

assailed, call on me to defend it." Bazaine said a proclamation of the Republic in Metz would have paralyzed all action. He could then have counted no longer upon his best troops. When his sples brought him the "abominable did not believe even him until he transmitted a copy of the Journal Officiale. Bazaine then told his soldiers that the Emperor was a prisoner, that the Empress and young Prince had left France, and that Gen. Trophu stood at the head of the national defense committee. The Republic never was prosaid: "I have sworn loyalty to the Ema discharge from our oath by the Emperor." He also said, "I reported to the government at Tours and Paris everything that occurred at Metzalways the strict, naked truth, but never received a reply or notice of any kind."

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army was insulted, and the memory solved that by the 19th I must commence the steps of capitulation. Inow able. requested permission of the Prince for The street loafers. I detest politics. We only wanted to do what Gambetta did; could not prevent the departure of his troops, who would then materially strengthen the forces of the France tir-

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