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## $\frac{\text { MONDAY, JULY 18, } 1870 .}{\overline{\text { IHE COMMENOEMENT OF HOSTILI- }}}$

 Prvssia and France are both pushing forwardwith the utmost 1 apidity their forces to the Rhine, and are endeavoring to ob tiain posses-
sion of the strong strategio positions. Any
information about the movemants of the hosformation about the movements of the
hosmies at this stage of the campaign
uust of necossity be extremely indeninite uust of neeossity be extremely indefinite,
and we accordingly find that the cable tele grams of the last two days are cable temere
than oontradictory rumors from which it it scarcely possible to glean more than a few
facts of any value in forming an estimate of he exigencies of the situation. It appears to
be tolerably certain, however, that the Prusritory apparently for the purpose of attacking
the strongly fortitied city of Metz. This pilace is nearly south of Luxumborg, and nearly tions are held by Prussia; and if she can
establish herself also in Metz, that portion
of her frontier contiguous to France will
be strongly covered. One of the despatches dated yesterday gave a rumor of an engage-
ment at Forbach, on the Rhine, nearly direotly west of Metz, in which the Prussian
were defeated, they losing 3000 and the
French 2000 men. This report, however has not been confirmed, and from what is
said about the affair in subsequent dos-
patches, it seems probable that an advanced patches, it seems probable that an advanced
detachment of Prussins was driven back
while attempting to oross the Rhine for the hile attempting to coross the Rhine for the
parpose of marching on Metz.
Another important Another important rumor was that the
French tropps had been recalled from Rome
immediately after the decision of the EEoumenical Council on the infallibility dogma
vas announced. This has been denied, and is stated that France has no intention what
ver of evacuating the papal territory. Should she do so it is likely that an important com-
plication will be introduced into the problem
now in process of solution between the two now in process of solution between the two
great ocontending powers. The Garibalians
would be almost certain to attack Rome, and the promulgation of the dogma of the infalli-
bility of the $\begin{gathered}\text { of } \\ \text { signal would be te } \\ \text { for the } \\ \text { downfall of his }\end{gathered}$ acted in all resperects according to the wishes
of the French Emperor, and if he needs troops upon the Rhine, it is very doubtful
whether he will care nufficiently for the Holy
Father's safety Father's safety and welfare to maintain a de-
tachment of good fighting men at Rome for his protection, even if he has not already
given the Pope and his counsellors over to their own devices
the Garibaldians.
With regard to the attitude of the varions
powers of Europe the Paris despatches state
that Austria, Italy, that Austria, Italy, Denmark, and, strangely
enough, Spain, have either offered the their friendly feelings in suoh a way as to in dicate that they may join in the attempt to
crush Prussia if their assistance is needed. On the other hand it appears to be nearly
certain that Prussia is backed by the most
important of the German States, and that she confidently relies upon the aid of Russia if Looking back at the past history of the two
ations, and looking forward to the probable future, we on this side of the Atlanticropegard
this war as an attempt on the part of the Yrench Emperor to regain some of his lost
popularity, and to secure the stability of his
throne by flattering the military vanity of the French people; while so far as Prussia is con-
cerned, the aristocration notions of her King consideration of the benefits that are likely to accrue to the canse of real liberty if an edu-
cated and enlightened and law-abiding
nation, suchas the Prussians assuredly ain the ascendancy in Central Enropepe Both
Itions are excited to the highest pitch of enthusiasm by the declaration of war, for the
French people are jealous of the growing French peoppe are jealous of the growing
power and importance of Prussin, while the
Prussians, thinking themselves elearly in the right in the present contest, are not unwill.
ing to try to still further extend their power quently supported their monareh with an
unanimity that ean only be paralleled by the uprising of the loyal North in the spring of
unci. Our own extensive experience with war
news will lead us to expeet much of an in-
definite and contradictory character to be sent through the cables, especially at the in-
ceppion of a reeat campaigna and although all ing and exciting, it is necessary to receive their statements with considerable grains of
allowanc. There has scarcely been time yet
tor Cor any decisive action on the part of eithor
of the hostile armies, and there is very little
probability that a general engagement will probability that a general engagement will
take place for some days to come at least. expere arened well-trained soldiers and able and
whichever comes out of both bides, and
bontest vietorious the war promises to be one of exiciting in-
terest.

SYMPATHY FOR PRUSSIA. Juperse by the tonu of the press and the
comments of individuals, the American the comments of individuals, the American peo
ple instinctively, and with a rare degree of unanimity, sympathize with Prussia in the present European conflict. Although we
have no immedato interest in the struggle, it is natural that we should form opinions
in regard to the merits of the
controveray and wishes in reference to its controgeray and wishes in referenees to its
result. The popular verdiet is that the
 his own land or his desire to crush republi-
caniim in this country. His acreer teems
with new and atrocions illustration or with new and atrocions illustrations of the
unscrupuloue and despotio natur of open the way in France for an improved sys-
tem of overnment we can reconoiie his down-
fall with a friendly feeling to the French
people. For the general intere
tion people. For the general interests of civiliza,
tion and mankind, we believe that it will be
better for Prussia to triumph than France.
The neeessities of large standing armies in
Ene Europe will diminish with the downfall
of Napooleonico dominanaee, and the chances of
a steady and sure advance of true freedom
will be ffar better if Prussia becomes the
acknowledged leader of the Continent than if France continues to set a controlling example
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