FROM EUROPE.

Pasts, December 17. The Mexican Muddle.

No trustworthy intelligence has been received from Mexico later than the advices brought by the Seine last week.

Eli is said that Maximilian is still in Orizaba. It is not known, however, how long he will remain there.

Twenty-five transports have received orders to fit out, in order to bring back the French troops, and their captains and crews are already on board. It is expected that the different corps will embark at Vera Cruz about the beginning of Pebruary.

The News from Rome ie still of a very doubtful nature. The French troops commenced reaving the Pontifical city on the 3d instant. The officers, before their ecparture, paid a farewell visit to the Pope, who bestowed upon them the Apostolic benediction. Now it is certain that the French are going, and that the Papal Government is to be left face to face with its subjects, both its adherents and adversaries are silently waiting for what

prepared. Generally speaking, there appears to be but little revolutionary enthusiasm, and the majovity of the Romans appear to be awaiting their fate with perfect composure, like prudent and eensible men, who are aware that the future of Rome is not to be decided by force or violence.

may happen after. Neither party has its plans

"To Go, or Not to Go!" It has been announced that the Empress' project of a journey to Rome, which was on the point of being carried out, is completely abandoned; but, according to other information, it is yet hoped that the pilgrimage will be made. The indication supposed to be invovted in the issue of a fourth series of invitations to Com' plegne can hardly be considered conclusive, for there is no rule of etiquette which would prohibit the Emperor from receiving guests in the Empress' absence, and appointing a lady to do the honors of the palace in her place.

Still at Complegue.

The French proverb of "Les jours se passent, et ne se ressemblent pas" (The days pass but do not resemble one another), does not at all apply to the days spent by the Imperial family and Court at Compaegue, for there the days resemble each other very much. Hunting, shooting, and acting, the time passes merrily by, for now work is over, as the Commission broke up without deciding anything.

There are rumors of the Emperor being again unwell; and, in support of them, it is noticed that he was obliged to leave the theatre the other day immediately after the second act, but this is a very slight indication indeed.

The Trial of Lamirande, the traudulent eashier of the branch Bank of France at Poitiers, commenced on Monday, the 3d inst., at the Court of Assizes of that city.

He was defended by M. Lachaud, the same barrister who defended Risk Allah Bey at

One thing of occuliar interest in this case was that his lawyers endeavored to get a suspension of his trial, in order to afford time to the frugtists and French Governments to examine the circumstances under which he was carried off by the French police from Canada,

Though, however, they urged various techn cal reasons in support of their demand, the Court refused any delay. The amount he embeyzled was nearly £30,000.

In spite of the eloquent and abla defense of his telented counsel, Lamirande was found guitty of forgery, with extenuating circumstances, and condemned to ten years' imprisonment with hard labor.

Another Sensation Trial.

The French public cannot complain of a want of exciting trials at the present time, for immediately after Lamirande's came that of Martin Reau, the poisoner, which commenced the day before yesterday at Niort, before the Court of Assizes of the Deux Serres,

This wretch is accused of the murder of no fewer than four of his nearest relatives, namely -his brother-in-law, Pierre Reau; his first wife, Marie Jeanne Reau; his second wife, Julie Bontemps; and his little son, Abel Reau, only two years old.

On searching his house, the police found a book on poisons. M. Lachaud, the celebrated avocat, has been retained for his defense.

Victorien Sardou's "Maison Neuve," The first representation of M. Sardou's new play of Maison Neuve took place on Monday, the 31 inst., at the Vaudeville Theatre. It was originally fixed for Saturday, but in consequence of the Censor's having struck out several passages alluding to the rise in house rent

and the dearness of living in Paris. This piece had been widely vaunted beforehand, but was far from coming up to general expectations; indeed, it was a complete failure. It is like almost all M. Sardou's pieces, a satire on the contemporary life of Paris.

A Paris Theatre Destroyed by Fire. The small Theatre des Nouveauttes, in the Rue du Faubourg St. Martin, was burned down

last Monday evening. The people were waiting for the doors to be opened, and the actors and actresses were in their dressing-rooms preparing for the performance, when the drop curtain caught fire, and in a few minutes the whole house was in flames, the only things saved being the performers' costumes.

The house was insured for 55,000 francs (£2200), but the damage done is of infinitely greater importance. The chandelier, which was totally destroyed, was alone worth 3500 francs.

Episcopalian Church Statistics. The Editor of the Church Almanac for 1867

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LETTER FROM COUNT DE GASPARIN.

Universal Amnesty and Impartial Suf-Sin:-Permit me to talk a little with you.

You know that I have never been a warm partisan of the Constitutional Amendment which was drawn up in the last session of Congress. It has always appeared to me that, for the first time to sanction by an article of the Constitution a distinction founded on color, is to give a strange conclusion to the victory of the North, I doubt, moreover, whether the South, supposing that it should adopt the Amendment, would be tempted to intrust the negro with the right of suffrage by the increased representation which it would thus gain in Congress, Having, whatever might happen, two Senators or each State, and knowing, on the other hand, that the negro vote would be cast for the Lincolnian candidates, it would have no motive to triumph over, what is most difficult for it to overcome, the prejudices of race and the traditions of slavery. The net result of the Amendment would be, therefore, to proclaim conditionally a new right, by virtue of which a new race could be excluded from political life, and a

class of incomplete citizens created. It is true that, thanks to the Democratic party and to Mr. Johnson, you run no risk of seeing the Constitutional amendment adopted by the South. As a compromise is in question, the North will take care not to insist on this amendment. Consequently, Congress is about to re-sume its full liberty of action, and I hope that it will have the wisdom to make a good use of it. The point now in question (and it is time) is to have a National party, with a plain and simple platform, which will become popular, and which will serve as the symbol of its whole

olicy. Universal Suffrage—Universal Amnesty.

-such must evidently soon be your watch word.

Universal Suffrage, that is to say, the suppression of all distinctions based on color, the completion of the great work of emancipation, and the inscription of eternal justice in the body of your Constitution. It the states should see it -and I can understand that this may be the case-to subject the exercise of the right of suffrace to certain conditions, these conditions should be imposed at once on the blacks and

the whites. Universal Amnesty, that is to say, the immediate admission to Congress of the States which shall have adopted the new amendment, and of all the States when this amendment, having become part of the Constitution, shall have established universal suffrage everywhere; the pardon of all the Rebels, great and small; the renunciation of all plans of conquering the South, of reducing the Southern States to the position of territories; of confiscation; and of

I dislike, I confess, everything that tends to perpetuate the consequences and rememorances of the civil war. It is important that peace should be peace, and that pardon should be pardon. If you only establish the equality of races, you need have no fear of the former Rebels. To exclude them from public life would be to exclude the whole South. Instead of the policy of exclusion, adopt boldly the policy of admission. It is better to admit the blacks who love you, than to exclude the whites who hate you. Have faith in your Constitution, have faith in liberty, and, above all, have faith in that God whe has never ceased to bless you when you have walked in the path of justice.

How glorious will be that moment when you will no longer have either staves, or helots, or semi-citizens, or proscripts, or persons excluded from any privileges whatever!—that moment when your noble Constitution will have resumed its sway from one end of your country to the other, when the most gigantic Rebellion of modern times, having been conquered by force, will be conquered by kindness, equity, and

generosity. It is important that Iyou should hasten to arrive at this conclusion. Exceptional systems have their dangers, and you will not have ended your task until there is neither an excluded tate nor an excluded race within your borders. Thus everything brings us back to our motto:

- Equality of citizens, equality of States; or, as said a moment since, Universal Suffrage, Universal Amnesty. Nothing is more natural than that you should complete this new Constitutional amendment by incorporating therein the repudiation of the thern debt, and the solemn guarantee of the Union debt; but in my opinion, as to the essential points, everything is summed up in the following words which I have just written:—

Distrust midale measures and compromises, I know of but one means to put an end to a question, name y, to settle it once and forever, I know of but one means to insure peace, namely utterly to eradicate the cause of war. Universal suffrage will settle the negro question; universal amnesty will put an end to the white question. done, you will have accomplished the most astonishing political work ever under-taken by a people. Through a civil war, com-bined with a social revolution, you will have maintained intact the treasure of your liberties. You will neither have dictatorship, nor centralization, nor great standing armies. You will doubtless need some troops, and, for a lapse of time, which I hope may be very brief, but the necessity of which no one can quesdon, you will be called upon to protect the action of your Freedmen's Bureaus, and to settle the inevitable lifficulties proceeding from a transitional epoch. This, however, will be merely a transitional epoch; and, through the very effect of general liberty, the precautions now necessary will

speedily become useless. You may raise the objection that I have not taken Mr. Johnson into account. I do not conceal from myself the fact that if the President continues to play the part of the partisan of the South in opposition to the North, he can raise up great obstacles in your way.

He can, in the first place, encourage the isolation of the South. The equality of races, that indispensable complement of emancipation, would have been accepted with little difficulty by the rebellious States on the morrow of their defeat, under Mr. Lincoln; real emancipation. with real reconciliation as its corollary, would have been speedily realized; the National party and its venerated chief would have proceede hand-in-hand towards the same goal, and would have attained it. Since the South has felt that it had an ally in the White House, it has been less inclined to adopt your Constitutional amendments. Nevertheless, the result of the late elections, and the certainty of being unable to defeat the Union party and to reiusure Democratic majorities, will not be long, I trust, in overcoming this resistance. To be excluded indefinitely from Congress, or to be readmitted therein as soon as the negroes shall be put in full possession of the rights of citizens—in the presence of such an alternative, the wise ath, and there are such, will know

which side to choose The second peril to which Mr. Johnson may subject you, and it is one against which it is impossible to be sufficiently on your guard, is the return of the old war policy of the Democratic party. To enter into a dispute with France or England, to support the Fenians, perhaps, or to embark the country in some quarrel that will distract the public attention, and make it forget reconstruction for ambition—such is the course of conduct which naturally offers itself. In all times, and in all countries, war is the great destroyer of liberty. Give the South a great war, and you will restore to it, if not all its clauses, at least all its hopes of success. Who knows whether, at a given moment, second peril to which Mr. Johnson may Who knows whether, at a given moment, it would not find an ally to aid it in recom-mencing civil war, withdrawing from the negroes a partial and still ill-defined liberty, and

again bringing in question the existence of the United States? You are the party of liberty; you should be the party of peace. With peace, you will daish the work of emancipation; you will re-establish constitutional order; you will prevent dictatorships; you will disband armies; you will pay the national debt; and you will pave the way, by the liberal reconstruction of the Union, for the

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