

THE EVENING NEWS.

Monday, October 24, 1870.

CAPITULATIONS OF MODERN HISTORY.

The *Neuer Wiener Tagblatt* under the above heading, gives the following interesting details:

The capitulation of Sedan of the 2d instant, is a singularly remarkable event. Inasmuch as since King Francis I. of France, no monarch has ever been taken prisoner on the immediate field of battle. On the other hand, purely military catastrophes of this kind have occurred several times during the last two centuries. We think that by giving the principal details of these occurrences to our readers, we shall enable them to compare past events with those of the last few days. The principal catastrophes are as follows:

1700. Capitulation of Narva. A Russian army of 40,000 men surrendered to Charles XII. of Sweden.

1709. Capitulation of Pultawa. On the day after the battle of Pultawa the remains of the Swedish army surrendered to Peter the Great of Russia.

1756. Capitulation of Pirna. The Saxon army, finding itself hemmed in on all sides, surrendered to Frederick the Great of Prussia.

1757. Capitulation of Kloster Seven. The Duke of Cumberland, with 30,000 English troops, concluded a capitulation with the French, in consequence of which the English troops quitted Germany.

1760. Capitulation of Maren. A Prussian division of 10,000 men, under General Von Fink, surrendered to the Austrians. The cavalry cut their way through.

1773. Capitulation of Tonnung, in Schleswig. A Swedish army, under Gen. Suenbock, surrendered to the allied Russian and Danish armies.

1781. Capitulation of Yorktown. An English army of 8,000 men, under Lord Cornwallis, laid down their arms before the North American General Washington.

1805. Capitulation of Ulm. The Austrian Field Marshal Mack surrendered, with 33,000 men to Napoleon I. The cavalry, commanded by the Grand Duke Ferdinand, cut their way through the enemy.

1806. Capitulation of Prenzlau. The Prussian General, Prince Hohenlohe, surrendered himself and 16,000 men, mostly cavalry, to the French Marshals Berthier and Murat.

1806. Capitulation of Ratkau, near Lubek. The Prussian General Blucher surrendered himself, with 10,000 men, subject to being allowed to march off with honors of war, but without arms, to Marshal Bernadotte.

1808. Capitulation of Baylen. The French General Dupont surrendered, with 10,000 men, to the Spanish army under General Palafox.

1808. Capitulation of Cintra. The French Marshal Junot, with more than 20,000 men, surrendered to the English army under Sir Arthur Wellesley (afterward Duke of Wellington).

1813. Capitulation of Kulm. The French General Vandamme surrendered with 15,000 men to the Emperor of Russia and King of Prussia. The cavalry cut their way through the enemy.

1849. Capitulation of Villages. The Hungarian army, under General Gorgey, 23,000 strong, surrendered to the Russians.

1863. Capitulation of Virginia. Gen. Lee, with 30,000 men surrendered at Appomattox Court House, south of Richmond, to the Federal Gen. Grant.

1865. Capitulation of South Carolina. The Confederate Generals Johnston and Beauregard, with 30,000 men, surrendered to the Federal General Sherman.

1866. Capitulation of Langensalz. The Hanoverian army of 19,000 men surrendered to the Prussians under General Vogel von Falkenstein.

1870. Capitulation at Sedan. The French reserve army, composed of 83,000 men, under Marshal McMahon, surrendered to the allied German forces, commanded by the King of Prussia. The Emperor Napoleon III. was made prisoner.

THE CHRIST OF SILVER.—Some years ago the pulpit of St. Peter's, one of the principal German churches in St. Petersburg, was filled with Pastor Herman, who like most of the preachers of that wealthy sect, had amassed a considerable fortune, and was much esteemed and loved by his congregation. Not a day passed without numerous applications to him of various kinds, and none were sent away without a word of consolation or a more substantial gift.

One day, as he was compelled by indisposition to keep his room, a woman came in and craved his interference. She had lately removed to St. Petersburg with her husband, who was a goldsmith and who had succeeded in establishing himself so well that he earned a ample support for both of them; but he made her wretched by his persistent and outrageous ill-treatment, without the slightest provocation or resort on her part, all of which she had until now patiently endured.

The pastor expressed his regret that indisposition prevented him from leaving the house.

"Bring your husband to me," said he.

"That will be no easy matter," returned the woman; "for if he suspects that rebuke is in waiting for him he will not come. No; he must know nothing of it before hand. But if I tell him that you wish to say something from him, he'll not fail to wait on your reverence."

"That is a lucky thought," said the pastor, "for I am about to purchase a complete tea service of silver."

"And he has just finished a very beautiful one," exclaimed the woman. The next day the goldsmith came with his client, accompanied by the woman.

The pastor was secretly surprised to see her with him, but advanced to meet him, saying:

"Ah! the silver tea-set?"

"Yes, your reverence, I have brought the service, as you desired."

"Very well," said the Pastor, "be so good as to come with me into my study."

When they entered the good clergyman began to speak earnestly upon the duty of a husband, and dwelt with impressive eloquence upon the sacredness of the vow which married

partners make before the altar to each other. His listener seemed very much astonished, and several times attempted to interrupt his discourse; but Pastor Herman begged him to hear him to the end.

"What excuse can you make for your conduct?" asked he in conclusion. "What is the cause of it? You look so mild and good tempered, my friend. How comes it that you are such a bad husband?"

"I know what you mean to say. You are usually meek as a lamb, and only impetuous at certain times; but to go so far as to beat your wife!"

"You have mistaken the person, reverend sir; I have never beaten my wife."

"How? Do you deny it? Fie!"

"Because," continued the man, "I am not married."

"Why, your wife is at this moment waiting in the next room."

"What? My wife? Your reverence is mistaken; I have no wife. That woman is your housekeeper; she came to me with a commission from you to bring a service of silver for your inspection."

The pastor began to look uneasy. "She must be a mad woman," said he.

"Or a thief," said the goldsmith. They went hastily into the next room—but it was empty! The woman had disappeared with the chest of silver, and all the efforts of the police to recover it were in vain.

The trick was so well devised and planned that it would have succeeded with the most prudent and circumspect. The goldsmith left the silver in the outer room, in charge of the supposed housekeeper, at the express desire of the pastor, while the latter confided it to the keeping of the supposed wife of the former. Had the latter been brought into litigation, whose would have been the loss? Unfortunately, the pastor had no thought for such an alternative. He felt compassion for the poor man, who gained a precarious living by his labor; and as he, on the contrary, was rich enough to bear the injury, he bore it alone.

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