

**THE BATTLE OF SOLFERINO.**

**Terrible Fighting!**

**Horrible Wounds & Suffering.**

The published details of the great battle of Solferino will be read with thrilling interest.

From the Battle-Field of Solferino.

CASTIGLIONE, ITALY, Friday night, June 24, 1859.

I came from Brescia early this morning, and arrived just in time to witness the last half of what I have very little doubt will turn out to have been the greatest battle the modern world has seen. I cannot describe it with any precision as yet, for it has lasted all day, and extended over a circuit of not less than fifteen miles; the noise of the cannonade, and even of the musketry, muffled, as still in my ears, and none of it engaged in it, except the wounded, have returned to give us any distinct and connected report.

But not less than 450,000 men have been engaged in it; and of these not less than 30,000 (dead or wounded) lie upon this bright sunny night, upon the battle-field.

The battle commenced at a little before 5 o'clock in the morning—rises far from sunrise. Just back of Castiglione lies a high range of hills, which projects a mile or two towards the plain, and then breaks off to smaller hills on the left into a wide valley, smaller hills, and into the rolling surface which makes that portion of the plain. The Austrians had taken position upon these hills—planting cannon upon those nearest to Castiglione which they could approach, as the French army was in full force in and around that town.

The Austrians were gradually driven back over the plain, and from their strong position on the hills, till at 4 o'clock they made their last obstinate stand at the town of Volta, six miles east of Castiglione. An hour's work dislodged them from this place, and then, at 5 o'clock, a violent rain-storm coming up, arrested the progress of the Austrians.

The correspondent adds that he feels warranted in saying that the French must have had 25,000 men hors de combat. He says he saw 10,000 wounded men come from the field, on carts, wagons, mules and litters. He figures that if I did not already know the result of the battle, I would be ready to suppose, from the enormous number of wounded soldiers at this moment passing my window, that the French army had been literally destroyed. I am quite sure that no man, not with the French official report may, that my estimate of the estimate of the number of wounded is small.

Two thousand corpses are said to have been buried, and many were yet lying in the ditches and cornfields.

The loss of the French is 720 officers and 20,000 men; of the Austrians, one hundred and twenty of whom were killed, and twelve thousand private killed and wounded. Among the killed are seven colonels and six lieutenant colonels. Among those wounded are five generals.

At Solferino, July 1.—The Austrian correspondent writes that he has seen the bodies of 2,400, as far as has yet been ascertained, 1,100 killed and 8,100 wounded.

A Shocking Homicide. Last evening, between 7 and 8 o'clock, a desperate deed of blood was enacted in South Baltimore. A young man named Wm. V. Taylor, while passing along Henrietta street, near Light, and when opposite the public house of John M. ...

Hard to Please. It is impossible, says the Harrisburg Patriot, for the present Administration to do anything pleasing to the Opposition grumblers. Having made up their minds to be in a bad humor, they remain in a perpetual and painful state of irritation.

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**THE COMPILER.**

**Democratic State Ticket.**

For Auditor General, RICHARDSON L. WRIGHT, of Philadelphia.

For Sheriff, JOHN ROWE, of Franklin county.

News, etc.

Many counterfeit notes on the Northwest (Va.) Bank are said to be in circulation along the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal.

A disease resembling the hog cholera is prevailing among the hogs near Wheeling, Va.

The Roman correspondent of the Weekly Register, (Catholic organ,) writes that Her Majesty Queen Victoria has forwarded an autograph letter to the Pope, thanking his Holiness for his present of a beautiful mosaic table.

The Tioga County Bank is also reported bad. Mr. Seaman, late Superintendent of Public Printing, and under an indictment for malfeasance in office, has returned to the city of Washington.

The Dayton Empire says that some of the editors located in the districts in Ohio where the wheat was raised, are bragging about big wheat, and big yields, and challenging those in other sections where the wheat was raised to beat it.

The fashionable churches in New York generally closed for the season on Sunday last. During the summer solstice, religion is out of town—go to Newport, to roll in the surf, to Saratoga, to drink Congress Water, to Falls, to study nature, and listen to the Creator's voice in the rustle of the catenar.

It is said that some fifty English gentlemen have determined on chartering a large steamer for an excursion trip across the Atlantic, intending to make a tour through the United States.

A Knoxville paper says, that a wife in that neighborhood has had three children at a birth. Her husband is entitled to a divorce, says Practice. She is a very overbearing woman.

There is an old bachelor in New York so confirmed that he won't read the war news, because so much is said about infantry.

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