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By Telegraph.

GENERAL.

NEW YORK, 17.—The *Tribune's* Paris special dispatch of Sunday says the firing was incessant during the past forty-eight hours. The government at Versailles says Paris is completely invested, and that a summons to surrender in twenty-four hours will be sent. There is great excitement in the city, and the Commune has suddenly allowed free circulation in the streets and at the railway stations without passes. Most of the city gates are opened. The military reports are highly colored. Gen. Cluseret says: "The attack was extremely vigorous last night, principally against Vanvres, which was obliged to sustain five consecutive assaults. An ambulance was seen carrying off the dead and wounded of the assailants. The 86th battalion merits mention for its admirable conduct at Neuilly. The combat continues foot by foot, each house having to be besieged and the troops have been ordered to storm them. The Versailles government talks of reducing Paris within twenty-four hours; let powder carry the answer."

Gen. Endes, commanding the southern forts, says: "All seems finished. The night has been terrible, and the battle was incessant from 6 o'clock in the evening. Vanvres bore the most violent assault. The royalists' loss is enormous. They were repulsed along the whole line, giving a complete victory to the Commune. Our troops fought like lions, especially Ledrux, Governor of Vanvres."

Another correspondent telegraphs that he saw fighting which was furious and only four thousand yards from Paris. He was subsequently arrested as a royalist. It is reckoned that during the last two days the Versailles have lost 1,000 killed and 1,500 wounded; during the last two days all persons have been allowed to leave the city without permit, except men between the ages of 19 and 40. Provisions are rising in price. All the gates except those opposite the enemy, are open all day.

The semi-official journals say 1,000 soldiers were killed before Vanvres and several hundred taken prisoners. At Neuilly there was no loss among the Parisians, except Dombrowski who is slightly wounded.

The fresh Communal elections are being held, but they excite little interest. A decree of the Commune places all the railways under its control, and obliges them to produce all their books and documents, if required, for inspection.

Another correspondent telegraphs from Paris, yesterday afternoon: "Yesterday morning attacks were made on Porte Dauphine, which continued all day. The Quartier de Champs Elysees has been exceedingly damaged by the shells, which are still falling thickly. The building occupied by the American legation was struck by fragments of shell on Saturday, nevertheless Washburne continues to reside in the Avenue Josephine. Barricades have

been ordered to be erected immediately in the quarters of the Tuilleries and Belleville, which will render Paris impregnable to the assaults of the Versailles." The same correspondent telegraphed late last night that there had been firing in various directions all day. He saw a shell strike the Arc de Triomphe, to which much damage has been done. It has been struck by thirty shells in all. The Champs is full of people, and carriages and omnibusses get nearly up to the arch. Stalls are open, and Punch and Judy shows are exhibited. Crowds are moving to and fro in holiday attire. Groups gathered together pay little attention to the bombs. No interest whatever is manifested in the elections. The family of Minister Washburne has left Paris. It is anticipated that all the railway lines will be cut to-morrow, and a state of siege be declared. There are only provisions enough in Paris to last three weeks.

NEW YORK, 18.—A cable special, dated Paris, noon, 17th, says, at nine o'clock last night the forts, and advanced posts sent in to the Commune the results of the vote of the troops. The urn containing the papers was carried by an officer escorted by nationals, the procession being headed by the red flag. There were cries of "Vive la Commune." Yesterday, after the taking of Neuilly church, a youth of sixteen planted the flag of the Commune on the summit of the church, amid a shower of balls. The ambulances collecting provisions report that the city is about to be invested by the Versailles and Prussians jointly, which causes great excitement. The barricades on the Rue Castiglione have been demolished, and large works erected at Fatigrolles, Belleville and Montmartre. The church of Saint Jacques du Haute was surrounded to-day by the nationals and the clergy arrested during vespers. Yesterday the church of St. Vincent de Paul was surrounded by the nationals and pillaged.

A *Tribune's* special dispatch repeats the rumor of a change in the Treasury Department, but says it is not true that Morton will be appointed. Morton positively declines to accept of any appointment. It is reported, in certain circles, that Boutwell will be appointed Minister to Austria, upon retiring from the Treasury department.

It is believed that an extra session of the Senate, to consider the result of the joint high commission will be called early in June.

The *World's* cable dispatch, dated Paris 17, says, the Communists, after a severe battle, occupied the whole of Neuilly, capturing artillery and two flags. The enemy's loss was 2,000 men killed and wounded and 100 prisoners. The loss of the Communists was the same. Valerien is now bombarding Neuilly. The Germans are massing heavy bodies of troops and give many other proofs of their intention of interference.

ALBANY.—The Governor has signed the new York bills which excited so much discussion, the register amending the act of the new charter, amending the act in the bill allowing supervisors to fix the salaries of judicial officers.

NEW YORK, 19, London, 18.—Last night, in the Commons, Gladstone opposed the resolution for discontinuing the telegraph and postal service on Sunday as depriving many of employment. He succeeded in defeating the vote of censure on the naval administration, indirectly arising from the loss of the *Captain*, by forty nine majority.

FOREIGN.

PARIS, Sunday evening, 16, via London, 17, 3:30 a. m.—General Cluseret, says Fort Vanvres was attacked five times in succession on Saturday. Cannon and musket firing continued all day. To-day an obstinate struggle is going on at Neuilly, where the ground is disputed inch by inch. The detachment of government troops on the island of Grand Jatte has escaped. The Versailles army has been concentrating for the last four days, and a general and formidable attack is momentarily expected.

The Germans at Creteil have been reinforced with 18,000 men and are preparing to interfere. The Commune is resolved to continue the defense to the last. The sale of horse-flesh has again commenced, and there are other signs of scarcity of food in the city.

PARIS, 17.—The night was quiet, there was close fighting yesterday at Neuilly, in which the Communists were successful and captured some colors. The spirit of the troops is good. The commune decrees methodical requisitions, street by street; it also convokes the industrial chambers to draft statistics of abandoned workshops, and arrange for their reopening by workmen, not by the proprietors.

LONDON, 17.—The *Times's* special says the Versailles use the Prussian trenches at Meudon. Sixteen guns are pointed at Issy and Vanvres. MacMahon has succeeded in surrounding Asniers. The cannonading of Issy was continued on Sunday. The Prussians are massing large reinforcements in the vicinity of Paris. The elections of the Commune attracted little attention, many abstaining from voting.

A special to the *Times* from Versailles, repeats the news that the Prussian trench in the terrace at Meudon is now occupied by government troops, and 16 guns are pointing towards Issy and Vanvres.

The *Times* in a leader says the *Alabama* case has always created insecurity and demoralized American politics and it will hail a possible settlement with genuine satisfaction. It thinks arbitration will acquit England, as the *Alabama* was partially fitted out in the Azores, hence Portugal is liable.

The census of England shows a large increase in the cities.

The Versailles occupied Asniers yesterday, driving the enemy across the Seine and capturing many prisoners. A battery now prevents the insurgents using the bridge. The insurgents were quiet last night.

VERSAILLES, 17.—The *Tribune's* special dispatch says the Prussian officers at St. Denis, say they are to occupy Paris.

The special correspondent of the *Tribune* at St. Dennis, had an interview with General Pope who commands the 7th division of the Prussian army, on Monday, who says his instructions are to be very strict with the insurgents and give the government facilities to allay the dissatisfaction of the French. They are ready to protect the Assembly, but not to attack Paris. Five hundred millions of francs were due on April 1st, which is known to be ready at Versailles. The payment has been delayed because the Germans, on payment of this installment of the indemnity, would then retire towards Rheims.

There is a violent cannonade at Maillot and Neuilly.

PARIS, 18, evening.—The Versailles have not resumed the offensive. The belligerents are confronting each other by the Island Grande Jatte. The Federalist loss, yesterday, was heavy. It is said the nationals are discouraged.

An immense amount of ammunition was discovered in cellars on the Avenue Trocadero.

PARIS, 19.—The programme suggested and generally approved for the maintenance by the republic of the communal rights for Paris and other cities consists of the dissolution of the Assembly and Commune, the re-election of national communal representatives to the interior governments and a Paris and Versailles amnesty and armistice. The insurgents admit that they were repulsed at Neuilly, but claim victories at Issy and Clamart. Okohawitz succeeds Dombrowski's brother, who was disabled at Asniers. A dispatch from Asniers says the weather is rainy and the insurrection is failing.

This p. m. the Communists unfurled a red flag, and addressed the crowd. There was considerable excitement in the street and the police seized the flag.

There were demonstrations in Hyde Park yesterday in favor of the insurgents.

The Paris special of the *Daily News* says the Germans occupy St. Rouen.

HOME NEWS.

RICHMOND, 27.

Fall grain looks excellent. School meetings are being held in five districts, for adopting the principle of taxation to support schools, which is meeting with favor.

LOGAN, 17.

Improvements are going on in building, fencing, planting shade-trees, graveling side-walks, &c., and the farmers are putting in their crops.

PAYSON, 18.

Last night, between the hours of twelve and one, a man, on horseback, rode up to Bishop Fairbank's window and fired three shots, from a revolver, into his bed-room. The Bishop, who had heard his gate open and some one on horseback ride into his yard, had risen and was standing at the window when the shots were fired, which passed directly over his head. It was too dark for him to distinguish more than the outlines of a man and horse, and he has no idea who the desperado was. The affair, so far, is a mystery, but every measure possible will be adopted to discover the would-be assassin and bring him to justice.

BEAVER, 18.

Gold was yesterday exhibited in the Co-operative store, which had been discovered in the old lead mines, near Minersville, Beaver Co., at a depth of 75 feet. It exists in the lode, the quartz having decomposed and left it among a substance resembling clay.

CENTRAL CITY, April 18.

There has been a terrible snow storm for the last three days, with every appearance of a lengthy duration. There are no ore teams up to-day, on account of the storm.

Parties report that the mines are looking well. The snow is too deep to admit of more than a very little prospecting. Several persons have struck minerals which they have no doubt will prove excellent, as soon as the snow gets off so they can commence working.

ST. GEORGE, April 19.

Visitors from Long Valley report that a virulent kind of measles is raging at Glendale and Mount Carmel. Many children and some adults who have been attacked with the malady are lying in a dangerous condition. Three children of A. S. Gibbons died in one day.

A SHINDY that would have done honor to Donnybrook took place among the solons of New York State, in the House of Representatives at Albany, on the 7th inst., strikingly illustrative of the harmony and good feeling which often prevail in legislative bodies in this country; and which must be regarded as an indication and evidence of the higher type of their civilization.

A member named Flag asked consent to introduce a resolution to discharge a certain committee, and on taking the yeas and nays on the vote to do so the members crowded around the clerk's desk. In the throng a member named Weed accidentally pushed against another named Irving, and the two not being on good terms, Irving believing the push intended, called Weed to account. High words ensued between the honorable gentlemen, during which Irving told Weed he was not a man of his word. To this Weed retorted by telling Irving that he was a thief. The greatest excitement prevailed among the members while the altercation was progressing, the calls of the Chair for order being completely unheeded. While the friends of the parties were trying to appease them, Irving started for the clerk's room, and was followed by Weed. Upon entering it they clinched, when Irving struck his antagonist a severe blow on the left eye, cutting him badly. A forcible separation was now effected, and Irving was shoved through a side door. Weed washed his seat in the Assembly. As soon as the blow was struck the Speaker used the gavel vigorously, insisting that every member take his seat; when, on motion of the Chair a committee of five was appointed to investigate the matter, to report on the following morning.