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THE SITUATION.

The news from the seat of war grows daily more favorable to the invaders. Hope after hope cherished by the French turns out to be delusive. What is left of Bazaine's army in Metz is now so closely besieged that its surrender is confidently anticipated, and it is too weak to be an object of serious apprehension. It seems probable that a portion of the so-called "Army of the Rhine," under command of Comrobert, escaped during the battles of last week, and formed a junction with MacMahon's forces, but the Prussians do not seem to dread this combination. The French complain that their country swarms with German spies, and there is no doubt a sufficient basis for this complaint to warrant the belief that the invaders are remarkably well informed in regard to the movements of the French army. It is therefore a fair inference that the advance in force upon Paris has been undertaken with a full knowledge of the situation, and with a confident belief that MacMahon, Canrobert, and Bazaine could all be held at bay. Overwhelming numbers and undaunted courage are giving to the invaders irresistible advantages, and it is scarcely possible that the French will gain time enough to organize their new levies into effective troops before the war is brought to an abrupt termination.

The despatches from Paris show how thoroughly her citizens are alarmed. When they dwell with satisfaction upon the arrival within the environs of cattle and sheep, they indicate that a siege is considered inevitable; and when they repeat ostentatious assurances by the Ministry of ability to maintain order, they prove that great fears of a revolt prevail.

It will be a new experiment in modern warfare for a city of first-class magnitude to attempt to withstand a siege. The fortifications may be strong enough to protect an army or to resist assaults, but it remains to be seen whether any military system of defense can resist the pressure from within as well as from without which must follow the approach of the main body of the Prussian forces to the capital. If the Germans make such a demonstration it is natural to expect that they will employ every available agency to terrorize an excitable populace. They will hold out the olive branch on one hand and point to enormous siege guns with the other. It is said that they have thrown hot shot into Strasburg, and the French cannot be sure that Paris is absolutely exempt from a similar danger. When the choice of evils narrows down to a prompt decision between a treaty and the involvement in a thousand perils of one of the greatest cities of the world, with her millions of people and her varied interests, even the boldest of Frenchmen may be tempted to abandon the notion that they can only make peace after the invaders are driven beyond the Rhine. It was one thing for the Russians to burn down the huts of Moscow; it will be quite another for the French to provoke the destruction of the palaces of Paris.

THE PRUSSIAN PROTEST.

The Prussian Under Secretary of State, Von Thile, has forwarded to Baron von Gerolt, the Minister of the North German Union at Washington, a protest against the violations of international law and the rules of civilized warfare on the part of the French by firing upon the flags of truce. Herr von Thile mentions three instances in which flags of truce were fired upon, in one of which the trumpeter accompanying the flag was killed, and he declares that it will henceforth be impossible to send flags of truce to a nation whose soldiers have lost in Africa, China, and Mexico all recollections of civilized warfare. The succession of disasters which have overwhelmed the French appears to have frenzied their soldiers as well as their citizens, and while such barbarous behavior as that of which they are now accused is on no account to be excused, the probabilities are that the leaders of the army are blameless in the matter, and that the Prussian flags of truce were fired upon by over-zealous sentinels or pickets. The French Government has got itself into sufficiently bad repute already with civilized nations by its eagerness to begin the present war without even a decent pretext, and it cannot afford to bring itself into further contempt by countenancing a style of warfare that would disgrace savages. The object of Herr von Thile in sending this protest to Baron von Gerolt was that he would communicate it to Secretary Fish, who would forward it to Minister Washburne, with directions to lay it before the French authorities in his capacity as guardian of Prussian interests in France during the continuance of hostilities. We expect that as a matter of course the French will promptly disavow what were probably the unauthorized acts of private soldiers or subordinate officers, but

whether they do or not, the indications at present are that before long the Prussians will not be under the necessity of sending flags of truce for any purpose, on account of the utter rout of their opponents, or if flags of truce are sent at all it will be by the French, with propositions to surrender under the most favorable terms their enemies are willing to accord them.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

- GRACE CHURCH, TWELFTH AND CHERRY.—Divine service to-morrow at 10 1/2 A. M. and at 5 P. M.
SIXTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—REV. J. P. CONKEY will preach to-morrow at 10 1/2 A. M. and at 5 P. M.
ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH, TWENTIETH AND CHERRY STREETS.—Service (Choral) and sermon to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WASHINGTON SQUARE.—REV. WILLIAM C. CATTELL, D. D., President of Lafayette College, will preach to-morrow at 10 1/2 A. M.
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, THIRD STREET, below Walnut.—Reopened to-morrow. Services 10 1/2 A. M. and 4 P. M. Saturday evening prayer meeting, 7 1/2 o'clock.
NORTH TENTH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, below Girard avenue.—The Pastor, Rev. MATTHEW NEWBIRK, will preach to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. All cordially invited.
REV. ALBERT BARNES WILL PREACH at the PRINCETON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, POWELTON AVENUE and THIRTY-NINTH STREET, to-morrow at 10 1/2 o'clock.
TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH, CHESTNUT STREET, west of Righteighth.—Rev. G. A. PELTZ, Pastor of the Church, will preach to-morrow morning and evening. Services at 10 1/2 and 7 1/2 o'clock.
CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LOCUST STREET, ABOVE FIFTEENTH.—Rev. F. F. EDWARDS, D. D., of New York, will preach to-morrow morning. Services commence at 10 1/2 o'clock.

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Attest—JOHN McCULLOUGH, Secretaries. M. C. HONG, 8 26 2t

COLORED CAMP MEETING AT EVERETT GROVE, MEDIA. The camp to be continued for several days. Trains will leave the depot, THIRTY-FIRST and CHESTNUT STREETS, on SUNDAY, Aug. 28, 1870, at 8 A. M., 10 A. M., and 2 30 P. M. Tickets will be sold at reduced rates. WILLIAM MAXWELL, Minister. 8 26 2t

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