THE TRUE WITNESS AND CATHOLCC CARONLCLE．－－JANUARY $24,1868$.

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FRANCE：
PaRis，Jan．14，－In ter Corps Legislatif to
day a bill tor the reorganizaton of the army wa
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fnaily passed be a rote of 199 to 60 ．
Marshal Niel seeme pot to bave the slightest musficióo of the diemay whicb hate the slightes 10000 more men a jear and two pears more of service bave spread
in every family througbout France．The Ga－ zettov： Bays ：－
ope that the deputies will ask，once for all，bow
 self with 220000 men，the Goverament of
تith 400,000 ，the Republic sid ！he Empire in its early period 1,200000 soldiers，and nine jears service，instead of seven．Such a law is most
grave i its presentation is the most importaut act grate ；its presentation 15 the most importaut act
of the Governmant since Sedowa；and the depu－ res have not had a more serious responsibinty were askod not to intervene in the great German A correspondent communicates to the Temps some details about the numerical strength of the two．years before the great Revolution．Under the old Monarchy it was the custom to pre－
pare every year for the King a general and deailed．account of the military condition of
France．From the statement for 1787 it ap． pears that the army on
year was 228,497 men．
for war－the former at 228497 ，the latter a 300805 men $-1 t$ will be seen that if the number of foregg troops be deducted，the contingent at
the charge of the country to time of prace was
200,816 en the amount of population at that time－from 2 ，
to 26 millions，be taker，into account，though the Comitat－Venaisnn（which with Arignon forms the
present department of Vaucluse）did not then belong to France，one is struck by the heavy
burinen which the contingent of 800000 or of 1,200000 men would impnse upon the country．
 ove man out of $49 ;$ and of the contingent he
raised to 1200.000 it would ve 1 out of 30 ．
With all the exrgencles and susceptibiltites about national honor，which，doubtless should be taken
into consuleration，one is surprised that afte：the progress made to civilization，sach necessities
should exust．The writer adds，－ ＂As regards the department to which I be－ long（Fninsterre），I know that in 179215 dass
suffeed to put on foot 4,400 men，armed and and port of Brest，so as to keep at a distance the
English feet at he moment of attempting a land－ mag．Three battalions，of 1,000 men each，left
Fioisterre at the same tinie fur San Domingo．
Only six men out of one of them ever relurned； but this did not prevent the department towards bot this did not presend the to La
the close of 1792 send
the frontier more than 16000 men
We read in the Memo ial Diplomatique
these pregnant sentence：－＂The Cabınet of the These pregnant sentence．：－the pretension of the
Tuilerres refuses to admit
res cial evgagements lowards the Holp See，under the pretext that the occupation of Rome by the
French troops constutued a volation of the Con． 10 refusing to pay the diridend on the Roman
Rente transferred to its accuunt，the Italian Go to equity．Skould the Italian Cabinet pergist in this line of conduct，it would not ooly ruia its embarrassments of more than one sort．＂The in contemplation to send 20.000 French troops posituon in which the Government of Florence
 ernment awaits，witbout modifyng the attitude it assumed in consequence of the erents in October
last，the issue of the crisis to which Italy is just now puhjected，and which more than $\in$ ver claims
the sid of the Conservative element still possessed by that country．＂France meanwhile is steadily
arming，and it is probable that Prussia，who must be apprised of the lact，is tablog corresponding measurs to streng hen her miliary organisation．
The Journal de Havre affirms that he greatest activily prevals in the rirellch maritume arsenals，
There are at present thrity nine ships in course gates，four coastguard iron plated vessels，an
armored floating batery，a screvw wooden frigate，
six corvettes，serrew and not plated，and a screw transpori．The fleet really ready for sea com－
prises 343 steam pessels and 16 sailing ships． prises 343 steam vessels and 116 sailing sbips．
With the thirty nine in curse of construction the whole will a mount to 501 vessels．
We must confess that we do not see mere arguments France can shake the strength
of the lialian possilion．France can，no doubt consinue herself a judge in her own cause．She the Kipg of litaly，and throw her sword into the
scale．She can cut the knot of the Pontifical seale．Sy resoring to the Pope those provinces
debt by she was mannly irstrumental in taking from
Whes she him．She has given，she may take away；she
has juitt up，ste way pull doma．The only ques． mas ouit up，ster Fray France－Imperial Hrance，at
tion is whether
least－can break up the Italian edifice without brıgigg ite ruins upon ler own head．What
France has now mitiated is a work of reaction． She＇Louws where it begins ；she cannot say where
it will end． Paris，Jan．12．－Gen．Failly，commander of
the Exneditionary Corpe，bas asked the Eïpera to permit the return of the French troops 10 $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{R}} \mathrm{Rome}$ ，as their quarters at Civita Veccbia and has created a general teeling of nomasiness and The twelve persons tred hefore the Correc－

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