

BREVITIES.

New York City uses 120,000,000 quarts of milk yearly.
Russia possesses at present 566,232 needle guns.
A new street in London has been named Lothair.
The foolish are afraid of others; the wise are afraid of themselves.
Minnesota is introducing fruit trees from Russia.
What is the best thing to do in a hurry? Nothing.
Free baths in New York decrease the weekly death-rate.
Chicago paupers are buried by contract, at \$3.50 a pauper.
A new town in Kansas has been named New Chicago.
There are three hundred and forty existing species of pigeons.
Illness is hard work for those who are not used to it, and dull work for those who are.
Mississippi disfranchises all persons who have anything to do with challenges or duels within her borders.
In Indiana a girl of eleven has applied for a divorce.
Red Cloud says the white squaws have too much war paint.
At Ware, Mass., a couple have married after a courtship of thirty years.
Happiness is a pretty roadside flower, growing on the highway of usefulness.
"I believe in going to the bottom of things," as the school-ma'am said when she laid a refractory pupil over her knee.
A male child was recently born in Perry county, Pa., which has no eyes. In other respects it is perfectly formed, stout, and healthy.
A venerable couple in Jennings county, Ind., after living together for forty years, got into a quarrel over the sale of a cow and separated for the remainder of their days.
A manufacturing house of New York, it is understood, has quietly made arrangements to employ 1,000 Chinese hands. They are expected to begin work in the fall.
The first colored juror at Quincy, Ill., was summoned recently. When he made his appearance in Court, five jurors, already sworn in, left the box.
The question of excluding Hebrew children from attending school on the Jewish Sabbath and principal holidays is agitating the Boston school directory.
The Chinese are rapidly adopting the common uses of civilization. Two of them were arrested in San Francisco the other day for counterfeiting greenbacks.
An aeronaut at Altoona, Pa., on the fourth hadn't the courage to go up, and the disappointed crowd pulled him out of his car and sent the balloon off without him.
Berlin is growing more rapidly than any city in Europe. In 1852 it was the eighth in order of European capitals, its population being 250,000; 1860 it was the third, only London and Paris its superiors, its population being 800,000.
Dr. Mendel, of Berlin, has been investigating the cranial cavity. His experiments confirm those of Fick, who showed that the temperature of the interior of the skull is lower than the general temperature of the body.
—Nicholas Longworth once purchased the business portion of the city of Cincinnati for the value of a horse.
—It is said the Omaha will not be able to show the census takers a population of 15,000, although she claims 20,000.
A surgeon six feet long jumped out of the water in Vallejo bay recently and fell into a skiff. The boatman was afraid he would capsize the boat, and, with an oar, helped him back into the water.
A German statistical writer remarks that the invention of the sewing machine has enabled one woman to sew as much as a hundred could sew by hand a century ago; but, he continues, one woman now demands as much clothing as a hundred did a century ago—so that matters are not much changed after all.
The sarracenia plant is the new French remedy for the small-pox. It has been used in this country for many years by homeopathic and eclectic physicians with success. If administered early it obviates the principal symptoms of variola, and even at a later day greatly mitigates them.
Some of the questions proposed for discussion at a meeting of a Western debating club were these: "Is dancin immoral wrong?" "Is it necessary that female shud receive a literary education?" "Ort female to take part in politics?" "Du dress constitute the morale parts of wimmin?"
A colored inebriate was lying on a bench one evening in his cell at the Central Station, in Providence, when the officer made his rounds of inspection. Unable by the fitful gaslight to clearly discern the prisoner's features the officer asked, "Are you colored?" "No," answered the enfranchised drowsily, "I was born so."
Throughout his reign of thirty-six years, Rudolph II. of Austria, neglected all the business of government, to shut himself up in his palace, in company with his coins and pictures, his pet lions, leopards and eagles; his mechanists, alchemists and magicians. He was acquainted with six languages, mechanics and physical science, and yet more in astrology, magic and alchemy. The first important picture gallery was collected by him.

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VIRGINIA.
Conservative Victory.

RICHMOND, VA., 5.—A dispatch from Raleigh says the Conservatives have carried the North Carolina legislature; they have also gained a congressional seat in the Rockingham district.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Ship Burned—Fatal Accident by the falling of a Building.

BOSTON.—The ship *Levanter*, from London, was burned July 26, near the Grand Banks; the fire lasted three days. All hands were saved in their boats by fishermen.

BOSTON, 5.—This afternoon a large brick and wooden structure, at the corner of Hanover and battery streets, fell in, causing the death of a laborer, named Thomas Burke, and injuring several others slightly.

WASHINGTON.

President Grant will issue a proclamation of neutrality.

WASHINGTON, D. C., 6.—An official notification of the war between France and Prussia having been received yesterday, and the fact made known to the President, he has determined to issue a proclamation of neutrality.

NEW YORK.

Meeting among the Gard Mobili—The Evangelical Alliance postponed—Business at the workingmen's Union—Germans irritated against England.

NEW YORK.—A special correspondent writes from Paris that on Thursday, at the Châlons camp, General Canrobert inspected the *Garde Mobile* and asked the usual officers' questions, "Any complaint?" to which the regulation answer is, "None, sir." But these young soldiers made many complaints, and in a very sturdy way; and one section, I do not know how numerous, signified that they were sick of the service already, and cried out, "Back to Paris!"

General Canrobert, bursting with rage, told the mutineers that they were unworthy the name of Frenchmen, and forthwith proceeded to make them aware of the fact, which they hardly seemed to realize, that though not regular troops, they were subject to the utmost severity of martial law. I hear that he had two of the ring-leaders brought to drum head court martial and shot directly.

This news comes from a person who says he read it in a letter from a member of the *Garde Mobile*, who was one of the firing party. It is known here that the commissariat of the *Garde Mobile* is very bad, and they want shelter and food. There are great lamentations at Metz from the Prussians having flooded the Saarbruck coal mines, which produce three and a half million tons of coal yearly, half of which is consumed in the French markets.

The European delegates to the general conference of the evangelical alliance, to be held in New York in September, will be prevented by the war from coming over; the conference has therefore been postponed for the present year. This notice is issued under the authority of and signed by the executive.

The four mile heats at Long Branch were won by "Legatee," easily beating "Carrie," "Abner" and "Keder," time 7:45, and 7:52.

A hundred Germans left to-day for Fatherland.
The sentence of execution on Sheridan, the wife murderer, has been commuted to imprisonment for life.

At a meeting of the Workingmen's Union, this evening, a copy of the communication addressed to the six Chinese companies of San Francisco, was received from the anti-Chinese convention of San Francisco, and placed on file. A communication was received from the general council of the Workingmen's Association of London, calling for aid for 2,000 mechanics now on lock-out in Geneva.

The *Herald's* cable special says fourteen million francs in gold were seized yesterday at the railroad station at Paris.

The Pope has written a letter to the Emperor, in which he has expressed dissatisfaction at the removal of the French troops.

A special correspondent at Frankfurt, on Tuesday, writes that the public mind is filled with distrust of English neutrality, and that nothing will satisfy Germany unless coal is made contraband of war like gun powder. It is believed that the French are purchasing cartridges and horses in England, and the utmost irritation is felt. These complaints also neutralize the gratitude first felt at the attitude of the English press and people.

FOREIGN NEWS.

FRANCE.

Another Battle—The Prussians driven from Weissenburg—Seizures by the police—More heavy fighting reported—10,000 francs to the aid fund—The money changers threatened—Foreigners in Paris under regulations.

PARIS 6.—*La Liberte* publishes a private dispatch, sent at midnight last night, from Strasbourg, reporting that McMahon beat the Prussians yesterday evening, the latter evacuating Weissenburg. Telegraphic communication with Weissenburg has been re-established. The same journal adds that McMahon moved yesterday towards Weissenburg. He was two hours' march from that point, and his men marched at a quick step. He has between sixty and seventy

thousand men to-day; there will be about 150,000 men concentrated near Weissenburg. The loss of the Prussians in the recent engagement reached 10,000 in killed and wounded and prisoners. The French forces defending the town were but eight or ten thousand, while the attacking force numbered fully forty thousand. The enemy was so severely crippled that he could not follow the French when they retired.

The *Journal Officiel* says the French troops, to the number of seven or eight thousand, were engaged in the affair before Weissenburg, and had to contend with two Prussian army corps, including the picked troops of the Prussian guards. The *Journal* adds, in spite of the inferiority of their numbers our regiments resisted the assault of the enemy for several hours with admirable heroism, when they were forced to give way. The loss of the enemy was so severe that he did not dare pursue; and while at Saarbrücken we broke the Prussian line, our own remains intact.

PARIS, Evening.—*La Liberte*, in an extra this evening, says it has received information that heavy fighting has been going on since morning at several points along the frontier.

Le Pays prints the following official dispatch, dated to-day: Marshal McMahon has reoccupied with a portion of his force a strong position near the place of yesterday's conflict; he is in telegraphic communication with all the corps in the army.

PARIS, 9 p.m.—The *Moniteur du Soir*, in an extra, reports that a combat took place to-day at the village of Neidenbach, near the junction of the Lauter and the Rhine. No particulars given.

The police, last night, made a seizure of specie shipped for the theatre of war, by private parties; the books and safe of Baron Hirsch were also seized, on the charge that the rule requiring them to be placed under seal had been violated.

The Count Chambord has sent 10,000 francs to the Patriotic Aid Fund.

PARIS, 10 p.m.—Since six o'clock great crowds have collected before the shops of certain money changers, who are suspected of having sent money to Prussia. The people made threatening demonstrations, but the police protected the shops from harm. There is an immense assemblage on the Boulevards singing patriotic songs; no disorders.

By order of the prefect of police, all persons now in Paris, who live in countries at war with France, are summoned to appear before the commissary of police, and procure papers or leave the country.

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SPAIN.

Journals presented—Spanish fleets in the Mediterranean.

MADRID, 5.—The journals here have been prosecuted for publishing a false dispatch from Paris, announcing the defeat of the French at Saarbrücken. The Spanish fleet entered the Mediterranean last night, and goes to the Balearic Islands.

PRUSSIA.

The Prussian headquarters, &c.

BERLIN.—The headquarters of King William are at Cologne. Prince Frederick Charles is in command and at Kreuznach, and the crown prince at Mannheim. Information reached here that all the Germans in France will be obliged to take out an official permit to remain in the country.

ITALY.

The Senate sanctions the armament of the country.

FLORENCE.—The Senate has sanctioned the proposed armament of the country, and adopted a vote of confidence in the ministry.

GREAT BRITAIN.

More about Weissenburg—Another big battle—Terrible earthquake in Greece—Antwerp and Hamburg being put in a state of defence—McMahon in a strong position, &c.

LONDON, 5.—The *Herald's* cable dispatch from Hagen, to-day, says the defeat of the French at Weissenburg was disastrous. Gen. Donay's divisions, composed of picked fighting men, was utterly routed, and several of them have reached here in a demoralized condition. Weissenburg is in possession of the Prussians.

A terrible earthquake has visited the shores of the gulf of Corinth; the towns of Alpheia and Galizida, and several villages were destroyed and many persons killed and wounded. The inhabitants are in great destitution.

Advices from the seat of war this a.m., concur in representing that the army corps under Marshal McMahon was advancing, after a breach with the Prussians last evening, and occupied and now hold a strong position on the Bavarian frontier. The entire French line of operations is kept in ultimate communication by under ground telegraph wires.

English pilots have been formally forbidden to serve the armed vessels of belligerents.

Later advices from Prussia fully confirm the completeness of the victory at Weissenburg.

The *Times* says it is melancholy to see two nations, actuated by ambition, rush to arms, seeking a military supremacy, which by no victories, however bright or continuous, can be established, for fortune assisting at all the battles, the vanquished will always seek a fresh appeal to fortune.

An American, writing to the *Times*, replies to the charge of fickleness on the part of the United States in the regulation of the diplomatic service, shows that the changes in the British diplomatic corps are more frequent than in the American.

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