# THE DAILY EVENING TELEGRAPH-PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 1870.

## STRASBURG.

THE STORY OF THE SIEGE-A PIOTURESQUE NAR-BATIVE BY BEBTHOLD AUERBACH.

Berthold Auerbach, who has been summoned to the headquarters of the Grand Duke of Baden, has commenced a series of letters on the siege of Strasburg. The most recent abound in picturesque incidents and narrative:---

AUGUST 21.-No Sunday bells rang out in all Alsace to-day; not the less do the villagers stream out from every hamlet towards the churches. The peasants are astonished to see at church so many of our soldiers, and of higher and lower officers, all attending without orders. Wonderful coincidence, the Gospel lesson, tenth Sunday after Trinity, was Luke, 19th chapter and 41st verse:-"And when He was come near, He beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, If thou hadst known, even thou at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace, but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep in on every side, and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee: and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou know-est not the time of the visitation." Is it not strange that upon this day this text should fall ? for on this week will events move forward, perhaps even the destinies be decided by Strasburg, the city stolen by the French. And within it stands a hallowed relic of German architecture and German piety. Evil reports fly about. It is said that Commandant Ulrich has declared that when Strasburg can no longer be defended from the German forces, he will blow up the Cathedral and lay the crime upon the Germans. That would be a sad prospect. The inclosing in of which the Gospel speaks falls not. By Lampertheim stand 2200 peasant wagons. Round about 'in all the villages and on the roads cannon of every calibre up to the heaviest slege advance, with abundant ammunition. An exchange of despatches hurries to and fro. Our pulses beat quicker; we have plunged into the whirl of an historic drama. The arrogant Governor of Strasburg Citadel must no longer feel secure, at least he is throwing out ballast. This morning 100 German soldiers, who had served in the Foreign Legion, were thrust out, ten at a time, at all the doors, with the threat that if they turned round they should be immediately shot down. The poor wretches stood be-tween two fires. Some of them wore French uniforms, and were naturally regarded by our troops as Frenchmen. As they neared our outposts, who knows how many would get fired upon ? I saw two of them brought in. They were born Pomeranians, and fell into the hands of their own landsfolk. The expulsion of these people may be regarded as a symptom that discipline inside the fortress is in a very precarious condition. And yet it is said the commandant, simply because the French arms have suffered defeat in the open field, now declares that they will vindicate their honor in the fortress. But after what fashion ? By the sacrifice of a beautiful city and of thousands of its inmates. Is that to be called a vindication of honor? How much effort is made on our side to show forbearance is evinced in the renewal of strict orders to spare even in the minatest detail the property of the Alsatians.

## PARLEYS.

Aug. 22 .- At 10 o'clock this morning some commotion is visible on the roads, and in the houses at the end of the hamlet of Mundolsheim, where one looks out upon the Black Forest range, among the higher and lower officers, the surgeons, nursing staff, etc., and to and iro one sees in rapid movement the little wiry, Ironfirm figure of our commander, General von Werder. A spare, close-shaved, ruddy presence, with blonde moustache and sparkling eyes, he moves hither and thither, issuing commands, receiving reports. \* \* \* Two horsemen gallop up, one, a burly, powerful figure, holds a white flag; a trumpet is slung round him. He remains on horseback. The sinewy, down from the saddle, and hands over a de-spatch. It is our cartel bearer, with a trumpeter, who has just returned from the fortress. The group fall back. General Werder and Colonel Leszinsky read the despatch apart. Werder from time to time gives short, decisive nods. What does the despatch contain? Those who know are not allowed to divulge. One thing is good. Commandant Ulrich writes French and German equally well; his despatches are long, ours are brief. The groups disperse and re-form. The Grand Duke of Baden gallops with his adjutants: the genuinelyhearty and intelligent goodness of soul which speaks out from the features of the man has acquired already during the campaign a heightened expression. It requires all the unselfish openness of character of this Prince to maintain so freely and frankly the position he has here chosen out. Without any independent command, he is the embodiment in many ways of the central, cohesive forces of this Baden division, who, though a less brilliant task be assigned to them, have one exacting the utmost skill, courage, and endurance. The Grand Duke is greeted with fitting honors. All the other officers betake themselves to the residence of the commandant. It is quiet in the street. Soon a sympathetic group forms itself round a young man with careworn visage. He is another Strasburg exile named Schiel, born in Zurich, and has been for two years in the house of Stahling & While passing through the streets with a clerk Prussian friend, he was overheard speaking German, was instantly arrested, and with four othess was thrust into a small cell in the Maison Civile, the so-called New Tower. Here was a wooden sloping bench, on which one man could lie, two could lean against it, the fourth had to walk up and down. Later, they were taken, with fifty others, to a prison. \* \* Among them were many brewers' men from Bavarla, torn from their wagons and carried to jall: they were in their shirt-sleeves and leather aprons. The Lausanne Missionary Society had sent to that of Strasburg four men as aids. No sooner were they arrived than the cry arose, "They are spies." They were arrested and im-prisoned. In vain the society reclaimed them. They were sent off to Kehl, under an oath to reveal nothing. ACTION, NOT WORDS. AUG. 23-Evening.-It is decided. Enough of pourparlers. Our patience is worn out. Tonight the bombardment opens, at first from the artillery at Kehl. Commandant Ulrich, who requires us to display every species of humanity while he exhibits none himself, requested yesterday that he might send the women and children out of the city. Apart from the impossi-bility of our undertaking this, there is the quar-tering them or conducting them away, for neither of which we have the means. Many other inconveniences are obvious, and besides this is war; and we cannot relieve the commandant of the difficulties which should force him to a surrender. Want and hunger, the tears and lamentings of women and children are indeed heartrending—at least for an army of citizens such as the German army is; for how many thousands of them have left wife and child to stand before the bullets of the foe? But within the fortress the misery of the innocent, may be, will at length constrain the commandant, who vapors about his military honor, to desist staking human life upon his gambler's game of glory. The game is lost; no further stroke of hazard will avail. \* \* \* The com-mandant further required of us to forward for him a letter to his wife in Paris. This was courteously acceded to. This afternoon at Mundolsheim it was strangely quiet. It was like the deep inhaling of one's breath before a mighty cry of alarm was pealed forth. As I returned to Lampertheim thoops of Bavariaos met me in blue blonses, with axes and shovels, who must work to-night in the trenches. The willows along the road, and far into the thickets, are cut down to make gabions for the trenches. Troops of artillery follow them, fine, sturdy fellows, full of conrage which knows no bounds. At midnight the fire opens. I go to the heights of Mundolsheim, which command Strasburg and all the landscape round, to witness the BCCBC.

KNOCKING AT THE GATE. Acoust 24-Early morning.-The agitationof heart we feel at this moment I cannot de scribe. The story of the Judgment of Solomon is repeated. What is Strasburg to the French? It is no bone of their bone, flesh of their flesh; therefore, rather than the other one should have it let it perish. We however, feel Alsace very near to us, and Strasburg has a sound we cherish deep down in our hearts. We would save the life of the fair and, spite of all, the German city, not destroy it, and yet must we aim at it out deedly shattering cannon balls. In this frame of mind, in good companionship, I passed the foreposts. The heavens were obscured with clouds. In a side road, artillerymen with low voices were practising the service of the guns. Higher up, we mount be-tween the vineyards; on the horizon flashes are seen, leaping forth in quick succession. like symmer lightning; the wind blows from us, and yet we continually hear the duil, deep sound of he cannonade. There goes a mighty knock for admission. In Strasburg many lights were kindled, but in no long time extinguished. Be peath us, at the foot of the hill on the roadway, the movement of carts and horses went on uninterruptedly. It was like the strange rash of a torrent, and between whiles one heard the frequent cry of the wagoners, and the call of commards. From Strasburg a flash, a report made frequent reply, but of no observable Silently we turn back to our In the hollow of the road a accuracy. quarters. heavy gun had struck against a boundary stone, and stood fast. Mysterious figures stand in the dark night beside the sun, and heave away under the cry "steady." A troop of Uhlans come out of the village. A ponderous mortargun is set afloat, and proceeds crashing, crackling, shaking the foundations of the causeway. Another gun follows. The soldiers, who have thrown their grey jackets over their uniforms and have a weird spectral aspect, ride away from the remounting of the cannon, nimbly leaping on their guns and ammunition as the

proceed along exultingly. So through the night do our fellow-citizens join in the service of the Fatherland. \* \* \* In the village a lantern is hung out at every house to light the soldiers on their way.

### BEFORE STRASBURG.

Aug. 25 - Before Strasburg, morning .-Strasburg burns! In this word are crowded all the horrors, terrors, anguish of heart we experienced in the past night. My eves yet smart from the fire flashes, my hand trembles still. So was it to be! Again there is a night of St. Bartholomew-for such was the one just passed-with detestation to be graven in history, but not through fault of ours. On those who must needs deck their heads with glory, on their heads alone lies the blame. The worst injury au enemy cau inflict upon a man, upon a people, is to force them to acts from which they recoil with aversion. We are in the position of a man who declines a duel and yet is compelled to shoot down his adversary. Unhappily it must be done. But yesterday we made offers to the commandant of Strasburg to come out or send a trusty officer, to convince himself that resistance was in vain, and that we could only with the utmost pain bring ourselves to fire even a part of Strasburg. He replied, an inspection of our position would be construed as a first probability of his surrendering the fortress. He had, however, resolved to defend it to the last man and the last cartridge. It was said yester-day that the broad pillars of smoke testified that Kehl was again set on fire by the French. We kept quiet until the break of even-ing. The columns of flame in Kehl flared up wide, mounting heavenward, and incessantly were fire-balls hurled thither from the citadel. Now began on our side the fire-flash for flash, blow for blow, they were returned with interest. There, the citadel blazes up; the fast failing night revealed every fire-flame. Bombs soared aloft avd descended. Now the city was on fire north from the cathedral. It must have fallen on inflammable mate rial, for instantly the flames shot heavenward From this point who can paint the scene? Here and there it blazed up; we saw four, five conflagrations; two united, and presented a vast roarog furnace. The wind blew from the west, and fanned the flames they darted up forked tongues of fire. A spectator cried out "See there how the cathedral towers aloft above the of smoke, how venerable, as clouds mutely threatening and reproving the men who hurl reckless flames against each other. If the cathedral does but remain unharmed. was the cry that ran from mouth to mouth, aud meanwhile feelings of deep compassion were expressed for those within the city. In spirit we are transported among those now wailing in vaulted cellars, as they heard the thunder of the guns, ignorant where the fires were raging, perhaps even their own homes. And in the treets the fires must be left to rage unchecked. Who could strive to quench them while each minute further discharges are falling? How many cry out to their own dear ones, seek them, and are like beings bewildered in their own homes. What shrieking, what misery! If oue could but compress together the heart-throbs of the people, far loader, quicker, mightier must be the the stroke than the dear root of the game be the stroke than the deep roar of the guns, which, incessantly discharged, lit up the gloom, here-there-till the eye could no longer follow. Midnight had set in before we decided to go home. We could see each other as in full moonlight. The fields, the vineyards, were lit up; the church of Mandolsheim, with its white grave-stones; suddenly the light grows still brighter. Now that we had not seen the flames for a time, they appeared broader, stronger, more voracious. was difficult to tear oneself away from the fearfully grand spectacle, and yet it must be. The villagers we met professed to know which part of the city would be saved from the flames. We strove to believe their assurances that the precincts of the cathedral, above all itself, would remain uninjured. And yet for a moment it seemed to us that the cathedral terrace, which had been the observatory of the enemy, was on It was, however, an illusion. The flames fire. illumined our homeward way. The sky was overspread with light clouds of a blood red. The fire must have been visible beyond the Rhine, far back into the Black Forest.

dious and painstaking. The time will come when the bar of this city will erect a monument to her, with a broken column, typical of her senius. The following resolutions were read by Mr. Wools and manuscript adouted.

and unanimously adopted :-Resolved, First. That in the leath of Miss Lemma Barkeloo we deplore the loss of the first of her sex ever admitted to the har of Missouri.

Second. That in her erudition, industry, and en-terprise we have to regret the loss of one who, in the morning of her career, bade fair to reflect credit upon our profession and a new honor upon her sex.

Third. That our sympathy and condolence be ex-tended to the relations of the deceased. Mr. Woods, a classmate of the deceased, paid a

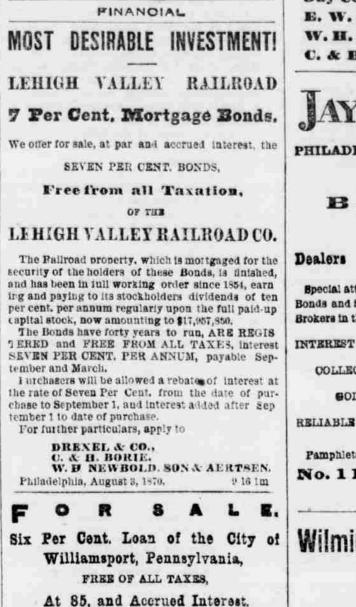
Major Eaton, in whose office she studied and practised, spoke of her as a well-read lawyer, an un tiring student, and an agreeable and amable friend. Uring student, and an agreeable and amiable friend. She was earnest, quiet, and retiring in her studies, and being gifted with a fine intellect and a good indgment, gave promise of great attainments. He had never known a student more assiduons in his studies; she wanted to become mistress of her pro-fession. Here had been an experiment, and if any woman could have succeeded Miss Lemma Barkeloo was that woman. Her death is a calentity not to her friends alone, but to all who are making an effort for the enlargement of woman's sphere. Mr. Eaton said also that the deceased seemed to have a premonition of her death, for though in splendid health she had given to one of her intimate friends her parents' address, and soon after, when

friends her parents' address, and soon after, when taken sick, she said she felt it was her first and her

last illness The Chair appointed Mr. Alexander Martin to present the resolutions of the meeting to the Su-preme Court, Mr. N. M. Woods to the Circuit Court, and W. H. H. Russell to the Criminal Court, after

which the meeting adjourned. The remains of the deceased were taken to Brook

lyn on Tuesday evening, accompanied by her mother, who had come on to attend her during her iliness.





## LEMMA BARKELOO.

Tribute by the St. Louis Bar to a Decensed Lady Lawyer-Woman's Rights in the West.
The St. Louis Democrat of the 15th instant says:--The untimely death of Miss Lemma Barkeloo, a young lady who had recently been admitted to the Bar, has already been announced. The members of the Bar met yesterday morning in the Probate Court room to pay a tribute of respect to the deceased. Hon, Aibert Todd was elected President. On taking the chair, Mr. Todd said:-Brothers:--We have come together on an occasion of profound sadness. In the death of Miss Barkeloo the bar of St. Louis loses a member, who was the irst of her sex who had received license to practice

first of her sex who had received license to practice in the highest courts of the State. The fact is worthy of our attention; for in the variety of occuworthy of our attention; for in the variety of occu-pations open to women, she chose our profession, which is regarded as the most difficult. She was the first woman to undertake this herculean task; yet she was entirely free from those impulses which of late have led many of her sex into the arena monopolized heretofore by men, and which we call the advocates of woman's rights. She was in the first bloom of womanhood, in excellent health; no one who saw her fine presence and open counterance could say she entered upon the prothe first bloom of womanhood, in excellent health; no one who saw her fine presence and open countenance could say she entered upon the pro-fession from moroseness or disappointment. She west into it as free from any such suspicion as any person I ever heard of. I thought it most remarka-ble; I thought it an experiment that was worth trying. She was superior to Joan d'Are, Look at the qualities of this young woman for winning success. It was my privilege to fill the chair of a law professor of Washington University, and she was a member of the law class. I saw she had the talent to win success. She was modest and had equanimity, and true moral courage. She was courageous in attempting diff-cult tasks, such ad the power of attracting others to her. She was of a kindly disposition, and made herself pleasabt and agreeable to others. At the cless of the last session of the law school, she called at my office to consult me about opening an office here. She said her parents lived in Brooking, New York. I advised her to open her office her friends. She said she bad thought of that, but had courage to open an office anywhere if blere at home, where she would have the support of her friends. She said she bad thought of that, but had courage to open an office anywhere if there sceneed a chance of success. I told her I considered her prospects as good here as elsewhere, that the Western people were generous and liberal in their courties and success and liberal in their Western people were generous and liberal in their A than in the East, She was carnest and hopeful, sta-

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