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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1871.

THE COMMISSION SCHEME. THE convention called to revise the rules of the Republican party of Philadelphia has followed the example of the State Central Committee in denouncing the scheme to hand over several important departments of the city government to new commissions, composed partly of Democrats and partly of Republicans, and any Philadelphia Republican member of the House or Senate who favors this monstrous proposition will evidently provoke the intense indignation of a betrayed constituency. It is to be feared, however, that the snake, though scotched, is not yet killed, A prominent Democratic member of the Legis'ature has boasted that if the bill passes it will be immediately signed by the Governor: and as the Democrats are ready to support it as a party measure, the defection of a few venal or weak Republican members

will secure its passage. To blind the eyes of the public it has been proposed to insert in the early stages of the Commission bill or bills the names of well-known and respectable Philadelphians as commissioners, and then, when indignation is allayed by this device, to substitute for such citizens hackneyed and serviceable partisans. This trick, and others equally deceptive, may be resorted to; and the only safe [ground to take is to insist that the Legislature shall not undertake to create any more commissions, of any character, for the government of Philadelphia. Those now in existence are composed chiefly of estimable citizens who enjoy the public confidence, but their success affords no indication of what is to be expected from commissioners made up of poorer material. It is especially dangerous to create commissions endowed with a large amount of patronage, as a highway or water commission necessarily would be; and the existing system of levying taxes in New York shows what is to be expected from a partisan tax commission. If we are to have municipal elections at all, there should be at least something left for the people to govern, and the magnates at Harrisburg should not steal from them the power of determining by their votes a few of the questions in which they are deeply interested. One of the most serious s of the hour is the danger that all the rights and privileges of the people will in time be handed over to irresponsible and unscrupulous commissions, and that our citizens will wake up some fine morning to find that they have been tied hand and foot by a few knots of politicians who will thenceforth manage all municipal affairs on a close corporation system. At all events, it is clear that the present Legislature is not disposed to make any good commissions for us, and that, if the backbone of its Republican members is not stiffened, some very bad and dangerous commissions will be spawned at the

THE SUFFERING FRENCH. THE greatest evil of war is not perhaps in the loss of life and the suffering from dreadful wounds that occur among the actual conbatants, but it is rather in the fearful distress that inevitably follows in the wake of contending armies among the people of the country which is the scene of conflict. During the present war in Europe France has been the chief sufferer apart from any consideration of national humiliation involved in defeat. An immense portion of her territory has been overrun by armies engaged in deadly strife, and as an inevitable consequence of such a war her towns and villages have been destroyed, her people driven from their homes, her harvests trampled under foot, and thousands of poor people who found it hard to live under the best circumstances are now in bitter winter weather houseless, homeless, and utterly without food or the means of obtaining it. The claims which the people of France present under their present circumstances to the sympathies of the world are entirely apart from any political considerations, and it is the duty of people everywheref no matter what their opinions may be in regard to the merits of either side of the quarrel between France and Germany, to take prompt action for the relief of those whom the fortunes of war have reduced to a

present session.

The United States Government has provided a vessel to transport to France such provisions as the people of the United States may contribute, and action has been taken in a number of our principal cities to supply her with a cargo. It is to be hoped that in this matter Philadelphia will sustain her ancient reputation for philanthropy. A meeting was held at the Mayor's office yesterday to take the subject into consideration, and his Honor will to-day appoint a committee to receive contributions and to superintend the transportation of them to their proper destination. The call which this committee will make upon the citizens of Philadelphia should receive, as it undoubtedly will, a prompt and generous

most pitiable condition.

The French Relief Committee of the New York Ch mber of Commerce has issued an appeal to the clergy of the country, requesting that a collection shall be a ken up in all the churches from one end of the land to the other, on the second Sunday in March, for the benefit of the French sufferers. We hope | 131 tuthstfap

that this suggestion will be adopted, as a large amount can be raised in this way, and it will afford an opportunity for those who are unable to give much to contribute their mites. Many thousand dollars can be realized if every church-goer will give even so small a sum as ten cents, and those who are poor themselves should give this much for the relief of the starving millions of France.

This committee also makes the practical suggestion that as one-third of France has been devastated, and not only i's harvest but its seed-wheat consumed, the farmers of the United States shall endeavor to send out several cargoes of seed-wheat to France, to be distributed among the small farmers. A few bushels of wheat, which any farmer in this land can easily spare, will do a vast amount of good, and if all combine in the good work a great and permanent benefit will be conferred. Many of the railroad companies have offered free transportation for this wheat and arrangements have been made for its storage and transportation. England, Belgium, Holland, and Switzerland are all making great efforts to afford immediate relief to the French sufferers, and the United States should not be behind hand in such a noble work.

IT IS SURMISED, in some quarters, that during the grand pow-wow which is about to take place at Washington between the American and British treaty commissioners, the project of settling up all old accounts by a transfer of the New Dominion to the United States will be secretly if not openly discussed. The President is said to be a devout worshipper of the manifest-destiny doctrine, and if his project for annexing Dominica is defeated he may direct his attention to the Northern frontier, with a prospect of gobbling up the Kanucks. As matters stand now New England is disposed to growl at any new accessions of Southern territory, but if the balance of power could be changed by the acquisition of a huge slice of Northern territory, she might change her notions about annexation very quickly.

THE MAGNIFICENCE of the diamond given a Christmas present to William M. Tweed, the king of the New York ring, was described in an article recently published in THE TELE-GRAPH. Beautiful and expensive as this rich gift is, we are surprised that his admirers did not add to it many other gems of even greater value, and combine them together as a crown. Since Tweed wields sovereign power, why should he not wear its appropriate emblem? He has erected on the ruins of Republican freedom a kingdom of corruption and fraud, and since his courtiers insist on complimenting him for his audacity, they should not rest content with the gift of one paltry diamond, when whole caskets of gems are bestowed upon other enthroned oppressors.

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in some way. So that in any event the battery
will pass into the hands of our own or some
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