

PEACE RUMORS

There have been abroad for some days, and have been eagerly seized upon by the people. That we desire peace is too evident to be concealed...

First, then, upon the nature of things. It is reasonable to suppose that the people of the United States as well as those of the Confederacy, are tired of this terribly devastating and exhausting contest.

In all practical wars, and especially in all wars of the character of this now waging on the American continent, rumors, alarms, efforts, frequently unfounded, frequently futile, always precede actual negotiations.

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but not much. The Richmond brokers, (and the pocket nerve is the most sensitive of all) certainly have an increased respect for Confederate funds and securities.

There can be little doubt but that the developments of military power and military endurance upon this continent have astonished not only the people of Europe but the people of America themselves.

But while this is so, and while it has taught European powers caution in interfering in American quarrels it is evident that the very efforts required to evoke this power have had the effect of depriving its possessors of the chance of using it immediately to advantage.

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THE DISEASE OF DEPRESSION.

The above is the complaint from which our people are now most apt to suffer, and the effects of which are now to be dreaded. If we can only maintain the firm and undaunted front with which we have so long confronted the enemy, there can be few fears for the final result.

Depend upon it, the enemy does not think so meanly of our condition as some of our own croakers do; and that he does not, begins already to be apparent, and will soon be more apparent.

With the soldier in the field the case is different. He has indeed had a long and hard siege of it. He has borne labor and privations, and still bears them more cheerfully than the home croakers bear the prospect of parting with some of their gaudy get wealth.

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Messrs. STEPHENS, HUNTER AND CAMPBELL have at last given for Washington. Although they go informally, still we cannot doubt that they go by the invitation of Lincoln. They evidently carry with them the best wishes of both armies for the success of their mission.

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