

upon the earth, and gradually we heard distinct mutterings of thunder which ever grew fiercer, and are seen faint flashes of lightning which momentarily are brighter.

THE SITUATION.

Charleston now is a point of interest, but that it will long remain so we doubt, as the interest of this war must inevitably return to the situation in Virginia. It has hitherto been the case that great victories in other parts of the country have interrupted the national anxiety for the Army of the Potomac, but invariably, the anxiety has returned with greater force.

These clouds have gradually blown from the sky the dim stars of hope, and their shadows lie on the ruined plains of Virginia to the far fields of Alabama. The day does not dispel this shadow; it is in the noonday as well as the midnight. It is a gloom projected from those menacing clouds within whose sulphurous folds the bolts of victory, consisting of the North and the South, but invariably, the anxiety has returned with greater force.

Volunteer Diplomacy.

Those of our readers who have not seen Mr. WILLIAM CORNELL JEWETT, of Colorado Territory, have lived a certain part of their lives in the most interesting manner, and have sacrificed over a hundred thousand lives. Yes, thus far, they have decided nothing, unless it be that the strength of the rebellion is with General GRANT, but consider they have already overcome the greatest of their difficulties. But in Virginia, excepting as it is by events elsewhere influenced, the situation remains as it is, and the situation is not likely to be changed for some time.

The Gloom of the South.

Every day and hour adds to the evidence of the distress of the rebellion and the gloom of the rebels. The extracts we give to-day from late Southern newspapers of Richmond, Charleston, Montgomery, and Savannah prove that this gloom is profound and universal. It exists in the councils of the Government, in the speculations of journalists, in the ranks of the army, and in the hearts of the disloyal people.

The Substitute Business.

The business of choosing substitutes to take the place of those who are drafted is a conception which has become very extensive, although, on account of the wise provision of Congress in reference to the three-hundred exemption bill, it has not been so extensive as it might be. We have heard many stories of fraud and violence and perjury in this matter, all of which may be attributed to the villainy of a class of men who care not for the welfare of the country, but who are engaged in the management of capital are enabled to bring together large numbers of men, and dispose of them to the highest bidder. It is not our purpose now to make any reference to the various cases which have been reported.

Public Opinion Abroad.

Such of the English newspapers which have not been subsidized by Mr. LARN, the distinguished editor of the Alabama and other privateering vessels, or by Mr. MASON, the Southern Ambassador to Paris, and other Southern agents, are constantly publishing articles which are full of the most malicious and untrue statements.

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Markets by Telegraph.

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WAT WITH ENGLAND.

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