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DREYFUS IN GOOD SPIRITS

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Precautions Taken to Keep Him Out of Sight—His Health is Failing.

RENNES, Sept. 12.—Dreyfus continues in good spirits and his health is fairly satisfactory, although his stomach complaint still clings to him. Mme. Dreyfus visited her husband today and came away looking cheerful. She spent about an hour with him.

Most of his waking hours are passed in reading correspondence and the Paris literary reviews. He is under the same discipline as prior to the trial and is allowed exercise daily in the prison yard. A canvas scene is now hung across the court yard to prevent him being seen from the windows of houses adjacent and to prevent photographers getting snapshots of him.

A guard of 40 soldiers is posted in the prison yard beneath his window and a sentry with loaded rifle and fixed bayonet is stationed on the wall overlooking the second court yard where he takes his exercise.

ZOLA ON DREYFUS TRIAL

Characteristic Outburst From the Novelist In Which Unpleasant Truths are Told.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Paris, says:

Emile Zola's impassioned protest against the Rennes verdict which appears in the Aurore causes an impression second only to that of his memorable letter, "J'Accuse." The following passages of Zola's remarkable document appeal with such irresistible force to honest-minded Frenchmen and indicate so clearly the new phase upon which the Dreyfus tragedy seems about to enter, that they are singled out as of paramount importance.

Zola, after stating that the moral Sedan of September, 1892, is a hundred-fold more disastrous than the Sedan of September, 1870, when blood was lost, points out the national peril caused by the president of the Rennes court-martial, when he refused M. Labori's application to take the testimony of

the former German and Italian military attaches and thereby prevented the production of the documents enumerated in the bordereau. Zola affirms his absolute certainty that a number of documents in Esterhazy's handwriting which Esterhazy furnished to Schwarzkoppen are in the archives of the ministry of war at Berlin. He declares that "Germany, which tomorrow may be an enemy of France, holds in her hands these irrefutable proofs of the triple judicial error committed by the court-martial of 1894 and by the court-martial of 1898 when Esterhazy was acquitted and by the Rennes court-martial. In case of war, Germany could thus at the very outset dishonor the French army in the eyes of Europe by simply publishing these documents and revealing the abominable iniquity of its chiefs."

"Diplomacy has already removed the main difficulty, Germany is willing to return the documents enumerated in the bordereau whenever the French government asks for them. These documents constitute new facts which will make necessary a second revision of the Dreyfus case before the court of cassation. Should the government hesitate to ask for the documents in question, they will nevertheless be surely forthcoming, for if justice shall not have been accomplished before November 22, when my trial begins at Versailles, even M. Labori will pronounce the pleading at Versailles, which it was impossible for him to pronounce at Rennes."

Mme. Dreyfus fears that her husband's health may soon break down completely. Dreyfus nerved himself up during the Rennes trial, but the reaction is such that the physicians consider his case hopeless and say that any day a fatal collapse may ensue.

Meanwhile, the intervention of President Loubet by according Dreyfus a full pardon, is regarded by those near the president as almost certain, and this would be followed by executing the policy of the sponge and wiping out all old scores and reducing the pending trials which originated in the Dreyfus affair to mere empty formalities releasing Deroulede and his companions and liquidating the whole situation by a general amnesty preparatory to the world's fair of 1900.

WILL NOT EXHIBIT AT THE PARIS EXPOSITION

Trades Union of Cologne Regard Rennes Sentence as an Insult—Trades Union Takes Action.

COLONE, Sept. 12.—The German trades union association on a motion of the president adopted a motion today not to exhibit at the Paris exposition and declaring that the Rennes sentence was an insult in its disregard of the official statements of Germany.

GERMAN UNION TAKES ACTION

BERLIN, Sept. 12.—The association of German celluloid manufacturers has decided to abstain from exhibiting at the Paris exposition.

REFERRED TO CHOATE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—It was stated at the war department this afternoon that the Tartar matter had been referred to Ambassador Choate, which makes an international question of it. The contention of the war department is that notwithstanding the Tartar flies the British flag, the assumption of British authority over her is unauthorized as she is chartered by the United States government.

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UNDUE HASTE NOT TIMELY

Americans Should Consider the Rennes Verdict.

BISHOP IRELAND'S VIEWS

France Will Resent Hasty Judgment of Her Acts by Foreign People.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 12.—Archbishop Ireland today when asked for his opinion on the meeting to protest against the verdict of the Rennes court-martial, said:

"It is my belief that the public meetings in America, such as it is proposed to hold for the purpose of protesting against the sentence of the Rennes court-martial are untimely, unfair to France and likely to breed regrettable ill feeling between that country and our own. I shall not deny that I have always had in my heart a deep sympathy for the unfortunate officer and hoped that the sentence of the court would be one of acquittal.

"But it is another question to face the verdict of the court the moment that the verdict had been declared with the assertion that it is plainly against truth and that the court, from which it issues, is guilty of base injustice and sacrilegious perjury. And it is still more so another question to lay upon France the crime of the verdict, if crime there be in it, and to throw at the whole people and their government epithets. Let us wait.

"International courtesy, as well as justice, bid us talk about it very carefully and very slowly. She will deeply resent, as it is her right, any undue criticism and hasty judgment of her acts by foreign people.

"France has been our friend of ages. She was our friend when no other nation befriended us. She is our friend today. She is a sister republic. We should pause long and seriously before blaming, suspecting or offending France."

THE OCEANIC AT NEW YORK

Big Steamer Arrived on Schedule Time as Set by the Company.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—The mammoth new steamer Oceanic, of the White Star line, was sighted east of Fire Island at 8 o'clock this morning, as per schedule, this being the day he considered very good, coming through the heavy gales that have been reported on the Atlantic during her passage and compares favorably with the time of the swiftest ocean steamers in such work, bearing out the claim that with her powerful engines she will make regular schedule time regardless of weather conditions.

WILL ANTICIPATE OCTOBER INTEREST

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—The secretary of the treasury has decided, in view of the money stringency in New York, to anticipate October interest. This will amount to \$5,696,526, and is due on the 4 per cents of 1907. The secretary's action was taken without solicitation.

VANDERBILT'S FUNERAL

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—The funeral of Cornelius Vanderbilt, who died yesterday, is to be held Friday in St. Bartholomew's church. The death mask was taken tonight by a representative of Augustus St. Gaudens, who will make a bust.

"Mr. Vanderbilt's death will have no effect on the Vanderbilt properties," said Chauncey M. Depew today. "William K. Vanderbilt, with his brother's consent, took his position at their head two years ago."

Friend of the family are yet in ignorance of the provisions of the will. Depew said William K. Vanderbilt is in charge of everything. It is probable that several trust funds have been formed under the will, so that the estate may be entailed for at least two generations.

TROOPS AT THE PRESIDIO

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—There are now 11,583 men quartered at the Presidio in this city. This includes 950 recruits, 40 casuals, 351 in the regulars, approximately 5,256 volunteers infantry on the way to the Philippines and approximately 5,000 more returned from the islands and awaiting muster-out.

MORE TRANSPORTS CHARTERED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Secretary of War Root today authorized the chartering of the steamship Managua, capable of carrying 500 men, and the Bristol, 400 men. These ships are available for the first 10 regiments organ-

WAR MAY BE AVOIDED

Belief That Kruger Will Comply With British Demands.

PREPARATIONS CONTINUE

Orange Free State and Volksraad Discussing Situation—Their Decision Anxiously Awaited.

CAPE TOWN, Sept. 12.—The Cape Times and Cape Argus, both consider British note generous and conciliatory and all papers including Krugerville organs assume that the Transvaal will comply with British demands. It is believed the Orange Free State and the Volksraad will be summoned to consider the situation.

Military developments continue and the work of preparation for emergencies goes on.

CONSIDERING THE REPLY

PRETORIA, Sept. 12.—President Kruger and the executive council met here this evening to consider the reply to be made to the British Secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Chamberlain. They are still conferring by telegraph with the Orange Free State. The decision is anxiously awaited by crowds outside the executive.

BOLD HIGHWAYMAN HOLDS UP A PORTLAND WOMAN

Mrs. Dickinson is Held Up on the Taylor's Ferry Road and Hands Over Her Cash and Jewelry.

PORTLAND, Sept. 12.—While driving over the Tryon creek bridge on Taylor's Ferry road Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. C. D. Dickinson was stopped by a highwayman and at the point of a shotgun, and robbed of a gold watch and chain and \$17.50 in cash. Mrs. Dickinson, in company with her young son, was driving to her home about six miles from the city. On Tryon creek bridge she saw a man walking down the hill path to the road and stop, leaning upon his shotgun. Thinking he was a hunter, she drove on, but she had hardly reached him when he leveled the shotgun at her and demanded her money and jewelry. She complied after a moment's hesitation, delivering to the highwayman her purse which contained \$17.50. He then demanded her watch and chain. The jewelry was quite old, having been in the possessors family for a considerable time and she vehemently protested.

The man persisted in his demands for the watch and chain and finally secured them and then he spied a gold ring on his victim's finger and demanded it. Mrs. Dickinson stated that it was her wedding ring and that she would not give it up, and to this statement she clung until the robber finally ceased his efforts and let her go.

COMMUTED BY M'KINLEY

Wyoming Volunteer Sentenced by Court Martial to Death, Will Be Imprisoned.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Private Thomas McVeagh, Company G, of the First Wyoming volunteers, was tried by general court martial, convened at Imus, P. I., in June last, on the charge of striking his superior officer. He was found guilty and sentenced to be "shot to death with musketry at such time and place as the proper authorities may direct." Two thirds of the court concurred in the sentence.

President McKinley has directed that the sentence be commuted to dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and confinement with hard labor for a period of three years. Alcatraz Island, Cal., has been designated as the place of confinement.

DREYFUS VERDICT CONDEMNED

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 12.—The board of directors of the Los Angeles chamber of commerce today unanimously adopted a resolution disapproving of the Dreyfus conviction and stating "if this great wrong is not undone by the French republic within a reasonable time" that the chamber would decline to make any exhibit at the coming Paris exposition.

ROOT NOT ADVISED

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—A special to the Herald from Washington, says: Secretary Root has received no advices regarding the action of the Hongkong authorities in detaining the transport Tartar because of her alleged overcrowded condition. The Tartar has 1200 men on board and this number is not sufficient to overcrowd her. Even if she were overcrowded, according to General Ludington, quarter-master-general, the British authorities would have no grounds for demanding that 450 men be removed from the ship, as she is an American naval vessel, subject to American jurisdiction only.

If the governor of Hongkong has detained the Tartar, representations will probably be made to Great Britain on the subject.

YELLOW FEVER AT KEY WEST

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Sept. 12.—The state board of health has announced that there are nine cases of yellow fever in Key West.

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