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COLLAPSE OF THE COMMUNE.

The late despatches from Paris confirm previous reports of the rapid overthrow of the last vestiges of the Commune, and it is now expiring amid terrible conflagrations and awful massacres. Its career was disgraced by so many acts of folly, cruelty, violence, and vandalism, that there will be few to mourn its overthrow; and yet, amid all its extravagance and wickedness, there seems to have been interwoven an idea which in itself was worthy of the support of Frenchmen.

Although the Commune is about to perish (justly, in view of its follies and atrocities), the leading idea it was organized to enforce possesses too much inherent vitality to be extinguished. It may yet become a part of the governmental system of France, and that country will never be really free or permanently prosperous until this doctrine is practically applied to all her municipalities.

The career of the Commune, therefore, was not altogether without a practical use. The misery, distraction, destruction, and terror it has occasioned, though horrible in themselves, will still serve the important purpose of impressing Frenchmen with the necessity of beginning the great work of political reform that awaits them at the foundation.

A REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN OPINION.

The ways of religious conventions are not as the ways of other deliberative bodies, and if the performances of the politicians are chiefly remarkable for "tricks that are vain," those of the religious gentlemen who assemble in council to regulate the affairs both spiritual and temporal of the various denominations are distinguished frequently by a lofty disregard for logic and by an absence of the important quality known as common sense.

by the one now sitting in this city is so very remarkable that it must excite some astonishment. The resolution reads as follows:—"That the present condition of France in general, as desolated by the storm of war, and of the city of Paris in particular, is now drenched by the blood of her own citizens, is a righteous retribution for the martyrdoms of St. Bartholomew's day, and a tangible fulfillment of the Divine promise to the Church, 'No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper.'"

Exactly how the members of the synod were able to come to this remarkable conclusion it is difficult for an ordinary non-ecclasiastical intellect to comprehend; and it is certainly rather hard upon the poor Frenchmen to make them, in addition to all their sins, responsible for the massacre of St. Bartholomew's day, which was instigated and put into execution by persons who are in no sense represented by the influential Frenchmen of the present day.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

The Senate yesterday passed by a unanimous vote a bill providing for taking a vote next October on the question of calling a convention to revise the Constitution of the State. As Mr. White said, this was giving a stone where bread was asked for; but as nothing better can be expected, the people of the State should accept it with thanks.

The Commune insurrection appears to be practically at an end, as the Versailles army has possession of a large portion of Paris, and the reduction of the barricades behind which the insurgents are now fighting can only be a question of time. What the next move will be is beyond conjecture, for events in France cannot be even remotely guessed at by the aid of precedents, and it can only be hoped that a sufficient number of real patriots will be found who will cordially unite to give the country a stable government and to build up its shattered fortunes.

SOMEBODY has turned thief at Harrisburg; or, correctly speaking, somebody has been detected in the act of thieving. The guilty wretch is as yet unknown, but the document on which he laid felonious hands can be found. The stolen paper was the original of the Senate bill requiring the State Treasurer to deposit the funds in his custody in the banks offering the highest premiums.

A joint affair with but a single party to it—Rheumatism. A Nashville woman advertises for her children, saying she has had twenty-seven, but she only knows where three of them are. —Giesebach has written another opera bouffe, called the Butterflies. Critics say that he is evidently only working for his grub.

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