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tRIAL that will be historic
Something more than Capt. Dreyfus, an officer charged with selling
military secrets to another nation, is minitary secrets to another nation, is
on trial in the little medieval capital of Britany, in Fiance. The governmental system of France is on trial.
This case will show whether France is ruled by her people or by
reveal whether that country it wil public or a military oligarchy, which is the worst form of a despotism that is possible to place in contro
any people in the modern age.
No other tria! which has occurred anywhere in the present century has caused the interest throughout the world which this case arouses. The newspapers of every civilized country have been giving a large amount of space to the case for several years, especially since the heroic exposure of the conspiracy against Dreyfus
which was made by the nuvelist Zola. The proceedings of the court will be reported in as much detail by the can papers as they will be by those of France. Every incident connected person in the world who is within reach of the daily press. There is general belief that this trial will be the prisoner. The outside world believes him to be innocent, but his guilt or innocence, whichever it may oon be revealed.
The fact that this trial is taking place is a triumph for public opinion centary ago. Scores of persons were imprisoned in the Bastile and other places of detention for political prisoners in Bourbon, France, on
even wore trivial charges than those on which Dreyfus was apprehended, and they disappeared from the world. only inward. There was no more hope for their liberation than there was for the Man in the 1ron Mask. base emotion may bave immurred them, but when once the doors of ere prison closed upon them they was carried to the graveyard. Such a fate is not possible in the modern age, not even in Russia's Sibcria, the confinement of political offenders. Civilization, demoeracy, the ereation of an intelligent and alert public opinion, have prevented a repetition cachet death warrants by which the pompadours, the Montespans and the other parasites of the courts wreaked world is immeasurably briester ane better than it was a century ago or earlter, and the change bas been

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