

FIRST EDITION

THE LAST HOPE OF PARIS

The Imperial Correspondence.

How France was Deluded.

Burning of the Varieties Theatre.

The Delaware Whipping Post.

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IS PARIS LOST?

No Hope without the assistance of a Relief Army. An article published by the Paris Figaro on the 11th of November is reproduced in the Moniteur du Seine-et-Oise, which appears at Versailles under the auspices of the Prussian authorities. The Figaro heads its article with the question, "Are we Lost?" and proceeds to examine into the real position of the capital. It says:—

In a material point of view, the position of Paris is not improving; if our intrenchments are pushed out with activity the Prussians are still more active. Beside, we have already consumed a certain quantity of our provisions; fresh meat is becoming scarce; we are about to rely upon salt meat, and we know not, thanks to the reticence of the Government, how long that resource will last. In a moral point of view, our position has not improved. Some people are completely depressed, and are ready to give themselves up bound hand and foot to the Prussians, while others retain the old self-education and the old belief that Europe is looking out and admiring them.

Paris cannot be delivered of itself, as every sensible man is convinced. In vain we are told that the number of our garrison is equal to that of the besiegers. Place on one side 100 of our troops and 100 of the Prussians, and you find that the former are equal to the latter. We can successfully resist the Prussian army; we cannot hope to compel it to raise the siege. The soldiers of thirty leagues round Paris are just Guards Mobiles—very superior to the National Guards—are still not equal to the German troops in ensemble and discipline. If we admit for a moment that we can break the line of investment, do we not know that the country, for a distance of thirty leagues round Paris, has just been made a theatre of military operations, and that the bloody sacrifice necessary to attain that end will not enable us to revictual Paris for a single day?

The whole question, then, is to know whether we have or not a relieving army which is applying to our aid. Without it all our efforts will be useless. We shall, doubtless, kill many Prussians, but the enemy will kill many Frenchmen, and the loss of Paris will not be averted by a single day.

MORE NAPOLEONIC REVELATIONS.

How the French Government was Deluded in Regard to Germany's Strength.

A collection of despatches and other documents found at St. Cloud, and extending from the 24th of June to the 23d of July, have just been published at Berlin. They are interesting as supplying some missing links in the history of the war, and also as showing the way in which the French Government was deluded by its agents with regard to public feeling in Germany.

As early as the 29th of June, the Minister of Marine was inquiring as to the stores of clothing available for a campaign in the North. On the 6th of July, the date of the Duc de Gramont's memorable declaration, so offensive to the Emperor, remarking, "All France will follow you; the enthusiasm is unanimous," while M. Ollivier informed him that the declaration had been received with indifference and applause. Even the "Left," he wrote, "with the exception of a very small number, affirmed that it would support the Government." The excitement at the first moment even outstripped its goal.

On the 8th of July the Government sent orders to the Baden Custom-House officers on the Rhine were doing. On the 10th the Prefect of Perpignan reported that war was ardently desired by the whole population, and the republicans predicted a commencement of hostilities in a week, and that the soldiers would celebrate the Napoleon fete (August 15) at Berlin. "Nobody," he said, "doubts the favorable issue of the war; there is confidence everywhere, alike in the towns and in the smallest villages." On that very day war was declared.

On the 16th the Prefect of Marseilles reported a great torchlight demonstration of 15,000 persons, and cries of "A bas la Prusse!" "A Berlin!" the crowd being electrified. On the 17th the Emperor wrote to her mother, the Countess Montijo, at Madrid:—"Louis will set out in a few days with his father for the army. I wish you to send him your blessing before his departure. Do not be anxious. I am perfectly calm. He must do his duty and honor to his name." On the 17th the "Marseillaise," so long forbidden as revolutionary, was sanctioned.

BURNING OF A THEATRE.

The "Varieties" at New Orleans Destroyed by Fire—Hard Luck of a Philadelphia Man—Loss of Life—A Philadelphia Fireman Injured.

The burning of the Varieties Theatre has been already reported by telegraph. The New Orleans Republican of the 2d inst. has the following particulars:—

Between four and five o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in the vicinity of the Varieties Theatre discovered it to be on fire, as smoke issued from the doors and windows floating on the alley. In a very few minutes after the discovery, flames burst forth with great fury. Apparently the fire originated in the property room, or somewhere about the stage, where there was plenty of combustible material to feed the fire.

An alarm was promptly given, but all efforts seemed of no avail. The firemen labored manfully and unceasingly, but water appeared to have little effect on the burning building. The devouring element soon destroyed the theatre, leaving nothing but debris and skeleton walls. Scarcely any property was saved.

Members of the dramatic company are suffering in losses of portions of their wardrobe. All the properties belonging to the establishment were lost. Scarcely a piece of furniture seems to have been rescued from the club-room

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WAR NEWS BY CABLE.

The Sorties from Paris.

The Army of the Loire.

The Black Sea Question.

Gortschakoff and Granville.

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FROM EUROPE.

The Black Sea Trouble—Earl Granville's Answer to Prince Gortschakoff's second Note. LONDON, Dec. 5.—The following is the full text of Earl Granville's answer to the second note of Prince Gortschakoff. It is addressed to Sir A. Baring, British Ambassador at St. Petersburg, and dated "Foreign Office, Nov. 23":—

SIR:—The Russian Ambassador has read and given to me a copy of a despatch of Prince Gortschakoff of the 20th of November. It is not necessary for Her Majesty's Government to recur to the important question of international law raised by the circular of Prince Gortschakoff, as they have nothing to add to the declaration on that subject which they have already made.

His Excellency has been good enough to appeal to my knowledge of Russia, which His Excellency states, prevented that consultation and agreement with other parties to the treaty which Russia would have preferred. I am aware that suggestions for congresses to settle other European questions have been made and not adopted. It has also been stated to me that intimations have been given to some of the provisions of the treaty of 1856.

But I am ignorant of any occasion on which Russia—the party which has proposed in any way to this country that a relaxation of the treaty should be taken into consideration. I cannot, therefore, admit that the Imperial Government can justify this proceeding by the failure of efforts which have never been made.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Opinions of the New York Press.

FROM THE "TRIBUNE." We cannot doubt that General Grant's second annual message will be read with hearty approval by the people of his countrymen and with interest and pride by them all.

FROM THE "HERALD." To be a good politician, statesman, or shoemaker, you must learn the trade. But this message indicates the turning over of a new leaf by General Grant, as the head of his party—that he has been learning that trade—and it may be that he will yet astonish his lumping supporters on his strategy and tactics, action and activity, as master of the political field. We think he has fairly knocked away the underpinning of the revenue reformers.

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