

pressions it Makes on an American of laws. In a French trial a lawyer is Lawyer-French Justice is Swift, a very small potato-and stringy at that. When the evidence was closed But Expensive, and Does Not Give a a recess was taken for the court to get "Square Deal" to the Accused,

Of my time in Paris I spent one day judges and lawyers can get a drink the court house in order to witness if they want it.) in the court house in order to witness a French trial of a cause. They don't When the court re-convened, oracall it a court house, but "Palais De tory began to flow. The court room Justice." It is indeed a palace and the was full and everybody anxious to hear different courts have their several the speeches. The ladies honored the oms. I dropped in the criminal de- prators with their presence and smiles. partment when I soon saw that something of importance was to be tried. Just what it was I could not learn as everything was so Frenchy. But from all that I could gather the two prisoners were charged with stabbing a policeman. And, after the trial was over. was still like the fellow who asked if he knew who struck Billy Patterson. His answer was that he "did not know, but from the great fame of that noted assault and battery he was satisfied of one thing, and that was-Mr. Patterson must have received a-hell-of-alick." Whether or not that policeman was killed, or which of the prisoners hit him, if either of them did, I could not learn from the evidence, but I was convinced of one thing, and that was straight talk to them. His voice was -that policeman got a terrible lick.

A French trial in court is strictly a business affair with comical features, The real trial, however, takes place in secret and in the absence of the accused. The government's witnesses are examined by the public prosecutor and their evidence reduced to writing and laid before the court. This preliminary investigation takes the place of our grand fury, and is the real trial. The whole thing is then "cut and dried" and the public part is merely formal and perfunctory. It goes and at once got the attention of the through like greased machinery.

The court room was crowded and a large number of well dressed ladies. accompanied by their husbands or other gentlemen, were present. Everything indicated that the case was an important one. A large number had only standing coom, but they remained throughout and heard the whole case, As the time approached for the court to open, clerks and other court offiplacing books and papers in their other was a man. The latter broke

a snack and the jurors to get a drink. There is a lunch room with liquid refreshments, in the court house. (The

The argument was opened by the public prosecutor, who, up to this inte, had kept perfectly quiet. He was both fluent and graceful, and spoke altogether in a conversational tone. He gestured with both hands and empha-sized his argument by ducking his head. He did not move out of his racks and never spoke a moment over fifteen minutes. He talked directly to the jury and evidently made a good impression on them.

In a moment after he sat down the red-headed lawyer for the defense was on his feet speaking. He wasted no time in drinking water, fumbling with books or papers. He looked the jury square in the eyes and made a poor and he did not command good attention. He often referred to the written evidence and a few times read portions of it to the jury. He was pointing out the discrepancies in the oral and written testimony. (Here is where his clients would have profited by a cross-examination.) He spoke for about thifteen minutes and then subsided into innocuous desuctude." Promptly the other lawyer for the defense arose and went at once to the . Jury. He was a young man, tall and handsome. He had a musical voice He spoke with more animaury. tion than the other two, but still in a conversation style and tone. The jury looked straight at him and gave him

good attention throughout. He spoke twenty minutes. At one time the public prosecutor interrupted, but Chesterfield could not have done so more courteously. The prisoners were sgain required to stand up and both said a few words in their behalf. One

beautiful, flowers and semi-tropical Such soldiers are officered by the One section of it chiefs, of their tribes, and they are plants and trees. contained a tennis court, with a ce- subordinate to the general of the sulment floor as smooth as marble, where tan. There are many quarrels among the ex-minister delights to play ten- the tribes, and it is difficult to harmnis with his European friends. There onize and organize them. They are always warring among themselves, is a central path through the gardens. and down this we walked until we and it would be only upon religious came into two great reception rooms. grounds that they could be formed in-

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dued.

rocco?" I asked Mr. Menchbi.

"Could not any one of the great

powers of Europe easily conquer Mo-

"Such a power might conquer us."

"but it could not subdue us. Our

people are feariess, independent and

liberty loving. They are fond of their

religion and their country, and espec-

ially of the localities where they live.

be almost impossible to bring us into

"Do you think that the Algeciras

"Yes, but much better provisions

of foreigners at the ports will be total-

ly inadequate, Only 2,500 are pro-

where the war minister received his to a compact army organization." men friends. We passed through the Might Be Conquered, But Not Subfirst set of parlors, which are floored with mosaic and luxuriously furnished

and then came into a large room walled with glass looking out upon the Atlantic ocean. The house is built on a high bluff hanging right

over the sea and the mountains of replied the former minister of war, A Day in French Court and the Im- due in a great measure to their system Sjain were in plain sight across the We could hear the surf roar way. dashed against the rocks below. CS II At the entrance to this room stood two tail clocks of the kind that sell in the United States for \$500 apiece. Many of the tribes would fight until and they played the chimes at the the last man had dropped, and in this striking of the hours. The tiled floor | fand of the Atlas mountains it would was covered with oriental rugs, the great divars were upholstered in rich permanent subjection.

Morocco leather, and about the walls were cases containing rare china conference will be to the benefit of and swords rifles and other weapons. Morocco"

inlaid with gold and slyer. The surroundings were those of a man of might have been made. The number taste, and this was my impression of of troops set aside for the protection

Menchoi when he appeared. A Typical Moor.

vided for the eight towns, and 5,000 Let me tell you how he looks. He could be employed here in Tangier is a typical Moor of the better class alone. and of a kind one does not expect to find in what is generally known as The Morocco of The Future. one of the black spots of this black

"Do you think that changes will continent. Si el Mehdi el-Menchbi would make one of the handsomest soon take place in Morocco?"

"That depends much upon the gov-Othellos who ever trod the stage. He tall, straight and fine looking, and ernment and how the people are handled. If they could understand that his Moorish costume makes him look taller. He has a light complexion Morocco could hold its independence and, like all Moorish men, wears a full and still have modern reforms I think teard, his whiskers being brown and many new things could be introduced. urly and as fine as silk. A broad A strong government is needed, howforeheal with large hazel eyes was ever, to make the experiment. When to be seen below his white turban. I went to London as the sultan's am-His nose is straight and his cheek bassador I entered into certain ar-His costume consisted rangements as to railroads and other bones high. of a long white woolen gown, or bur- modern innovations, but the situation nouse, with a hood at the back, and in the country and the antagonism to the sleeves of this were so wide that foreign ways were such that I was they showed his fore-arm to the el- not able to carry them out. I believe, The skin was as white as however, that Morocco has a future. yours or mine. As we chatted he which will be far different from its now and then smiled, showing a good past. We have a country here which set of strong teeth, and he twice per- is wonde fully fertile. We can raise grain of many kinds, and fruit that is ceptibly yawned. surpassed by that of no other land.

Morocco in a Sad Condition.

"Both the Berbers and Moors are

of a hundred thousand men

be raised. As it is now, each

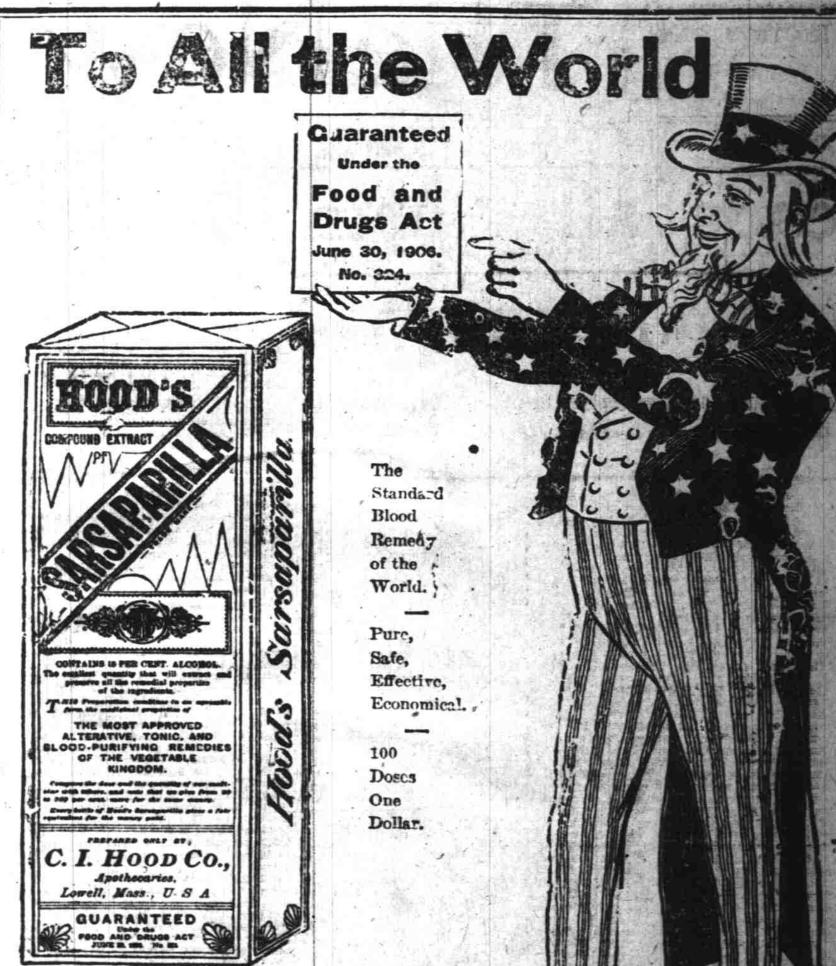
bow.

state.

tan.

Cattle, horses and sheep will thrive During my conversation I asked him almost everywhere, and our people as to the condition of the country. He make good stock men and farmers. replied that Morocco was in a bad Morocco is also rich in minerals. The government has practi- There is coal right here near the cally no control over the tribes, and Strait of Gibraltar, and the Atlas the people are now refusing to pay mountains have deposits of gold, siltaxes or to send in tribute to the sul- ver, copper and iron. The country has The army has dwindled to a never been prospected but its possifew hundred troops, and the sultan bilities are undoubtedly great."

has no soldiers to speak of outside of A Message for the American People. Fez. When Menchbi was at the head In closing our conversation, I asked of the government his majesty had Mr. Menchbi to send, through me, a cers were flitting here and there, was a boy of some seventeen, and the about 16,000 troops, and his power few words of greeting to the Ameriwas such that the various tribes sent can people, saying. "Your excellency tributes and presents worth many is Every tribe Morocco, and I should like to take thousands of dollars. sent one or more horses, many sent from you a word of greeting to what large sums of money, and there were we consider the most progressive naother gifts of value. Upon the last tion of the western world. tribute day the receipts were practi-The sultan's war minister smiled at dally nothing. this. His face, however, soon grey I here asked Mr. Menchbi as to the serious, and he said: safety of foreigners traveling in Mo-"I have a great admiration for you rocco at the present time. He replied Americans, and Lhope I shall soon be that the question as to whether able to cross the Atlantic to visit you. the stranger would reach his desti- The only message I have for you i mation safely was very uncertain. He that you should study this country might get through uninjured, or he and cultivate closer trade relation might be captured by one of the tribes with it. We have here about ten mil and kliled. It is a matter in the lion inhabitants, and we are now large hands of God, with the chances consumers of cottons and other things against rather than for the man. In which Americans make. Our homes other words. God might protect the are chiefly lighted by American petro foreigner, but the chances are that leum, and our people wear clothe He will not. made of stuff grown by you. Your raw cotton, however, goes to England; and The Military Possibilities of the Moors the English do the weaving and sel Menchhi as head of the war deus the goods. I understand that you partment of the sultan for years and have cotton mills of your own, Why commander-in-chief of the army. not make the goods yourselves and should know much about the military get all the profit? We Moroccans are pessibilities of Morocco. During our friendly to you, and we would be glad talk I usked him whether his peopl to trade with you; but as it is our made good soldiers. He replied:



SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 10, 1907.

Now and then proper places. lawyer in his gown would st.oll in and take his seat in the bar. It was a foggy day and the lamps had to be lighted. At the scheduled hour a gong sounded and the three judges came in from a rear room and walked promptly to their chairs. The audience rose and stood until the judges were seated. They wore gowns, were

bald-headed and up to the Shakes-pears, requirement "in fair round belly." The public prosecutor, wearing a gown like judges, came in with the judges and took his seat above the bar between the judges and the jury. The prisoners were brought in at a side entrance in the custody of five uniformed police, who took their seats in the prisoners' box with the defendants. The jury sat just across the bar facing the prisoners. The two lawyers who defended sat just in front of their clients. The names of the jury were called and as each man's name was called he held up his right hand and responded. There were no challenges and the jurors were had sworn nor empannelled. The middle or chief justice required the defendants to stand up, read over to them the evidence taken in private and then proceeded to examine and cross-examine the defendants at some length. The defendants were not sworn nor did they affirm. The evidence taken in secret appeared to make out a prima facia case and the prisoners called upon to show cause why verdict and judgment should not be ren-For several minutes His Honor fired volumes of questions at the accused in rapid succession. From his manner and tone of voice he was de-"with the State." Like the billy guat in Governor Glenn's campaign joke. His Honor had already voted. He had a most voluble tongue. I have never before seen a man who could say so much with so little sense in it Whenever the evidence of (to me). the defendants suited him he would "oul" (yes), but when didn't suit him he would "heh?" and make them repeat. He put them through a rigid crossexamination, evidently trying to discredit them before the jury. The prosecutor was satisfied with the way things were going and did not open his mouth except to argue the evidence. The defendants' lawyers, under the French system, could say nothing and His Honor had matters all his own way. From the beginning to the end he was virtually the whole thing. The two other judges did not say or do anything throughout the trial -except sleep,

When the examination of the prisoners was concluded, the witnesses for the government were called to There was no calling over testify. the list to see if any were absent. John Smith was not called at the window and fall to answer, nor did Rill Brown out in the audience answer "he will be here as I passed this morning ho was hitching up." Every witneve was penned up in an adjoining non And when his name was called he marched like a Prussian guard antakly to a railing in front of the judges, stood and mave in his testi-As soon as the chief justice questioned him some, the witness manched out. There was no cross-exmination. The counsel for the ac-""" "" there "like a knot on a log." work of the evidence was circumstan tial and many letters, instruments, etc. worr rut in evidence. These were all carefully marked and shown to the thus 'v a lawyer who took no other ment in the trial. The first witness was mailed to identify certain photographs,

" and take five minutes. About

down nealize his "cake was dough." The boy's nerve was ali right. Thev took their seats again and old Molubility said a few words to them and a few to the jury. An officer hunded the jury a paperprobably the charge against the pris-oner-and they retired.

III.

Whether or not the policeman was killed I could not gather from the evidence or the argument, but the fact that the prisoners were allowed a jury showed that the charge was a grave one. is entitled In France the accused to jury only in serious clonies. And notwithstanding the importance of this case it was tried in ess than three hours. Some of the rethren over in Mecklenburg or in stanly would have addressed the jury that long . Put while the trials are speedy under the French system, it is at the expense of the accused or their fitigants. The state is everything and the individual nothing. In our country much more time is required to a case because the parties to the suit have much more rights under the law. The Anglo-Saxon believes in the rights of the individual and in brave to an excess. They have excellent fighting stuff in them, and if curbing the rights of the state. "The the time comes when the tribes can be law's delay" is something grievous, organized and welded together, an but it is an inclident of our system. army Sometimes the guilty gos unwhipped could of justice, but who is to blame? tribe Now and then we hear some fellow railing at the law, the lawyers and the courts, but when that same fellow gets into trouble or has suffered a wrong at the hands of another he is swift to employ a lawyer and to insist on all of his rights and privileges guaranteed him by the laws. In reponse to this thoughtless clamor there is an apparent tendency on the part of legislatures and courts in certain States to depart from the old landmarks and shave down the rights and privileges of the individual. That there may be defects in our law no one will deny, but perfection is an "iridescent dream." It were better after all to bear the ills we have than to fly to those we know not of. When that poor fellow broke down and cried he felt in his very heart that he had not had a "square deal." had simply been put in a mill and ground out without the slightest consideration. He was practically convicted before his trial began and he knew It.

With all of its speed French law is not more cheaply administered than ours is. With a jury to try the facts there sat two surplus judges on big salaries who took no.part in the trial While the lawyers were whatever. pleading they both slept soundly. How I did wish that one of the brethren of the Anson county bar could have addressed that jury. He would have waked up those surplus judges or caused them to dream of thunder.

Throughout the trial there was the most perfect order. Judge Shaw never had better order in his court. Besides the five policemen in charge of the two defendants, there were scattered over the court room eight or ten other officers, on bic salaries, with shining caps and uniforms on and swords dangling from their sides, Everything was "as still as a mouse" ---except old Volubility. Nothing on earth could keep him quiet.

I left that court room a better merican. In some few things, and in a few particulars, foreign countries may excel us-but they are few indeed. Our system of law is the product of wise men, extracted from the wisdom, the experience and wrongs suffered in the ages gone by.

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els'it mirmeans in onlok sneecedon ing and leximony. No one coestioned there are not that voluble judge in the scale. The witnesses were not sworn but officient with up-lifted hand. They did not hear each other testify. They evidence of most of the witnesses pleased old Volubility, as he con-stantly chimed in with that "out, out." At one time the prisoners' counsel resome mestions. That is the nearest thing they had to cross-examination. Once or twice members of the jury asked the court to put certain ques-tions to the witnesses. The jurors ap-peared to be men of husiness and list, and it was opened by negro.slaves, who took charge of our mutes. We bassed in through a sort of porter's ledge, where a half dozen other slaves were slitting, and jound ourselves in a anest well to the evidence and to the great court or bark surrounded by thing they had to cross-examination. Once as Iwice members of the jury asked the court to put certain quesarguments. The counsel for the deal Meetick buildings, the rooms of which feate put up no witnesses and didn't besked out upon it. This park was put up much of a light. But that was largely made up of gardens filled with

learns of foreign lands and their in-stitutions, the prouder he becomes of the fact that he is a citizen of "Times noblest offspring the last." Paris, France, Si El Mehdi El-Menchbi.

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