

THE FRENCH FRONTIER.

ALSACE AND LORRAINE.

HOW FRANCE CAME TO HOLD THEM—HISTORY, EXTENT, POPULATION, ETC.

It is no longer probable, the French-German war should soon end in a complete victory of Germany, the regulation of the frontier between France and Germany will be the foremost question of the day.

The French Republic has already given a full account of the nationality of the people inhabiting the two border provinces of Alsace and Lorraine, showing that even to this day nearly the whole of Alsace, with a population of about 1,100,000 inhabitants, and a considerable portion of Lorraine belong to the German nationality.

Thus France, which at this day contains a German-speaking population of 1,500,000, has harbored the outspoken design to conquer new German territory with a population of over six millions.

It is now generally expected that the Germans, if victorious, will demand back a part of the whole of the territory which still is inhabited by a German-speaking people. Whether this is the wisest course they might pursue under the circumstances may be disputed; but no one, in view of the facts above enumerated, will dare to maintain that any territorial change the Germans may make will be so glaringly unjust as the one which the war party in France has been demanding ever since 1815.

To give a better and more distinct conception of the comparative number of German and French inhabitants in this territory, the following diagrams have been furnished by Dr. Edwin Leigis, according to his "Bird's-Eye" notation for numbers, first explained and used by him in a pamphlet entitled "Bird's-Eye Views of Slavery in Missouri," published in St. Louis in 1862.

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CONDITION OF THE COLORED PEOPLE.

PROBABLE EFFECTS OF THE NEW YETTES—POLITICAL AFFAIRS AS AFFECTED THEREBY—EDUCATION IN BALTIMORE—BAVING—TAKES—SELF-HELP ASSOCIATIONS—A COLORED MEN'S SHIP-YARD—HOW TO CONQUER PREJUDICES.

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 8.—Interested for years in the condition and progress of the colored people, I have watched closely every turn in the tide, on the rising flood of which they are now floating, and scan attentively every change in the current or bend in the stream. Just now the probable effect of the new yettes on the colored people of Baltimore is a subject of great interest.

The census of 1860 stated the colored population of Maryland at 171,131, of whom 83,942 were free persons. Of these 83,942 were men, and 87,972 women. Of the former 43,123 were slaves, and 40,819 free. In the women 42,576 were slaves, and 45,396 free. A difference in favor of the sexes as to freedom of 4,580 persons.

The estimates now made of the number of colored voters in Maryland, argue a large increase of population. It is claimed that since the census of 1860, the colored population of the State has increased to 250,000.

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POLITICAL.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONTEST IN THE TWELFTH DISTRICT—THE TENTH LEGION.

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