

Remarkable Career Of Captain Dreyfus

THEN AND NOW

Fifteen years ago the 9th day of this month, Captain Alfred Dreyfus was convicted by court martial for the second time on the charge of selling French military secrets to foreign powers. It was one of the most sensational trials of the age, during which it was alleged that the peace of Europe was threatened through the "Dreyfus affair." The verdict brought vigorous protests from the entire civilized world, which was convinced of the Captain's innocence. Arrested five years before, he had been convicted by his superior officers at a court-martial, degraded before army comrades, transported to Devil's Island to expiate the alleged crime, and had been, through the efforts of influential friends, brought back to France for a re-trial. The eyes of the world were turned upon the court at Rennes, where the Semetic army officer, the first Hebrew ever to have entered the staff of the French Army, was battling for his honor. Four hundred journalists, from the four corners of the earth, rubbed elbows with society women, some of whom had paid as much as \$400 for a seat. Sensation followed sensation during the trial, but none was more startling than that testimony given by General Mercier, the former Minister of War. He averred that during the Dreyfus affair, the German Ambassador at Paris had delivered an imperative demand that certain papers, alleged to have been stolen from the German Embassy, be returned to Germany. "From eight o'clock," said the General while the audience hung breathless on his revelation of a crisis in the destiny of France, "until after midnight the President of the Republic, the Prime Minister, and I waited to know whether war or peace would be the outcome of the negotiations. We were within a hair's breadth of war."

Peace And The Tide Of Battle

TEN DAYS ago the British newspapers were printing editorials and special articles warning the English people against over-confidence and premature jubilation. "The Germans are not beaten yet," they warned their readers, while discussing the checks and delays caused to the Teuton hosts by the heroic defense of the Belgians and the valuable time gained by the French and the British commanders.

In the last several days it has been necessary or prudent to assure the French and the English, as well as the neutral world, that "France is not beaten yet." The reverses the allies have suffered are serious, and they recognize that the Germans are uncomfortably near Paris, geographically speaking. The man on the street, whether in Berlin, or London, or Paris, is apt to generalize and to jump at conclusions. But the sober-minded students of this terrible and calamitous war will understand that, fortunately or unfortunately, peace is not likely to come as the result of one or two smashing victories or disastrous defeats.

The Germans say frankly that their objective is the French capital, but the taking or surrender of Paris in 1914 will not mean what the same thing meant in 1870. The situation is as different as it could possibly be. France had no allies and no friends in 1870; her crushing defeat in a war which, under incompetent and reckless leadership, she had entered with a "light heart," paralyzed and demoralized her. She was absolutely at the mercy of the conqueror, who had nothing to apprehend on land or sea, and peace on any terms was the only course open to France.

In the present war France has powerful allies; she is united and well led; she is sober and resolute; the destruction of her armies, were that to be accomplished, and the capture of Paris, would leave her navy and that of Britain and Japan intact; Russia would be working havoc and destruction in Germany at the other end. The French capital moved to Bordeaux, and the struggle assumes a new phase. Famine, financial exhaustion, widespread misery, and unemployment remain as factors in the conflict.

Peace in this war must be made

with England and Russia, as well as with France. The taking of Paris would only cause the allies to redouble their efforts in every other possible direction.

All this is exceedingly discouraging to those who hope and pray for an early peace, but, on the other hand, it must make against the presentation of inadmissible terms by any of the parties. The German statesmen and leaders are the last men in the world to cherish illusions; they are intense realists and practical men; their strategy is the best in the given circumstances; it has been scientifically and wonderfully thought out; but they are fully aware that the capture of Paris will not enable them to dictate terms to the allies. When the time comes to consider peace, the actual facts of the situation will undoubtedly militate against unreason and impose comparative moderation.

MORE SUITS FILED.

The following are the new cases filed in the circuit court here during the past week:

Helen Gimlin, a minor, by her guardian ad litem, Robert Gimlin, vs. Hilda Knight.

U. S. Rubber Company vs. H. Finnell.

George Padgett, an infant, by Ruth Padgett, his guardian ad litem, vs. Coos Bay Manufacturing Company.

Robert Dollar, trustee, vs. Coquille River Manufacturing Company.—Coquille Sentinel.

GREAT HARVEST OF EMPTY FLASKS.

The harvest of empty flasks by some lads Sunday evening in the back yards of one of our city blocks amounted to two sacksful—one of them being too big for the kid to carry. The stuff came mostly from Bandon in suit cases. That drastic ordinance begins to be needed. A former chief of police in an eastern town says, though, that it isn't as bad as it usually is when a city goes dry.—Coquille Sentinel.

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STATEMENT BY F. E. CONWAY THREE LIMIT ON PENANTS

Says C. C. Bunting Exceeded Authority in Claiming Credit for Architecture of "Myrtle Arms."

Editor Times:

As Mr. C. E. Bunting has seen fit to claim in the "Pacific Builder and Engineer," August 15th issue, page 82, that he designed the "Myrtle Arms" Apartment house, we consider he is exceeding the speed limit slightly.

The "Myrtle Arms" was designed in Los Angeles last winter by the writer, assisted by R. J. Horner, chief draftsman for Wilson's Bungalow Book. The writer spent all winter traveling over the entire Pacific Coast at an enormous expense with camera and note book, getting all the latest data from hundreds of sources for this magnificent building.

The very latest ideas were gathered especially from San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Long Beach, Pasadena, Santa Monica and other southern California points, where they have reduced the apartment house game to a science. One idea would be picked up in one building and the next might come from a building a thousand miles away.

The writer spent months fitting in and working out all the thousands of details to make a harmonious whole. This building is second to none of its class on the Pacific Coast today, from the fireproof boiler room with its oil burning system, to the hardwood dancing floor in the Entertainment Hall on the Roof Garden.

The writer was indebted greatly to Mr. Wm. Grimes and other friends who were south at the time, and who courteously placed their time and their automobiles at his service in looking up all the latest construction in Long Beach and elsewhere.

Mr. Bunting assisted as a draftsman in the office of the F. E. Conway Company in slightly revising this mass of hurriedly gathered information and in making full sized details under the direct supervision of the writer, his Master Builder O. L. Clark and Assistant Master Builder H. Lupton, who are practical men.

Although Mr. Bunting held the title of Company Engineer, for want of a better one, he never got far enough along to do any engineering for the Company. His connection with our company lasted three or four months. F. E. CONWAY. (Paid Adv.)

Baseball Fans Say New York Giants Cannot Break Hoodoo Number

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Those baseball fans and prophets who base their forecasts on the records of past years in big league baseball point out that all traditions and figures are against the New York Giants winning the 1914 pennant in the National League. Under Manager John J. McGraw the New York club has won three pennants in a row. This is the maximum number of flags ever captured in succession by any club in either the National or American League and those who pin their faith to big league history claim that the New York Giants will not prove the exception to the rule of three.

Their contention appears to be borne out by the records for since 1876 no club has won more than three pennants in a row. The Chicago Club under Capt. Anson won the championship in 1880-1-2. Boston broke the string in 1884 and not until 1891 did the Boston Club under Frank Selee start a triple win which carried them through 1892 and 1893. Baltimore followed winning in 1894-5-6 under Ned Hanlon. In 1901 Pittsburg started a pennant chase which won three flags in a row. New York stopped the Pirate by winning in 1904 and the next three pennants to be captured in succession went to the Chicago Club under Frank Chase in 1906-7-8. Beginning in 1911 the New York Club has won three straight championships in the National League only to lose the world's series each autumn to the American League representatives.

But one triple win is to be found in the American League records which go back to 1900. In 1907-8-9 the Detroit Tigers under Hughie Jennings won the junior league banner but in each year was defeated in the world's series by the National League contender. The fans who believe in tradition point to the failure of Anson, Selee, Chance, Hanlon and Jennings and the baseball machines they built up to win four straight pennants and predict that McGraw and his Giants will fall likewise.

WORK STARTED ON SUTHERLIN

Force of 100 Employed on New Line in Coos Bay Country.

SUTHERLIN, Or., Sept. 12.—Actual work on the grade for the Sutherlin, Coos Bay & Eastern Railroad was started here Tuesday, a force of nearly 100 men being engaged.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the company the following officers were elected: R. M. Fox, Sutherlin, president; W. L. Roach, Muscatine, Iowa, vice-president; J. W. Roach, Sutherlin, secretary; William Musser, Iowa City, Iowa, treasurer.

The company will maintain its head office here and R. M. Fox and J. W. Roach will remain here permanently.

BIG ELECTRIC DREDGE WILL WORK IN ASTORIA

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 12.—The big electric dredge of the Tacoma Dredging Company, which is to begin the work of filling in the municipal dock site and dredging approaches to the great piers to a depth of thirty-five feet at low water, arrived in port from Tacoma yesterday. The barge Washington, with a cargo of material and equipment, arrived from Tacoma the first of the week. The Tacoma dredge is one of the largest on the coast, having 24-inch suction pipes, and is 40x140, with an eight-foot depth of hold.

BIG LEAGUE BALL SCORES

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston, 8; Philadelphia, 5. Ten innings. Called on account of darkness.

New York, 2; Washington, 4.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Brooklyn, 0; New York, 3.

Chicago-Pittsburg—Rain.

St. Louis—Cincinnati—Wet grounds.

Philadelphia, 5; Boston, 6.

NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE

Seattle, 7; Spokane, 0.

Tacoma-Ballard—Cold.

Victoria, 1; Vancouver, 3.

COAST LEAGUE

Oakland, 9; 4 4

San Francisco, 5 11 2

Grimes, Killlay and Alexander; Fanning and Clarke.

Venice, 5 7 3

Mission, 3 9 3

Klepfer and McLain; Williams and Rohrer.

Portland, 5 8 2

Los Angeles, 1 6 0

Evans and Yantz; Fisher; Love, Check and Boles.

NOTICE.

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