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France Attempts to Right a Hideous Wrong.

WARLIKE SIGNS IN TRANSVAAL.

Despite Talk of Settlement, all Indications Point to Declaration of War at Any Minute.

PARIS, Sept. 19.—The council of ministers decided today to pardon Captain Alfred Dreyfus, in principle. The pardon will take effect in a few days. Dreyfus has relinquished his appeal for a reversal of the judgment of the court-martial.

"In principle" is an idiom sometimes used in semi-official announcements of forthcoming actions. It seems to have but slight bearing on the matter, except, perhaps, that it employs the fulfillment of various formalities before the pardon is actually issued, thereby qualifying the announcement of the pardon with slight tentativeness. It is not known yet whether the pardon includes amnesty.

There is much remark here on the strange coincidence of the death of Scheurer Kestner, the first champion of Dreyfus, and to whom Dreyfus will virtually owe his freedom, on the very day the cabinet decided to pardon the prisoner.

The announcement that Dreyfus was to be pardoned had already been discounted by predictions, and there was absolutely no excitement along the boulevards when newsboys ran along at about 3:15 p. m. with the first editions containing the statement that the cabinet had decided to pardon Dreyfus. Everyone expected it, and the decision met with no opposition.

The Droits de l'Homme, socialist organ says: "Our task remains the same after as before the liberation of Dreyfus, to continue the campaign against all those who are responsible for the lamentable affair, and unmask the forgers, traitors and false witnesses, even though they may be covered with glittering decorations."

It is said that Dreyfus will be sent abroad before the promulgation of his pardon, in order to avoid demonstrations. Up to 6 o'clock this evening the utmost calm prevailed throughout Paris. The decision of the cabinet seemed to have passed unnoticed. The only remark was, "We expected it." The official announcement was made in the form cabled to the Associated Press in order to avoid demonstrations of any kind at Rennes and in Paris. But the pardon of Dreyfus is not merely imminent, but was actually signed this morning. Measures have been taken in Rennes in connection with it, and it will have a good effect generally.

The newspapers now publish the first semi-official announcement of the cabinet's decision without comment. The Journal des Debats, however says: "We are assured that the family will receive an order for Dreyfus to leave France unperceived, shortly, during the night. The government does not know or in any case does not say, where Dreyfus is going." The Journal des Debats, however, follows the foregoing with the report that Mme. Dreyfus has taken a villa at Folkestone, near Dover, England. This report has been denied, but many believe Dreyfus will go to England on his release, which may take place tonight.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—Despite all outward show of calm, Great Britain is in practically the same condition today as was the United States a few weeks before the opening of the war with Spain. Beneath the crust of diplomatic reserve, the officials are working night and day preparing for the signal to begin hostilities whether that comes or not.

England is not going to be caught napping any more than the Transvaal. While Lord Salisbury is quietly at home in Harfield house, Mr. Chamberlain is buried in work at the colonial office, and double forces at the royal arsenal and dockyards are straining every nerve to equip and transport troops to the Cape.

It may be said for certain that Great Britain will do nothing to precipitate matters, and the colonial office is far from admitting that the case is hopeless. The report that Great Britain had demanded the dismantlement of the fort at Johannesburg, together with a material reduction in the armament of the burghers, the colonial office today would neither confirm nor deny, although it is much doubted.

Meanwhile, the Marquis of Lansdowne secretary of state for war, who returned this morning from Dublin, has held long conferences with General Lord Garnet Wolseley, field marshal, and General Sir Evelyn Wood, adjutant-general to the forces, and the activity at headquarters is reflected in the contract, supply and transport departments.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

Regular September Term of the County Board.

S. F. Marks, chairman; J. R. Morton, R. Scott, commissioners.

(Continued from last week)

In the matter of the report of viewers on the petition of J. A. Stronggreen, et al for a county road. In the matter of the report of John Lewellen, C. H. Guttridge and A. Lacey, viewers appointed at the last term of this board to view and locate a county road situated in Clackamas county, Oregon, described in full on page 211 of this journal, said viewers filed their report showing that they had met on the 25th day of August, a day named in the notice served upon them and were duly sworn by subscribing to a written oath of office administered by J. W. Meldrum, the deputy county surveyor, after which they proceeded to the designated place and did view and cause to be surveyed by said deputy county surveyor, the above described road. They also filed the field notes and plat of the survey. Said viewers report favorably to the establishing of said road as viewed and surveyed for the reason that it is a good, practical route and of public utility.

In the matter of the petition of William Brobst, et al, for a county road. In the matter of the petition filed by William Brobst and more than 12 householders of the county living in the vicinity of the road described in the petition, and praying viewers to be appointed to view and locate a county road situated in Clackamas county, Oregon, described as follows: Beginning at the sw corner of land belonging to Elihu Hines in sec 30, t 3 s r 1 w, of the Willamette meridian; thence east on the division line of Elihu Hines and S Edminston on one side and C Kleiser, F Kleiser, A Johnson and C A Hines on the other side to the section line between sections 29 and 30; thence south on said section line to the north line of land belonging to William McIntosh; thence on said line to the ne corner of said land; thence S on the east side of said land to a stake marked "A" near the W bank of a canyon; thence E about 80 feet to a stake marked "B" (or to be decided by the viewers); thence in a southerly direction around the brow of a hill to a stake marked "C", 8 feet from the center line of county road and a little east of east end of bridge on said county road to a stake marked "D", thence in a southerly direction to a stake marked "E" thence in a northeasterly direction to a stake marked "F", last named stake being situated four chains, three rods easterly from the se corner of land belonging to Mrs. McIntosh, a public landing place on the river bank. Said petitioner filed his affidavit of notices posted respecting said road, showing that there had been posted: One on the court house bulletin board and three of the most public places in the vicinity of the proposed road more than 30 days prior to the presentation of the petition. He also filed a bond for \$100 conditioned according to law. The board being fully advised, it is ordered that S M Kelso, Grant Lichtenhaler and Charles Hansen be and are hereby appointed viewers to meet at place of beginning on the 27th inst and subscribe to a written oath of office administered by J W Meldrum, a skillful surveyor, he being appointed by the board to survey said road, before proceeding to view and locate said road and report in writing at the next regular term of this board.

In the matter of the application of the Willamette Pulp and Paper Co for a return of amount paid on taxes erroneously. This matter coming on to be heard upon application of the Willamette Pulp & Paper Co, for a return of \$775, being amount of taxes paid by said company upon property described on page 469, line 13 of tax roll of 1898, as part of Champion Pendleton D L C in sections 29, 32, and 33, t 3 s, r 1 e, consisting of 100 acres. And it appearing to the board that said assessment was erroneous and that said sum of \$775 was paid by said Willamette Pulp and Paper Co in error and further that said property was properly assessed on page 686, lines 1, 10 and 11 of said tax roll for 1898, and that the taxes for 1898 have been paid thereon; on motion of Hedges & Griffith it is ordered that the clerk of this board issue to the said Willamette Pulp & Paper Co, a warrant for said sum of \$775.

In the matter of the report of viewers in the petition of W S Lawton et al for a county road. In the matter of the report of J S Risley, A W Cooke and R S McLaughlin, viewers, appointed at the last term of this board to view and locate a county road situated in Clackamas county, Oregon, described on page 182 of this journal, said viewers filed their report showing on the 28 inst, a day named in the notice served upon them and were duly sworn by subscribing to a written oath of office administered by J W Meldrum, the deputy county surveyor, after which they proceeded to the designated place and did view and cause to be surveyed by said deputy county surveyor, the above described road. They also filed the field notes and plat of the survey. Said viewers reported favorably to the establishing of said road as viewed and surveyed, for the reasons that it is a good, practical route and of public utility; provided that the city build the road to the city limits. It appearing to the board that there are two remonstrances and petitions of damages filed, and the board not being fully advised, it is ordered that the matter be laid over until the October term of this board, the county to pay expenses of survey as follows to wit:

A W Cooke	\$ 60
J S Risley	3 20
R S McLaughlin	3 30
E E Chapman	2 00
C W Pope	2 00
John Meldrum	12 20
Total	\$26 30

The following further proceedings in the matter of the John Ferguson road were had and it appearing to the board that there is no remonstrance or petition for damages filed, and being satisfied that said road will be of public utility, it is ordered and adjudged that the field notes

and plat of said survey be recorded and in all respects approved and that said view and survey be established as a county road and that the expenses of said view and survey be paid by Clackamas county and the clerk is hereby ordered to issue the necessary notice to supervisor of the district or districts in which said road lies to open and work the same.

M H Riebbhoff	\$3 00
W F Kirehem	3 00
C E Spence	3 70
J M Norris	2 00
C Ferguson	2 00
John Ferguson	2 00
John W Meldrum	5 00
Total	\$20 70

The following further proceedings were had in the matter of the petition of J. A. Stronggreen for a county road. It appearing to the board that there is no remonstrance or petition for damages filed, and being satisfied that said road will be of public utility it is ordered and adjudged that the field notes and plat of said survey be recorded and in all respects approved, and that said view and survey be established as a county road, and that the expense of said view and survey be established as a county road, provided the surveyor corrects the error made in his reports and his report of viewers is now laid over until the October term of this board for said correction to be made.

John Lewellen	\$ 5 00
C H Guttridge	5 00
A Lacy	5 00
J A Stronggreen	4 00
Ola Hansen	4 00
Carl Stronggreen	4 00
John W Meldrum	15 20
Total	\$44 00

In the matter of the petition of John Sims for vacation of "East End Avenue" in Sims subdivision of lots 3 and 4, block 14 in Barlow's First Addition to Barlow. Now comes John Sims, petitioner, above by his attorney H E Cross and presents the petition in writing asking for the vacation of East End Avenue in what is known as Sims subdivision of lots 3 and 4 in block 14 in Barlow's first addition to Barlow situated in section 5, tp 4 s, r 1 e of the Willamette meridian in Clackamas county, Oregon. And it appearing to the board that due notice of the pendency of this petition and application was duly posted upon the premises to be vacated more than 30 days prior thereto, and that the petitioner is the owner of more than two-thirds of the property in said addition, and no objections being made, it is ordered and decreed that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, and East End Avenue is hereby vacated.

In the matter of the petition of E B Albright, et al, for the vacation of a county road. In the matter of the petition filed by E B Albright and more than 12 house holders living in the vicinity of the road described in the petition and praying viewers to be appointed to view and vacate a county road in Clackamas county Oregon described in full as follows: Commencing in the center of the Gribble prairie and Noland's mill road at the S W corner of the Eliza Weddle D L C running thence in a south and westerly direction along said road to the S E corner of the A Marquam D L C in tp 6 s, r 1 e of Willamette meridian, Clackamas county Oregon. Said petitioner filed his affidavit of notices posted respecting said road, showing that there had been posted; one on the court house bulletin board, and three in three of the most public places in vicinity of the proposed road more than 30 days prior to the presentation of this petition. He also filed a bond for \$100 conditioned according to law. The board being fully advised, it is ordered that Nick Birtchett, William Bird and Samuel Irons be and are hereby appointed viewers to meet at the place of beginning on Monday, the 2nd day of October, 1899, and subscribe to a written oath of office administered by J W Meldrum, deputy county surveyor, (he being appointed by the board to survey said road) before proceeding to view and vacate said road and report in writing at the next regular term of this board.

In the matter of the report of bicycle path supervisors for August, 1899, the board having examined said reports and being fully satisfied, it is ordered that the clerk be authorized to draw warrants on the bicycle fund for the several amounts and in favor of the following named persons:

E H Cowing	\$ 1 00
H B Gillman	9 00
E H Buttemiller	9 00
Fred Hargreaves	9 00
J R Seaver	9 00
O W Will	8 25
E W Bunnell	9 00
R S Jackson	9 00
W Rardin	9 00
Fred Himler	7 20
E Himler	8 25
H Jackson	2 50
H Faubion	7 50
P B Miller	7 50
J Broetje	3 00
F Hetzler	4 50
Barnhard	7 50
Fred Himler	1 20
R S Jackson	6 75
Barnhard	25
O Wissingner	4 25
E A Smith	14 00
Total	\$139 90

In the matter of the petition of Stella M Ohlsen for vacation of 30 feet road in "Clackamas Fruit Lands." Now comes Stella M Ohlsen by her attorney and presents her petition in due form asking for the vacation of said "30 foot road," and it appearing from the said petition that two thirds of the property in said addition is represented in said petition; that due and proper notice has been given of the pendency of this petition as by law required, and the board being fully advised, it is ordered and decreed that said "30 foot road" be and the same is hereby vacated.

In the matter of the petition of M A Beach for a tax rebate. Now comes said M A Beach before the board, and asks for a rebate of taxes on an erroneous assessment for 1898, and the board being fully advised in the premises it is ordered that said rebate be granted less the state and special school tax.

M A Beach	\$1 75
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(concluded on page eight.)