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pean war, extra editions will be issued after pean war, extr
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## THE WAR. Gersar Trochu in his late proclamation to the eitizons of Paris, hasked them to imitate the valor of the army which had fought at the citizons of Paris, asked them to initate tho valor of the army which had fought at the foarful odds of three against one, while at Meten, after an aescribibs to the Froench omioorrs at Mrasian method of managing a battle, ackkowledged that it was superior to the French systom, and askod his army to imitate it. Thus we have the con- feasions of the highest authorities of the empire feasions of the highest authorities of the empire that the invaders possess a great superiority oficiency, and the results of the campaign are precisely what might have anticipated from the disproportionate strength of the contend the diaproportionate strength of the contend- ing armiies. The sucoess of the ambitions Gorman effort to confine Marshal Bazaine and the flower of to confine Marshal Bazaine and the flower of the French army in the fortress at Metz is

 conirmed from a number of quarters. TheParisian atthorities virtnally admit it by
ncknowledging that Bazaine's plans have prolong his ocoupanoy of his old quarters.
A special reporter of the New York World
telegraphs that he saw the battle and knows
that the French were forced baek to Motz; what the French were forced back to Motzz;
while a despatch from Dresden, which gives a ongaged in the confliot of the 118th insistant,
illeges in the most positive terms that the complished.
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It appen
It appears to have been the French plan, if
Bazaine had been able to get away from the
armies which hold him with an
unyielding grasp, to make a stand unyielding grasp, to make a stand
at home point nearer the frontier than
Chatons. MacMahon is said to have advanced beyond Chalons, towards Vitry, to meet the
Orown Prince, and the original programme was probably to unite both wings of
French army and to contest the

 which lacks confirn
 ought and lost a decisive battle, nothing
bat the Prussina army need fear remains to
lock up the road to Paris; but if this battle is still to be fought, he can have no rational
Lope of suceess sinnee he has been deprived
of the co.operation of The propparations of for a sianine. of the capital
tave therefore become imperatively necessary, and we do not wonder that they engross so
largea share of the attontion of the French authorities. The exterior defenses of the
nation have fallen so rapidly that littleremain to be done except to pieree its centre. It re
mains to be seen whether two millions of
one people can be supplied with enongh food to
mintain life during a protracted siege, and it maintain life during a protracted siege, and if
this dificunt task annot be ecoomplished, the
Pruasian approach to Paris will extort reaty from the necessitios of a fawished
populace, even in n obattles are fooggt there.
The Prussians are belisved now to have com-
menced operations with the intention of dicmenced operations with the intention of dic al, and the wonderful success of their prelim
anary movements furnishes a hopeful aly
of the achievement of their'ultimate aim.

## THE PAYMENT OF PENSIONS. TES Secreary of the Interior has written

 etter to th. Commissioner of Pensions with regard to his duties under the law passed athe last seesion of Congress which define the amount of fees which agents or attorney are allowed to charge for their services in lary Atates in a very olear and exat manner
precisely what are the responsibilities of the Oommissioner as the legal guardian alike of the interests of the Government and of the folly carried out, one of the main parpose According to the fulalled in all its integrity. procuring a pension is ten tollars, but by special agreement the agent or attorney is
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pension when allowed and paid directly to pension when allowed and paid direotly t
the altorney, but in case of a larger fee the ten dollars being charged the argreement
that effeot must be approved by the Commi sioner of Ptnsions before the money can mi b
paid. It was obvioualy the intention of then paid. It was obviously the intention of the
law to make it the daty of the Commissione of Petaions to scratinize the agreements be
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