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Editorial Opinions of the Leading Journals upon Current Topics—Compiled Every Day for the Evening Telegraph,

THE PROBABLE CONSEQUENCES OF THE WAR IN EUROPE.

From the N. Y. Herald. He would be a bold prophet who should pretend to say precisely what will be the consequences of the war now raging in Europe. The end of the struggle itself is uncertain. and what is to follow or result from it is more uncertain still. Up to the present time the Germans have been successful beyond all expectation. They have shown immense power and great military skill. But the fortunes of war are uncertain. An accident may turn the scales one way or the other. Or the practice of fighting and reverses of the French may not only arouse the whole population of France to determined and persistent resistance, but may develop such military ability, such generalship and resources as that ingenious, proud and warlike people have not yet shown in the war. The revolutionary wars of the French at the close of the last century and begining of the present one, when all Europe was combined against them, showed wonderful vigor and resources. This war, indeed, has proved that they are the same brave people, for notwithstanding the successes of the Germans, they have fought like heroes and have punished their enemy severely

Still the prospect is unfavorable to the French. The Germans have exhibited a power and military ability little dreamed of by the French and hardly anticipated by the rest of the world. They have, besides, all the prestige and moral power of success, while the French are cat up and a good deal demoralized. The German armies, of not less than half a million of men, have penetrated, like a wedge, the heart of France, with the apex pointing to and steadily advancing toward Paris and fresh forces pressing in and upon the base. The line of the Germans is a long one, from the base at the Rhine frontier, and becomes longer as they get nearer Paris, but it is well taken care of, and another half million of men or more, including the landwehr, if necessary, can be brought up to maintain that line and to support and replenish the armies in advance. The French have no forces to cut the rear of the advancing German armies. They are kept fully employed in endeavoring to resist the masses of their enemy, which move steadily, like an avalanche, toward Paris. The mission of Marshals Bazaine and MacMahon was to stop this progress, and their forces have fought well and bravely for that purpose, particularly those of Bazaine around Metz. It is doubtful if they can do more than check the onward march for a few days. The progress of the German columns seems irresistible. Nor can any other French army be got together to operate upon the German line. Bazaine and MacMahon might be largely reinforced from Paris-that is, if the communications of the former be not already entirely cut off-but it is not probable that the Germans can be turned back now short of Paris. Nothing but the most decisive victory over the main body of the German army could prevent that army reaching the French capital.

Looking, then, with the light before us at all the circumstances and contingencies of the situation, we suppose that the German forces, to the number of three or four hundred thousand splendid fighting men or more, will reach the fortifications of Paris. It is possible battles may be fought before that. MacMahon may have massed a large army and may stand in the way somewhere on the line approaching Paris; but as was said, the probability is that the solid, well trained, and experienced German armies will force their way through and leave no really dangerous enemy behind. It is possible, however, that MacMahon, who, it is reported, has left Chalons, instead of marching towards Paris to defend that city or to fight the Crown Prince of Prussia in his march, has gone in the other direction to join Bazaine, with a view to force the Germans to a great battle at Metz or in the neighborhood. It is there the French may intend to defend Paris, and such a movement may compel the Crown Prince of Prussia to fall back to support Prince Frederick Charles and General Steinmetz against the combined forces of Mac-Mahon and Bazaine. Still, from present appearances, the Germans are pushing steadily on to Paris, and according to the latest news were only sixty-five miles from that

Concluding, therefore, that the Germans will reach the fortifications of Paris, they may have to contend with a large French army under the walls. Can they defeat such an army? or, defeating it, can they take the city? Of course there is always uncertainty in battle, but looking at the success of the Germans thus far, and at all the circumstances of the case, it is probable they will be able to defeat any army brought against them and to besiege Paris. The vast levies of men that France can undoubtedly make could do little with such a powerful and perfectly organized army as that of the Germans. But can it take Paris? No doubt the city is strongly fortified and has a large army of defenders at the fortifications; yet we can hardly suppose the besiegers would not find within a circuit of thirty or forty miles some spot where they could force an entrance, or that their shell and shot would not make havoc within the city. Should they reach the walls it will only be a question of time, probably, and perhaps only a few days, either before the Germans enter the city or the party in power at Paris treat for peace.

But who can or will the Prussians negotiate with? Here arises a serious difficulty. The French of all parties declare they will not make peace with the enemy while on the soil of France. What party, then, will venture to treat for peace with the enemy at or before the capital? The stern necessities of their situation may compel them to negotiate a peace under such humiliating circumstances, and it is evident that the Prussians intend to force them to that. The determined purpose of the Prussians is to obtain guarantees of peace and security for the future. It is not likely they would treat with the Emperor Napoleon, for they have declared the Bonapartes to be the disturbers of Europe, and they would have no confidence in any treaty Napoleon might make. Nor is it reasonable to suppose the French desire the rule of the Emperor after such an exhibition of his incepacity, and the dreadful disasters he has brought upon France. In-deed, to all appearances he is virtually de-posed now. But would the French permit a foreign enemy to dictate what form of government they shall have, or who shall be their ruler? And would it not be a most dangerous experiment for the Prussians to make to say what shall be the government or who

shall be the ruler of France?

tion. Should Prussia wish to re-establish the Orleans dynasty that very fact, probably, would deter the French from accepting a monarch of the Orleans family. If even an Orleans prince could be forced upon them at the point of the bayonet, it is not likely he would remain long upon the throne after the Prussians left. A regency with the Prince Imperial for future emperor would hardly satisfy the Prussians, who have declared so emphatically against the Bonapartes. A provisional government, perhaps, is the only one that Prussia could treat with or that could treat with Prussia. But here the Prussians would be in a dilemma again. A provisional government might lead to a republic, and that is not what King William and the Prussian aristocracy want or would like to see. A republican government in France might shake the throne of Prussia and the other monarchies of Europe. The fires of the first French revolution and republic might be lighted again and set all Europe in a blaze. Then, indeed, France might take revenge upon Prussia for the humiliation she is enduring. There is no doubt the dynasties of Europe dread such a contingency springing from the present war. The question of the future government of France is surrounded with great difficulties, and it will take all the skill of Bismarck, as well as of the powers of Europe, to manage this delicate matter. As for the people, the sooner they dispense with the crowned heads, who plunge them into war continually from personal and ambitious motives, and establish republics based upon nationality, the better. Fearful as the effects of the present war are, good may grow out of it, for the people may become enlightened as to the evils of monarchy, and may learn to govern themselves.

FRENCH THEORIES OF DEFEAT. From the Pall Mall Gazette,

No nation has theorized so freely as the French on the causes of the military ill-success which it has occasionally experienced. Our English way is to forget our defeats, and singular examples of this convenient obliviousness are to be found in our nearly complete ignorance of some naval engagements with the French in which we were signally worsted, and in the dimness of our knowledge of such battles as Fontenoy. The French are more in the habit of recollecting and explaining away. A person moderately acquainted with French popular literature can recall at least a dozen theories of the fortune of Waterloo, ranging from the audacious inventions of MM. Thiers and Victor Hugo to the simple popular story that the Duke of Wellington made his troops drunk with gin, and so conquered through sheer inebriety. It was not, in fact, till it became evident that the profit of these

ingenious explanations went exclusively to the Bonapartes that MM. Erckmann-Chatrian ventured to say in a popular novel that the secret of Waterloo was a very simple one—that the English general had chosen a very strong position, and that his soldiers fought exceedingly well. It is possible that this French habit of theorizing is partly attributable to what is really true of French military ill-success when it has heretofore occurred on a large scale. The utmost point to which French popular knowledge of history goes back is the seventeenth century, and it is certainly the fact that, from that time to this, the miscarriages of France as a military power have not been simple failures in a trial of strength against some other nation. She has never been brought very low except by a coalition.

All explanations of this kind cease to be true of the present struggle; and a new theory is wanted of the late Prussian victories. It is very improbable that more than part of the account which the neutral bystander will give himself of these events will ever be received in France. We can see on the one hand that the French military counsels have been characterized by the worst form of indecision-that under which a man, possibly of some degree of slow sagacity, but of no great natural talent and no military knowledge, is charged with the duty of selection between the competing plans of a number of rival generals, varying very much in their abilities, and even belonging to different schools of warfare. On the other hand, we can have no doubt that a new military power and system did practically make their first appearance in the world. The truth, disguised by the extravagant importance assigned to the needle-gun in the campaign of Sadowa, has now been made palpable. A nation as completely armed from one end of society to the other as ever were the Teutonic tribes from which it is descended in their forests has hurled itself against what, after all, is a mercenary army. A royal house of which the princes are carefully trained to generalship, an aristocracy educated by the severest study and the most sustained practice to become a body of working officers, and rank and file in which the whole male strength of the most highly educated nation in the world is told off to the military duties most accordant to its period of life, constitutes what is probably the highest development of the mechanism proper for the exercise of the military art which the world has seen. There is an aspect, no doubt, under which this elaborate organization of a community as an army, in which the proper place of all the constituent parts of society is preserved, may be viewed with anything but satisfaction. It will seem to some that no more lamentable perversion of the powers which should be employed in the arts of peace has ever yet been witnessed. But it is impossible not to admire its perfect adaptation to its immediate end, and the almost irresistible forces which

it concentrates and places at the command of its leaders. We may be sure that, in French opinion, the Emperor Napoleon or his memory will be made to bear the full responsibility of illsuccess, whether it be ultimately less or greater than at present appears. But it is at the same time little likely that the inherent inferiority of the French to the Prussian military system will ever be admitted in France. The French theory is that armies become irresistible, and must embody the true genius of nations, when nations are in a state of revolution. This half-mystical notion of the virtues of revolution is very commonly entertained in France even by persons afraid of civil most convulsion. is the theory which animates the late proclamation of the French Ministers, and which would explain an outbreak in the streets of Paris at a moment like this. It is, moreover, a theory which has been largely borrowed in the countries over which France exercises an influence.

THE REPUBLIC FOR FRANCE.

From the N. Y. Tribune. We earnestly trust that the Republicans of France will not let slip the present opportu-nity for terminating the power of the relent-less despot who crushed the rebellion of 1818; who perpetrated the bloody massacres of the 2d of December; who has carried on a long Humiliated as France may be, that proud | and cruel war against every manifestation of

and great nation could not endure such dieta. | Republicanism or Liberalism; who crushed | relations between the people and the governthe freedom of the press and the freedom of assembly; who managed France to serve his ambition; who organized despotism for his own glory; who is the direst enemy of the generous soul of France, and who has been the armed upholder and representative of Casarism in the modern world. The "Man of December" must be destroyed, and it is the people of France who should bring him to destruction. We believe that the opportunity for the republicans of France bas arrived, or will very soon arrive. If they fail on any account whatever to take advantage of it-if they permit the resumption of the Bonapartist power which has been in abeyance since the outbreak of the war-if they permit the re establishment of Bourbonism or the Orleans family under any possible conditions, they will again have cause, as they have had in former times, bitterly to lament their weakness, their indecision, and their dissensions.

It is our heart's hope that the republic may appear in France at this crisis. We believe that there never was such a favorable time for its establishment. France is disgusted with Imperialism—Napoleonism—despotism, which has now mortified its pride, as it had previously outraged its intelligence and crushed its liberties. It has shewn itself to be a fraud and a sham. The liberty-loving people of France will now naturally turn to the republic, which will give them the greatest strength as well as the greatest freedom; which will give their country a new life and a new glory. France has, moreover, been chastened in spirit by the results of the present war which Napoleon precipitated; and there could be no better foundation for a republic than the serious feelings and tempered passions which will certainly follow a period filled with such events as have occurred of late. We do not believe that anything will come from the in-trigues of the small Orleanist faction in Paris. The old monarchy has no attractions for the present generation of Frenchmen. It is inconsistent with the spirit of the times and the genius of modern France. It would be impossible for foreign powers to establish or maintain a government in France to which the people were opposed. Nothing will sait France but the republic.

No great Republican leaders have appeared in France of late years. Their appearance was an impossibility. But there are plenty of clear-headed and strong-minded Republicans there, nevertheless. Most of those who have shown themselves on the surface have been noisy and violent men. But times like these will call out another class. We conjure them to come out, and seize their opportunity. There has always been much babble in this country about France being unfit for a Republic. It is ignorant and empty talk. We are told France has had two Republics during the last eighty years, both of which have fallen: but has it not, during the same time, had three monarchs and two Emperors, all of whom have fallen? If the overthrow of Robespierre and Lamartine proves anything, does the overthrow of Louis XVI., Napoleon I., Charles X., Louis Philippe, and Napoleon III. prove nothing? We trust that the French people are fit for a Republic, and that a Republic is the form of government best suited for France.

We look hopefully for the developments of the next few weeks or months. If, out of the tribulations of the present day, the Republic shall arise, then will come for France times of liberty and true glory.

WHY AMERICANS SYMPATHIZE WITH GERMANY.

From the N. Y. Times. The German Patriotic Aid Societies appeal quite as strongly to the judgment as to the feeling of the American people in their statement of the considerations which underlie the present conflict. Some of these considerations events had already revealed. The earlier misconceptions, which regarded the contest as one between King William, who believes himself to be a ruler by divine right, and Louis Napoleon, who had made himself a ruler by fraud, were soon dispelled. The cause of Prussia had become merged in the larger and juster cause of a united Germany; the dynastic ambition of Napoleon became subordinate to the ill-regulated aggressiveness of a united France. Instead of a struggle between Emperor and King, we were called upon to witness the battle of two nationalities, the representatives, respectively, of opposite and irreconcilable ideas, and embodying types of diverse national character. As between William or Bismarck and Napoleon, Americans might well have hesitated to bestow their sympathy. But as between a people devoted to plodding industry, thrifty and intelligent, earnest and wise in their aspirations after liberty, seeking no further terri-terial aggrandizement, but simply the quiet consolidation of minor States which the selfishness of petty sovereigns had kept dividedand a people destitute of practical ideas of freedom, with no national purpose but the glory of France, incapable of the self-control which is at the root of popular government, and dazzled by the tinsel of an empire resting upon treachery and prolonged by fraud—it was impossible long to pause. The great body of the American people comprehended the situation at a glance, and gave their sympathy to the German cause. To justify this preference, it is not neces-

sary to applaud, the Government of Prussia. or the steps by which it has reached its present position. These are minor points in the case. The essential points relate to the ultimate purpose and the obvious tendency of the growth which has converted Prussia into a mighty German power. There are incidents in her history which it is impossible to extenuate; there is a degree of absolutism in some of her older pretensions for which no excuse can be found. What then? The instinctive yearning for constitutional freedom which animates the German people finally proved too strong for King William, and a determination to exact respect for the guarantees of freedom begins to restrain even Bismarck. Both have been instruments in the accomplishment of a work which they will hereafter only partially control. Not more surely will German unity gradually extinguish the paltry grand dukes and mimic sovereigns who alone have been interested in perpetuating division than will the harsh authority of Bismarek and the antiquated ideas of his King disappear before the expanding power of the German people. And the purpose which has sustained their patient pursuit after union affords the best possible pledge against the abuse of the in-fluence which must follow victory over France. They want unity for the sake of Germany—not to make Germany a scourge to other nations. The power which unity implies they propose to exercise only as a means of securing to themselves the undisturbed enjoyment of peace, and the cultivation of those arts of peace which supplement freedom with prosperity, and impart permanence to both. Both are presupposed in the orgapization of their military system, which depends for its efficiency upon harmonious

On the other hand, the French people have been educated to regard France as an arbiter among the nations. The first Napoleon deposed and installed kings at his pleasure; and the third Napoleon has asserted his right to decide the fate of thrones in a similar manger. Incessant military and naval preparations could not go on among such a people, under such a ruler, without arousing the spirit of neighboring peoples. There could be no general disarmament while France remained a constant menace. The fact that Prussia purhed forward her preparations proves nothing against the peaceful disposition of the German people. The hopes of France rested upon the prevention of German unity, and the resistance of united Germany became sooner or later inevitable. Greater energy has converted the German army into the invading force, but that is a circumstance which does not alter the moral relations of the belligerents.

If, then, American sympathy preponderales on the side of Germany, it is from no lack of appreciation of French valor, and from no disinclination to analyze the merits of the struggle. There are, indeed, reasons why, apart from all else, the German cause should here be the popular cause. The value of our German citizens, their tried adhesion to the Union in its perils, their appreciation of its principles, and their vast contributions to its prosperity, are quite enough to explain any partiality that might exist. But judging of the contest by the results it involves, and by the motives and character of the peoples immediately concerned, the considerations which may be expected to sway American feeling on the side of Germany are obvious and conclusive.

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