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NEW ORLEANS:
TUESDAY MORNING, JULY 31, 1866.

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

Gabriel de Feriet sells a bakery, on the premises, Nos. 247 and 249 Camp-st. between Prince and Union streets; also, mules, horse, bread carts, etc. Terms cash, in U. S. currency.

We deem it premature to discuss the sanguinary collision which took place yesterday between the agents of the civil authority and the blacks and whites who collected for a well-known purpose at Mechanics' Institute. It is to be hoped that our population of all classes will studiously avoid whatever is calculated to increase or prolong excitement. A prime consideration with every good citizen is to promote the peace and good order of the city; and if in ordinary times a military police may be objectionable, there are emergencies in which such a police, if efficient and impartial, may compensate for its rigor by the guarantee it affords against all manner of rioting, turbulence and sedition.

COTTON OF THE PRESENT SEASON.—Messrs. Titus & Gwartney have sent us several open bolls of cotton from the field of Mr. Valery Dobard, parish of Plaquemines. The bolls are large and fully opened, and the fleece of beautiful texture. Mr. Dobard has seventy-five acres of such cotton and commenced picking on the 20th July.

DEATH OF HENRY EDGAR CENAS.—A number of deplorable casualties were caused yesterday in the vicinity of Mechanics' Institute by accidental shots and stray bullets. One of the most distressing of these was the death of young Edgar Henry Cenas, the only remaining son of Dr. A. H. Cenas. The deceased was in the Medical College building, where he was quietly engaged in the occupations of student and assistant. The firing in front of the Institute attracted his attention, and he went into the yard to ascertain the cause, when a stray shot struck him in the neck, inflicting a fatal wound from which he died in a few minutes.

PEACE IN EUROPE—PERHAPS.

We hesitate to yeild implicit credit to the telegraphic statement received Sunday night while unsupported by subsequent telegrams, to the effect that a treaty of peace had been signed between Prussia and Austria. At the moment of this writing the Atlantic cable has not filled out or confirmed the bare announcement of peace with the least detail as to time, place or conditions. We trust, however, that the silence will not be prolonged. It would be painful to have to record that the submarine ligament, connecting Europe and America in a sort of Siamese Twins conjunction, this marvel of the civilized world, this "glory of the age and of nations," as the London *Times* has said to describe it, had followed the example of Roger Bacon's remarkable statue, and after a brief and tantalizing utterance had subsided into perpetual silence. We will not give way to the apprehension of such a contingency, but assuming that the desired consummation of the tidings of peace will soon be received, if not already at hand when these remarks are in print, we will glance at the probable causes and the probable terms and consequences of peace.

Circumstances do not permit us to question that the French Emperor, whose neutral and yet mediatorial position towards the tripartite war of Austria, Prussia and Italy, was from the beginning so marked, significant, and influential, has furnished the leading agency in arresting hostilities and contriving the basis of a permanent pacification. There was, it is true, a moment when Napoleon's pacificatory offices seemed almost rudely rejected by both Prussia and Italy which, though professing to accept his mediation, refused to take the practical steps which he advised as the preliminaries to an armistice, and persisted in the carrying on a contest of which the aspect would be changed from day to day, it was in effect making his mediation utterly nugatory, a mere protest of intrusive sentimentality on the part of a humane spectator of a combat whose carnage he would like to stop, but could not. To discharge the office of an authorized mediator acting with a view to speedy and definite results, it was necessary for the Emperor to have before him precise data of the actual situation from which to deduce a basis of negotiation.

But such data he could not have while war continued to rage with changing aspects and uncertain eventualities. If, before accepting the [illegible] Napoleon, he could scarcely have consented to [illegible] except with decisive influence [illegible] it was too late, after that acceptance, [illegible] to play any other part than that of an arbitrator prepared, if need be, to append to the last argument to sustain his decisions. We can not doubt that this was the conception of the Emperor. *La France*, a recognized semi-official organ of the French Government, in a brief but significant article on the 13th of July, clearly indicates the policy and purpose of making French mediation a fact of power and consequence, and not a matter to be lightly treated by any of the belligerents, when it says:

"As to France, which sees the success of her pacific efforts compromised by the demands of Prussia and Italy, the direction of her policy is traced, so to say, by regard for her dignity and the preservation of her legitimate influence.

Could the Emperor permit the mediation which he has so generously accepted, to prove completely abortive?

We still hope that reason and moderation will prevail over excessive pretensions, so that only rights and legitimate interests will triumph.

But if pretensions, which affect not only the equilibrium of Europe, but also the interests of France, cause the work of peace to miscarry, our country will obey no other inspiration but that of duty and honor, and the Emperor will be sustained, with unanimity of public opinion, by the irresistible impulse and patriotic enthusiasm of a great people."

This certainly sounds like a signal for Prussia and Italy to agree to the Emperor's conditions of conducting a peaceful mediation or to expect his armed intervention.

We have yet to learn the exact details of the settlement between Prussia and Austria. With Italy it was not needed for Austria to directly negotiate, as Napoleon, in accepting Venetia, the only ground of substantive quarrel on the part of Italy with Austria, had taken the place of the latter in that respect, and as the only remaining reason why Italy should fight was a duty as a co belligerent with Prussia. The latter making peace, Venetia acquired, Italy would have no rational ground of war left whatever.

As to what Austria may have yielded as virtue of the adverse fortunes of war, it must be supposed, after the mournful but proud manifesto of the Emperor Francis Joseph, that, however much she may have lost, she has at least saved her honor. He said he was ready to sign any "honorable peace," but rather than submit to any other he "would enter on a war of life and death."

It is not improbable that, seeing the swift enlargement of Prussian pretensions, threatening to absorb all the minor Germanic States and to wield the power of a vast Germanic empire to the fatal disturbance of the equilibrium of Europe, Russia, and possibly England in a qualified way, joined France in submitting to Prussia an *ultimatum* which she could not venture for a moment to set aside and which imposed a large discount upon the demands which she had advanced.

The belief that Russia participated with France in bringing Prussia to listen to moderate terms, is strengthened by an article in the *Journal de St. Petersburg* which says:

"The armistice might bring about a reconciliation, were it not for somebody in Germany who believes himself strong enough to compel Europe to consent to his conquest of Germany, while he forgets that there still exist in Europe strong, concentrated Powers, to whom the European equilibrium is no empty word.

The "somebody" referred was, of course, Count Bismark, and the quoted words plainly signify a declaration, in the interest of Russia, against the aggressive policy of Prussia.

(From the National Intelligencer, 28th.)

INTERVIEW BETWEEN PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND A COLORED DELEGATION.—A delegation of colored men, headed by Dr. Randolph, of New Orleans, who has long been acquainted with the education of the negroes in Louisiana, had an interview with the President on Saturday, to satisfy themselves of the truth or falsity of the charge that he was inimical to the negro and opposed to the education.

It is stated that the entire delegation left the President convinced that he was as fast a friend to their race than those who pretend friendship for them, to use their political ends.

"On the subject of the education of the black race," said the President, "I am decided in all means let learning advance among them. I cordially indorse your efforts to establish schools for them, and will give you all the assistance in my power; for I am the true friend of the black man. No one living knows him better in advance in education, refinement and civil rights more than I do; for on that depends his future usefulness to himself, his race and his country."

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## BY TELEGRAPH.

[To the New Orleans Bee.]

## FROM WASHINGTON.

CHOLERA IN NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN.

## News from Mexico.

EUROPEAN INTELLIGENCE.

SUSPENSION OF HOSTILITIES.

MARKETS, ETC.

*Quarantine*, July 30, 6 P. M.—Remaining in Quarantine, bark T. Cushing and schooner Bella from Tampico. She brings the following news:

*Tampico*, July 14th, 1866.—Tampico is besieged by the Liberals. It was confidently expected that the place would fall in a few days, as communication with the interior had been cut off. Some days before the Bella left, a detachment of 40 or 50 cavalry made a dash into the town. The French have organized themselves into a battalion for their own protection.

*Southwest Pass*, 30.— The schooner Emma which was anchored here went up in tow at noon. There is nothing new since last report, and nothing in sight. Weather clear and warm, wind west—fresh. Tide low

*Vicksburg*, 30.—Passed up W. R. Arthur at 2 P. M. River falling

*New York*, July 30.—The *World* reports the sailing on Thursday of a steamer for Matamoras with a large quantity of arms and ammunition, including twelve pieces of light artillery, for Juarez's army. Maj. Gen. Law Wallace and Brig. Gen. Stevenson, recently of the Union army, were passengers.

*Halifax*, July 30.—The China's news about the armistice was anticipated by the cable.

*Liverpool*, July 21.—The announcement that the Austrians had accepted the proposals for the suspension of hostilities caused great buoyancy in all the markets, the prevailing opinion, especially among the cotton dealers, being that peace was almost certain to be concluded, and consequently there will be no resumption of hostilities. The Italian answer had not yet been received. There were no reports of further fighting.

*Liverpool*, July 22.—In the great naval fight off Lisa the Italian iron-clad Rei Italia was sunk by collision at the commencement of the battle. An iron-clad boat blew up with all on board amidst the cries of "long live the King and Italy, from the crew The Italian account states that an Austrian man-of-war and two steamers were sunk.

The various disputches say the Italian fleet was driven and was being pursued by the Austrians in the direction of Ancona.

It is asserted from Paris that Austria has consented to retire from the German Confederation.

The Paris Bourse was excited. The quotations were 69 francs 32 centimes.

The *Observer* states that Parliament will be prorogued almost the last moment of the session to give the concurrence to the Confederation of the North American provinces, including the plan for the maintainance of the Grand Trunk Railway.

*New York*, July 30, 1 P. M.—Flour dull. Wheat dull and drooping. Pork dull and heavy.

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Mexican news represents the situation of the Empire as daily growing more critical.

The fall of Matamoras caused great dismay.

*New York*, July 30.—The deaths last week amounted to about 750. The decrease is over 800 from the previous week. Nineteen cholera deaths occurred on Saturday and Sunday in New York and Brooklyn.

*New York*, July 30.—The steamers City of New York and Indiana have both arrived. The former's mails go South this afternoon; the latter's left this morning.

*New York*, July 30.—Evening.—Gold closed at 147⅜. Coupons of 81, 109; ditto of '62, 108⅝; ditto of '64, 106; 10-40's 98¾; Treasury 7-30's 104⅜. Cotton is one cent higher; the sales foot up 3000 bales—Middling Uplands 36c; Orleans do. 38c. Flour heavy and unchanged. Wheat heavy and nominal, and 10 cents lower. Corn dull and steady. Pork firm at $31 50. Lard firm but quiet. Sugar steady. Coffee firm. Molasses firm. Naval Stores quiet and steady. Spirits of Turpentine 60 to 70c. Rosin $2 87½ to $8 50.

*Baltimore*, July 30.—Flour quiet and unsettled. Wheat active; white 80 to 90c; red 65 to 72c. Corn dull. Oats dull; new 45 to 48c. Provisions firm; Mess Pork $33. Groceries quiet. Coffee firm. Whisky steady. Pennsylvania $2 21.

*Savannah, Ga.*, July 30.—The total number of deaths to Sunday is reported at 75. To-day there were two deaths and one new case. The total number in the hospital is 87.

[Associated Press Dispatches—Last Evening.]

**From Europe—Arrival of Steamer China—Liverpool Cotton Market—From Washington—Naval Officer at New Orleans.**

*Halifax*, July 30.—The steamer China, from Liverpool the 21st, and Queenstown the 22d inst., has arrived, bound for Boston.

Liverpool, July 21.—Cotton has advanced from ¼ to ⅜d. The sales to-day amounted to 20,000 bales. Middling Uplands are quoted at 11 to 11¼d.

*London*, July 21.—Consols 88¼ to 88⅝. U. S. 5-20's 70¾ to 71.

*Washington*, July 29.—Representative Rogers, of the minority of the Judiciary, made on Saturday a report altogether dissenting from the conclusion of the majority in regard to Jefferson Davis. He says he was inhumanly treated by the committee who refused to let him have access to the documents bearing upon the case. He administers a rebuke to Judge Holt, who was at the examination some of the evidence taken on what he terms the mock trial of the military commission in May, 1865, accompanied by an argument to enlighten the committee as to their duty. Rogers speaks of the unreliability of the testimony, the principal witness being the unprincipaled coroner. This man's universal character of others is also severely critised, and Rogers shows that persecution instead of justice enters into the proceedings against Davis and other alleged conspirators against the life of President Lincoln.

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## CITY INTELLIGENCE.

THE CONVENTION OF '66.

The meeting was called to order at 10 minutes past 12 o'clock yesterday noon, by Judge E. K. Howell, at Mechanics' Institute. Rev. Dr. Horton opened the proceedings with prayer.

The roll was called and the following individuals responded to their names: Bennie, J. Cook, E. King Cutler, Davies, Duane, Ennis, Fish, Flagg, Flood, Hart, Henderson, Hire, Howell, Howes, Maus, Norman, O'Connor, Orr, Payne, Pintado, Poynot, Chas. Smith, Schilling, Stauffer, Waters—making 25 members present in all.

Mr. E. King Cutler moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms be ordered out to collect absentees and bring them to the meeting. The motion was seconded. An amendment was offered that assistance be furnished the Sergeant-at-Arms to execute the order. The motion as amended was then adopted.

On motion the Convention took a recess for one hour, to await the action of the Sergeant-at-Arms in bringing in the absentees.

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THE RIOT.

Just about the time the recess had been announced to the Convention, by the President, Judge Howell, a body of negroes cheering vociferously were moving in the direction of Mechanics' Institute, headed by a fife and drum. As they passed Himbert's saloon, on Canal street, opposite Dryades, an inoffensive citizen, who was at the time crossing the street, was assailed and severely beaten. Mr. Edouard Crevon, aid to the Chief of Police, witnessed the assault and endeavored to secure the assailants. With the aid of some by-standers he succeeded in bringing off one of the party, but not before being resisted and roughly handled by the disorderly mass. Upon the arrival of Mr. Crevon at the Chief's office, he immediately reported the threatening aspect to him. The police force of the First District were hurried to the scene. In the meantime a collision occurred on Dryades street, in front of the Institute. A number of shots were fired from the steps of the building. Some of the police who were in the neighborhood rushed to the scene. The fight commenced. The police were reinforced by the timely arrival of reinforcements from the City Hall and Lacamer Station. The affray for a time hung in the balance. Frequent sallies were made from the building with a view to drive off the police, but each attempt was met and defeated with commendable courage. The fire bells sounded the alarm; citizens from all parts of the city repaired with haste to the scene of disturbance; all was commotion and excitement.

The police force of the entire city were called into requisition—the Broadpart ment assembled and awaited orders from the city authorities prepared to render any service they might be called upon to perform. Lieut. Manning of the Second District was ordered to repair with his entire force to the corner of Canal and Dryades streets and report, to the Chief of Police. The police force of the Fourth District was ordered to the place of disturbance with all possible speed.

The fight around the Mechanics' Institute continued with unabated fury. When the reserves came to the assistance of the police the negroes were swept back into the building—the police following closely on the heels of the assailants endeavored to secure a foothold in the building, but were in turn forced back—repeated attempts were made to enter the building, but those inside barred the doors and commenced an indiscriminate fire from the windows—ingress and egress from Dryades street was for the time effectually obstructed. The police at once swept the streets surrounding the building and with military precision commanded at once all the approaches. The force made continued the fire from windows—but the police and such citizens as had volunteered to aid them, received the fire and responded to every shot—the crowd inside could be plainly heard urging their associates to action.

Occasionally a negro or white man could be observed emerging from the windows or side entrances of the building, but owing to the unbroken line which enveloped it they were invariably captured, and in many instances, shot down.

The building was closely besieged for almost two hours before those inside capitulated—frequent calls were made from the police, demanding the surrender—but it was only when further resistance was futile that they complied with the demand. As fast as they emerged, each person he was hurried to the station-house—in this way more than 200 arrests were registered alone at the First District, while a proportionate number were carried to the Second and other Districts.

Michael Hand and Alf. Shaw who were both shot in the melee, assert that they received their wounds from citizens while in the hands of the police, whose efforts to protect them were ineffectual.

When the police entered the building they proceeded to arrest all its inmates. M. K. King Cutler was taken from the roof of the building where he had sought refuge.

Among the numerous arrests made we record some of the most prominent as follows:

We found last evening Dr. Hire, M. Anderson, Michael Hahn, —— Fisk and —— Shaw, who were severely wounded receiving medical attention and such comforts as could be procured in the private parlor of Recorder Ahern, 1st District.

They were at liberty to go to their homes whenever they concluded so to do—not being in arrest.

Mr. C. B. Duplissier Secretary of the Convention, we learned, was in a dying condition

Dr. A. P. Dostie received several wounds. We found last evening that he was doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances. Although he was perfectly easy up to a late hour last evening, he was carried to the 2d District Police Station.

Rev. Mr. Horton who delivered the opening service in the Convention was severely wounded.

Glendy Burke Esq. was reported wounded.

L. Lewis was stabbed; Geo. Howes, member of the Convention severely wounded. Tim. Mathews was wounded; Steph. H. Wappler, wounded. A. B. Mitchell, severely.

Twenty-two policemen were wounded, of whom we obtained the following names: Theard, M. Donnelly, Hennessy and Sokoloski. The two latter are in a low state—lockjaw.

Police officer Magouirk is dead. Corpl. Barnell, police officer, is also dead. We could not learn the total casualties among the negroes, but we can safely say there was not less than 25 killed outright. Four dray loads were carried off from the Mechanics Institute.

Judge B. K. Howell was elected in the building after the military had taken possession

The Grand Jury found a true bill against some 25 members of the Convention. The sheriff proceeded to execute the order—took the building in possession of the military. He saw Gen. Baird, who indorsed on his papers "suspended until further orders."

The military have assumed temporary command of the city government, and were last evening occupying the Mayor's office.

A regiment of white infantry and two sections of artillery passed in front of the City Hall about 8 o'clock last evening and passed into Lafayette Square, they were loudly cheered by the citizens who had congregated in front of the building—which courtesy they duly acknowledged.

A proclamation was issued by the Mayor early last evening, a copy of which we append. R. F. Damoy was released from the First District station as soon as the military assumed command, and brought to the Mayor's office. He there made the startling confession that Dr. A. P. Dostie had instructed a certain secret negro organization, led by a man named Bertin, in the Third District, in case the Convention were defeated in their efforts yesterday to rise and massacre the general massacre of the inhabitants of the Third District. From the testimony taken on what he terms the mock trial of the military commission in May, 1865, accompanied by an argument to enlighten the committee as to their duty. Rogers speaks of the unreliability of the testimony, the principal witness being the unprincipaled coroner. This man's universal character of others is also severely critised, and Rogers shows that persecution instead of justice enters into the proceedings against Davis and other alleged conspirators against the life of President Lincoln.

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**Chronology of the German War.**

The following calendar of events, published in the *Memorial Diplomatique*, shows with what rapidity great military results are achieved in the present day:

June 14.—Federal execution decreed by the German Diet.

June 16.—Entry of the Prussians into Leipsic, Glessen, and Cassel. Occupation of Lobau.

June 17.—Entry of the Prussian General Vogel into the Hanoverian capital.

June 18.—Occupation of Marienthal, Ostritz and Laubsee, in Bohemia, by two Prussian regiments, and occupation of Bernstadt by Prussian cavalry. Occupation of Dresden by the Prussians.

June 19.—Evacuation of Fort Wilhelm by the Hanoverian troops. Prince William of Hanau made prisoner. Cavalry encounter between the Austrians and Prussians upon the Rumburg road.

June 22.—Nixdorf occupied by seven thousand Prussians.

June 23.—Occupation of Rumburg by the Prussians.

June 24.—Armistice between the Hanover and Prussian troops.

June 25.—Action near Jungbunzlan between the Austrians and the Prussians. The Prussians occupied Reichenberg, Trautenau and Aicha, (Bohemia.)

June 28.—Engagement near Turnau.

June 27.—The army of the Crown Prince of Prussia fought the battle of Nachod. Engagement at Oswiecim. Fight between the Prussians and Hanoverians near Langensalza. General Steinmetz throws back the Austrian corps *d'armée* (Alanning) upon Josephstadt. Engagement of the same corps with the Sixth and Eighth Austrian corps under the Archduke Leopold.

June 28.—Action near Trantenau. The troops of Prince Frederick Charles engaged near Sandeangraia.

June 29.—The Hanoverian army surrendered at discretion. Capture of Gitschin by the Prussian army.

June 30.—Actions at Kort, near Turnau, and at Chwalkowitz, between Kalitz and Konigsho. An Austrian army corps under General Clam-Gallas compelled to retire upon Koniggratz.

July 1.—Action at Gitschin.

July 2.—Arrival of King William at Kitschin. Junction of the Crown Prince's army with that of Prince Frederick Charles.

July 3.—The battle of Sadowa.

THE DISPOSITION OF THE SOUTHERN PEOPLE.—We have never had a doubt that since the end of the rebellion drove the old politicians and rulers away from active control in the South, the masses of the people were anxious in good faith to return to their allegiance to the Government. The general tenor of the testimony from the Southern States is to this effect. Many of those who have lately been in the Southern States with opportunities, through their official position, to judge of the feeling of the people by their conduct, is General Gordon Granger, who endorses these opinions. He has just arrived in Washington from an official tour through the South, and he states that, in general, he found the people well disposed towards the Government, and ready, if permitted to do so, to give substantial proofs of their loyalty and devotion to the Constitution and the Union.—*Philadelphia Ledger*, 26th.

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**Prospects of Cheap Bread the Coming Year.**

The Cincinnati *Gazette* has a long and interesting review of the crop prospects. In these times of commercial inactivity, and, as it says, "mercantile despondency," its statement of the situation comes in as a cheering feature. In the early spring we had most gloomy reports of the wheat crop, and when under the influence of that seemingly well authenticated intelligence the retail price of good brands of family flour rose in our market to $14 to $16 per barrel, with serious talk of $20, in the future, the general alarm that prevailed, and the gloomy forebodings of merchants, were not surprising. A bread famine was at that time threatened, and it was too early to tell anything about other crops. As the season has progressed, however, a wonderful change for the better is noticeable. In regard to wheat we can speak conclusively. In many sections there is a deficiency varying from the three quarters to one-quarter in quantity, but everywhere the quantity is unsurpassed. Last year the quantity was everywhere alarm, and consumers know how different it was to procure a barrel of good flour. This season, poor flour will be as rare as was a good article during the panic year, but is now closing the distrust to which we refer, therefore, the superior quality of the grain will go far toward making up for the deficiency in quantity. But the quality is good, while winter wheat was not general, while, with comparatively few exceptions, spring crops have done well. Taking the whole wheat-growing country together, therefore, we are safe in saying that in the aggregate the wheat crop, in weight and quality, is a fair average, and much better than last year.

In regard to other crops, it can be definitely stated that hay turns out short; but there will be no scarcity. There is a large surplus of old hay, and this year's crop being good in quality, while the immense army consumption is cut off, a fall supply, at moderate prices, is assured. The oat crop is good—first-rate. The straw is short, but in grain there is a full average, both as regards quantity and quality. The great bulk of last year's crop, owing to unfavorable harvest weather, was unsound. This year the crop promises to be in splendid condition. Barley will be short, but not near so bad as was apprehended a while ago. It is often found that barley matures corn crop. To be accurate, it should be said that August goes far to make the crop perfect. To insure good crops, good planting weather in May, and seasonable rains in June and July, are required. Both of these have been unusually favorable this year, all that could be desired for May was realized; June was splendid, and thus far, notwithstanding better than July has furnished could be asked. We have had rain and heat in about the right proportions. How the balance of July and weather, with the thermometer up to near 100° in the shade, causes the farmer to rejoice. The ground is in excellent condition, and the corn far advanced, the temperature is right for the crop. The latter can now stand a good deal of dry weather, and it is so far advanced that the prospect for a large crop is good. Next comes potatoes. This crop also promises well. It was short last year, both in quantity and quality. This year it promises to be excellent in both respects. There also promises to be a large yield of buckwheat. Of apples there will be a good supply, taking the country through. So much for the United States. In the South condition is, of course the great staple. In regard to this crop it is difficult to get correct information. Those who have had a hand in those who hold the stock are equally interested, in underestimating the probable yield. But it is generally conceded that the prospects improve as the season advances, and that the crop is now getting to be considered a fair estimate. This would realize in our money as much as 9,000,000 bales in ordinary times.

We can, therefore, readily estimate the value of the contribution to the wealth of the country. And as we must look to the products of the soil and of the mines for the means to relieve the country from the financial embarrassments that exist, we find in the crop prospects everything to encourage. To manufacture capital upon a paper basis existing with the Duchy of Saxe-Coburg, placing the military forces of these different States under the command of Prussia.

If the remaining States a new Confederation be formed, but composed of them exclusively Uniformity of customs duties, of laws and commercial usages may be established by treaty with Austria and Prussia, but no political union whatever. The population of Landau shall have the right to choose between annexation to Bavaria or the Grand Duchy of Baden. The same option shall be left to the inhabitants of the Valley of the Sarre, to annex themselves to Prussia or to the newly constituted Rhenish Palatinate. The mode of choice being universal suffrage.

I am very strongly inclined to believe that the principal features of the programme are correct, though the slices of territory selected by the Emperor Napoleon, and which he by no means intends to allow to slip through his fingers, are much larger and valuable than the above naught. When matters come to be definitely settled by the future Congress, which must in any case allow the conquered not the ability to do either, but they still have much in their power. They can so contrive it that their children shall enjoy the early morning air in some of the public squares of the city at one of the many fountains which are plying at all hours. Free access of the outer air must be had during the night to the sleeping room, in which often father, mother and several children and boarders on a mattress should replace a feather bed; at any rate for the invalid child. A bath is always procurable by all who are disposed, and we are the only conditions requisite for this purpose. Regularly every morning, during the summer season, ought the child to enjoy the benefit of a shower-bath, given by pouring over the little one while seated in the tub, a bucket or even a pitcher of water.

A good rubbing of the whole body should follow the cold bath. In the evening a simple sponging or rubbing with a wet towel will suffice. As regards diet, milk must be made the chief element, and of this, either boiled or not, coarse, the best. If the child has been weaned (and this ought never to be done in summer in our cities,) the milk should receive the addition of a little pearl barley, or farina, or rice, or milk crackers, whilst it is being boiled, and also a flavor of nutmeg or cinnamon. Cream is sometimes better than milk for a delicate and irritable stomach. All kinds of cakes and pastry and sweetmeats and unripe fruits are to be withheld. Drinks in summer complaint not only serve to quench thirst, but also to allay vomiting and purging. The best of these is cold river or rain water, or, if these are not procurable, spring or well water, heated and cooled previously to use. Even water-gruel is better drink than simple water. If alone has, we know, sufficed for the cure of the disease after a discontinuance of all other remedies. Milk to is boiled with toast and water—the bread to be toasted to dryness and almost charred, and the water poured on it to be boiling. All these drinks may be given cold, and even iced, but in small quantity at a time, so long as there is vomiting or nausea.

**The Prussian Basis of Negotiation—The French Emperor's Programme.**

(From the Paris Correspondent of the New York Times.)

*Paris*, Friday, July 13, 1866.—The indications of the moment are that the hopes of peace entertained during the past eight days are destined to prove fallacious. The exigencies of Prussia and Italy are such—of course, I only refer to those supposed demands—that an armistice is entirely out of the question, unless Austria will consent to a humiliation she has never yet experienced, and the remaining Great Powers of Europe will supinely submit to the almost entire absorption of Germany by Prussia. Neither of these hypothesis is admissible. The recent manifesto of Francis Joseph, addressed to the different peoples subject to his Crown, shows that the Austrian Emperor, while fully realizing and bitterly deploring the tremendous losses he has sustained, is still animated by that spirit of fortitude and determination which adversity only serves to strengthen. He does not attempt to disguise the little reliance he places on the terms which may be offered by his triumphant foe, and by which "the fundamental conditions of Austria's position as a Great Power would be shaken," and plainly declares that he will never submit to them.

What the nature of Prussia's demands really is, may be inferred from such facts as have leaked into the newspapers since the negotiations have been going on in Paris, which may be said from Wednesday only. The Paris *Pays*, which has recently become a Ministerial organ, and draws its inspirations from the Cabinet of M. Drouyn de Lhuys, states that after the private audience given by the Emperor to the Prince de Reuss, bearer of an autograph letter from the King of Prussia, in reply to the proposal for an armistice, a meeting was held at the Tuileries in presence of the Emperor. The Prince de Metternich and Baron D'Aldenburg represented Austria, the Count de Goltz and Prince de Reuss explained the demands of Prussia, and M. Drouyn de Lhuys made known the views of the French Government, and drew up a *procès-verbal* of the Conference.

The bases of negotiations put forward by Prussia are of course the entire list of claims set up by her before the breaking out of hostilities, and also now pretends that her military success fully authorizes her to insist upon carrying out the full programme of which, it must be remembered, the principal features are: 1st, the exclusion of Austria from the Germanic Confederation; 2d, the formation of a North German army and the control of foreign relations to be exercised solely by Prussia, and 3d, the extension of the Prussian frontier to the Mein.

In amendment of this programme, we have the bases suggested by France, and transmitted *ad referendum* by the Austrian and Prussian Ambassadors to their respective Governments. These bases fulfil according to the statement of the *Press*) are as follows:

The German Confederation to be considered as dissolved. Another Confederation to be formed, with which Prussia and Austria may contract treaties of alliance, but to which neither Power shall belong. No territorial concession shall be required from Austria, and no indemnity, the relinquishment by the latter of her claims upon Holstein and Schleswig shall be considered as a full equivalent for the war indemnity demanded by Prussia. This applies also to Austria shall annex the Duchies of Schleswig, Holstein, Mecklenburg, the two Hesses and Brunswick, the last named after the death of the reigning Duke, who has no heirs. Compensation to be made to the other reigning families. These incorporations would increase the population and territory of Prussia by nearly 4,000,000 souls. The Rhine would become the western boundary of Prussia, the provinces comprised between the Rhine and Meuse being divided among the dispossessed houses. This applies also to a territory between Bavaria and the Grand Duchy of Baden, is further proposed, by which the latter would receive the whole of the Rhenish Palatinate. The Kingdoms of Hanover and Saxony, and the two Saxon Duchies are to coalesce with Prussia a military convention, and a Customs' Union existing with the Duchy of Saxe-Coburg, placing the military forces of these different States under the command of Prussia.

If the remaining States a new Confederation be formed, but composed of them exclusively Uniformity of customs duties, of laws and commercial usages may be established by treaty with Austria and Prussia, but no political union whatever. The population of Landau shall have the right to choose between annexation to Bavaria or the Grand Duchy of Baden. The same option shall be left to the inhabitants of the