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Drevfus Passes Through the Most Trying Day of His Trial.

FEARFUL ORI

SCENE OF HIS DEGRADATION

Recounted by the Witnesses for the Prosecution-Witnesses Recount His Alleged Confession-Some Suspicious Circumstances Re-

gardieg it Brought Out on Cross Examination-The De-

fendant's Vehement Denial and His Tribute to

His Wife as His Sole Support Against

Committing Suicide.

Rennes, August 31 .- Dreyfus had the | peat to the president of the republic most trying day he has yet gone what you have told me.' While I was through. The strain proved too great in the ante room I heard someone make for him, and, for the second time in the course of the trial, he gave way to his the president who said: 'You have had feelings and sought relief in tears. The generals have branded him as a traitor before the court; their subordinates have pointed the finger of scorn at him, the persons I had seen, but I said I had but he only flinched once-when the of- not spoken directly to journalists. No ficial report of his treatment on Devil's island was read before him and the from the president. pictures of his sufferings, mental and physical, were thrown vividly on the screen of his memory. Then he hid his features and wept. He passed through another such cri-

sis today when after Captain Lebrun-Renault and witness after witness had fus for a quarter of an hour. The senbrought up before him again that cold January morning which ushered in the scene of his degradation, Major Forze-netti, a man of heart, told in simple words and unaffected manner, the story of Dreyfus' struggle with the maddening temptation to take his life and the intervention of his wife, as an angel pointing out the road of duty. Then again the prisoner's breast heaved with emotion and tear drops trickled down purpose' his cheeks. He rose, and after a forced effort to remain calm as he spoke a few words concerning his denial to Colonel du Paty de Clam that he wrote the bordereau, he turned to Forzenetti with a look of thanks for his consolation so. needed. Dreyfus then uttered these words of heartfelt gratitude to his wife for the courage with which she inspired him: "It is due to her," he cried, "that I am alive today." The prisoner could articulate no more, but sat down abruptly to conceal his distress. The proceedings concluded a few mincouraging. utes later and he was taken back to his prison where his wife visited him, and, in the presence of Madame Dreyfus and the gendarme on guard, he broke down completely. The tension had been too much for him. He sobbed had said. convulsively and the partner of his sorrows joined him in a solace of tears.

cause of their importance, remained so forget them, namely: (1) The prison-er's pride in the facings he had lost; (2), his confession that he had delivered documents to a foreign power; (3), that in three years justice would be done M. Demange-How do you reconcile his protests of innocence with his alleged confession? Colonel Guerin-That is not my busi M. Demange-You reported the con fession to General Saussiere? Colonel Guerin-Certainly. M. Demange-Was it suggested that steps be taken to verify the alleged confession? Colonel Guerin-I do not recollect. remarks about me in very discourteous terms. M. Dupuy ushered me before M. Demange-So there was no attempt to interrogate Dreyfus in regard to the alleged confession? relations with journalists and have been Colonel Guerin-The case had passed indiscreet. Certain articles have apout of the hands of the military authorpeared in the newspapers.' I replied ities, the prisoner having been handed that perhaps journalists were among over to the civil authorities. One of the judges asked the witness mention was made of the confession and army headquarters, had relations with I left after having received a lecture Eserhazey, to which Colonel Guerin replied that he believed M. Weil had One of the judges asked the witness if he did not remember hearing Dreyfus known Esterhazey for a long time. say that the documents delivered were The-judge-Do you think Esterhazey knew the prisoner? only copies to which Captain Lebrun-Colonel Guerin-I do not know. Renault replied: "I do not recollect. I Dreyfus here remarked that he never do not remember that phrase. But he knew Esterhazey. may have said it. I talked with Drey-Major de Mitry, of the hussars, testified to Captain Anthoine telling him tence I have quoted was that which I of the alleged confession of Dreyfus. jotted down in my notebook." Continuing Major Mitry said: "I said The judge-What did General Mercier to Renault, point blank: 'How is it the tell you when you mentioned the conconfession of Dreyfus was not reported fession to him? to our president and premier when you Captain Lebrun-Renault-He asked were summoned to the Elysee?' Cap-tain Lebrun-Renault replied: 'I did not what Dreyfus had said and then told me to go to the Elysee and describe the confession. But I was given no time report it, through a kind of apprehension, because, when in the ante-room to mention it then. The judge-Did you go there for that I heard some one say 'who is this gendarme who is betraying professional secrets and feeding the press? He might Captain Lebrun-Renault-I went there smart for such indiscretions.' I replied: for that purpose. 'Renault you have made a mistake. In The judge-It is a great pity you said your place I would have told the presinothing on the subject. Captain Lebrun-Renault-I had no dent.' When called upon to reply Dreyfus torpedo boats and several miscellatime to speak of it. said he had never said the trial would neous craft, sub-marine boats, etc. The judge-Did the president know he revised in three years. "I do not why you come to the Elysee? understand these words," said the pris-Captain Lebrun-Renault-The presioner. "I should be very grateful to you, my colonel, if, in the interest of lent was notified that I was coming. For my part I was somewhat intimidatruth, you would make public the letted, which is easily explained. I heard ters which I wrote to the chief of the myself described as a "traitor," "caheadquarters staff. It would then be naille" and "cur." That was not enseen in what terms I asked that an investigation should be made." M. Demange asked the witness if it was really a conversation with Dreyfus BELIEVED DREYFUS INNOCENT. or if the prisoner's remarks consisted Major Forzettini who was governor of of a broken dialogue as General Gonse the Cherche Medi prison while Dreyfus was confined there, followed. He test'. Labrun-Renault-Dreyfus fied that while in prison Dreyfus also two more large dry docks on the At-Captain . spoke to me, but I did not reply. seemed to have the bearing of an inno- lantic seaboard, one at New York, and M. Demange asked the witness how cent man and always asserted his inno- the other at Norfolk. The esimates he could detect confessions in a sencence. The witness added that he told will be about \$1,250,000 each. tence containing the words, "I am inno-General de Boisedeffre that he believed cent. In three years my innocence will Drevfus was innocent. Replying to M. Demange, the major be acknowledged. Captain Lebrun-Renault-It is not for said Colonel du Paty de Clam asked that the amount of net gold on hand e to reconcile the inconsistencies of a him to surprise Dreyfus in his sleep in was \$247,880,601. This is the largest sentence of which the material fact order to disturb him and catch him off amount on hand at one time in the hishis guard by throwing the light of a tory of the department. The receipts ted was admitted. It is not for me to bright lamp in his face. The witness give an explanation. It is for Dreyfus also recalled the despair of Dreyfus at and the defense to explain. I heard his conviction and the regrets he expressed at not having resigned. Drevfus, the major also said talked of comommentary. (Excitement.) I have no mitting suicide. When Dreyfus rose to reply he admitted that after his degradation he intended to commit suicide but he added that if he succeeded in enduring the wife, who made him understand his place of degradation and it was not my duty. (Commotion.) duty to make Dreyfus talk. (Excite-Major Forzenetti corroborated this. He said Dreyfus' statement was quite M. Demange-How could General correct At 11:25 a. m., the court adjourned for the day.

exchange. Lieutenant Colonel Guerin, whom General Saussier ordered to attend the degradation and report upon it was next examined. He said: "Captain Lebrun-Renault, when relieved from duty, saw me and immediately began to relate what Dreyfus had said. The three statements which struck him, be-cause of their importance, remained so

grave in my memory that I could never FOR INCREASE OF THE NAVY HOW THE WORK WAS DONE

Eighteen Million Bollars for Work on the Fifty-four Warships Under Con struction-Treasury Statement-Volunteer Officers for this State Appointed-To Appoint Officers for Proposed Negro Regiment-Report of the Commissioner of Pensions.

Washington, August 31 .- The secretary of the navy has directed that all estimates for the requirements of the naval service next year shall be sub-

mitted by tomorrow, September 1st, thus giving him three months for co-or-

dinating them for submission to congress. Accordingly the several naval bureaus have been active of late prewhether M. Weil, when attached to the paring their final figures, and all the estiates, with the exception of those re-

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lating to armor and ordnance, will be in hand tomorrow.

was: (1) A formal confession that he

had delivered documents; (2) an allega-tion that the documents were unimpor-

tant; (3) that the prisoner's object was

to obtain more important documents

Told by a Former Official of German Headquarters Department - Dreyfus Never Known to the Secret Service Men-Esterhazey the Man Who Furnished the Information and His Sweetheart the GosBetween - Her

House the Meeting Place Atlanta, Ga., August 31 .- The Jewish Sentiment in its regular weekly edi-

tion tomorrow afternoon will print a story bearing with almost startling directness on the Dreyfus trial. Several statements, apparently new to the now celebrated Dreyfus case, are given, ogether with names of those who are

said to be in possession of information which will throw new light on the trial

For the first time, it is believed, the mode of carrying the documents from the French war office to the German

government it given. It shows that, They show in general a considerable dolls were used as the means of conincrease all along the line, owing to veyance and that the papers went first the rapid development of the navy, to England and then to Germany. The

the unprecedented amount of naval shipbuilding now in progress and the identity of the "veiled lady" is also enlarged demands growing out of war made known.

and the acquisition of new territory. The story which The Sentiment will The largest item is \$18,000,000 under print comes from a man who was emthe head of "increase of the navy" ployed several years ago by the Gerwhich is \$5,000,000 more than any preman government as a document transvious estimate under this head. It is lator and maker of relief maps and who, having quitting Germany, served due to the unusual number of warin the United States army during the ships now in course of construction, ag-

war with Spain. He shows his disgregating fifty-four in all classes, a tocharge papers which denote that he tal much in excess of the number unwas a staff officer. The informer says der construction at any previous time he was born in Denver, Colorado. The in the history of the navy. These instory, after some introductory remarks, clude eleven battleships, four monitors, reads: "I was translator of documents at three armored cruisers, six protected the great staff headquarters at Konig-

cruisers, thirty-three destroyers and gratzer strasse, No. 9, Berlin. I never heard the name of Dreyfus mentioned every, and the target practice will take connection with the French war of-Admiral Melville will also make esfice merchandise shipped to the above timates for new engineering plants, address via Belgium and London. equipment, tools, buildings, etc., at I translated the information regarding gun No. 120. The original docu-Norfolk, Port Royal, Port Orchard and ment never left the French war office Mere Island. These plants are old, and and the copy could only have been the requirements now made on them given out through the direct agency or induce the chief engineer to recomconnivance of a chief of department. mend the most modern appliances and Drevfus was unknown at the German such a remodelling of buildings as will secret service bureau in person or by bring them up to date. name from 1893-94. This I most sol-Admiral Edincott, chief of the bureau emnly affirm. The plans, specifications of yards and docks, will recommend and details of gun 120, of the robin shell, and of the French war vessels Jaureguiberry,' 'Charles Martel' and Lazar Carnot' together with the plans mobolization were purchased or through Germany's embassy in Paris, resided over by Prince Hans Heinrich TREASURY STATEMENT. Pless, and as much as \$16,000 American Today's treasury statement shows money was sent by postoffice money order and telegraph in payment for the merchandise. These payments were made in two parts through Mr. Franz, a doll manufacturer of Sonneberg, Gertoday exceed the expenditures by \$1,460,668, and for the month the excess amounts to nearly \$4,500,000. Since the "business." July 1st, however, a deficit is shown "I met Count Esterhazey several of \$4,036,658. imes in person at dinings given by The naval officers here express no Baroness de Delden, who was Esterhaconcern over the failure of the Monongahela to appear in Hampton Roads. She sailed with the cadets aboard from Funchal, Madeira on July 22nd and being of antique type and unable to make spies were always on the alert and headway against adverse winds, she only through such means could their cannot yet be regarded as overdue. watchfulness be circumvented. VOLUNTEER OFFICERS AP-POINTED. French war merchandise? The following appointments in the "Captain Siegel insisted upon his volunteer army are announced: North Carolina-To be captain, Wil-This week's issue of the Orphan liam R. Beavers, late captain, Comthem to address him through Mr. Franz Home published at the Odd Fellows' Or- pany K, First North Carolina infantry, in Sonneberg. This order was prompted by the increased watchfulness of the phanage in Goldsboro, contains an in- Forty-third regiment. To be first lieu-French government spies. teresting account of the children's visit tenants-Alfred V. Brown, late quar-"Baroness De Delden is the party re tenmaster sergeant, Company B, second North Carolina volunteers, Fortyfourth regiment; B. J. Wootten, late Pless a regular pension. Every six adjutant Second North Carolina volunteers, Twenty-eighth regiment; John nously to Baroness De Delden through W. Gulick, late first lieutenant First the Credit Lyonnaiz in Paris. It is well known at the German headquar-North Carolina volunteers, Forty-seventh regiment. To be second lieutenant Daniel R. Johnson, late first lieu-INTERNAL REVENUE DECISON. of the bank will corroborate my statements. I am also in position to name Acting Commissioner Williams, of the postoffices in England where the the internal revenue bureau today renmoney was paid to the agents of Gerdered a decision to the effect that where many employed in France. "Mr. Franz used to send dolls to ment, the new designs can only show Paris to be dressed. In the body of an advantage of 300 tons of coal and these dolls important documents were two inches of steel laid on the slopes transfer of tobacco is no sale within concealed and they were then sent first of the unprotected deck for a third of the meaning of the law, and, therefore, to a village postoffice in England, forthe quantity transferred is not to be warded from there to Sonneberg and taken into account in determining the then to Berlin." amount of the special tax to be paid as leaf dealers. When You Ride Your Wheel Adjutant General Corbin said today Always shake into your shoes Allen's that there were less than 100 appoint-Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It ments of volunteer officers yet to be keeps your feet cool, prevents sweating made and they belonged mainly to the feet, and makes your endurance tenfold greater. Over a million wheel peo-ple are using Allen's Foot-Ease. They "All the children were supplied with states of Wisconsin, California and all praise it. It gives rest and comfort

BOAND OF HEALTH Regular Monthly Meeting Yesterday Afternoon and What Transpired The board of health held its regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon, with Mayor Waddell, Captain W. R. Kenan and Drs. G. G. Thomas, Frank H. Russell and W. D. McMillan in attendance.

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Outside of the presentation by Dr. McMillan, superintendent of health, of his monthly report, but little was done. On motion of Captain Kenan the board of aldermen will be requested to make the number of health officers four the year round. This motion was unanimously adopted, as it is very es-sential to the health of the city that there be four health officers. The aldermen will, no doubt, act according to the wishes of the board of health, as

they should do. Dr. McMillan's report showed that during the month of August there were 33 deaths, of which number 17 were whites. Two transit permits were issued for the removal of the bodies of whites and two bodies were brought to

the city for interment. The sanitary part of the report showed 1,105 inspections made, of which number of premises 719 were found in fair condition, 386 in bad condition, but none requiring immediate attention. There were 70 special inspections made, 649 orders issued for lime and acid, and 421 permits issued for the removal of earth.

There were two quarantines, one for scarlet fever and one for diphtheria, the past month, and three cases of typhoid fever were reported. Before the meeting adjourned Dr. Thomas requested a meeting of the sanitary committee at the earliest possible moment.

Fort Caswell Notes

(Correspondence of The Messenger.) Fort Caswell, August 31. Provost Sergeant Nicholas Farrally

eame very near having a very serious accident this afternoon while on his

usual rounds of duty. He was on the tram engine coming from the wharf to the 8-inch battery and attempted to jump from the engine while it was going at a lively rate of speed, falling very heavily to the ground. Fortunately the ground was soft and he escaped with only a good jolting up and a few holes torn in his clothes.

Owing to the inclemency, of the weather, the boys in blue did not try their skill with the big guns Wednesday. Everything is in readiness, howplace tomorrow (Friday) morning, if

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Captain Lebrun-Renault and the supporters of his assertion of the Dreyfus confession had an inning lasting nearly the entire session, their depositions containing little but what had already been stated before the court of cessa-

Captain Lebrun-Renault introduced the new assertion that the fact that he that documents had been communicahad not related the incident of the confession to President Casimir-Perier was because he overheard himself called "cur," and "traitor" white this sentence. I was only a kind of "canaille." waiting at the Elysee. He, however, phonograph, and I repeated it without could not explain why he kept this to himself for so long a time instead of impression whatever, he said, Dreyfus recounting the incident before the court said a great deal to me. I retained this of cassation. Nor, did his explanation sentence and I repeated it when asked. as to why he destroyed the page of his If I did not mention it in my report it note book containing the record of was because I had the task of conduct- torture inflicted it was owing to -Dreyfus' confession, sound very coning Dreyfus from the prison to the vincing.

A NEW TURN IN THE CONSPIRACY ment.)

The other witnesses were a repetition of Captain Lebran-Renault; but a very Gonse and General Mercier, on hearing significant question was put to Colonel your story, believe they had to deal Guerin by a member of the court, Lieuwith a confession and how could they tenant Colonel Brongniart, who sits at Colonel Jouaust's right hand, always send you to the Elysee?

puts pointed questions. He has thor-Captain Labrun-Renault-I have no oughly studied the Dreyfus case, and

M. Demange reminded the witness is reputed to be one of the best authorities on the case. It is certain Colonel that before the court of cassation he Jouaust consults him frequently during considered the sentence of the prisoner the proceedings. Brongniart is said to which he had quoted to be a kind of be a rabid anti-Dreyfusard and he toexplanation or excuse.

day, in a quiet tone, asked Colonel Gue-rin if he thought M. Well, who is a Captain Lebrun-Renault-Why, Monsieur le President, that is a personal friend of Esterhazey, also knew Dreyquestion. I have no opinion to express fus. The latter at once arose and deon that point. I am no judge of things. clared he had never before heard of repeat simply what Dreyfus told me. The point of this question was Certain persons may consider his rethat Esterhazey had written to Colonel Jouaust, as announced, and has un-doubtedly mentioned Weil as a go-bemarks as embodying confessions, others as being explanations. That is their business. (Commotion.)

tween for Dreyfus. If relations can be M. Labori-Why did the witness keep proved between Dreyfus and Weil, and the leaf of his pocketbook with the note Esterhazey admits obtaining treasonof confessions for years? The witness able information from Weil, then he seems to say that it was mere chance. could assume Dreyfus was a traitor. The I am surprised that the witness degenerals, if sufficient evidence of a stroyed it just the day after it was men-Dreyfus-Weil-Esterhazey connection ioned in the chamber of deputies. can be produced, can abandon the con-To this Captain Lebrun-Renault retention that Dreyfus wrote the borderolied that at that time he considered eau and admit Esterhazey is the authat the document he possessed was thor of it. This is possibly the authenticated by a copy made of it by change o tactics on the part of the gen-M. Cavaignac on the day before it was erals which had been hinted at redestroyed.

M. Labori-The court will draw its cently. It was reported this afternoon that own conclusions. Generals Mercier, Roget and Gonse and

M. Cavaignac, who are staying quietly DREYFUS' VERSION OF THE AFat the house of a friend some miles out. FAIR.

side of Rennes, met today at General When asked if he had any observa-Mercler's house and discussed the eviions to make, Dreyfus replied: "Yes, dence Colonel Schwarzkoppen's housemy colonel, there were two rooms in the keeper, Mme. Bastian, could give if she military school. I was in the further was subjected to a severe examination, one and Captain Lebrun-Renault never with the result that it was decided her justify summoning her as a witness for

Following are the proceedings in de-

o'clock this morning there was a stir in was manifested as the name of Captain confession of Dreyfus, was called, and. ness box, saluted the court and threw The Visit of the Orphans

here, and it will be very interesting to

our people to note the following portion of the article:

"The white sail, the leaping silver foam, the eternal monotone of the ocean the elegant homes, the soft pillows and the manifold tokens of love are the daydreams of our little ones on their return from a sumptuous entertainment at the elegant hotels and club houses along tenant, First North Carolina, Thirtythe New Hanover seawall and the mag- eighth regiment. nificent homes in Wilmington. Our smallest boy, Edwin Betts, was entertained at the home of Bro. Benj. Bell, of the Messenger, and who knows but what the impressions made on his young mind, while thus associating with leaf tobacco dealers transfer tobacco a member of the Associated Press, will to themselves as manufacturers such

culminate in him being an eminent journalist. The beauty, the grace and the dignity of Miss Alice, the cultured daughter of Millionaire Rheinstein, who entertained one of our little ones at her cottage, on Wrightsville Beach, and

who, it would seem, courted heavep she parted with her deft fingers the hair on the little one's brow and sweetly smiled in her face, is a veritable living plcture.

elegant homes during our stay of five Ohio. The quotas of the other states days in Wilmington. It would seen are practically full.

to a fault.

lords of all we surveyed.

THE NEGRO REGIMENT.

the weather permits. Private M. C. McGary will be discharged in a few days in accordance

> Baltimore, Md. Private John Beckenbaugh will be discharged in a few days for disability. His discharge has been recommended by the post surgeon and commanding officer.

with the veteran act. He will go to

Messrs. Pullan & Weeks have been awarded the contract to furnish the engineer's department with several thousand bushels of shells; also to furnish the quartermaster's department with fuel for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900.

Body of a Murdered Man Found Columbia, S. C., August 31.-The body of Ed Hays, who disappeared several weeks ago, was found yesterday in Tiger river, Greenville county, partiy eaten by dogs. He had been shot many, and Alvin Flooreschurez, bank | and the coroner's jury today finds that director of Sonneberg. The medium of James Suddeth did the killing. Sud-women was employed in transacting deth has been arrested.

Criticism of Our New Cruisers

The Scientific American, in a timely zey's sweetheart. He furnished much and pointed article, calls attention to of the information. These documents the weakness of the plans for the six were never received at the embassy- never recently authorized. The always at a church, a public function maval board of construction has proor a private dinner party. The French duced plans which are, as the Scientific American points out, a distinct step backward. These new cruisers "What was the last incident that you are to be of 3,400 tons displacement, ecall which bears on the traffic in this 292 feet load water line length, 43 feet beam and 700 tons bunker capacity. There is to be on each of these ships agents no longer communicating with him direct and emphatically instructed fire guns, eight 6-pounders, two 1pounders and two machine guns. They are to have also a partially protected deck for one-third of their length. The Scientific American compares them ferred to in the Dreyfus trial as the with the Montgomery in this manner. veiled lady.' She receives from Prince "The Montgomery being a cruiser of the unprotected class-that is, having months remittances are made anony- no protective deck, but merely a thin 'watertight' deck-is the ship which naturally suggests itself first for comters staff that the amounts are for- parison. Her full load displacement warded by Prince Henry Pless. The is 2,220 toms, or, adding 150 toms for Credit Lyonnaiz is innocent of the pur- sheathing, say 2,380 tons, which is pose for which the money is used. I 1,120 tons less than that of the new mention this fact because the records ships. Yet is spite of this disparity, the smaller and older boats has the

same batery and two and one-half knots higher speed; whereas on an increase of over 1,100 tons in displacethe vessel's length amidships. The Montgomery, moreover, carries two torpedo tubes. The extra speed and

the torpedo outfit offset the extra coal carried by the new boats. Sa that we have about 1,000 tons of displacement unaccounted for, even if we admit that the accommodations for officers and crew are improved." In its editorial comment upon the facts set forth it calls attention to the provision of the

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compelled to rely on artificial aid for good vision, as to have a "break down," and not be able to get it quickly remedied. It brings one to a realization of the blessing bestowed upon mankind by the invention of spectacles. We are prepared for prompt action in repairing broken glasses. Doesn't matter where you got yours, we can duplicate the most complicated lenses, or any part of the frame, on short notice-at low prices.

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