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WHY FRANCE WAS BEATEN. The ample discussion which has a tended the progress of the war between France and Germany, concerning the causes of the numerous and consecutive, and at last overwhelming disasters of France, has thrown much light upon this most interesting subject. The causes of German superiority were many and various. For example, an item of informabrief but significant, officially supplied by the German government to Mr. Frederick Martin, the English statistician, is published by him in his "Statesman's Year Book for 1871." It runs thus:

Adding the liabilities of the annexed total the sum of £27,670,728 was deveted exclusively to the construction of rail-ways; the interest thereon is paid out of the profits of the State lines, the yearly increasing dividends of which create likewise a sinking fund for the gradual extinction of the debt. Exclusive of the railway loans, the total debt of Prussia, both old and new provinces, amounted in 1870 to £38,725,182, equal to £1 12s, per head of the population of the Kingdom.

Against this, Mr. Martin shows that, in France, the funded debt of the empire rose steadily from £220,000,000 in 1852 to £570,000,600 in 1869; and to this debt, he reminds us, there were added in 1870, firstly, a lean of £30,000,000, voted by the legislative body in July, to defray the costs of the war; and, secondly, another loan of £10,000,000, decreed by the "Provisional Government of National Defence" on the 25th of October, for the same purpose. Here, then, the total national debt of Prussia amounted to £38,725,182, er including loans for the construction of railroads and the debts of the annexed provinces since June, 1866, to £66,395,905, while the debt of France, at the same time, was £310,000,000.

Another important consideration, perhaps the most important, is the rigid and exact military system of Prussia. This power is the Sparta of modern Europe in the feature of the military training provided for her population. Her people are held in perpetual readiness for offensive warfare, and last summer the whole Regu lar Army of 300,000 men, and the first levy of Landwehr besides, were brought into the field in less than a fortnight,-When we remember, too, that every Prussian subject, young and old, is well educated, whereas out of every hundred conscripts throughout France, in 1866, only thirty could read and still fewer write, we arrive at once and without difficulty, at the cause of Prussian conquest and of French discomfiture in the dreadful war which has just ended.

It is a striking fact that the population of France has increased during the last century and a half, far less rapidly than that of any other country of Western Europe. This may partly arise from the great sacrifice of life in the wars in which France, so often aggressive, has become involved.

The Philadelphia Press, however, seek to explain it by the fact that in France the birth-rate, in proportion to the marriage rate, is considerably the lowest in Europe, and that the illegitimate births stand to legitimate births in the Department of Seine-et-Oise (in which Paris is situated) as 1 to 2.88, and among the entire town population of France as 1 to 7.76. In the country population this proportion is 1 to 26.61—the average throughout the whole of France being 75,900 illegitimate against 929,980 legitimate children in a single year, or 1 to 12.21. In Prussia; on the other hand, as in Ireland, a woman who becomes a mother without marriage is not only disgraced for ever, but brings reproach upon her relations; hence, immodest behavior is the great exception in these countries, and, indeed, is astonishingly rare.

In addition, there is to be considered the fearfully unsettled condition of religious belief in France. On the other hand, buildings, was destroyed by fire on Thursthe Germans, of all religious denominaday night last, the 23d instant. The tions, attend church regularly from a very early age, and really are a conscientious, God-fearing race. In France, as a general thing, there is great indifference to religion, and the morals of the people is very low indeed. The Germans went into the war "For God and the Fatherland," while the French merely expected what they call "glory," and to wipe out by the disasters of their adversaries, tht bitter memories of 1814-945 ment and setter generalize

Among the French corpses found on the field after the last terrible sortie from Paris were many of the National Guard elegantly uniformed in fine cloth, with gold watches, rings, etc., delicate linen, and hands and complexions that denoted the gentler ranks of hie. Manya fair home was desolate for these unreturning braves.

AN INSANE EDITOR.

The editor of the New York Citizen raves thus: "The man who marries a woman whose mother is living, is morally certain to find in the latter a foe of his domestic peace. Until the law establishes, under heavy penalties, an absolute suspension of all intercourse between the wife and her mother, so long must we look to see the righteons hatred of the mother-inlaw an invariable fact. What the penalty attached to the violation of such a law should be, must be left to the discretion of the law-makers. If they should happen to be married men, we may be certain that it will be nothing less than death." Is this a case of indigestion or dyspepsia? Can a man thus write and not hanker after the blood of his mother in-law? Really, this is encouraging a revolution, the consequences of which no man can foresee. It is astonishing when a son-in-law is bilious what things he will write.

The World telle the following story: Mr. Maguire, of Boston, lately received a telegram from this city, saying that Mr. James Fisk and H. W. Beecher met in Broadway near Dr. Helmbold's Daunter" flag staff. "How is that for privinces, the total debt of Prussian 1870 "Daunter" flag staff. "How is that for amounted to £66,295,905. Out of this high?" said Fisk. "You know how it is yourself," retorted Beecher, whereupen Fisk hit him full in the face. A struggle ensued, in which the venerable Horace Greeley, who chanced to be passing by, took part. All three gentlemen were taken to the Toombs, where the fight was renewed by Fisk, who drew a revolver and shot Beecher and Greeley. The former died instantly, and the latter is not expected to

> A number of Pottawottamie chiefs. in full Indian costume, visited Sheridan's headquarters in Chicago recently. It is supposed this mission was for the purpose of arranging for the funerals of some sick Piegans lately discovered by Sheridan's indefatigable scouts.

James E. Murdoch has been lecturing on "Hamlet," with recitations from the tragedy, with great success, in Philadelphia. He declares it as his opinion that the Prince was never so same as when he played the madman most.

Mignonne Lotta Crabtree, the comedienne, was baptized and received into the Episcopal Church at New Orleans a few days ago.

Eight pairs of brides were at the Continental Hotel, Philadelphia, one day last week. The bachelor boarders fled.

Low-necked dresses are again in

rogue at balls and evening parties. Consumption is also on the increase. A young Cleveland lady exasperates the men by kissing her horse in

the public streets. The days are more than two hours longer than they were on the 21st and 22d

Palmetto Leaves.

... There is not a single prisoner in Anderson county jail.

.. George S. Holmes, Esq., of Charleston, was admitted to practice in the State Courts, Wednesday.

.. Mrs. Wm. B. Evans, of Marion, youngest daughter of the late Major Jas. Haseldon, died on the 28th ult.

.. The Bennettsville Times says: Our county jail is almost entirely unoccupied, only one prisoner being confined there, and he hails from the Old North

.. A gentleman who was arrest ed in Charleston the other day, because he resembled a portrait in the rogue's gallery of the detective's office, turns out to be a member of one of the largest and most respectable firms in Philadelphia.

.. The Greenville Mountaineer says: Last Monday night a fire broke out in the stable on Gen. W. K. Easley's premises, and the building and its contents were entirely destroyed. The general impression is that the fire was caused

... The Columbia Union of Thursday says : Reports reached the city yesterday of the killing of Anderson Brown, about three miles from Yorkville, on Sunday morning before day, by a party of six mounted men, who called him out, and then perpetrated the outrage.

.. We learn from the Bennettsville Journal that the dwelling house near the Baptist Church, in that place, belonging to Messrs. Rowe Bros., and occupied by Mr. W. D. Rowe, together with about kitchen and smoke house were also con-siderably damaged. The fire broke out between 11 and 12 o'clock, and is considered to have been entirely accidental. All efforts to arrest its progress proved unavailing. Messrs. Rowe Bros. estimate their loss at \$3,500. There was no insu-

Fistieuffs. About noon to-day a personal encounter took place in the half of Willard's after dark. He is often out after dark, Hotel between Mr. Robert F. Stockton, Jr., of New Jersey, and J. R. Freese, editor of the Trenton (N. J.) Sentinel, growing out of an old quarrel. Stockton struck Freeze three times rapidly with his fist, and Freese responded with his walking stick, after which they exchanged eight or ten blows with much spirit and clinched. Mutual friends separated them at this point, both showing evidences of pretty effective work while the fight lasted, being each well marked about the face and head clethes smeared with blood and new stove pipe hats well mashed in. Washington letter.

At the proper time Mr. Fay, one of the performers, advanced to the front of the stage with the names of the committee and and chewing and drinking and one or two Bell and Lowery soon made way through Give my love to Julie, and tell her to send the audience, and were greeted with the me that little fiddle I left in the old trunk. mendous applause as they bowed to the audience. Ropes were given these men. they examined them thoroughly and then went at work with a vim to tie the Brothers tight. This being done they explained to the andience how many knots, etc., they had made, and, in their opinion, all was satisfactory. The cabinet doors were closed by Prof. Fay, and in eighteen seconds sounds from a violin, guitar and tambourine were heard distinctly by the audience, as coming from the cabinet. The doors were opened by the Professor, and the committee, after an examination, found was struck on the shoulder with some unknown object, but Mr. Lowry naw it and instantly went to Mr. Bell's side, and whispered to Mr. Bell, who began to go through the same motion. Out came the object. Mr. Lowry sprang like a cat and saized the hand, and wrenched it carefully off, throwing it in the audience.— Upon examination it was found to be a paper masked hand, as thin as writing paper, and fitting so closely in the cabinet that it was impossible to observe it. It was worked by wire perfectly at the will of the operators. Cheer upon cheer was given for the committee. The brothers were raging with madness, but constant calls from the audience convinced them that they must either play or pay and accordingly the cabinet was thrown aside and the dark scene was announced. The professor stated beforehand if any tricks were attempted he would not proceed with the entertainment. A table was brought forward and several muical instruments laid upon it, and one of the brothers were tied, a quantity of phosphorus was rubbed on a guitar and the lights were extinguished. Total darkness reigned. Presently sweet chords come from the guitar, and the phosphorus was seen running here and there in the air. All present were thunderstruck. All believed the guitar sailing here and there—they might catch the cabinet trick-but the dark seance was a stunner. While the supposed guitar was swinging in the air, one of the audience named Brooks, pulled from under his coat a dark-lantern of immense power, which he instantly shot on the flying guitar, and to all present, it appeared, nothing, only one of the attaches of the show held a pole six feet long, on the end was nailed a small piece of a flour barrel heading. The guitar was laying on the table in the same position, only the phosphorous was not on it. To describe the scene that followed would be folly. Mr. Bell then stated that their cabinet tricks were done by simply bringing their hands over their heads, and then they were almost free to ring bells, throw horns, etc., etc. We don't think the

Brothers will book this city on their next Advantages of Advertising. The New York Daily Bulletin is showing the immense advantages the business

man who advertises has over the man who

does not. The editor says: The sense of the business community will bear us out in saying that if in two equal cases, to one is added the element of continued, judicious, and even lavish appeals to the public eye and ear, which is absent in the other success will be so largely and so invariably in favor of the former as to form a safe basis of business

The number who have by this means alone obtained prodigious wealth, is considerable; and of those who have thereby obtained a handsome fortune, still larger, while the men who have in this way made all they are worth, and more than they could ever have made by any other means, are innumerable. Where are those who have fairly tried it and failed?

Gentlemen in trade who spend largely for attractive signs and pay for the places they occupy, would it not be a judicious economy to take them down in dull times? We believe the business sagacity which counsels the neglect of the public at the times when the public is for any reason partially withdrawing its attention, is next of kin to the philosophy of the individual who sawed off the limb on which he was

The "Free Coal" Trade.

There was a great scene of merriment in Congress to-day over a resolution which Mr. Wood, of New York, got before the House repealing the duty on coal. The tariff men were very much astonished to find, in the confusion, that the resolution held the floor, and endeavored in every way to prevent a vote. They failed, however, and it passed by 142 to 44, more thatwo-thirds of the Republicans voting with the Democrats for it. When the result was announced some of the Democratic members got quite a little applanse, and altogether there was a good deal of rejoicing that, after all the efforts which have been made from time to time, the House had actually had a vote on "the free coal question .- Washington Letter -Baltimore Sun.

A voungster attending school in Paducan has written his mother the following characteristic letter:

"Dear Mother-I got another licking yesterday, but I had on three pair o'pants and it didn't burt much. I was licked because I put six pins in Mr. ——'s chair. I knew they would not stick him, and I made a bet that they would not. Mr. was so mean and hard that the pins could not go in. I won the bet, which is a dog. He is a good dog, and I am training him to bits old Hardsides, as we call and it Zack is as good after him as he is after a cats, all won't get licked aby more. Zack and Likilled three cats Sunday, though I was at Sunday bischool and church all day and it wasn't a good day for killingo cats either. This makes the third licking I got this week. One was because I had a bottle of milk in my room, and the other was because I wrote a composition on negroes that old Hardsides didn't like. I said that a negro was a dark subject to write on It was like a dank African going down a dark cellar on a dark night without a light to look for a black cat

The Davemport Brothers Exposed. that was there. Old Hardsides stooped |Knoxville Correspondent of the Chattanooga | me and then lieked me for that. Send Hoxie's Hall was filled to overflowing. good trade with some of them. If you equested them to come forward. Messrs. others. You had better make the trade. strigal obarages a nasado Bilie.

> The Moltke Sword-Letter from the und Rutherleid References teresyattermoon From the Baltimore American.

Madame Werner Dresel, wife of the Prussian Consul in this city, and President of the German Ladies' Patriotic Society, has received a letter from General Moltke thanking the society for the sword sent him as the chosen General of the German people of Baltimore. It will be remembered that during the German Fair the ropes and knots the same as they had held here last November this sword was tied. While closing the door Mr. Bell on view, and every visitor voted for which? ever German General he pleased. The letter is as follows:

HEADQUARTERS, VERSAILLES, January 23, 1871. Honored Ladies: It were difficult for me to tell my delight and surprise at the receipt of your magnificient present, acmy welfare, and I beg you will accept my most sincere thanks for the manner in which you have honored my small services for our fartherland. You may be assured that the sword will be treasured in my family as a glorious proof that the love of fatherland and highminded sentiments of German women never die. Let us hope that throughout united Germany the results of the great sacrifices made will receive the same approbation as that with which it is honored by you, who from so great a distance follow impartially, and with a warm, patriotic heart, step by step, the events at home. The fact that your flattering present comes to me in connection with the charitable act for our poor soldiers and wounded raises it the more in my estimation. May God spare you long

With a renewed expression of my heartfelt thanks, I have the honor to remain your most obedient servant,

to such good deeds.

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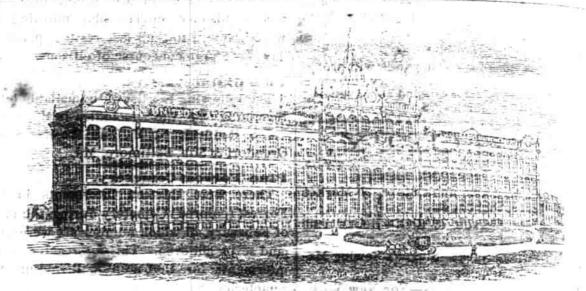
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