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The leader in the News and二Lyin Cireulation.


York leg islature will be the intro
duction in both houses this week and the report of the Greater Ne York commission will be referr It is not generally known that as.
sociations of German soldiers who served under Napoleon I . have been
celebratiog the vietories of the
Grande Armee at humble little banGrande Armee at humble little ban
quets in Mayence ever since 1816 , The German authorities never inter-
fered with the veterans; but in
France, under the monarchy, kindred associations were outiawed and their
members persecuted as conspirators. Sone $\overline{40}$ years ago the number of
German soldiers of Napoleonn was considerable. Gradually, of course,
it became smaller. The were
obliged to "close ranks," and at the last banquet recently held in May-
ence the number of the old fellows ence the number of the old fellows
wascaly nine. Still partly dressed
in what remained of their well-worn and carefully mended uniforms, they
dined and talked of oid days, "in that love of the autrefois," to bor
row from the Figaro, "which is natural to those who can close of their banquet, as the
marched, or rather hobbled, outin the street, an impressive incident
oecurred. They were accidentally
met by another military association, returning from a feast, and co
posed of veterans of the army 1870. and in that spirit of militars
masonry which makesallold soldier fully exhibited in this country on
Decoration Day, the victors of Gra velotteand Sedan saluted and cheere
the old beroesof Jena and Friedland. The office of president of a New
York club is usually rejarded as a
sinecure, but there are two notable

## exceptions, says the New York Sun. The president of the Union League

Club, Frank R. Lawrence, are, be-
required to do a lot of speechmak-
publie meetings, that is, meetings
club and at which the president is
League. Its obaracter is such that
these meetings are usually of inter
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est toall members of he party which
it represents. On such occasions
its president usually makes a speech
and be is frequently called upon to
refresent the club at meetings and
dinners not held under the elub's
auspices. General Porter succeeded
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