

## THE SOUTHERN OUTRAGES—IN-CREDIBLE RADICAL STORIES.

Before every election in the North the Republican politicians manufacture the most astonishing stories about outrages in the South—lie, in short, like sailors spinning yarns. They hold up their hands in horror, and cry: "Behold the bloodshed at the South. In cold blood the white rebels are murdering hundreds of colored Republicans!" This cry has been already raised this year; and its utter falsity may be learned by reference to the columns of the *Chicago Evening Journal* of a late date.

In an article headed: "The Fourth of July in the South," the *Journal* charges that the difficulty between a negro militia company and a number of white men at Hamburg, South Carolina, occurred in Georgia. "In Hamburg, Ga.," the *Journal* declares, "rebel sentiment found expression in bloodshed worthy of a Sioux." Hamburg, Georgia! Why Hamburg is in the loyal colored State of South Carolina. The *Journal* is either very ignorant, or very mean.

On the Fourth, in Hamburg, South Carolina, a negro militia company was parading. It filled the street. White citizens, in carriages, wishing to pass along the street, were not permitted to do so, and were abused by the patriotic colored soldiers. They complained on the 5th before a colored trial justice, who was a general of militia, against the captain of the company. Process was issued, and the captain was taken before the justice. During the examination, he became so insolent that the trial justice—a negro—was compelled to arrest him for contempt of court, and continue the trial till the next day. Before the hour fixed for the trial, the militia captain mustered his company armed with muskets and ball cartridges, and paraded in defiance of the trial justice and law. He then entrenched himself and company in a large building, and defied arrest. The negro trial justice, compelled to resort to extreme measures, summoned a posse, and a fight ensued which resulted disastrously to the negroes.

In South Carolina, a Republican State, this difficulty occurred. It was brought on by the lawlessness of a foolish negro militia captain, and headstrong negro justice of the peace, and yet the *Chicago Evening Journal* falsely asserts that it occurred in Georgia and was the fault of Georgia Democrats!

This is a great deal like the evidence that was taken in Memphis after the great riots in that city. A negro woman named Frances Thompson testified before Hon. E. B. Washburne's investigating committee that on the night of the riot she had been outraged by white men eighteen times, and that a girl who lived with her had also been violated. Mr. Washburne's committee made a particular point of this testimony. It pointed to Frances Thompson with tearful eyes, and asked: "Can we trust these unconstructed traitors, who thus outrage decency in acts of bloodshed and outrages of this nameless kind?" The stumps of the North rang with the horrible story of Frances Thompson, and Congress was invoked to interfere in the government of the South, so that negro life and negro virtue might be protected against lawless rebels and lecherous traitors. A few days ago Frances Thompson was arrested, and the suspicion of the officers being aroused, physicians were called in, an examination was made, and Frances Thompson proved to be a man in petticoats. He is now working on the chain-gang in Memphis, and is wearing breeches! Thus is all of Washburne's indignation dissipated, and thus is evidence of the strongest kind given that the bloody-shirt stories about the South, told by Radicals—by such unfair newspapers as the *Chicago Journal* and unprincipled men like Morton—are not worthy of belief.