

THE DREYFUS TRIAL AND CONVICTION

Prisoner's Manly Bearing at the Last

TEXT OF THE CONDEMNATION.

Interview With the President and Incidents After the Trial.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

RENNES, Sept. 11.—M. Mathieu Dreyfus was not present in the court on Saturday afternoon; but he visited his brother after the verdict had been rendered. He found the latter perfectly calm and without any manifestation of surprise at the finding of the court. The prisoner in reply to his questions shrugged his shoulders uttering an expressive "oah,"—adding as he embraced his brother, as the latter was preparing to leave, "console my wife."

The general belief is that Dreyfus will be pardoned, but this will not satisfy his friends, who vehemently declare that they will refuse to accept the verdict and will continue the battle until the judgment is reversed.

The verdict, they say, is directed more against the Jews than against Dreyfus and if allowed to stand will make their existence in France impossible.

M. Labori and M. Demange took the midnight train for Paris. They drove to the station in a closed carriage and were escorted by four mounted gendarmes. The road was practically deserted and no demonstration occurred en route or at the steamer.

The conviction was in the following form:

"To day, 9th September, 1899, a Court Martial of the 108th Legion Army Corps is deliberating, behind closed doors upon the following question: "Is Alfred Dreyfus a brevet captain of the 148th Regiment of Artillery and a probationer on the general staff, guilty of having, in 1894, entered into machinations or held relations with a foreign power or one of its agents to commit hostility or undertake a war against France or procure it means thereof by delivering the notes and documents mentioned in the document called "The Bordereau". According to the decision of the Court of Cassation of June 3rd, 1899, the votes were taken separately beginning by the inferior grade, youngest in the last grade, the President having given his last. The court declares on the question by a majority of the votes 5 to 2. "Yes, the accused is guilty."

The majority found that there are extenuating circumstances, in consequence of which, and on the request of the Commissary of the Government, the President put the question record again, the voters in the above mentioned form. The result of the Court condemns by a majority of five voters to two Alfred Dreyfus to the punishment of ten years' detention.

Captain Dreyfus has borne the terrible shock with marvellous fortitude. One might almost say with unnatural calm. He seemed stupefied when M. Labori communicated to him the verdict. But he has since rallied.

Madame Dreyfus and M. Mathieu Drey-

fus, his brother visited him during the course of the afternoon. The application to the Court of Revision was taken to him at noon by M. Labori's assistant, and he signed it. Yesterday he has spoken but little, though he seemed in better spirits than might have been anticipated.

The meeting of his wife was naturally affecting, but both held up as well as possible.

He said to her: "I am not uneasy regarding myself, as I shall soon be free;—but I think of you and of my poor children,—they will be branded as the children of a traitor." He is convinced that the "ten years" to which he is sentenced will be wiped out by the five years of solitary seclusion which he spent on Devil's Island, and he expects to be released by Oct. 15th, which will be five years from date of his former condemnation.

PARIS, Sept. 11.—Yesterday was one of absolute quietude. There was no public excitement, not even in the Rue d'Chatelet.

A slight disturbance occurred at Marseilles and Belfort after the verdict of the decision of the Court Martial was published. The demonstrators stoned the residence of M. Jacques Dreyfus, brother of the condemned at Belfort, breaking the windows and otherwise damaging the structure. Many persons were arrested at both places.

Today M. Demange will visit M. Waldrok, the Russian, and submit a number of legal questions arising out of the trial.

Flighty Outlanders.

CAPE TOWN, Sept. 9.—The people here are disgusted with the flight from Johannesburg of the men who have had so much to do with precipitating the present trouble between the Mother Country and the Transvaal. The Cape Times, in an article on the subject says: "We would have been better pleased if they had cast in their lot with the people, but it is not given to everyone to be a hero or martyr."

A large meeting of the coloured residents of this place held yesterday evening passed resolutions expressing confidence in Sir Alfred Milner, the Governor of Cape Colony, and "sympathy for our brethren in the Transvaal, who are denied all rights."

A Scholarship for Queen's.

KINGSTON, Ont., Sept. 9 The Royal Commissioners of the Exhibition of 1893, who endowed Queen's University with a scholarship of £150, have notified the University Senate that that body is entitled to nominate yearly a student for a bursary, valued at £70. The scholarship is awarded for scientific research, and the student nominated for the bursary must be working along that line. If the Senate recommends and the commissioners accept the recommendation, he is paid the £70 at once, which sum is in addition to the £150 scholarship.

Russia and Persia.

LONDON, Sept. 9.—In this din of war-like preparation a small item of news to the effect that Russia on August 27 opened a military road from the Caspian sea to Tiflis, the capital of Persia, passes almost unnoticed. This is the first step in the Russian absorption of Persia, which has long been planned. Nor can England prevent the appearance of Russia on the north shores of the Persian gulf.

Women and the Franchisement.

MELBOURNE, Victoria, Sept. 9.—The Legislative Council of the Colony of Victoria rejected the bill for the enfranchisement of women. A similar measure became law in the Colony of West Australia a fortnight ago.

Manitoba Elections.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 10.—Premier Greenway states that he expects to leave in a day or so for Ottawa on private affairs, and on a few matters of purely departmental character. He expects to be gone about ten days. The Premier was asked what likelihood there was for an early election, but he replied that the interest in that matter seemed to have died out.

Fought and Made Up.

PARIS, Sept. 9.—A duel with revolvers was fought yesterday between Prince Moskowa and M. Gaston Mery, as an outcome of an article in the Libre Parole reflecting on the Prince's father. M. Mery was slightly wounded in the neck. The duellists were afterwards reconciled.

THE TRANSVAAL.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 10.—The members of the Dutch Transvaal committee have cabled to Queen Victoria imploring her "in the name of humanity and God's kingdom, to preserve the peace."

LONDON, Sept. 10.—According to a despatch to the Daily Mail from Buser's, Dr. W.J. Leyds, the plenipotentiary of the South African republic to the European Governments, does not believe there will be war between Great Britain and the Transvaal, but the Boers will fight to the end he says, if an attempt is made on their independence.

PRETORIA, Sept. 9.—The government has issued a formal announcement that its last despatch was intended as an acceptance of the joint inquiry. The mistaken interpretation arose through a confusion of ideas.

Both President Kruger and Vice-president Joubert declare they are determined to work for a peaceful settlement.

LONDON, Sept. 9.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "There is no doubt that Mr. Schreiner (the Cape premier) and the Afrikaner leaders have thrown in their lot with Sir Alfred Milner, and this fact explains the irritation displayed in the Volksraad in the interpellations. It is reported from Bloemfontein that a ballot will be taken throughout the Orange Free State to decide whether the governor shall remain neutral or shall assist the Transvaal."

A Shady Transaction.

LONDON, September 9.—The Odessa correspondent of the Daily News says: It is suggested that the explanation of Germany's reluctance to take more active steps to prove Dreyfus innocent lies in the fact that, when the late Czar Alexander wanted confidential information as to the French military strength, with a view to the alliance, Captain Dreyfus was one of the officers ordered by the French staff to prepare the necessary report. Two such reports were prepared and rejected. One was stolen from the archives by Esterhazy and sold to Germany, which thus possesses documents in the actual handwriting of Dreyfus, but is unwilling to avow her share in a shady transaction.

THE BRIDGE.

SIR.—So The Guardian-Farquharson-Rogers and Co., have located the bridge from Kensington to Mutch's Point,—or about five miles from the post-office to Southport. As the fare to Southport and return is only five cents. I hope that the government will still stick to the old, though unsuspected, ferry boats. From a point of economy it would be well cheaper to make the connection across to McNally's Island, if this would not interfere with the traffic of the Mount Stewart bridge.

FOOT PASSENGER.

HALIFAX EXHIBITION.

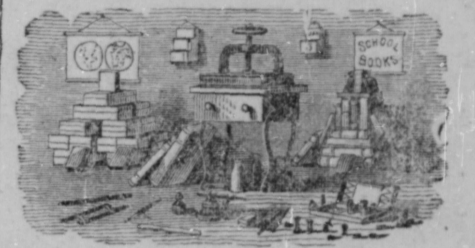
SEPTEMBER 23RD TO 30TH—\$17,000 PRIZE.

The attractions at this year's exhibition in Halifax this month will be grand. There will be balloon ascension twice daily by Prof. Chas. Walcott, the world's greatest aeronaut. The immense charge of the horse racing are spurring no pains to make it a great success. \$1500 will be given for this alone, and the fastest horses in Canada have been entered for the big stakes. The stage performers will include the Austin sisters, trapeze artists, one of the sisters, doing the remarkable act of walking on a steel wire one hundred feet long head downwards. The Star Comedy acts peers in their line, Grand-Bar-Grand, La Mothe, the French sensational artists, in thrilling leaps for life, etc. Kilpatrick the one legged bicyclist, who rides a wheel down a flight of stairs sixty feet long Sutherland, with his hippodrome, in which his nine horses will give grand performances—a circus in itself; and last but not least the celebrated world's greatest gudeles-pacer, Tommy, 2:07, who will give daily exhibitions of speed every afternoon. The "War in Afghanistan," a realistic military drama in which the combined imperial, naval and volunteer forces will take part, to which will be added a great display of fireworks in connection, will be a great spectacle. Three bands in attendance every afternoon and evening, including the well-known Leinster Military Band. During the week single, double and four-oared races will take place on Bedford Basin, in which the following noted oarsmen will take part: Hackett, Durnan, Johnston, Fen Eyck, Vail, Brennan, Norris and Lynchies will start. Altogether Halifax will present an unusually large programme exhibition week that will be worth travelling miles to see.

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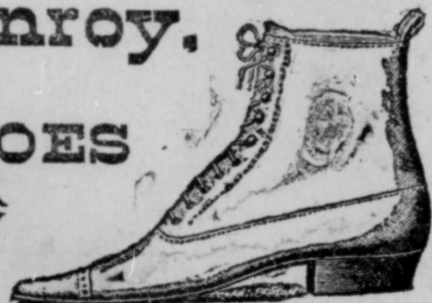
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