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THE PEOPLE IN GERMANY STARVING!

An unsuccessful Sortie from Metz!

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ILLINOIS.

CHICAGO, 29.—The Times, this morning, has the following dispatch which, although not published as special, appears in no other paper:

"LONDON, Sept. 28.—Intense excitement was created in diplomatic circles here, today, by the reception, at the Foreign Office, of a note from Russia, saying that the expansion of the boundaries of Prussia compelled her to interfere in the present struggle. That Prussia had been persistently violated her treaties. That to the remonstrances of other powers she gave but insolence, and that now she had openly avowed her war on France to be one of conquest, for the acquisition of vast provinces which would make her the one dominant power of Europe. It was the duty of the other powers to check Prussia's policy of aggrandizement or prepare for absorption in the German Empire. Upon receipt of the note a special meeting of the privy council was held which remained in session five hours waiting to exchange dispatches with Lord Lyons, Minister at Paris. To-night it was openly stated, by an attaché of the Russian legation, in the presence of the Russian minister, that the movement on Turkey was a feint, and that 400,000 troops were now massed on the Prussian frontier. Lord Clarendon, when asked, to-night, the effect of the Russian note, replied that it was equivalent to an official notification that Russia had declared war against Prussia. No credence is given to the dispatch, the origin of which is unknown."

OHIO.

Changing about.

CINCINNATI.—J. B. McCullough, late managing editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer, left to-night, to assume his duties on the Chicago Republican; his place on the Enquirer will be filled by John A. Cochrane, the present city editor.

MISSOURI.

An Immense Building Project—The Census.

ST. LOUIS.—The project of erecting an immense building, to cover three blocks on Washington Avenue, from fifth to eighth streets, and to include a Merchants' Exchange, grand Hotel, and Union R. R. Depot, has taken a definite shape, and will be carried out. Complete plans have been submitted to the executive committee of the bridge company to-day and approved by the committee, and a number of prominent citizens were invited to examine them. The building will be 929 feet front and 226 feet deep. Sixth and Seventh streets will run through it under arched ways. The cost of the building will be about three millions. The census taker's return shows 302,000 as the population of St. Louis, and the enumeration is not yet completed.

NEW YORK.

The Farragut funeral—Yacht race—Boiler explosion—The flame of war spreading in Europe—The battle of Lebonget—Shooting match.

NEW YORK.—The Farragut funeral Committee of the Board of Aldermen, decided to-day, that delegates representing other cities, shall be received and assigned a position in the cortege. Preparations for the funeral are proceeding satisfactorily, and the display will be more imposing than any since Lincoln's funeral procession passed through the city. The ceremonies will be conducted according to the strictest naval etiquette, and the remains will be borne from the landing at Canal street, to the Haslem depot, on the shoulders of sailors who formerly served under the Admiral. The regatta, of the yachts of the New York Yacht club, took place to-day. The race for the cup, given by Mr. Douglass, of the Sappho, twenty miles to windward, outside of Sandy Hook, without allowance of time, was won by Mr. Bennett's yacht Dauntless, in six hours, eleven minutes and twenty seconds, beating eleven vessels. The cup given by Mr. Ashbury for the first schooner, and that by Mr. Suyvesant for the second schooner, sailed at the same time, with time allowance; in six hours, twelve minutes, fifteen seconds, and the latter by Madeline in six hours, 17 minutes and twenty seconds. The Cambria was also beaten by the Palmer, 14 cr. Magie and Alarm. The Sappho did not compete for the cups, but sailed over the course in six hours, five minutes and forty seconds. A special to the Sun, dated Lyons 22, via London 28, says: I left Paris on Saturday morning, and was obliged to pass by Rouen, and arrived here only on Monday night. Everywhere the roads are covered with soldiers and recruits for the army of De La Roche, which is in the way of formation at Tours and other places, under the command of General Cluseret, and are about to be organized from Marseilles to Lyons; this army will harass the Prussians during the siege. The Prussians have returned from before Mul-

hausen, and generally from the Haut Rhine. They left in so great a hurry that they abandoned their siege requisitions.

NEW YORK, 29.—The startling news of the massing of an immense Russian army on the frontier of Prussia is conveyed, this morning, in a special from a London correspondent. It is stated, in addition, that the Prussian minister at the court of Berlin has been instructed to demand of Prussia a full and categorical explanation of her purposes and policy in continuing the war with France. There is great uneasiness in Berlin and London. The cabinet meeting in the latter capital, which was to have been held on Friday, has been called for to-day in consequence of the urgent dispatches from Lord Lyons, British minister at Tours, who beseeched England to interfere and compel peace before all Europe was set in flames.

A Paris letter, dated the 21st, says the battle of Lebonget was very serious and dramatic. Sheltered behind a house the Prussians had run up a redoubt of bricks. A night attack took place at this and the electric light, Marshal Bazaine's system, did capital service. A battalion of Breton mobiles and nationale gardes advanced upon the enemy, whose eyes were dazzled by the light, while the French forces were in the shade. The cannon from the front fired on the house, which protected the redoubt, and the Prussians, surprised and thrown into confusion by the unexpected manoeuvre, were routed, and left 500 prisoners in the hands of the mobiles.

A correspondent of the Tribune telegraphs from Metz, on the 28th: "Since the week preceding Sunday, a large amount of provisions, accumulated at the cities of Luxembourg and Bettleburg, destined for transportation to Saarbrück for German families; one night the rails between Luxembourg and Thionville were replaced and the accumulated provisions were sent from Bettleburg into Thionville station, where they were received by the French garrison."

A special evening telegram, dated London 29, says a dispatch from Mundeblum, on the 28th, states that Strasbourg only surrendered when the helpless condition of the place rendered it almost untenable. The victims of fever were almost numberless. The inhabitants generally were famishing and the dead and dying were lying in crowds in the streets.

A Tribune cable dispatch from Metz says that troops lying south and west of Thionville obtained a knowledge of the manner and mode of attack on the station, endeavoring to destroy the goods or to prevent their reception, by cannonading, they were unsuccessful, as the station lying west of Thionville, was protected by the guns of the battery at Malingrange. On Sunday the Germans re-extended their lines, which had been relaxed and are again blockading Thionville. Yesterday, the chamber of deputies ruled that the entire frontier be absolutely closed against all quadrupeds, vehicles and merchandise, which can possibly convey the infection of the rinderpest.

The recent Times' report about Bazaine's offer of capitulation is entirely without foundation. Bazaine told Favre, "My Emperor placed me at this post and I shall hold it till I fall."

The reported destruction of the Prussian corvette Bertha is officially contradicted.

MONTANA.

Suicide of a Noted Prospector.

HELENA 29.—Henry P. Comstock, prospector and discoverer of the Comstock silver lode, Nevada, suicided on the 27th inst., near Bozeman, Montana, by shooting himself in the head with a revolver. He had accompanied the Big Horn expedition to Bozeman, and was supposed to be laboring under temporary insanity.

Some parties who recently arrived at Yellowstone, report the discovery of an extensive basin 175 miles South East of Bozeman, which prospects encouragingly; a strong party has returned to investigate.

The weather is lovely and the territorial fair is a decided success; the city is overflowing with visitors, and the hotels are unable to provide accommodations, the crowd is so large.

FOREIGN NEWS.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Intervention to be considered—Starvation in Germany.

LONDON.—The British cabinet will meet on Friday to consider the question of intervention.

The Prussian Corvete Bertha was sunk in the Rhine, after a protracted engagement with three French frigates. The troops in Holland are reported to have been strengthened in consequence of the sympathy of the Poles with France. It is reported that the Belgian militia, has been recalled to the frontier.

Advices from Tours represent that confidence and enthusiasm prevail among the people, and the troops in Paris, but impartial observers do not support these statements. Troops are mustering at the principal French cities, uninterrupted by Prussians, and large bodies are moving up from the south. There is great rejoicing throughout Germany for the capture of Strasbourg.

LONDON.—Dr. Guet, who has recently made a tour of inspection through Rhenish Prussia, Hanover, Baden and Hesse, makes an earnest appeal to the charity of all Germans

for the people of those countries. He says that the towns are crowded with helpless women and children coming into them to beg for bread. The fields are left untilled; villages are swept clean, by the armies, of food. His picture of these regions of victorious Germany is scarcely better than that which is given by those of the vanquished districts of divided France. The prices of all the necessities of life have gone up three-fold.

LONDON, 29.—The Times has the following special: On Tuesday last, the 20th, the seventh French made another sortie from Metz. The forces consisted of cavalry and artillery and were protected by the guns of the fortresses Quelen and Batten. The French advanced to Arde Quoz where the Prussians were encountered and another severe conflict ensued which resulted in the defeat of the French though they carried off their wounded and dead and all the Prussian prisoners they had captured. The village was burned by the shells.

The siege guns lately in position before Strasbourg are being hurried forward to Paris; some of them have arrived.

Carrier pigeons are now the only messengers between Paris and Tours. Balloons offered too fatal a mark to the Prussian rifles.

The Baden troops claim the credit of the capture of Strasbourg.

LONDON, 29.—The Wurtemberg Gazette, an official organ, denies the intention of the government to enter the North German Confederation. An active friendship between the Prussian and Austrian cabinets is remarked.

The military preparations of Russia are proceeding on a gigantic scale; there is great activity everywhere.

BELGIUM.

Alsace and Lorraine to be German provinces—A big fire.

OSTEND, 28.—The troops of Baden which have been besieging Strasbourg, after leaving a garrison in the city will be sent to clear Upper Alsace of the armed peasants and sharpshooters, who are perpetrating great excesses and seriously annoying the rear of the German army.

A special, received at Brussels, from Berlin, states that Alsace and Lorraine are to be treated as German federal provinces, under the immediate administration of the federal authorities and are to be represented by a commission also; no military service will be required of the inhabitants. The publication of these ideas has excited a storm of indignation from the Radicals which, has led to several arrests.

A dispatch from Munich says that chancellor Delbriue has so far failed to conclude a treaty for effecting a closer union between Bavaria and North Germany. There are reports also from Stuttgart of very serious manifestations against the policy of annexation.

ANTWERP 29.—A great fire is now raging in this city. The sugar house of Meens Bro's, and several adjoining buildings have been destroyed thus far.

FRANCE.

Affairs at Metz—Cables destroyed by the Prussians.

JOUEN AUX ARTRES, near Metz, in camp, Sept. 24.—Since the fearful battle of the 18th of August, the Prussian army has been hard at work. The activity and determined bravery of the French soldiers has kept the besieging forces constantly employed.

Repeated and resolute attempts have been made by Bazaine to break the bonds in which he is held. Notwithstanding the attempts to treat for capitulation, there has never been a moment when the beleaguered General was not prepared to avail himself of any symptom of neglect or weakness on the part of his enemy. At noon on the 23d, under cover of the guns of the fort, the French sallied forth in considerable strength against the Prussian right. A vigorous attack and defense were made, the Prussians taking advantage of the woods. The battle raged from mid-day until seven o'clock, when the Germans received support, assumed the offensive and drove the enemy within their lines. On the 24th a still more desperate attack was attempted. The French advanced in large bodies of infantry, supported by artillery and cavalry, and covered by the cannons of the fort, which opened the fire. The French attacked vigorously the left of the Prussian line, a little east of the Thionville road. Regiment after regiment fell in solid line, of the Prussians, who stood like iron. Once the French gained a temporary advantage, carrying an outwork of the Prussian lines, and turning the flank of another position, but were shortly driven back, gallantly contesting every foot of ground. At length they were again forced to retire under the forts. The thrilling display of stubborn determination on both sides was never excelled. Details of the result are yet unknown.

TOURS, 28.—Advices from Havre, received to-day, state that merchandise remaining in the warehouses in that port, is protected by consuls of neutral countries, who have hoisted their respective flags. A huge electric light revolves at night lighting up the entire building.

FERRIERES.—Four telegraph cables, leading to Rouen and the South, were discovered in the river to-day, by the Prussians, and promptly destroyed.

LYONS, 29.—General Cluseret, heading a revolution, forced his way into the town hall to-day and harangued the people. The national guards instantly arrested him and his adherents without bloodshed.

Clermont has been captured. Three hundred mobiles and citizens successfully resisted the first attack of the Prussians. After the latter had been repulsed they returned with artillery and reinforcements and captured the place. The Prussians have surrendered Soissons. Shot and shell have been fired

by the artillery on the fine bridge that has been thrown over the Aisne at that place.

PRUSSIA.

Conflicting Opinions About Terms of Peace.

BERLIN.—Three opinions prevail in Germany in regard to the question of the terms of peace. One party agrees with Bismarck that the war ought not to stop until Alsace and Lorraine, including the fortified city of Metz, are annexed to Germany, whence they were taken. Another party demands that Metz and Strasbourg be dismantled merely and that France indemnify Germany for the costs of the war. A third party limits the territorial demand to Alsace and a narrow strip of Lorraine in the east, where German is still the prevailing language. The Cologne Gazette favors the latter plan.

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