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## THE SITUATION SOUTH.

It is not possible to say that the situation of affairs in the Southern States lately in rebellion, is more encouraging now than heretofore. Gen. Sickles who commands the military department of South Carolina, says distinctly that if the troops are withdrawn from the field in which his administration has produced such wholesome fruits, the very worst results must be looked for. He certifies to the exemplary loyalty, obedience and laborious efforts to acquire information, of the colored people, and to the general acquiescense in the situation of the more intelligent whites; but the presence of the military will be necessary, for a considerable period, to restrain and punish the aggressions of hordes of returned rebels who infest certain portions of the State, and of still others whose animosities against the colored population seem to have increased in proportion as that population has proved itself worthy of freedom. Col. Forney has received a letter from Montgomery, Alabama, dated 4th inst., from a prominent Philadelphian, who, until he emigrated to Alabama was a leading and trusted member of the Democratic party, in which he takes earnest ground in favor of universal suffrage as the only way to prevent Alabama from reverting under the vile influences which carried her into rebellion. He is also of General Sickles' opinion in reference to the retention of the military. The destitution of the masses of the laboring whites in the South is shown to be so utter, that it is rendered certain that the continuance of the freedmen's bureau under military protection, is a political and charitable necessity. The Mobile Register, the organ of the Alabama traitors, and now the urgent advocate of Johnson's policy, has inscribed upon its mast head the name of Robert E. Lee as "the States' Rights Democratic candidate for the Presidency in 1868." This announcement, made simultaneous with extensive public demonstrations of disloyalty in the same city of Mobile, in which cheers for Jefferson Davis and Andrew Johnson were exclusingly commingled, is intended by the editor of the Register, the notorious rebel Forsyth, as a deliberate insult to the country. Many of the Southern journals are openly defiant as they laud Andrew Johnson's policy; boldly threaten a new rebellion, and scornfully trample under foot everything in the shape of reconstruction.

The details of a recent massacre of defenseless colored people in Memphis, are reaching us, and are terrible. We have but room for the following extract from a letter written in Memphis on the 3d inst:

"The origin of the disturbance is traced to the devilish spirit of hatred and persecution of the blacks which pervades a certain and important portion of this and every other Southern community, and which only awaits the withdrawal of all the Federal forces to vent itself not on the blacks alone, but on all who are friendly to them.

"Some rows were enacted that would have disgraced savages. A negro accused of participation in the riot was arrested and made his escape. He was followed, overtaken, brought back and then shot dead. His corpse was left in the street all the next day, exposed to be spit upon and kicked by a mob of half-grown boys. No one dared offer to remove the body for fear of the vengeance of the mob.

"Another negro, who was wounded in the first night's melee, was taken from his house place everyday and shot dead, a number of balls reaching vital parts. Unoffending men, women and children were shot or beaten, not only in the immediate vicinity of the riot, but all over the city.

"A company of the 16th Infantry United States Army was on the ground last Thursday night (May 1st), and prevented further bloodshed, but the riot was renewed early yesterday morning (May 2d), from a report that some negroes had killed two white men. The truth is, there were hundreds of unoffending citizens in the city who were but too glad of an opportunity to renew the work of bloodshed; and it was renewed, and had it not been for the timely intervention of the troops the result would have been far more serious.

"This intervention was looked upon by the crowd as an insalted for interruption of their sport. And it

MAKING OF MALLEABLE STEEL BY THE BESSEMER PROCESS.—It is satisfactory to know that the necessity of introducing the Bessemer process of making steel into this country, if we wish to compete with England, is fully appreciated. We learn that a Company has been formed in Chester, Pa., for the purpose of making steel by the Bessemer plan. The works will be known as the "Pennsylvania Iron Works." The engine and machinery for the rolling department are almost ready to be put up. The necessary foundations and buildings are being pushed forward to completion rapidly. Mr. Wm. H. Robinson who has been selected by the Company to make plans and drawings, has just finished the drawings for a pair of blast engines and sent them into the shops. The engines will be of peculiar construction and are intended to furnish a blast of twenty five pounds pressure to the square inch. The blowing cylinders are forty-two inches in diameter, and are each driven by a steam cylinder of twenty-eight inches in diameter, with forty-eight inch stroke of piston. The most singular part about them is the construction of the valves of the air cylinder. They are made of india rubber. The thing is exclusively English in conception, and is what Mr. Bessemer is now using in his works there. All of the heavy machinery of the Chester works is fairly under way, and all the minor pieces of machinery for the rolling department, will be rapidly completed, to make room for the converting apparatus. The converters are egg-shaped and are worked in every direction by hydraulic pressure. The man who operates them is on the opposite side of the building from them, and has perfect command of everything in the building without leaving his position. All of the hydraulic lifts, ladle, and other cranes are operated from the same standpoint. The blast is also admitted and excluded from the converter, from the same place.

We understand that this new Company at Chester intends to have two three-ton converters erected, and enough space will then be left in the building for the erection of two more at any time. The blast engine is made to supply but two three-ton converters, and another one will have to be added when more converters are erected. The rolling machinery is of the heaviest description, and will be capable of rolling the heaviest armorplate that will ever be required.

In a very few years this must become an established manufacture in this country. The necessity is so much the greater, because England has the start of us in this business. To prevent heavy importations of steel rails, etc., our manufacturers in self defence, must adopt the process, and we think, that for their own sakes the sooner they get at it the better it will be for their interests.

## ARE WE TO HAVE ANOTHER CIVIL WAR?

In a letter on the perilous condition of the country, Rev. John P. Gulliver says:

Now, what are the facts? A giant crime against humanity and against God has been perpetrated in this land for centuries. Our government took the position of refusing to defend it, while at the same time it refused to punish it. God generously pardoned us for that wicked neutrality, and spared the lives of our government which he was ready "to spew out of his mouth," and undertook to punish slavery himself. Terrible indeed has been the visitation! But now our government proposes active interference with God's administration of justice. We propose to step in for the protection of the chief and highest author of this foul conspiracy. The poor whites" have been peeled and stripped. They will remain so! Southern society is disorganized and prostrate. Its ruins must lie as they have fallen! Southern soil is reaped with the blood of its slain. No skill can restore the vital currents to the living veins again! The blood of hundreds of thousands of men, and three hundred millions of national indebtedness, is the vast penalty which the North has paid for the cowardly conservatism of former years. And that penalty has been only half exacted to the uttermost farthing! But there is one class whose heads Andrew Johnson and his counselors propose to screen from all punishment and impunity! are the old slaveholding class, the chief criminals of former days; the fomenters and leaders of the rebellion; the men by whose orders Northern prisoners were bitten to death by dogs, starved in prisons, and poisoned in hospitals; the men who are chiefly thought indirectly responsible for the murder of that MARTYR OF MEN, Abraham Lincoln, and for the assassination of that Prince of Secretaries, Andrew Johnson! Their property was once confiscated. It is now to be restored! Their slaves were once emancipated. They are now to be forcibly rendered bondmen, under contract laws, and vagrant laws, which give all the power of slavery, with none of its responsibilities! Their political power, once annihilated, is now to be given! The franchise is restored, if only they will deign to take the oath upon their perjured lips! Once they were impeached for the foulest crimes; but now they are