Thomas-like proportions, and the handsome, "fighting Joe" Hooker, always a law unto himself, bore their part in the opening ball, closing up speedily to the Rocky-face-barrier, and estopping that ^{mouth} ~~mouth~~ of Georgia, whence issued ^a ~~a~~ stranger, screeching, whizzing birds than those which gave the gaping moue its name of Buzzard's Gap. One such savage bird in the shape of a minnie ball flew between Howard and Thomas, wound its way ^{through their} ~~past~~ group of staff officers, grazed the limb of a tree and fell ~~upon~~ upon the ground tearing in its flight a general's coat in three rents, and pecking an uncouth hole through the rim of a staff hat. Meanwhile Newton and his brave men against bloody resistance, were dragging cannon to

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Next ~~One scene at Resaca~~ ^{might} be painted. Two rivers ^{came} ~~came~~ together, one the Oostenau ^u ~~la~~ flowing west, and its tributary, the Conasauga, south. Confederate Johnston, after fleeing from Dalton, placed his army in the N. W. angle of the streams, resting Polk's corps against the Oostenau ^{ul} ~~la~~, facing west, put Hardee's next, ^{about} running up a creek, and then bore Hood back in a convex curve till his men touched the Conasauga. Sherman made Mc Pherson breast Polk; Schofield face Hardee's indented lines, and Thomas take care of Hood. Thus we were holding the outer or enveloping lines, ^{all} in the midst of forest land exceedingly rough and wild. Thomas had not men enough to cover ~~half~~ half of Hood's front. Stanley, of Howard's corps, held the left. He put much cannon on convenient knolls and had as large reserves as he could spare; but ^{either} the indomitable Hood or the wary Johnston had discovered the weakness of our left, so that about three P. M. the

masses of Hood came pouring, like mountain torrents, upon Stanley and far beyond the reach of his rifles and the staying force of his artillery. Word came ~~Howard~~,

"Stanley's left is turned." ~~He remembered past turnings~~
~~and disorders resulting therefrom,~~ and so instantly ⁹ rode
~~with speed~~ to a group of mounted officers ~~not far from~~

~~him~~. Here were Hooker, Thomas and Sherman together, and
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" and a division of the 14th (Palmer) attempted to turn our ^(confederate) right, but the movement, after being impeded by the cavalry, was met by two regiments of our right division (Cleburn's) and two brigades of his second brought up on the first. The federal formation was so deep that its front did not equal that of our two brigades; consequently those troops were greatly exposed to our musketry, - all but the leading troops being on a hill-side facing us. They advanced until their first line was within 25 or 30 paces of ours and fell back only after at least 700 men had fallen dead in their places. When the leading federal troops paused in their advance, a color bearer came on and planted his colors eight or ten feet in front of his regiment, but was killed in the act. A soldier who sprang forward to hold up or bear off the colors was shot dead as he seized the staff. Two others who followed suc-

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It was of that sad night that General Howard has written: "We worked our men all that weary night in fortifying. The confederate commander was ready at daylight to take the offensive against us at Pickett's Mill, but he did not do so, because he found our position too strong to warrant the attempt. With a foot bruised by a fragment of a shell I sat that night among the wounded in the midst of a forest glade, while Major Howard of my staff led regiments and brigades into the new positions chosen for them. Gen. R. W. Johnson, (Palmer's Div. Com'd'r) had been wounded and Capt. Stinson of my staff had been shot through the lungs, and a large number lay there on a sidling slope by a faint camp fire, with broken limbs or disfigured faces." Actually but one division ^{and not a corps} ~~(Wood's)~~ made ^{that} ~~the~~ unsuccessful assault and its conduct ^{has} received a brave enemy's ^{high} praise. The fighting and the night work

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Here Atlanta was in plain sight. Johnston had bothered us long. He had repelled direct assaults with success except, perhaps, at Muddy Creek where Baird and ^{or} Hooker had ditched and covered their men ^{in the open} at one of his angles, and then had run ^{squarrels} over his barricades. But Sherman by that unceasing flanking operation of his, ^{undertaken and} always accomplished, while Hooker, Palmer and Howard were hammering away at the centre notes, which had no approaches and no draw-bridges, had now at last pressed Johnston back, back across the ^{Et} ~~lowah~~ and across the Chattahoochee ~~to Atlanta~~. Johnston ^{had} planned a final terrible blow for ^{him at} Peach Tree Creek, when fortunately for Sherman, Jefferson Davis favoring, as he claimed, the indications of Providence, ^{the able} relieved Johnston from command and put in charge the hardy, ^{but} ~~careless~~, rash ~~indomitable~~ Hood. He at once, as was expected, took the offensive. - He came on, as at Gettysburg, from the close wood into the valley, to ^{in his charming way} welcome us several miles out from Atlanta. His blows were so sudden and his onslaught so swift that at first it disturbed Hooker's breathing; ^{me} Made Williams talk fast and Geary

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^{Another plan.}

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Now then, in view of all this 26.
and a hundred other campaigns of
unparalleled hardships and sacrifice -
what do the veterans ask on these
memorial occasions -

They earnestly desire their children
to remember not so much
their prowess as their cause.

Loyal souls fought first that
our constitutional government
might not perish. Resolve
then that what we saved by

Blood shall ~~remain~~ remain
saved. ^{from the people} ~~take away~~ ^{should} ~~the right to worship God~~ ^{let Socialists}
it might result in a French Republic
but it would not be ~~our~~ ^{our} Republic.

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~~the Royal~~ ^{Christ's Golden}

Rule from the public schools; ^{then}
~~the~~ ^{the} enemy of our institutions
will ^{have} ~~make~~ a lodgment.
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 might not finish. Besides
 our constitutional government
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 to remember not so much
 they cannot claim their children
 however excessive -

It will not be enough; better schools?
 The raising of our institutions
 will prove the public schools.
 exclude the tenement school &
 let social foreign organizations
 but it would not be their own.
 It might be a forced Republic
 take away the right to worship God
 from the people.

will be the next cry - till 29
the public money shall be
divided, and our corrupt
Common school system, that
Senator Hoar brought
Sumner plead for, shall be
forever destroyed.

loyal souls fought. Second, That
there should not be a slave
on our soil. ~~that~~ ^{we} free the Slaves.

2. Resolve then that the freedom
we promised shall be made
good; not in a mean & stinted
way; but make the fulfillment
generous & complete.

~~Let~~ ^{When} ballot-box stuffing goes on with
impunity in any district, there follows
the stealing of the boxes, the cheating
of the votes and the murder of
the inspectors. The freedmen ^{thus crushed} are
cheated out of ~~freedom~~ their rights
of freedom - of manhood.

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the public money shall be
exhausted, and our complete
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Major General Joseph, second, that
their should not be a share
on our soil. ~~the~~ from the land.
I believe then that the
our freedom shall be made
good, and in a manner & started
men; but with the following
Government & complete.
Let that not stop us on our
the pursuit in our interest, then follow
the stealing of the land, the stealing
of the water and the number of
the inspector. the freedom and so
cheated out of ~~freedom~~ their rights
of freedom of ownership.

Loyal souls fought, third, that ²⁸
citizenship should mean something.

3. Resolve then that citizenship ^{to the Nation} shall
be clearly defined & maintained by
whatever quantum of power is
essential to its maintenance.

If a vote is bought or a
vote is sold, such buying or selling
is a blow against the common sense
of our liberties. Citizenship ^{itself} is
shaken. It is no defense, ^{to the offender} that
the other party commits the crime.

Loyal souls fought, fourth, to
make it clear as the daylight that
secession or rebellion against the
Nation was a great wrong.

4. Resolve then that Secession
& Rebellion shall not be honored
living kindness toward the vanquished
is right. But let not loyal tongues
main the wicked conspiracies which
so nearly ruined the Republic. And
shame on the craven man who ~~with~~ takes the

2. I am on the same man who will be the
to really revive the Republic. The
Union the right of suffrage which
is right. But let us not forget that
having tried to turn the Constitution
to rebellion shall not be allowed
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humble!

Loyal souls fought, felt, that
every man under the flag should be
granted a fair chance in the race
of life.

Selfish combinations whether of
the capitalists or the laborers, show
dangerous tendencies. The Republic
may stand the strain till the
contests are settled - but

5. Resolute. Oh, resolute, to mitigate
the ills by every man remembering
that he is his brother's keeper;
and that it is his privilege
to do all in his power for
his amelioration. ^{account} for the best
possible political philosophy is my
our Lord's injunction. Love thy Lord
thy God with all thy heart & thy neighbor
as thy self. ^{This means} It turns capital into blessings
and fills the coffers of labor.

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