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THE WAR NEWS.

E EN French authorities now admit that Marshal Bazaine has been fighting the late battles on the west bank of the Moselle for the purpose of securing a pathway to Chalons. It is no longer a question whether the flower of the French army can hold the line of the Moselle, for the point in dispute now is whether they can get away from it. Bazaine has consumed nearly a week in the effort to fall back towards Verdun, without having made material progress in that direction. Although he turns upon his pursuers, like a tiger at bay, and inflicts upon them terrible losses, new German corps arrive upon the scene of action to continue the protracted conflict, and to compel him to face indomitable invadors, instead of hurrying to the relief of the distracted capital in his rear.

At Paris, yesterday, public confidence was partially restored by a report that Bazaine's efforts to secure his retreat had undoubtedly been successful, but this report was based on the alleged situation at the front on the 16th inst., while later intelligence indicates that the fighting continued after that time, and that the fate of Bazaine's army is still undecided. If the Prussians can destroy it, or cut off its retreat, the great work of the whole campaign will be substantially finished, for no large body of regular troops will be left to oppose the triumphant march of the invaders to Paris.

Bazaine's retreat is absolutely essential to France, and he is making exertions commensurate with the importance of his task. The immense losses of the Prussians bear testimony to the valor of his troops: and even if the immediate result is disastrous, it cannot be doubted that the French soldiers, despite a thousand disadvantages, have been fighting as desperately as the bravest of their ancestors. Dispirited as they must be by the consciousness that their boldest attacks can at the best only secure their own retreat, they struggle on day after day with a courage worthy of the legions of the first Napoleon, and if their valiant efforts fail, it will only be because success is impossible.

If any confirmation of the importance of the Prussian successes were needed it would be fully supplied by the condition of affairs at the French capital. M. Ollivier, the Minister who began the war, has fled to Italy, where Prince Napoleon has followed him, and it is alleged that the Empress has gone to Belgium. Such desertions can only be explained by a consciousness on the part of the fugitives that "bad begins and worse remains behind." Besides, the Corps Legislatif is discussing propositions to concentrate in Paris all the food for miles around. and then lay waste the entire region in sight, so that the near approach the enemy is officially treated as a highly probable contingency. General Trochu, lately entrusted with the organization of the camp at Chalons, now figures as Commander-in-Chief of all the forces at Paris, and in his proclamation urging a surrender of all partisan feelings and the adoption of "the demeanor of a great military nation conducting its own destinies," he plainly intimates the magnitude of the existing perils. He also paves the way for his own elevation to a commanding if not a supreme position by the tone of his address, and his declaration that he "belongs to no party save that of his country" indicates that he unites political sagacity with his acknowledged military skill. Some such man is needed now to fill the gap that will be created by the impending downfall of the Napoleonic dynasty. and if Trochu can pluck the flower safety from the nettle danger, he will become the arbiter of the destinies of France.

Peace negotiations are talked of, but it is doubtful whether Napoleon will retain a semblance of power long enough to complete them. The nation which he plunged so recklessly into a dangerous war can scarcely fail to secure, as a compensation for its misfortunes, his voluntary or enforced abandonment of the throne, and the contest may be speedily closed by his downfall and the payment of the war expenses incurred by Prussia.

THE ENGLISH MISSION. THE New York World, always hard up for a cause of complaint against the President. adduces Mr. Frelinghuysen's supposed delay in making up his mind whether to accept the English mission or not as an evidence of the President's "singular aptitude for lowering the tone of the public service and cheapening its highest offices in general estimation." This is a fair sample of the style of criticism on the President in which the leading Democratic journals of the country have indulged ever since his inauguration, and that they can find nothing more serious to allege against tolerably certain indication that he is managing the affairs of the nation in a reasonably satisfactory manner. The President could have found plenty of professional politicians who would have eagerly accepted the English mission if it had been offered to them; and leaving the question of Mr. Frelinghuysen's qualifications out of considdration altogether, the effort of the President to find a suitable person for the post outside of the ring of politicians who make their bread and butter by holding office certainly has a tendency to raise the tone of the public

who can afford to decline such an office. would be more likely to do the nation credit at the English court than one who would display an eagerness to get it. The World also indulges in a fling at Mr. Frelinghuysen, and says that "his coquetting with an office of so much dignity and so much above his reasonable expectations has an air of feebleness and vacillation which will not raise him in public estimation. Had he promptly declined, the country would have recognized his modesty and good sense." This morning Mr. Frelinghuysen's letter declining the mission is published, and is found to be dated July 27, or only five days after receiving the official notification of his appointment, and this delay was only that he might give the subject the respectful consideration that it deserved, as his mind was made up beforehand, and he had informed the President that he could not accept. Mr. Frelinghuysen does not state his reasons for declining this office, beyond the fact that his domestic relations and duties will not permit him to take it; but, whatever his reasons were, they concern nobody but himself, and it would be impertinent to inquire into them. That the fact of his declining the mission was not made public before was due to the desire of the President, for good and sufficient reasons of his own, to keep it a secret for the present. He probably feared that Sumner and Wilson would be after him to give the appointment to one of their personal friends who would not cheapen the office by hesitating about its acceptance; and although the present unsettled condition of the English mission is unsatisfactory, the blame is due rather to the demoralization of the civil service, which dates from the time when the Democratic President Jackson made "rotation in office" the practice of the Government, rather than to President Grant, who has earnestly if not altogether effectually attempted to bring about a reform. If the fact of Mr. Frelinghuysen having declined had been announced the President would have been pestered all summer by politicians and their friends to give the English mission as a reward for party services, whereas he has now been able to look about him for a man of his own choice; and although he is as likely to make a mistake as any one, the chances are more in favor of the proper person being sent out as the successor of Mr. Motley than if the public had been taken into the confidence of the administration.

THE MIDNIGHT MISSION.

THE most difficult problem that Christian philanthropy has to deal with is what is euphuistically termed the "social evil." It is almost impossible for the laws to take cognizance of it or to adopt any measure for bringing it under supervision without legalizing an iniquity that saps the very foundation of society. It is difficult to even discuss the subject publicly in such a manner as is necessary for a proper understanding of it or for the adoption of efficient measures of reform, and pure men and women have an instinctive aversion to being brought in contact with it in any way. Another complication is in the aversion shown by society to woman who have fallen from virtue, so that, even if disposed to reform, they find themselves baffled and thrown back upon their old mode of life almost at the first attempt to rise out of the depths of sin and infamy; and the very small results that will be achieved by large expenditures of money and by much patient labor is a discouragement to many who prefer to give their time and money to objects of a more promising character. Notwithstanding the enormous difficulties that environ this subject, and the manifold discouragements that must attend any efforts to restrain a gigantic evil, it is the manifest duty of good men and women to assail it resolutely, boldly, and perseveringly, but with all the delicacy that the peculiarities of the case demand, and it is with a view of exciting the interest of the respectable people of Philadelphia to the efforts of a few self-sacrificing ladies and gentlemen for the reformation of the fallen women in our midst that we call attention to the Midnight Mission, which has been in operation somewhat over two years, at a house on Locust street, above Ninth. The mission has the following objects in view:-

"1. To preach the Gospel to a class numbering several thousand in our city, a class never found in our churches, unreached by other missionary ser-

To open a Home in the midst of the haunts of "2. To open a Home in the midst of the haunts of the haunts of the first and the first tion, placed out in Christian families in places where their past was not known against them, and where, respected by others, they might begin to respect themselves, and thus have a new start in life."

What has been accomplished by this mission since its inception is little, very little indeed, in comparison with the magnitude of its field of labor, but still enough has been done to encourage perseverance and to secure for the mission the cordial co-operation of eur citizens without distinction of sect or religious belief. During the year 1869 one hundred meetings were held, the average attendance at which was eight. The number of women admitted to the Home was 70, and the average number of inmates was 12. Of these 22 left to return to their former mode of life, 4 were restored to their parents, 30 were placed and 17 inmates of the Home. Since the mission was organized 200 meetings were held at which the average attendance was 10 and the aggregate attendance over 1000: the average number in the House was 12 and the aggregate number 200. Of these 75 were placed out in families, 25 restored to parents and 100 returned to their old life. The practical results, therefore, of the two years work of the mission were 100 women restored to the path of virtue, while upwards of 1000 have been brought under influences that may produce beneficial results in the future.

The work undertaken by the midnight mission is distinct from that of the Magdalon service, and a man like Mr. Frelinghuysen, and Resine Associations and the House of the ser.

Good Shepherd and its nature can best be explained by the following summary of operations during the year from the second annual

"Meetings have been held on Thurday evenings at This is easily accounted for. The novelty has worn on, the hostility of those whose interests have been crossed by our effort has been exerted in many ways to deter the girls from attending. At one time scarcely any girls were to be met upon the streets on Thursday evening. We changed our night of meeting and thus foiled this strategy. The superstitious feelings of the girls have been played upon; so that many times our cards of invitation are refused because they bring 'bad luck.' Thea, too, our hands have been tied by the want of helpers. In our hands have been fied by the want of helpers. In all this great city not enough gentlemen have come forward to give to this effort at undoing the ruin man has wrought, any fair chance of success. However each week the Gospel has been preached to some of the lost, and it is a satisfaction to find that those seeking our Home this year have come purely of their own accord during the day time; doubtless, often led by the influences exerted in the meetings, but still coming under no persuasions of the moment. still coming under no persuasions of the moment.
The Home has been well filled nearly all the time.
Under the efficient matronship of Mrs. Pheebe
Brooks, the domestic economy has been most satisfactory, and a marked improvement is manifest in the order and spirit of the household. The occupa-tions of each day are well systematized. The sewing room has begun to make some return to the girls and to the Home. The work of the household has been done by the girls, thus saving considerable expense and giving practical training in domestic duties. Almost each day some one of the lady managers visits the Home to read to the girls or assist in their instruction. The General Superintendent has also visted it each day, conducting family prayers. A Bible class has been held each Sunday morning; a prayer meeting on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and occasionally ser-mons by clergymen of different denominations have been preached to the family. During a good part of the year the services of an assistant matron were mployed, in order that a qualified directress migh always be with the girls in their sewing hours, to train them to the skilful use of the needle and the machine. At times there have been evidences of religious interest, and we trust not without some ermanent effects. With regard to the amount of work accom-

plished, the report states that "the percentage of genuine reformation will bear favorable comparison with that of any difficult reforming work," and even if less had been accomplished than the above figures show, this mission would still be entitled to the cordial support of the public. The Midnight Mission must be supported by the public if it is to continue. At the end of 1869 it was \$500 in debt, and the lowest estimate for the necessities of the present year was \$2500. This is a very small amount for a great city like this to raise for the support of such an object. Last year New York gave upwards of \$10,000 to the Midnight Mission, besides sustaining one or two similar institutions and several Magdelen Asylums, and there certainly ought to be no difficulty in furnishing the mission in this city with all the funds it may require. We have called the attention of our readers to the claim of the Midnight Mission, with the hope that liberal pecuniary and other aid will be extended to it. It should be remembered that it is conducted entirely upon an unsectarian basis, se that its appeals are made to all whose hearts may be moved to aid in restraining the spread of vice and in encouraging those who have gone astray to turn from the ways of sin and lead decent and respectable lives. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Midnight Mission is Samuel S. Corey, Esq., No. 332

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