ca has done aught for the commerce of the na-
tion, or for the extension of its Democratic in-
tstitutions.

SOUTHERN CONFIDENCE.—The last thing we
should anticipate from our Southern brethren
would be a self-reproach that they had not been
ture to themselves. But such is the opinion of the
Charleston Mercury. That paper says:

"If we ever save ourselves—if we ever estab-
lish firmly the institution of Slavery beyond
question at the South—it will be by acting inde-
dently of both these allies. The Slavery
party at the North has gone down for the want
of efficient support at the South."

"If we ever establish the institution of Slo-
very beyond question at the South," is decidedly
good. The Mercury will probably feel assured
that Slavery is tolerably well established at the
South, and everywhere else, when it hears of
the decision of the Supreme Court in the Dred
Scott case.

On the 5th instant, Mr. M. J. French,
of Decatur, while on a visit to Indiana on busi-
ness, lost his life in the following singular man-