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BREVITIES.

The only persons who really enjoy bad health are the doctors. Why is a played out man like an umbrella? Because he's used up.

By the time the European powers have seen a little more of Republics, they will be able to recognize them. *Courier Journal.*

The New York Tribune announces that since the European war began, it has received cable telegrams, the tolls on which amounted to \$38,089.44.

The young men of Cincinnati are becoming greatly interested in the orphanage since the uncle of a young and beautiful girl in the asylum has died and left her \$50,000.

A new style of footlights, burning downward, has lately been introduced into the London theatres. Besides securing safety from fire, unpleasant gas vapors are removed.

The breadth of land devoted to corn in Illinois this year is 6,800,000 acres and at least a third more in wheat. At least 905,000,000 bushels of corn have been gathered.

One of the royal chateaux near Brussels has been placed at the disposal of the wounded, the Queen of the Belgians having undertaken personally the supervision of the arrangements.

Fort Edward (N. Y.) people are shy of river bathing, since an alligator escaped from a show there some months ago. Ducks and geese are growing scarce in that vicinity.

The different watering places of Germany, which were suddenly deserted at the beginning of the war, are gradually filling again with a big crowd, in a measure, as all danger of invasion of Germany disappears.

Nilsen won \$30,000 worth of diamonds at her Philadelphia concert; and Miss Shoddie and her friends, who couldn't tell the difference between a recitative and a war-whoop, consequently pronounced her singing "perfectly splendid."

A Milwaukee paper says that "the story that an English capitalist is negotiating for the purchase of all the Milwaukee elevators arose from the circumstance of a gentleman's dropping in at a restaurant and asking for 'alf a dozen holsters.'"

The chief secret of comfort lies in not suffering trifles to vex one, and in prudently cultivating an undergrowth of small pleasures, since very few great ones are let go on long leases.

An intelligent member of the Connecticut Legislature, in addressing his constituents by letter in reference to a new section in a bill, says: "This ask shall not affect any one's nose-pendin'."

A gentleman in Gorham, Me., has a dog that evinces a decided French taste for frogs. The animal will wend his way to a frog-pond, at a little distance from the house, sit at the edge patiently, and now and then capture a frog with great dexterity, and eat it with apparent gusto.

"Boy, run up stairs to Ned and bring down my baggy shirt. I'm about moving; said a tall Arkansas meat-axe looking person to a waiter. "What is your baggage, mass, and what is he?" "Why, three pistols, a pack of cards, a Bowie-knife and one shirt. You'll find them all under my pillow."

A man in Buffalo pulled off his coat and jumped in the canal to save a woman from drowning, when a pickpocket stole his pocketbook from his coat, and the woman swore at him for pulling his hair in his efforts to save her life. There isn't much inducement in Buffalo for a man to act as a retriever.

Boston is again to have the grandest musical performances that have ever taken place in this country. The famous Handel and Haydn Society, comprising 1,000 singers, announce the production of four oratorios in connection with Mlle. Nilsson and troupe. This will be the culmination of musical novelties, for this season at least.

It is related that, soon after war was declared, one of Bismarck's friends said to him: "But my dear Count, only think of the fearful loss of life this war is going to superinduce." "Ah, my boy, the world, though eighteen hundred and seventy years old, has not yet discovered the art of making an omelet without breaking eggs."

One of the census enumerators in Providence, R. I., put down in his list twins, opposite the names of two children, and against the first he designated Providence as the birth place. The officials in Washington sent the list back to have the deficiency accounted for. What they wanted to know was where the other twin was born.

The Imperial Russian Governor of Riga has assessed a fine of \$100,000 on the city of Riga, because many of the houses were decorated with flags on account of the German victory at Sedan. The merchants of Riga had collected \$100,000 for the wounded German soldiers. The Governor ordered this sum to be divided into two halves, one of which is to be sent to the German and the other to the French Aid Society.

In the battle at Spicheren a Prussian, in a wood held by the French Tirailleurs, kept putting his needle-gun to his shoulder and bringing it down again without firing. His officer became impatient. "Shoot, you stupid! Don't stand there all day!" "No, no," answered the soldiers. "Ich hab' ihn nicht!" "Ah, so," he added bringing his rifle down. "A Frenchman roared over with a bullet through his head. The needle-gun is deadly because the men are taught never to fire without feeling confident of hitting. This fire has a much greater moral effect than the French—from the hip as often as they can load and fire.

By Telegraph.

Per WESTERN UNION Telegraph Line.

TWENTY-THREE VESSELS WRECKED!

The Bombardment of Paris to be Opened with Two Hundred and Fifty Guns!

METZ SAID TO BE STILL HOLDING OUT!

The Condition of Paris!

A FREE FIGHT WITH FIRE ARMS IN A POLITICAL MEETING!

NEW YORK.

Five millions worth of property destroyed—Supposed to be lost.

NEW YORK, 2.—Late intelligence from Cuba shows that the military news is meagre. Forty-three persons were drowned on the island by the storm of the 19th and 20th. The pecuniary damage amounts to five million dollars. Twenty-three vessels, eleven of them being American, were wrecked on the Florida Reef, yesterday.

A cable to the Tribune, dated London 1st, says: A correspondent of the Tribune writes from Hamburg, on the 30th, that official communications to the authorities state that a French fleet of twelve ships, each having on board 800 landing troops, had sailed from Dunkirk, intending a descent on the North Sea coast. Preparations were immediately made for defense. A garrison consisting of eight battalions of landwehr and the reserve battalions of the 15th and 17th regiments were ordered to be ready to march at half an hour's notice. One half has already been sent to reinforce Cuxhaven. All the pilot boats at the mouth of the Elbe have been brought in, and the light ships and buoys removed. A number of small vessels have been captured by the French, and it is supposed they will be compelled to furnish pilots.

One thousand French officers from Metz will soon arrive. The steamer Varna, which left this port for Galveston, Oct. 15th, with a large number of passengers and a valuable cargo, is supposed to be lost with all on board. She has not been heard from.

BELGIUM.

Austria will not interfere in the Roman question.

BRUSSELS, 2.—Italy has been formally notified that Austria will not interfere in the Roman question. She suggests, however, that a conference of the powers be asked to adjudge the guarantee which Italy shall offer to the Pope.

VIRGINIA.

A Set-to.

NORFOLK.—During the progress of a political meeting, in this city, last evening, at which Secretary Robeson and Governor Mills delivered addresses, a disturbance arose and fire arms were freely used. Several whites and blacks were severely wounded.

FOREIGN NEWS.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Dumas Recovering—King William to be Emperor of Germany—A French Riot—An Accident.

LONDON, 1.—Father Benson, superintendent of the Oxford monastery, sails with thirty of his brethren to found a monastery in America. They will land at Boston.

The Germans will open the bombardment of Paris with 250 siege guns. Bazaine's order of the day, announcing the capitulation, is published. It justifies the act, and exhorts the troops to submission. Admiral Fourichon refuses to sign any paper censuring Bazaine.

Marshal Vaillant has been expelled from France.

Alexander Dumas is recovering. LONDON, 2.—The corpse of a female in a jacket and red flannel shirt, wearing gold ear-rings and necklace, supposed to be a victim of the Cambria disaster, was washed ashore at Rathlin Island, north of Ireland, ten days ago.

A dispatch to the Tribune from Versailles, on Tuesday, says negotiations between the north and south German States, looking to a German Union are progressing favorably. It is decided that King William is to assume the title of Emperor of Germany.

Eighty American families have left Paris under the protection of the Portuguese envoy. Geographical names are being substituted for the French in the province of Alsace.

Gambetta's proclamation and circular are being bitterly condemned in France.

For foreigners in Paris have been offered passes to leave the city. Mazzini has gone to Tours.

The escape of Paul Cassagnac from the Prussians, and his arrival at Vienna, are confirmed. The railway bridge between Strasbourg and Kehl has been repaired. Women huts have been sent to the army before Paris.

The government at Tours accepted General Bourbaki's resignation.

MANCHESTER, 2.—Last night, while a political meeting was being held in this city, the floor of the building gave way. Many persons were injured. The extent of the disaster is not yet ascertained.

A deputation of two thousand persons called upon Gambetta yesterday, to petition for the organization of the scattered forces now operating independently in various departments. Gambetta answered the salvation of the people was in their own hands. The government could not even supply them with arms. The authorities at Tours ascribe the loss of Dijon to the incompetency of Garibaldi's Sardinian officers and their crude organization. Complaints are made of the inactivity of the army of the Loire, which it is now said numbers fully a hundred thousand men.

The latest advices from Paris represent the ardor of the people unabated, with no doubt of their ability to hold out for weeks. Fresh meat is said to be sufficient to last until the 15th of December, and salted provisions for five weeks longer. The stores are not judiciously distributed. On the 25th ult., a riot occurred in the market of the Arrondissement des Batignolles. The populace rushed into the market en masse, clamoring to be supplied with meat. The outbreak was suppressed without serious difficulty. The Prussians have succeeded in placing batteries at Courbevoie, Meudon and Bagneux.

FRANCE.

The French Republic—Metz still holding out—The French Loan.

TOURS, 2.—A dispatch has been received here from Arlon, Belgium, which announces that Metz has not capitulated; that is, the garrisons, forts and town refuse to agree to the capitulation of Bazaine, and the Prussians resume their positions about the place. The deputations which called upon Gambetta last night, were authorized representatives of political unions throughout the country, accompanied by several thousand sympathizers with the object of the presentation to the government of resolutions, asking for a *levée en masse*, and the appointment of a committee for the departments to be charged with the hastening of the popular uprising. Gambetta addressed the deputations, urging that it were better for Frenchmen that they determine to conquer or die; that the Republic cannot fall if the people will stand by it; and government has bent its every energy to the task of defence—efforts had been made, to obtain arms and munitions; the people must assist the government in this as in other efforts. They must be self-reliant, and must not expect the government to surmount obstacles which they themselves might remove. All must unite in saving the nation.

The government has established a prize court at Havre. The citizens of Havre have subscribed 2,000,000 francs to the new national loan. VERAILLES, 1, via London, 2.—The loss of the second division of infantry guard, on the 30th ult., was thirty-five officers and 441 men.

Fort Mont Valerien fired actively last evening and this morning, but without doing any damage whatever. Fifty-three eagles were taken by the Germans at Metz.

The outposts of General Werder's command encountered the French near Grayon, on the 27th ult., two days before the occupation of Dijon, and repulsed them at all points, taking fifteen officers and 500 men prisoners.

The news from Paris, to October 29th, says, the people are strong in their determination to defend the city to the last. There is a great number of new enrollments in the national guard, in order to strengthen the fortifications. Private subscriptions, to pay for cannon for the works, have already reached a sufficient amount to purchase one thousand pieces, which were being rapidly made. It is estimated, the ration of fresh and salt bread will subvert the city until the end of January. The journals assert that bread will not be dealt out in rations until the first of January, the supply on hand being ample. Work on the fortifications is progressing actively in the direction of Bagneux, in spite of the determined opposition of the enemy. A large redan is in course of construction there, which was expected to add largely to the defensive strength of that line. The Prussians are constructing heavy batteries near Vezon, Courbevoie and at Bois Meudon. They have also planted heavy artillery at Courbevoie. On the 27th ult., Trochu received dispatches from Tours, dated the 24th.

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