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The Union as it is: The Constitution as it is!

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Reading matter on every page.

OUR GENERALS.

When we read the sharp strictures, the ground charges, the malicious slanders that are poured forth continually from press and lip, upon many of the men who have been chosen to lead our armies, we cannot believe that epaulets and emblems constitute the ambition of any considerable number of our military leaders in this conflict.

Let us consider, for a moment, what are expected of them, and how they are and have been furnished, externally and personally, for the task they have been called to.

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Our Generals were expected, too, to know what to declare and how to administer martial law. The just, conservative, patriotic masses of their countrymen expected them to wage war with an eye single to the maintenance of the Constitution and the restoration of the Union—the extreme abolition party expected and insisted that they should wage a war to destroy the Constitution, and to free and to arm the slaves as they progressed.

Under these perplexing circumstances, how can any General acquit himself so as to meet the expectations of the public? Who does not see how difficult it is to command an important department in this war? Nor have we mentioned all the trials to which our Generals are subjected.

It is very certain that the Generals of our armies do not repose "on flowery beds of ease." Take them all in all, we submit that they merit infinitely more praise than blame. While the European General proceeds in his plans without deigning to consider the wishes of his trained and humble legions, habituated to obey, the American General has to deal with a host every one of whom thinks himself the General's equal, and he is compelled to pay more or less attention to the ascertained wishes of his command.

AN OUTLINE OF NAPOLEON'S PLAN OF INTERVENTION.

The War to be Suspend, and a Vote by States on a Question of Recognition Taken.

From the Etichars, our Paris letter. Private information from Paris, coinciding with certain signs and symptoms, leads to the conviction that a strong effort to make an effort towards some form of intervention has long been entertained by the Emperor, and that, unless some settlement shall have been reached or brought within sight a few weeks hence, he will scarcely be restrained from the attempt.

Against such a result it is understood that the Emperor would not only protest loudly, but that he would be willing to take any step to avert such a result. More than probably he will first propose to move in concert with Great Britain, but that any such proposal would be refused by our Government. The Emperor would, in that case, go to work himself. He will probably begin by mercifully demanding France to do as he would have us do, and then, having done so, he will not hesitate to move on his own.

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Potter's mortar fleet had been of Moile and in the Bay, and soundings had been made in the channel on the 7th.

Nothing of importance from Key West on the 19th. Some days ago the gunboat Wamsutta lost two men in a skirmish in Warsaw Sound.

From McClellan's Division. TEXAS'S STRATON, Va., May 20.—The advance under General Stoneman reached Coal Harbor, on the road to Richmond by way of Newbridge, yesterday.

He drove their pickets in to within half a mile of their main body and encamped for the night.

Congress and representatives from every Southern State are there encouraging their troops by their presence, and counsel a determined resistance to an advance of the Union troops.

Commodore Goldsborough paid a visit to Rear Admiral Porter yesterday for the purpose of an interview with General McClellan. The Richmond papers of the 10th have been everywhere full of press communications from the Virginia Legislature and Jeff. Davis, in relation to the recent movements of the rebel army.

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