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Great Excitement!

Johnson Defeats the Law and is at Once Impeached by Congress!

At no time since the surrender of the rebel armies has the excitement throughout the country been greater than during the past week. Johnson and his men have been in as eager demand as front contending for the supremacy. The excitement grew out of a bold move on the part of treason for the control of government.

On Friday of last week, Johnson sent to General E. M. Stanton, his Secretary of War, and Captain in the Union Army, a letter, in which he informed him that he had received from the Senate a resolution of impeachment against him.

General Stanton, who was then Adjutant-General of the army, to whom Secretary Stanton was ordered to deliver all records, books, papers, and public property under his charge,

and who had the power to impeach him, submitted before the Senate, in the name of the whole army, a resolution of impeachment.

The House of Representatives, in its

consideration of the bill, in which it was

the cause of an excitement such as had

occasionally witnessed there on the receipt of some important telegram from the army, and almost at a moment's notice, had decided and agreed on the House.

Johnson, realising that he had

been defeated, and that he must be

impeached, and that he had no

chance of being elected to the Senate,

had no alternative but to go to the

Senate and present his resignation.

In Executive Council, Resolved, that the

President be impeached, and that the

Senate be convened to receive his resig-

nation.

A committee, consisting of Senators,

Cameron, Thayer, Cattell, and Conness,

were appointed a committee to wait on Secre-

tary Stanton and Genl. Grant.

The committee found Mr. Stanton at his office,

and expressed the desire of Congress that he would continue firm in the discharge of the duties of his office.

Genl. Grant and the other members of the

Senate, and the whole body were

present, and the following resolution was ad-

opted:

"Resolved, That the Senate do, in their

opinion, accept the resignation of Genl. John-

son, and that he be relieved of his office.

He was followed by a speech, in which

he spoke of the difficulties of his position,

and the want of support he had in the

House.

Mr. Thayer, the gentleman from New

Jersey, invited him to sit down, and

asked him if he had any remarks to

make.

The House adjourned, and the

Senate adjourned.

metime the government was not at all

metime they were still there, and we went up

both upon the door and in the field. And I say

to you, that we are still there, and we are

not to let them go, and we are

not to

