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CAPTAIN DREYFUS IS FULLY VINDICATED AT LAST BY FRENCH COURT

Decision Entitles Him to Restoration of His Former Rank in Army

FAMOUS CASE OF THE HEBREW OFFICER

First Arrested Nearly Twelve Years Ago on Charge of Betraying French Military Secrets to a Foreign Power and Convicted on Perjured Evidence and Forgery of Personal and Racial Enemies—Publicly Degraded and Deported to Devil's Island for Life—Success of the Game Efforts to Establish His Innocence—Interesting History of the Case.

(By the Associated Press.)
Paris, July 12.—The supreme court today announced its decision annulling the condemnation of Dreyfus without a retrial.

The effect of the decision is a complete vindication of Dreyfus entitling him to restoration to his rank in the army as though he had never been accused.

The decision of the court was read by the presiding judge, M. Thallot-Beaupre, president of the court of cassation, immediately on the reassembling of the court at noon today.

Among those present were Mathew Dreyfus, brother of Alfred Dreyfus, Maitre Monnard, counsel for Captain Dreyfus; Joseph Delmas, the historian of the Dreyfus affair; Colonel Picquart, Madame Zola and many others who have figured in various stages of the celebrated case. Captain Dreyfus was not present, continuing his habitual seclusion by remaining secluded in the garret where he has hitherto been cut off from the outer world.

The scene as the decision was pronounced was one of impressive dignity. The court, consisting of forty-nine judges, seated in flowing red robes, solemnly mounted the bench. Deep silence prevailed as the presiding judge read the lengthy decision, minutely reviewing the series of sensational events of the last twelve years and completely discarding Dreyfus of all wrong-doing, freeing him of the accusation of being the author of the famous incriminating documents on which the entire charge was founded and ordering the annulment of the judgment of the Rennes court martial with the publication of the final announcement of his innocence in fifty newspapers to be chosen by Captain Dreyfus.

The reading of the decision lasted an hour and it was only at the close that the spectators realized the sweeping nature of the vindication. As the final determination was announced there was a buzz of excited comment and some exclamations of approval, which the court officers sternly repressed.

Matthew Dreyfus hastily despatched a messenger to bear the good news to Captain Dreyfus and Mme. Dreyfus.

Outside the court the crowds received the decision without making any demonstration.

The main features of the decision are as follows:
The court holds that three new facts have been established:
First—That the document from General Mercier's secret papers presented at the Rennes court martial, in which the initial "D" was substituted for "P" was a fabrication establishing the strong presumption of Dreyfus' innocence;
Second—That another document from the secret papers in which Dreyfus was alleged to have been shown to have delivered to Germans the plans for the railway mobilization never reached the war department authorities and therefore Dreyfus could not have secured possession of it;
Third—That the Rennes court martial failed to hear essential testimony calculated to establish the fact that Dreyfus was innocent.

"These facts," the decision of the court says, "without seeking for any

I AM GRATEFUL SAYS DREYFUS

(By the Associated Press.)
Paris, July 12.—In the course of an interview today after the announcement of the supreme court's decision in his favor, Dreyfus said: "This has been a long and terrible ordeal. I began to feel it would never end. It is clear that the decision restores me to my old place in the army, but I am not aware of the intentions of the government concerning my advancement in rank. I have nothing to say against my accusers. Being again an officer I am obliged to obey the army regulations of silence, and I am inexpressibly thankful to all who assisted in the maintenance of truth.

Further grounds, are of a nature to establish the innocence of the accused and it is only necessary to examine whether the verdict of the Rennes court martial shall be annulled without a re-trial or be followed by another trial by a court martial.

Guilt Is On Esterhazy.
After a lengthy review of the document in the case known as the Boredeau the decision says it was written by Major Count Esterhazy and that the accusations connecting Dreyfus with the Boredeau rest (Continued on Second Page.)

BIG CHICAGO STRIKE \$2,000,000 in Building Contracts Tied Up

Army of Strikers Now Numbers Three Thousand—Cement Finishers and Helpers Go Out Also—The Situation Today.

(By the Associated Press.)
Chicago, July 12.—More than \$2,000,000 worth of building contracts in skyscrapers and on streets were reported to be tied up by the cement workers' strike at a conference of concrete contractors today.

The army of men on strike now totals three thousand, the list having been swelled during the day by several hundred laborers who were thrown out of employment by lack of work.

In all cases hod carriers quit simultaneously with the cement men. Cement finishers and helpers also joined the strikers ranks. Practically every union workman connected with the concrete work is idle.

Contractors sought in vain for some means of preventing the further spread of the strike. They asserted their inability to meet the demands of the men for a wage increase.

TWO KILLED IN WRECK ON SOUTHERN ROAD

(By the Associated Press.)
Petersburg, Ind., July 12.—In the wreck of a westbound freight train on the Southern Railway today eight miles west of Petersburg, Fireman J. B. Fanning of Princeton, Ind., and brakeman Capehart of Winslow, were killed. Engineer W. B. McWilliams, New Albany, was scalded and crushed so badly he will die.

After the wreck it was discovered that both ends of the switch were spiked. The eastbound passenger train was delayed and thus escaped being wrecked. Bloodhounds have been sent for and an effort will be made to hunt out the wreckers.

The railroad company owns the Muren coal mines which paid the advanced scale demanded by the miners recently and caused some resentment in certain quarters.

DURHAM FIRE CO. TO WITHDRAW

Will Quit State Firemen's Association

EXPULSION OF RALEIGH MAN

Unfortunate Unpleasantness at State Firemen's Tournament at Asheville—Harris of Raleigh Rescued Team Involved—Judges Voted to Expel Him, But Couldn't Change the Time.

(Special to the Evening Times.)
Asheville, N. C., July 12.—The one incident to mar the pleasure of the firemen's tournament is the announcement that Durham will withdraw from the state association by reason of alleged unfair decisions of the judges in the horse hose contest yesterday.

Durham alleges that Harris of the Rescue Hose Company of Raleigh, yanked the hose back from Durham's coupler while Durham was contesting, and that by reason of this interference several seconds were added to Durham's time.

The judges voted to expel Harris, but held that under the rules they had no power to change the time.

Chief Maddy of Durham declared that Durham could not accept the time made by virtue of the interference and that Durham would withdraw from the association.

At this morning's firemen's tournament Spencer won the hand reel contest and also the grab race.

In the hand reel contest Spencer made the time in 24 1-5 seconds, reducing the record one-fifth of a second.

Saturday was second in 23 2-5, and Chapel Hill third in 23 seconds. In the grab race Spencer won in 19 seconds, with Salem a close second in 19 1-5 seconds.

Morganton and Chapel Hill tied for third place in 23 seconds.

CLOUD BURST IN MEXICO.

(By the Associated Press.)
El Paso, Tex., July 12.—A cloudburst July 10 at Oesampo, Chihuahua, Mexico, accompanied by a landslide, washed away part of the city. Ten persons were killed and many injured. Colonel W. C. Greene's office and corral and the reduction works and office of the Waterson Mining Company were destroyed. No Americans were killed.

MUSIC SOOTHES THE SAVAGE BEAST

(By the Associated Press.)
Chicago, July 12.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Omaha, Neb., says:
Mrs. John Underwood of New York, who has been camping with her husband in the Black Hills, owes her life to songs, which saved her from a mountain lion which attacked her Tuesday night. The animal leaped on the woman, knocked her down and stood with its fore feet on her breast.

Mrs. Underwood screamed, but suddenly remembered that ferocious beasts sometimes are tamed by music and began to sing. As long as she sang the animal stood harmless, but whenever she ceased it growled and appeared as if about to kill her. All night long she kept her song up, and yesterday morning when she was all overcome by exhaustion she was found by her husband with the lion standing over her. Mr. Underwood shot the animal.

California Woman Won.

(By the Associated Press.)
Newport, Eng., July 12.—In the Welsh ladies' championship tennis games today May Sutton of California beat Mrs. Raikes by a score of 6-1. Mrs. Raikes railed after the first set.

EIGHT KILLED IN MOTOR ACCIDENT

Twenty-Six Passengers Badly Injured

NONE ESCAPED UNHURT

Terrible Accident Near London Today—Omnibus Dashed Down Hill At Terrible Speed And Collided With a Tree—Bodies Badly Mangled.

(By the Associated Press.)
London, July 12.—Owing to the brakes failing to act a motor omnibus coming from London to Brighton dashed down a steep hill near Chisley this morning and was overturned. Eight of the passengers were killed and some were badly hurt, some of them probably sustaining fatal injuries.

Later details show that eight persons were killed.

There were 34 passengers on the omnibus mainly members of a cricket team from London and they were all either killed or injured. The omnibus dashed down the hill at a terrific speed and collided with a tree which was smashed to matchwood. The occupants of the vehicle were pitched in all directions. Several of the killed were so terribly mangled that it was difficult to identify them.

INSTANT DEATH IN AUTOMOBILE

Robert Shaffer, 55, Killed

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, July 12.—Robert Shaffer, uncle of John S. Phillips and brother-in-law of Henry Phillips, the Pittsburgh steel millionaire, was instantly killed today when a Long Island Railroad train smashed the automobile in which he and a chauffeur were riding at the crossing a half mile east of Sayville, L. I.

Andrew Peters, the chauffeur, was so badly injured, it is believed, he will die.

The body of Mr. Shaffer, who was about 55 years old, was left in the ditch beside the tracks for several hours until the coroner arrived.

M. Shaffer was associated with his brother-in-law and with Andrew Carnegie in the steel business at Pittsburgh until the formation of the steel trust, since which time he has been retired from active business.

COL. COBB DEAD AT ELIZ. CITY

(Special to the Evening Times.)
Elizabeth City, N. C., July 12.—George W. Cobb, collector of customs at this port, died suddenly this morning of heart disease. Mr. Cobb had been for many years one of the leading republicans of eastern Carolina and was one of the most prominent citizens of this town.

EARTHQUAKE IN NEW MEXICO

(By the Associated Press.)
Silver City, N. M., July 12.—An earthquake shock was distinctly felt here this morning a few minutes after 5 o'clock. The shock did no damage. It lasted only a few seconds.

TENNESSEE REPUBLICANS

The State Convention in Session Today

EVANS FOR GOVERNOR

Henry Clay's Namesake Will Be Put At Head Of Ticket, But Brownlow Controls The Convention And Will Remain At The Head Of The State Committee.

(By the Associated Press.)
Nashville, Tenn., July 12.—When the Republican state convention met today, it was apparent that Congressman Walter P. Brownlow was in control as against the Evans faction. An alliance between Brownlow's forces and those of Congressman Hale of Knoxville, who controlled the balance of power in the condition possible. By the terms of the alliance which will be adhered to, unless something now entirely unexpected happens, H. Clay Evans will be permitted to name his own campaign committee and Brownlow will continue as the head of the state executive committee.

Hon. T. Asbury Wright was chosen temporary chairman of the convention. It was announced that Nathan W. Hale, congressman from the second district, would be the permanent chairman, this being a part of the compromise program. Hale was the Evans candidate but when control of the committee was assured to Brownlow the Brownlow men decided to make it unanimous.

The convention then adjourned to await the report of the committee on credentials.

The nomination for governor probably will be made tonight.

The Cat Jumps.

Nashville, Tenn., July 12.—I. p. m. By swinging his forces from Brownlow to Evans, Congressman Hale this afternoon gave over the control of the state republican organization to Mr. Evans (thus taking from Mr. Brownlow the control of the state organization which he has held for so long).

EVIDENCE CLOSED IN HARGIS CASE.

(By the Associated Press.)
Bentleyville, Ky., July 12.—Former Judge James Hargis, who, with former Sheriff Edward Callahan is on trial here, charged with the murder of Attorney James B. Marcum, made an emphatic denial today of reports that he (Hargis) would resign from the democratic state central committee.

When the case was resumed today, O. M. Wesson, a newspaper man, testified that Curtis Jett shortly before going on the stand had told the witness that Judge Hargis and B. Fulton French had procured him (Jett) to kill Marcum. This closed the testimony. Mr. Riddle opened the argument for the defense.

STILL AFTER THE TOBACCO TRUST.

(By the Associated Press.)
Nashville, Tenn., July 12.—The federal grand jury is still investigating the alleged tobacco trust. Many witnesses have been examined and the investigation is expected to continue for several days. Congressman John W. Gaines of this district, and Congressman South Trimble, of Kentucky, arrived today and will go before the jury. Congressman J. O. Stanley, another Kentucky congressman, telegraphed today that he would be here tomorrow prepared to give evidence.

CONTRACTS FOR BATTLESHIPS.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, July 12.—Secretary Bonaparte today awarded the contracts for the two 16,000 ton battleships South Carolina and Michigan, one to the Cramps, of Philadelphia, and the other to the New York Ship and Engine Company of Camden, N. J.

The Cramps bid was \$3,540,000, and that of the New York Shipbuilding Company \$3,585,000.

The secretary of the navy was obliged to distribute the contract in this way because congress had provided that not more than one ship should be built by any one concern.

INDICTED THE ICE DEALERS

Washington Grand Jury After the Sharks

RESULT OF ICE FAMINE

Manufacturers Charged With Entering Into Conspiracy to Increase Price of Ice—All Competition Destroyed by the Tactics Employed and Prices Increased Correspondingly.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, July 12.—The grand jury of the District of Columbia today returned indictments against the American Ice Company and the Chapin-Sacks Ice Company and their local officers on the charge of entering into a conspiracy to increase the price of ice. At the request of District Attorney Baker Judge Wright immediately issued warrants for the arrest of the indicted officials.

In addition to the two companies named, indictments were returned against Samuel E. Timberly, local manager and agent and George F. Hoover, superintendent of routes of the American Ice Company, and Arthur A. Chapin, president, and Samuel C. Redman, secretary and treasurer of the Chapin-Sacks Company.

The proceeding is under the Sherman anti-trust law, and the indictments charge "a combination and conspiracy in restraint of trade and commerce."

The American Ice Company and (Continued on Page Seven.)

CARRIE NATION AGAIN

The Old Girl Arrested By U. S. Marshal

A Tract Entitled "A Private Talk With Boys" Mailed By Her Held To Be "Improper"—Arrested In Texas And Bailed.

(By the Associated Press.)
Dallas, Tex., July 12.—Mrs. Carrie Nation was arrested at Cleburne yesterday by a deputy United States marshal on a warrant charging her with having mailed the mails. She was brought to Dallas and after appearing before United States Commissioner A. W. May, was released on bond in the sum of \$2,500. The examining trial is set for July 21.

The warrant comes from Guthrie, Okla., and specifies that she deposited in the postoffice a publication containing an improper article headed "A Private Talk to Boys."

ELEVEN HUNDRED MILE AUTO. TOUR

(By the Associated Press.)
Buffalo, N. Y., July 12.—Three score automobiles started from here today on the 1,100-mile tour of the American Automobile Association through northwestern New York, Quebec and the New England states to the White Mountains. They are in competition for a cup donated by Charles J. Glidden of Boston to be awarded for the greatest achievement with the motor car in simple touring and not in racing or fast driving.

The two pilot cars were the first to take the road. They will distribute confetti along the route to guide the tourists.

GRAND JURY ON THE NORRIS CASE.

The grand jury was today examining witnesses in the case of the State against M. T. Norris, in which Mr. Norris is charged with setting fire to a vacant house on the Avenet Ferry road belonging to his wife, in order to get the insurance money. Up to the time of going to press no bill had been returned by the grand jury.

SURPRISE IN HARTJE CASE

Wife Denies Authorship of Damaging Letters

CARVALHO TESTIFIES

Mrs. Hartje Likewise Repudiates Her Former Statement As To Lucie Wagner Epistles—Attorneys Disconcerted And They Ask Court For A Recess.

(By the Associated Press.)
Pittsburg, Pa., July 12.—Mrs. Mary Scott Hartje, who is defending herself against the suit for divorce entered by her husband, Augustus Hartje, the millionaire paper manufacturer, exploded a surprise upon the counsel for her husband when the case was resumed today. Mrs. Hartje went on the stand and as a preliminary to the testimony of David N. Carvalho, the New York handwriting expert, repudiated the testimony she had given last week and denied the authorship of the State Wagner letter. This letter is one of the "standards" in the case and is one of the letters, upon which the experts for Hartje base the assumption that Mrs. Hartje wrote the famous forty letters.

Expert Carvalho who followed Mrs. Hartje on the stand testified that the same hand that wrote the Wagner letter wrote the letter which Edward G. Hartje found in the ash pile in the Hartje barn and also wrote others of the letters.

Apparently the testimony disconcerted the attorneys for Hartje and they secured a hurried adjournment of the case until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The witness was shown a letter addressed to Susie Wagner, a former domestic. When on the stand previously Mrs. Hartje said she had written the letter. Today she denied its authorship.

After an examination of the letter during the week's recess she said she had come to the conclusion that the handwriting was not hers.

Mrs. Hartje's statement caused a commotion and a hurried consultation on the part of the plaintiff's experts as the Wagner letter was one of the standards in the case by which the other letters were to be compared. The repudiation of the letter apparently indicated a new turn in the plan of the defense and the establishment of a new "standard" in handwriting from which the other letters will be gauged by the experts. During the course of the examination the witness was extremely nervous. At the conclusion of the examination David N. Carvalho, the New York handwriting expert, was called to the stand.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

(By the Associated Press.)
New Haven, Conn., July 12.—The final session of the convention of the American Institute of Instruction opened today.

Superintendent Walter H. Small of the public schools of Providence read a paper defining the right of parents, pupils and teachers in the schools.

Superintendent Frank H. Beede of the local public schools spoke on the problem of the incorrigible boy.

Superintendent Beede believed in what is known as corporal punishment in extreme cases.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN W. MACKAY, JR.

(By the Associated Press.)
Berkeley, Calif., July 12.—Wishing to honor the memory of John W. Mackay, Jr., his brother, Clarence H. Mackay and mother have donated \$100,000 to the University of California for the establishment of a professorship of electrical engineering.

The annual income from the money will be applied to the payment of a professor's salary and the expenses and maintenance of the department, the original of the fund to be kept intact in perpetuity.

STEAMER AGROUND; PASSENGERS SAFE.

(By the Associated Press.)
Winona, Minn., July 12.—The steamer Quincy of the Diamond Jo Line of steamers lies grounded near Trempealeau on the Wisconsin side of the river. There was no loss of life, nor was there any fire on the vessel. A few of the passengers were taken to La Crosse last night, but most of them were brought to Winona by a special train on the Burlington Road and transferred here to regular northbound trains this morning and continued on their journey to St. Paul.