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the sudden ricing and the instant suppression of that incomprehensible revolt. They are very copious, but they add little to our knowledge of the extent of the conspiracy or the degree of support which it had from other quarters. Much remains unex-

plained and mysterious, especially the possession of arms and ammunition, which, if they are correctly described, must have cost large sums, and been transported from a considera-ble distance. Report speaks of discoveries of correspondence with noted abolitionists and proofs of concert with notorious men in the Northern and Western States. This is, how Northern and Western States. This is, now-ever, for the most part speculation, at least it is not yet confirmed by such evidence as is sufficient to satisfy the mind, and in such grave

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the place was so ill adapted to success, where an overwhelming force could be brought against any possible number of insurgents in the shortest possible time; the means provided were so absurdly inadequate to any possible results, and the whole conduct was so imbe-cile, that it is difficult to believe the revolt to have been part of a conspiracy, countenanced

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a great and frightful calamity. The insurgents at Harper's Ferry may be repudiated as madmen or fools, but who made them incane? What misled them, if they were misled? or inspired them with such absurd expectations and frantic hopes, if they really had thoughts of overthrowing the institutions of a great State by such feeble means, and with such wretched implements? The insurgent leader-Brown-appears to have been a desperado in Kansas; one who

Northern rapacity for power in that distracted Territory, an intense hatred of Southern men and Southern institutions, beyond what was and Southern institutions, beyond with was intended by his backers; and, filled with these passions, to have bent his whole mind to the object of continuing, in every imaginable way, the war on the South, which was commenced in Kausas. Some confederates and sympathisers he doubtless found, for the fever of fanaticism is contagious; and to a

mind once set in the pursuit of an object, in

which the passions were deeply interested, aliment for his hopes was easily found in the

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a great political party of "an irrepressible conflict" between the North and the South, to which he felt himself called, as a leader of the vauguard. Perhaps he believed himself a chief, to whom the great multitudes who cheer so tumultuously the political orators of the North, when they meet and proclaim in such fervent tones the moral duty of incessant warfare against the South, would rally and make him the Peter of a new crusade, more fortunate than his prototype. Whether in-flamed to unreasoning madness, or deluced by false hopes, who is responsible for the frenzy of such as he? Now this is the very serious question, which the men of the North who are not

incurably touched with the same madnessand these constitute, we believe, a large numerical majority—will be apt to put to themselves and to each other, when they read of such things as have transpired at Harper's Ferry. These wanton disturbances of the peace of a great community, fearfully aggravated by the uncertainties which thicken with unimagined terrors, about a subject in which so many of the tenderest intere which so many of the teneerest intercess of life are concerned; these scenes of disorder auddenly provoked, and crushed out with such stern necessity of bloodshed; these erusel seductions of the victims of a false philms-thropy into milering and punishment for the entity and insurance steems for the whole guilty, and increased rigers for the whole race; the incitement, the cause, and the con-sequences, are but the legitimate growth of the ultralogs which have been permitted to

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