

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTIETH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 2.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVES in relation to the war between Prussia and
France.

WHEREAS, the fratricidal contest now in progress
2 between Prussia and France, was commenced without
3 sufficient cause, regardless of the interests of either
4 people, and since the surrender at Sedan, has become
5 one of conquest and pillage on one side and struggles
6 for independence on the other; therefore,

Resolved, That as a nation the United States should
2 look upon that contest with intense solicitude, and its
3 continuance, as a direct effort against the right of a
4 people to govern themselves.

Resolved, That as a people we sympathize with the
2 Prussians as well as with the French, and admire that
3 superior intelligence which has enabled them to accom-
4 plish so much as soldiers; but, we deplore the fact,
5 that they have permitted ambitious men to waste their

6 energies in a contest that is entirely incompatible with
7 the interests of both people; degrading and impoverish-
8 ing one, and pillaging the other; therefore we protest
9 against its continuance, and to one people would rec-
10 ommend, that they refuse to be led any longer by a
11 power that demands of them such unnecessary sacri-
12 fices of liberty, life and treasure; and to the other,
13 that they never give up the contest until the invader
14 is driven from their soil.

Resolved, That such vast armies as are maintained by
2 the monarchical governments of Europe, are not only
3 entirely unnecessary, but are a standing menace to the
4 rights of the people; and we believe that the moral
5 power of the United States should be so directed as to
6 discourage their maintenance; therefore

Resolved, That the legislature of the State of Maine
2 recommend that its senators and representatives in
3 congress use their influence to urge upon congress the
4 duty of giving its moral influence in support of repub-
5 lican France, and to induce the Prussians to abandon
6 a war that is inconsistent with their high standing as a
7 nation and suicidal to their best interests; and also to
8 discourage the support of standing armies all over the
9 world.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 13, 1871. }

Presented by Mr. HOBSON of Wiscasset, and on his motion
laid on the table and ordered printed.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*