

Foreign Items.

A German paper says that a great trial is going on in St. Petersburg respecting a forged will. The sum of one and a half million rubles is in dispute, and about two hundred witnesses must be heard on oath. The Senator Grolonski was called as a witness, but he claimed the privilege of his rank and did not appear. The court of justice therefore decided to proceed in solemn procession, with all its officers, prisoners, witnesses, etc., to the dwelling of the defendant. Might not some such step be taken with advantage in this country on certain occasions? It is well known that many persons summoned to serve as jurors prefer being fined to attending the court, but it is a pity that the juror who the result of his not answering when his name was called would probably be the appearance of the judge, the counsel, the plaintiff, the defendant, and the officers of the court, with the more conscientious jurymen, at his private residence, and that, without reference to his carriages or his domestic arrangements generally, the cause would come on for hearing in his dining or drawing-room, he might be induced to take a stricter view of his public duties.

The Pull-Mails Gazette says.—An article in a late number of the *Preussische Jahrbücher* draws an interesting comparison between the losses of the rival armies in the battle of Konigsgratz, and those sustained at the other principal battles of the last two centuries. It appears that the Prussians lost at Konigsgratz, in dead, wounded, and missing, 355 officers and 8794 men; and the Austrians 1147 officers and 39,234 men. The proportion of the losses to the total force engaged on each side was, for the Prussians, 1-28; for the Austrians 1-7; for both together, 1-11. In the battle of Malplaquet (1707) the proportion of losses was 1-6; at Roosbach (1757), 1-25; at Leuthen (1758), 1-11; at Zorndoff (1758), 1-4; at Austerlitz (1805), 1-4; at Eylau (1807), 1-3; at Wagram (1809), 1-4; at Borodino (1812), 1-2; at Lützen (1813), 1-5; at Belle Alliance (1815), 1-3; at Solferino (1859), 1-4. The three greatest of the above battles, the article proceeds, are those of Leipsic, Konigsgratz, and Wagram, at which the total number of troops engaged was 469,500, 430,000, and 320,000 respectively. The three bloodiest were Leipsic (90,000 men lost), Borodino (loss 74,000), and Belle Alliance (loss 61,000). This estimate agrees, on the whole, very well with the popular versions; but, with these, is subject to correction when examined with historical accuracy. The Prussians do injustice to the magnitude of Konigsgratz when they rank it after Leipsic. It is natural they should exaggerate the importance of the latter, which gave complete freedom to their country, and fairly earned their favorite General his marshal's baton. But, taking instead of estimates the actual "states" of each side as reproduced by their best writers, it appears that the allies had barely 320,000 at Leipsic, the French 170,000; total, 490,000. At Konigsgratz, following the same safe rule, we find 420,000 at present. Wagram comes far behind either, for there were not actually 300,000 combatants present. The three next are Borodino, Bautzen, and Dresden; all under 220,000 in total. It is worth noting that the numbers engaged at the Wilderness, by far the largest American battle, were a little over 100,000, viz.—141,000 Federals versus 52,000 Confederates. Each side had just one-seventh of its strength put *hors de combat*, whereas at Grant's early battle of Pittsburg each lost a full fourth.

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