

THE EVENING NEWS.

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THE WAR—ITS CHANGING FORTUNES.

As our readers will perceive, the tone of our telegraphic dispatches to-day are more favorable to the cause of France than they have been. Bazaine is now, it is said, master of the situation; he can either fight or retreat; and if he is true, as reported, that the Crown Prince has abandoned his march to Paris and gone to the help of Steinmetz and Prince Frederick Charles, the movement is significant. There is scarcely room to doubt the reports respecting the heavy damage inflicted on the Prussian troops during the engagements of last week, causing a thrill of horror to run through Germany! One hundred thousand, if the contradictory dispatches can be relied on, fell on the Prussian side. Such a slaughter of men is terrific and for the length of the engagements almost unparalleled. The French losses must also have been dreadfully severe, though probably not so great as the Prussian. The accounts which come from the seat of war speak favorably of the French arms—the chasseur and mitrailleuse—and describe them as superior weapons to any used by the Prussians; but the dispatches convey the impression that many of the French forces, recently levied, are imperfectly armed. In many instances they have old-fashioned guns, which would be useless as a weapon in the presence of an enemy armed with a long range, rapid shooting rifle like the needle-gun. It seems incredible that Napoleon would rush into this war with the full understanding, as he must have had, of the superiority of the needle-gun, without having an abundance of arms, at least equally good, with which to meet all probable contingencies; and, therefore, we think that the arming of troops with old muskets is either greatly exaggerated, or is only a temporary expedient until chasseur rifles can be brought from the depots.

France appears to be thoroughly aroused, and every exertion of which the nation is capable will doubtless be made to avenge the losses which the army has sustained and to efface the dishonor inflicted by the desertion of French soil. Guerrillas are likely to be troublesome in Alsace, and they can inflict an immense amount of damage on the invading army should they collect in any numbers. To intimidate them, and but answer operations, King William has issued the proclamation alluded to in to-day's dispatches.

There has been a fine display of strategy, doubtless, in the movements of the two armies during the operations which have taken place since the 18th inst. It is difficult to form an idea as to what the results will be. So far, the Prussians have had the advantage. But a skillful combination on the part of the French generals may change all this. Past events must have fully aroused them to the imminent danger of their position and the immense responsibility devolving upon them. The empire of France and the integrity of her territory are at stake, and Napoleon and his generals know that the eyes of France and of the whole world are upon them, and they will fight with desperation.

SPARROWS AND MOSQUITOES.

It is asserted that for three years past mosquitoes have been diminishing in New York City, and their disappearance is attributed to the active services of the English sparrow.

Four years ago, twenty pairs were imported, and provisions were made for their accommodation. Now it is estimated that there are five thousand pair in the New York parks and gardens; and their active and industrious habits are believed to have materially diminished the swarms of mosquitoes which have heretofore annoyed the residents of New York. This theory is strengthened by the fact that the same experience has marked the introduction of the sparrows into Jersey City—the mosquitoes having greatly diminished there. If there is anything in this—the English sparrow does actually wage war on mosquitoes, as on measuring worms and caterpillars, and other insect nuisances, which threatened at one time to compel the removal of shade trees from all eastern cities and towns—then the Boston Traveller goes for importing one thousand or five thousand pairs at once, to be domesticated in Boston and immediate neighborhood, as a matter of more importance to the peace and comfort of their citizens than would be the addition of one hundred extra policemen.

DR. NEWMAN AND A CALIFORNIAN.

The special correspondent of the Philadelphia Press writes to that paper that one or two Californians, with whom he was conversing on the train on which Dr. Newman was traveling, expressed a willingness to bet five dollars that the Doctor was a "Mormon." Probably the Doctor has the appearance of a man, to one who has no acquaintance with

"Mormons" only by report, who would be a "Mormon." A "Mormon" is supposed, by those unacquainted with the race, to be a man with large amputations and of a sensual appearance. We have frequently heard of professors of phrenology being surprised at finding that persons whose heads they were examining were "Mormons," they were the very opposite, phrenologically, of what they expected to find. If the Californian, therefore, of whom this correspondent speaks, entertained the view usually held by people who have never been familiar with the "Mormons" and their true character, we do not wonder at his offering to bet five dollars that the distinguished Chaplain was a "Mormon." We think such a mistake in the case of a person who had an imaginary portrait of a "Mormon" in his mind's eye, with a man of the Doctor's appearance on the cars traveling in the direction of Salt Lake, might easily be made.

TRADES' UNIONS.

Those of our readers who have been in this country for the past twenty years can scarcely conceive of the rapid manner in which the organization of trades' unions has been carried on in the Eastern States during the past few years. It is stated that in the United States trades' unions proper began a distinctive existence in 1853, the Irish founders of Pennsylvania being first to organize. At the present time the thirteen principal trades organized into national bodies claim a membership of about 150,000. These are the carpenters, with 77 branches; cigar-makers, 95; bricklayers, 70; printers, 112; crupins, 147; coopers, 29; plasterers, 18; iron-molders, 200; machinists and blacksmiths, 120; Grand Forge of United States (iron-workers), 48; engineers (branches of the British Amalgamated Engineers), 11; tailors, 35; locomotive firemen, 35; in all 994 local unions. A larger membership is claimed by most trades, still the given average is approximately correct. In the State of New York, 180 unions, with a membership of 300,000, are claimed. In the city of New York alone there are 95 unions of various trades, numbering about 70,000 members.

Besides the regular trades' unions, there are several secret labor orders, and these are more to be dreaded than the open organizations. All these unions increase rapidly. The Crispin's, as the shoemaker's is called, which is not more than three years' old, now numbers, it is estimated, 60,000 members. There is a growing disposition on the part of these unions to wield the power they hold for political purposes, and if they could only be induced to act unitedly, they would soon be a great power in the Government. There is room for serious reflection in witnessing the growth in our day of these various organizations—military, civil, trades, etc.—especially in the growth of secret combinations for political and other purposes.

(SPECIAL TO THE DESERT NEWS.)

By Telegraph.

Per WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH LINE.

AFTERNOON DISPATCHES.

CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, 23.—The Central Pacific, California and Oregon, Oakley and Alameda and San Joaquin Valley Railroad companies have consolidated under the name of the Central Pacific.

There was an enthusiastic meeting of French last night; five thousand dollars were subscribed. An effort will be made to remit to Paris ten thousand dollars monthly. There is intense excitement; the French are jubilant and the streets are crowded.

Seward passed Elko to-day; he was much prostrated and unable to get out of bed.

N. H. Ball, a prominent citizen of Virginia City, Nevada, died to-day.

NEW YORK.

Hotley Expected.—A special telegram, dated London, p.m. 23rd, says private advice asserts that the Chalons army has gone in the direction of Thionville, in the desperate effort to effect a junction with Bazaine, and escaping the Crown Prince and passing the main German army to the north of Verdun. McMahon is driven to a choice of two evils, either to leave the road to Paris to the Crown Prince, or, by holding it, to sacrifice Bazaine's army.

A special telegram from Paris, 23, says diplomatic meetings of the Corps are held here daily at the British Embassy, but no decisive action has yet been taken. The French Government is buying horses in Italy for the army. The floating elevator "Atlanta," owned by Ray & Ewing, was burned last night. Ex-Minister Motley is expected on the Java, which left Liverpool on Saturday.

POUGHKEEPSIE, 23.—The fire raging in the woods, back of West Point, have already consumed a large amount of standing timber. There are fires also in nearly all the counties along the Hudson, and a pall of smoke covers the river, making navigation difficult. A rain storm has commenced.

NEW YORK, 23.—The World's cable special, dated London 23, says creditable authority asserts that Steinmetz and Frederick Charles have lost over one hundred thousand men, leaving them no more than 150,000 to hold the line from the frontier to Metz. The feeling in Berlin is one of undeniable horror and depression; the war threatens to last, and already the flower of

North Germany is decimated. The railways are taken up with the wounded so as to delay the movement of reinforcements. Boat service is organizing on the Rhine for the wounded, and three steamers have already been converted into national hospitals.

MISSOURI.

Fenianism Under a New Name.—St. LOUIS, 23.—A new national organization, called the Irish National Brotherhood, has lately been put into operation. Its ramifications will extend over several states of the Union, with headquarters at St. Louis. It has been formed by the most advanced Irish nationalists and will take the place of Fenianism, and unite all the actions into one brotherhood. The principal features of the new organization are no salaries for officials, the retention of funds by the local branches until required by the brotherhood in Ireland, and a central council to consist of seven members, instead of a president chief executive, or senate, as formerly recognized by the Fenians.

WASHINGTON.

Death of Professor Wilcox.—WASHINGTON, 23.—Professor Wm. H. Wilcox, of the Naval Academy died on Saturday.

ILLINOIS.

Germans Independent, French exultant.—CHICAGO.—There is much anxiety among the Germans at the absence of war news from Prussian sources, and at the encouraging accounts of the condition of the French armies; the French and their sympathizers are correspondingly exultant, and confident that McMahon and Bazaine have united their forces, and will drive the Prussians from France.

OHIO.

A Judge arrested.—CINCINNATI.—The Irish National Congress assembled at Mozart Hall this morning; about a hundred delegates are here. The object of the Congress is said to be the uniting of the various Irish organizations of the United States and Canada into a national union. It is understood that the present condition of Europe will receive a share of attention. Judge Lowell, of Boone Co., Ky., was brought before the U. S. Commissioner at Covington, Ky., yesterday, charged with refusing to allow negroes to vote at the recent election, while acting as Judge of the election. He denies having refused to let negroes vote, but admits that he told one who asked him if he had a right to vote, that he had not under the laws of Kentucky.

GEORGIA.

Negroes Swear Vengeance on Whites.—AUGUSTA, GA.—About three hundred negroes broke open the jail, at Louisville, Jefferson county, on Sunday, and released the prisoners; the Sheriff sent to Atlanta for troops, which reached the scene to-day. Some of the leaders were arrested. The rioters threaten to burn Louisville and take vengeance on the whites, but the prompt action of the citizens has prevented further troubles. The difficulty is said to have originated in the arrest and imprisonment of a negro for shooting a mule.

WYOMING.

Political nominations.—LADY CANDIDATES.—CHEYENNE, 23.—The Democratic Territorial convention, which met at Bryan, yesterday, nominated Col. John Wanless, of Laramie city, for Delegate to Congress; the Republicans held a convention at the theatre last night, and nominated a ticket for county officers for the ensuing year. Several ladies were present. Mrs. B. H. Pickett, is candidate for county clerk; Mrs. M. Harwood for superintendent of common schools. Mrs. M. Rast is a member of the Republican county convention.

FOREIGN NEWS.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Crown Prince no longer advances on Paris.—Heavy losses by the Prussians.—LONDON.—It is reported that the Crown Prince of Prussia has withdrawn his army from the advances on Paris and has gone to support the Prussian armies west of Metz, where their positions are seriously threatened with a formidable attack from Bazaine, who is said to have been reinforced by McMahon. Five million francs have been distributed in the city of Paris among the families of soldiers.

The Paris correspondent of the Standard, telegraphs that Bazaine has succeeded in cutting the enemy's line and retreating upon Montigny, by way of Antuenen and Longuey. Advice from the hostile armies state that heavy rain fell all last night, which must have seriously impeded military movements. To-day a correspondent of Le Temps has no hope for a triumph issue to the war, unless the Emperor and the Prince Imperial cease their interference and return to Paris. The Prince chatters about military movements to everybody, and lets out important secrets.

A special messenger from St. Petersburg has arrived with important instructions to the Russian legation here. Russia insists that Prussia be held to her original pretext for the war, and that no territorial aggrandizement be permitted by the powers. The Russian Baltic fleet is under sailing orders. A Paris special reports that the procurator imperial of Manners, who commanded a company of sharpshooters, was captured by the Prussians, and shot because he did not belong to the army. The Gaulois protests against such occurrences.

The subscription for a sword of honor, to be presented to Marshal McMahon has closed; a large sum of money was raised, and many jewels were given for the purpose.

FRANCE.

The scales begin to turn for France.—PARIS, 23.—Captain Jeanneret, in a communication to Le Temps admits that the reports of Prussian violence are exaggerated in some instances.

La Presse, in an extra, makes the following statement: "We are now at liberty to make public the fact that McMahon has joined Bazaine with a great number of troops. Bazaine has not abandoned his strong position near Metz. McMahon moved north, and France is saved, and McMahon has reached a position where he can enter upon and decide the struggle. Le Public says, full confirmation of the good news from the army was received to-day. The inhabitants of Paris have addressed a letter to Trochu, in which they expressed the utmost confidence in his energy in adopting measures for the defence of the city."

ITALY.

Freelance Giving in.—ROME, 22, via Paris.—The Journal Die Roma announces that several of the prelates, who were absent at the vote on infallibility, at the Council, among them Cardinals Schwartzberg, Mathieu Raucher and Howenlohe, have given in their adhesion to the dogma.

LATEST NEWS.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Depression at the French headquarters.—LONDON, 9 p.m.—The general headquarters of the French army, on Sunday night, were a few miles west of Rheims. Edmund Loxier writes thence to the Siecle that the deepest depression prevails at the Emperor's headquarters. The object of the Prince Napoleon's visit to Florence was to protest against the neutrality of Italy.

FRANCE.

Bazaine Refuses.—The Gaulois asserts that Prussia has applied, through Lord Granville, for consent of the French commanders to allow her wounded, to the number of 85,000, to be sent home through Belgium and Luxembourg, and that Bazaine positively refuses.

SPAIN.

The Hohenzollern question reviving.—MADRID, 23.—The success of the Prussian armies has caused a revival of the question of the Hohenzollern candidacy. Gen. Prim is in favor of submitting the subject to the people by a plebiscite.

TOWN SITE ACT OF 1867.

AN ACT for the relief of the inhabitants of cities and towns upon the public lands.

Be it enacted, etc., That whenever any portion of the public lands of the United States have been or shall be settled upon and occupied as a town site, and therefore not subject to entry under the agricultural pre-emption laws, it shall be lawful, in case such town shall be incorporated, for the corporate authorities thereof, and if not incorporated, for the judge of the county court, for the county in which such town may be situated, to enter at the proper land office, and at the minimum price, the land so settled and occupied in trust for the several use and benefit of the occupants thereof, according to their respective interests; the execution of which trust as to the disposal of the lots in such town, and the proceeds of the sale thereof, to be conducted under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the legislative authority of the State or Territory in which the same may be situated: Provided, That the entry of the land intended by this act to be made shall be made, or a declaratory statement of the purpose of the inhabitants to enter it as a town site under this act, shall be filed with the Register of the proper Land Office prior to the commencement of the public sale of the body of land in which it is included, and that the entry or declaratory statement shall include only such lands as are actually occupied by the town, and the title to which is in the United States. If upon surveyed lands, the entry shall in its exterior limits be made in conformity to the legal subdivisions of the public lands surveyed and located by the fourth of April, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, and when the inhabitants are in number one hundred and less than two hundred shall embrace not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres; and in cases where the inhabitants of such town are more than two hundred and less than one thousand shall embrace not exceeding six hundred and forty acres; and where the number of inhabitants is one thousand and less than two thousand shall embrace not exceeding twelve hundred and eighty acres. Provided, That for each additional one thousand inhabitants, not exceeding five thousand in all, a further grant of three hundred and twenty acres shall be allowed: And provided further, That in any territory in which a land office may not have been established, declaratory statements, as hereinbefore provided, may be filed with the Surveyor-General of the surveying district in which the lands are situated, who shall transmit said declaratory statement to the General Land Office, and provided further, That any act of said trustees not made in conformity to the rules and regulations herein alluded to shall be void; effect to be given to the foregoing provisions according to such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior: And provided further, That the provisions of this act shall not apply to military or other reservations heretofore made by the United States, nor to lighthouses, custom houses, mints, or such other public purposes as the interest of the United States may require: And provided further, That any act of said trustees not made in conformity to the rules and regulations herein alluded to shall be void; 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