

**The Prussians Defeated
near Besancon—they
leave 1,200 dead on
the Field!**

**AN AMERICAN DESCRIBES PRUSSIAN BRU-
TALITIES!**

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FENSIVE!**

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, 29.—The Times contains the following special:
LONDON, 28.—Mr. Oaksmith to-day signed an affidavit before the United States consul here, testifying that all the statements in the Herald letter of Oct. 13, purporting to have been written by ex-Marshall Murray to Mayor Hall, regarding General Woodford and Mr. Cohen, are absolutely and unqualifiedly false, and utterly without foundation. The deponent further asks Mayor Hall to demand from Mr. Murray a disavowal or retraction of the letter, or else publicly swear to it.

A New York World's special from London, 28th says: The news of the surrender of Metz, with the army of Marshal Bazaine, numbering 83,000 men of all grades, and between 15,000 and 20,000 disabled troops, is confirmed to-day. In government circles and among the Imperialists it is regarded as favorable to the negotiations now going on at Versailles for an armistice. These negotiations, in their original basis, involve no reference to Metz, the army of Marshal Bazaine having been considered by both parties as out of the question. I have its points on the best authority, as follows: first, that the principle of the *statu quo* is to govern all arrangements looking to a possible resumption of arms after the armistice; second, that both belligerents are to be allowed to hold, undisturbed, their relative positions at the time of the signing of the stipulations; third, that the city of Paris is to be allowed to receive daily one day's provisions; fourth, all latitude is to be given throughout the country to proceed with the election of members to the Constitutional Assembly.

It is now reported that Austria has renewed her activity in support of the English negotiations, and that she is warmly backed by the Italian government. Intelligence has just reached the foreign office, that the German authorities at Versailles have consulted upon the formal demand to that effect, couched in diplomatic but decided language, of the government of Great Britain and Russia, to grant the German lines into Paris. It is expected an interview between Thiers and Trochu will decide the fate of the negotiations for an armistice.

WASHINGTON.

The propositions for an armistice. WASHINGTON, 29.—Information from an official source, by cable, was received here to-day, to the effect that Count Von Bismarck does not consider Lord Granville's note as a proposition for an armistice. He thinks the proposition should come from France. Thiers will probably be permitted to go to Versailles, but there is uncertainty of his being allowed to enter Paris. Her Majesty's government has not yet received a reply to its suggestion, from Prussia.

FOREIGN NEWS.

FRANCE.

Prussian defeat—Prussian brutalities.—The Germans pursued by the French.

TOURS, Oct. 28.—The following official dispatch is just received, and made public: Burgos, 28. A telegram from Basle announces that the Prussians have suffered a defeat between Montzillard and Besancon. They fled in disorder, taking with them fifty three wagons filled with wounded, and leaving 1,200 killed on the field; 300 fugitives crossed the frontier into the Swiss territory, and were disarmed.

TOURS, evening, 28.—Advices from Lille represent that General Bourbaki has made careful inspection of all strongholds in the north, and was engaged in reviewing the troops and giving orders for defence.

Col. Wyckenstein, military attaché of the Russian embassy, left Tours to-day for Versailles, having received safe-conduct from the Prussian headquarters. He had just arrived here from London, and will go from Versailles to Paris.

Minister Gambetta has issued a decree establishing in each department a centre of observation, so that troops may no longer be liable to surprise. Proper parties will be held responsible, under heavy penalties, for constantly reporting the movements of the invaders.

A native of the United States who has accompanied the ambulance train since the beginning of the war, is now in Tours. He gives a harrowing recital of the brutal conduct of the Prussian soldiery toward the defenceless country people. He says he has seen them destroy farming implements, looms and food, take away the men and compel them to work as laborers, leaving the women and children to starve. He intends to address through the press a letter to the kind people of Germany, giving details of these outrages.

ROUEN, 28.—The prefect telegraphed to Tours to-day that the enemy was pursued by the French cavalry, 1,200 strong. They have also left Chateau Neuil, near Chartres.

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TOURS, 29.—Advices from various departments in the east confirm the reports previously published of the retreat of the Prussians. Garibaldi is still acting on the offensive. He will continue the attack as successfully begun. Nothing official has yet been received from the army of the Loire.

PARIS.—General Trochu has written to King William in behalf of General Ducloux.

AMIENS, 28, via Tours, 29.—The Prussians were defeated at Forniers this morning, by the troops of the line, mobiles and a small force of artillery. The village of Bouris was burned by the enemy's petroleum shells. The French still hold the railway from this place to Rouen, and communication between the two cities is perfect, notwithstanding the repeated attempts of the Prussians to destroy it.

A dispatch is just received which says the Prussians have evacuated Sourville, in the department of the Loire, near Chartres, after an engagement with the mobiles and volunteers.

ITALY.

Garibaldians to loose Italian citizenship. ROME, 29.—The Official Gazette notifies adherents of Garibaldi, that they will lose Italian citizenship by serving in the armies of France.

PRUSSIA.

Bombardment of Paris to commence soon.

BERLIN, 29.—Kerens Serturge says the last summons, to surrender, has been forwarded to the military authorities inside the Paris fortifications. The bombardment of the city will begin early next week.

GERMANY.

BREMEN, 29.—Late yesterday afternoon the authorities of this city were notified by parties in Belgium, that twelve French men-of-war had just left Dunkirk going north. The river entrances and the coasts in the North and Baltic seas will immediately be placed in a state of defence.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Prussians Frustrated.

LONDON, 29.—Yesterday the Prussians made an attempt to cut the line of communication between Amiens and Rouen. They were beaten off without accomplishing their object. There was a slight skirmish at Wormere yesterday, in which the French were successful. Some houses were burned from the artillery fire. The Prussians were at last driven from the field with the loss of one gun.

The Times this morning has a telegram describing the scenes around Metz at the time of the surrender. A frightful storm had raged for several days all over the north of France. The entire country was under water, and everything was literally drowned out. Late advices from Algeria report that the rebellion has been suppressed and all is quiet again.

The Prussian force, of 1,200, which tried to cut the Amiens and Rouen R. R., and were repulsed after a severe fight with the mobile and national guards, retreated on Songeons. The mobiles took one gun. The Prussians when retreating, fired the village with torches and petroleum.

There is no confirmation of the rumored revolution in Paris.

Thiers and Count de Rennesat, have arrived at Lyons. Both have safe conducts to enter Paris.

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