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 $\frac{\text { SATURDAX, MARCH 18, } 1871 .}{\text { RELLEF OF FRENOH SUFFFRRERS, }}$ A одвus telegram from Paris says that "themembers of the National Guard have boen members of the National Guard have beon
invited to oall at the Amerioan Legation to
rocoive each five franos in money or a ponnd rocoive oach five franesi in mononey or a pound
of tobacoo, from subsoriptions made in Amerion for the relieof of the sufferers in
France." It was generally suppesed in this France." It was generalily suppesed in this
country that starving stomachs and not empty tobacoo-pipes were et be be filled by the emponey
colleoted from American citizens. The wisdom colliected from American citizens, The wisdom
of giving any portion of the funds thus raised of giving any portion of the funds thus raised
to the National Guard of Paris may well
be questioned. The French Government vill quostioned. The Fronch Government them to suffer serions per-
vill sonal privations; or, at the worst, their posi-
tion is suach that so long as food oan be ob-
tained in any quarter they will be oetr tained in any quarter they will be certain of
receiving a fair share of it. In days of piping peace the soldiers who parade throph a
oapital are about the last objeots that reguire charitable assistance from a foreign country;
and the proposition to choice between a five give them thair piece and
frone a poand of tobacco inclicates either
that there are no real wants to be relieved, or that those who wreside over
the distribution of the Amerioan funds in the distribation of the Amerioan funds in
Paris are wofally deffient in charity and common sense. That many thonsands of
homeless wanderers are suffering fearfully in France, however, cannot be doubted; and While the orelit of oontributing the means
of rolief remains with the American subsoribers to the Fronoh Relief Fund, the
shame of misappropriating it rests excludistribution of American subseriptions. AN $A P O L O G Y$ TO MR. QUIGLEY. Is the House of Representatives yesterday,
Mr. Quigley corrected Tre Evesing Tvi orApr by denying that he was in favor of the commission bills, and we accordingly make
haste to correct our mistake and to haste to correot our mistake, and to make all
proper apologies. Mr. Quigley's name did not appear among those of the members of
the Committee on Munioipal Corporations Who Bigned Mr. Johnston's report, and, under thought we were jusutified in putting him down among the advooates of the commission bills,
We regret exoeedingly that Mr. Quigley was missrepresented in this manner in our columnas,
for the Philadelphia members of the Legisle ture who have favored the commission; bills and hatred of their the exeoration
and have incurred a disgrace to them for life. That it should have been possible for such an error to occur, however,
is more the fault of the members of the Legisour law-makers who have been opposed to of Commission outrage have beon pprofoundly
silent on the subject, and it has been impossibie for the alarmed and indignant people of
Philadelphia to tell who were their friends Mr. who their enemies, The signatures to
Mr. Johnston's report gave the first authori. Lative declaration that any of the members of
the Legisisture were opposed to the bills, and it was truly unfortunate for Mr. Quigley that has now deolared openly that he is not in
favor of the bills, it is to be hoped that he will distinguiah himself by an open and per-
sistent antagonism to them in case shape. The people of Philadelphia are not at all satisfied that the danger is passed, or that
a desperate attempt will not yet be made to sharing the confidence of our Democratic contemporary the Age, that the Democratio
Senate will prove more virtuous than the Reyet in the history of the State or nation diskeep their fingers out of the public
treasury, and with the example of the nomitreasury, and with the example of the nomi-
nally DDemocratit government of Now York beescape out of our present dilemma by Demo-
oratic assistance are somewhat limited. Mr. Quigley, therefore, and all the members of
the Logialature who have any virtue left, oan doserve the confidence and regard of the
publio at large by sounding the alarm in case any attempt is made to revive the commission
soheme in any shape whatever, and by op-
posivg it openly, bolaty, and vigorously in committe
Senate.
Trer recent oflicial reports of the condition
and prospeets of Alaska indicate that that territory has proved a whito elephantht of stupen-
dous proportions. The far trade is decen dous proportions. The far trade is decreas-
ing rapialy, and searcely amounts in year to the daily saalesely of amorin thents in anter forior to that of Washington and Oregon; the even the ice tooporons of no acoount, and The inhabitants are depraved, idile, or hostilu; be a gunboat to keep the Indians in order that Alaska oan be putto it itt The best use a place of banishment for the weakk, venal,
and foolish politioinas of the United States and foolish politioians of the United States.
If a few thousand of these miscreants could be sent and kept there, the investment might still be made to pay.
The resignation of Collector Moore has ex specu'ations are rife as to the appointment of his sucoessor. It is to be hoped that the ablea and efficient man to take the plicee of
Mr. Moore, and that he will not allow himsoolf to be influenoed too muich one way yor the
other by interested individuals who bave axos to grind. The publio beneft and not
bo consalted in a matter of this kind. The
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