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MAY KILL DREYFUS

Primer Not Able to Stand Excitement of Conviction or Acquittal.

THEY MAY PROVE FATAL TO HIM

Incurate Man's Friends Fear that He Will Break Down Under the Ordeal—Estherhazy Says Dreyfus is guilty—Still He is Afraid of His Accusation.

LONDON, Sept. 4.—(New York World telegraph)—Dreyfus, excitement during Lamotte's deposition was painful witness. He listened with strained anxiety throughout, flushing, paling, shaking himself forward on his chair, better to watch the faces of the judges, holding his head at times at confirmation of points adduced and during confrontations half rising from his chair and dropping it again, battling with a wish to speak and explain, perhaps to proffer once more that wild cry of innocence to which he has accustomed us. When at the end of the session the president gave him leave he threw himself upon questions like a famished dog upon a bone. His voice was almost a snarl, so harsh was it with the intensity of his feeling. The scene of enthusiasm among the partisans of Dreyfus after Lamotte's evidence was wonderful, the first of its kind since the beginning of the trial.

"Let them condemn him now if they dare," one excited Dreyfusard was heard to say. The general feeling is now greatly in favor of the chances of acquittal. A verdict must not be expected until Saturday or even Monday, but Du Paty's evidence, which is, I hear, long and extremely sensational, although I cannot vouch for the latter, may give rise to incidents which would delay the trial still further.

Dreyfus' friends are not yet decided what steps they will take for his future safety if acquitted. They have every confidence that the authorities will get him safely out of Rennes. It is yet too soon, they say, to discuss the future, but they anticipate considerable difficulties on the part of the prisoner if they endeavor to dislodge him from remaining in France, as he undoubtedly wishes. He has, however, been at last brought to realize that further sojourn in the army is impossible. He talks quite freely of the vindictive feelings shown by the generals.

"Boisdefre has never looked me in the face," he remarked the other day. His health continues to be the cause of the greatest anxiety. Yesterday with his face flushed to an unhealthy pink and shining with perspiration, he looked like a man sustained only by excitement with a very short time to live after that excitement ceases. I believe a verdict of either condemnation or acquittal will prove his death warrant and his friends, though they don't say so, fear the same.

Estherhazy, being asked by a reporter of the Sunday Special after reading the evidence given at Rennes if he still deems Dreyfus guilty, answered:

"Yes, guilty—most decidedly so. And yet I'm afraid the court-martial is going to acquit him. It looks very much like it just at present, at any rate."

The interviewer asked what in that case would happen to Mercier.

"Oh," replied Estherhazy, "Mercier certainly will be condemned for this miserable traitor of a Jew, and that will only be the beginning of the deluge. Mark my words, the nemesis of Dreyfus will be only the beginning of trouble in France."

"Why, then," he was asked, "don't you know the truth about everything go over to Rennes and help set things right?"

"No," said Estherhazy, with a sneer, "I am much better over here."

YELLOW FEVER UNDER CONTROL

Surgeon General Receives Flattering Reports From Soldiers' Home.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 4.—Officials of the Marine hospital service are working in harmonious co-operation with the state officials of Florida in dealing with the yellow fever outbreak at Key West. Dr. Porter, the health officer of the state, has reported his arrival in Key West. Much information as has been received by Dr. Wyman, the surgeon general, shows that there are a number of cases of fever there, but mild in two.

Dr. Wyman today received from Key West a list of persons who have left that city recently, together with the date and manner of their departure and their destination.

Dr. Wyman says that while there is no occasion for alarm concerning these people ordinary precautions would require that they be kept under observation for ten days, and if ever of any kind should ensue they should be isolated until its nature is positively determined.

Trust Boys From Farmers.

MADISON, Wis., Sept. 4.—The American Tobacco company will hereafter buy leaf tobacco direct from Wisconsin farmers. The trust will erect a mammoth depot in Madison for sorting and storing its purchase.

This move, it is expected, will drive many smildesters out of the field. Recently leaf tobacco from Joliet, which transaction impressed it with the advantage of having agents buying direct from the farmer, thereby making a big saving.

Schurman and Bay Counter.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—President Truman, of the Philippine commission, was in conference for several hours today with Secretary Bay, going over matters in connection with the work of that body. This evening the secretary and Mr. Schurman were guests at dinner at the White House, at which ex-Mayor Strong of New York and his son were also present. Mr. Schurman expects to remain in the city for a short time, as he desires to have a conference with Secretary Root when the latter returns to the city.

KANSAS SAIL FOR HOME.

sunflower Regiment Embarks from Manilla on the Transport Tatar.

MANILA, Sept. 4.—10 p. m.—Late this afternoon the Kansas regiment embarked on big barges in the river and were towed to the transport Tatar, the Kansas regiment flag flying and the soldiers cheering. The Tatar sailed this evening.

Many Spanish prisoners are escaping from the Filipinos and bringing into the American lines stories of hard treatment. They agree that the Filipinos are exceedingly short of rations and that a large section of their troops is reduced to the use of home-made black powder.

The natives are trying every scheme to get food and munitions from Manila. Daily arrests are made for attempts to smuggle contraband of war through the American lines. In one case a wagon with a cargo of bambous poles was overhauled and the poles were found full of rice.

The insurgents have a wholesome respect for the British on account of several threats of British war ships to bombard their towns unless the rights of British subjects are respected. Two British vessels, the Lancastrian and the Nero, were driven by stress of weather into the harbor of Dagupan, the northern terminus of the Dagupan railway. The crews were imprisoned, but on their protesting that they were British subjects the insurgent authorities permitted one man, Edwards, to come to Manila, promising to release the crew of the Lancastrian if Edwards secured from the British consulate a statement as to the nationality of the vessel. A similar concession was made to the Nero.

Edwards says he saw several American prisoners who were better fed than the Spaniards of the Filipino officers.

A force of native police has been formed to patrol the city of Manila, co-operating with the provost guard, whose lack of knowledge of the language and the resorts of native criminals has given an opportunity for burglary, an industry which has been flourishing of late. The new force includes many members of the old force and some insurgents who had grown tired of fighting. It has already done much good work in running down native criminals.

The American secret service recently found a Filipino spy at Calamba. He is supposed to have been the man who stole four guns belonging to the Washington regiment. He offered desperate resistance to the soldier who was sent to capture him, and tried to run away with two revolver shots in his head. Finally he was brought down with a rifle bullet in his hip. He died after jumping from the stretcher and trying to run.

IOWA BOYS START HOME SOON.

War Department Receives Two Dispatches from Gen. Otis.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—The War department today received two dispatches from Manila. The first reads:

"MANILA, Sept. 4.—Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.: Railway to Angeles completed in four days. Insurgents north opened on place this morning with shrapnel, which failed to explode; no casualties. Kansas and Washingtons being loaded on transports. Two battalions of the Nineteenth infantry relieve the Tennesseans at Hollo and Cebu. Latter, with Iowa, the only remaining volunteer regiments, sail soon." OTIS."

At the War department it is said that with the leaving of the Tennessee and Iowa regiments all the volunteers will have left the Philippines, also all the men of the regular army discharged under general order No. 49.

Irwin Sends Plague Report.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 4.—Marine Hospital Surgeon Irwin, sent to Lisbon and Oporto to investigate the plague outbreak, cables today that he had mailed a report. His cablegram conveys no information regarding the plague and it is inferred that possibly the situation is not as serious as has been thought, though there may be other reasons for the omission.

Memory of Henry George.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—The sixtieth anniversary of the birthday of Henry George was celebrated this afternoon at the Grand Central palace under the auspices of the Manhattan Single Tax club. About 1,000 persons were present, including a number of labor organizations. Messages of approval and encouragement were received and read from the single taxers of Buffalo, who, it was announced, were holding a similar anniversary meeting.

Admiral Watson Ill.

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 4.—A letter received here from an officer with Admiral Watson at Manila, dated July 26, says that the admiral is still very ill, no improvement in his condition having been shown since the 11th, the date of the accident which threatened to destroy his launch and to which attack is attributed. It is understood he will be at once relieved.

Secretary Gage Coming West.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 4.—The secretary of the treasury and Mrs. Gage will leave Washington about September 10 for a visit to Chicago and other western cities. The secretary will remain until after the October festivities in the Lake City, while Mrs. Gage is planning to prolong her sojourn until the late autumn.

To Lease Ute Lands.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Instructions have been prepared authorizing the agent in charge of the Ute Indian reservation in Utah to advertise for bids for leasing the surplus lands, in whole or in part, for a period of five years, beginning April 1 next.

Huts a Bit Since War Began.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Sept. 4.—Lieutenant E. H. Hawkins of Company B, First South Dakota, arrived home today and was met at the depot by the band, the Union Veterans' union, the Grand Army of the Republic posts and a large crowd of citizens.

THIS STATE IN BRIEF

Looks Like Murder.

HARTING, Neb., Sept. 5.—The unknown woman who registered at the French hotel as Mrs. W. F. Lee and who died of poison in the hotel at Hastings August 8, has been identified as Miss Laura Lee French of Burlington, Ia., and it is stated an assured fact that the girl did not commit suicide but was murdered. The police have been working night and day on the case ever since the mysterious woman died, but it was not until last week that they were rewarded by having all doubts cast aside as to the identity of the dead woman, for a brother-in-law of the deceased, in company with another relative, came to Hastings and after convincing the authorities of the identity of the girl and their relation to her, the remains were taken up from the potter's field and shipped Friday night to Burlington to the property.

Found Dead in a Buggy.

TARHURST, Neb., Sept. 5.—Al Lightbody, a young farmer living a few miles from the city, was found dead in his buggy. He was at a neighbor's previous evening, leaving there about 8 o'clock and at 6 o'clock next morning his horse returned to the same place and stopped near the house. Lightbody was leaning back in the buggy with his shirt front covered with blood and had evidently been dead for several hours. He had been paying attention for some time to a young woman, who was visiting at the house where he called, but they had quarreled for some cause or other and his visit was to effect a reconciliation, but the girl refused to renew her former relations.

Death of a Pioneer.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Sept. 5.—The aged widow of Robert Nicholson, commonly known throughout the western part of Platte county as "Aunt Lucy," died very suddenly at her home in the Wattsburg neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson were among the earliest pioneers of this county, locating their homestead on the same section where she died over forty years ago. Mrs. Nicholson was almost 80 years of age and her husband preceded her a number of years ago.

Body Found by Boys.

HARVARD, Neb., Sept. 5.—A telegram was received from a Justice of the peace at Agra, Kan., stating that J. N. Rowe of this city had been found dead by the roadside, where he had camped the night before. The A. O. U. W. Lodge, of which he was a member, took the matter up and ordered the body shipped here. Mr. Rowe was general agent of the Seminole Indian Medicine company of Boone, Ia., and traveled extensively with a team and wagon.

Mortgages in Nebraska.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 5.—The mortgage statistics of the state are given in reports from county offices have been compiled by the clerks in the office of the deputy commissioner of labor and this showing of the first six months of 1899 is given:

The total number of farm mortgages filed during the period covered was 10,314, and the amount \$11,843,922.14. The number of farm mortgages satisfied was 14,125, amounting to \$14,656,833. The number of city and town mortgages filed was 3,380, amounting to \$2,856,125.24. The town and city mortgages satisfied were 3,989, amounting to \$5,091,295.44. The number of chattel mortgages filed were 45,322, amounting to \$17,523,533.12, and the chattel mortgages satisfied were 24,396, amounting to \$11,658,376.59.

Gage County Refunding.

BEATRICE, Neb., Sept. 5.—The county board of supervisors met in special session to consider the court house bond refunding matter. There has been considerable opposition to the plan which was first proposed, which was to refund the \$94,000 of bonds and make them payable only after twenty years, but State Treasurer Reserve has come forward with a proposition which will probably not meet with any opposition. He proposes to take the bonds at 3½ per cent interest and make the payment of the same optional with the county after a short term of years. This will enable the county to pay off the bonds more rapidly than under the first plan proposed and do away with the necessity of a large sinking fund.

Locates a Missing Wife.

HASTINGS, Neb., Sept. 5.—Papers in a divorce suit were filed in district court by M. A. Hartigan, attorney for the plaintiff, the case being Fitzgerald vs. Fitzgerald. The plaintiff, William A. Fitzgerald, has finally succeeded in locating his wife, who he says deserted him this summer to travel around the country, it is charged with a doctor named Rea, who spent several weeks in Hastings. The defendant was formerly a Miss Ida Cook and worked in the Fitzgerald family at the time of the first Mrs. Fitzgerald's death. She was married to Mr. Fitzgerald soon after this occurrence. Adultery is the ground upon which the action is brought.

New Crop in Northwest Nebraska.

GOREEN, Neb., Sept. 5.—Raising onions in large quantities for market in the northwest Nebraska is a new venture made this season by Arthur Weir, a young printer, who left Chadron and went down to Gordon and rented a patch of fifteen acres of bottom land that is under the irrigation ditch and well tilled. Mr. Weir then put in all the onions and hired a horde of the town boys to spend a month weeding onions, swimming and fishing. That army of boys made the crop. It is a new industry here that many farmers next year will follow. Weir has made a few thousand dollars and the cash is in sight.

Stockham Greets the Soldiers.

STOCKHAM, Neb., Sept. 5.—The spirit of patriotism in Stockham manifested itself in the reception given the returning soldiers of the "Fighting First." All the good things the country affords were loaded on a long table and all were invited to participate. There was music by two bands and speaking by C. C. Chambers of the Stockham Standard, and Representative Grosvenor and A. Lewis, an old soldier of '61.

Changes in Teachers.

CREIGHTON, Neb., Sept. 5.—The enterprising merchants of Creighton decorated their places of business with countless numbers of flags and yards of bunting to honor the return of Private Albert Gilbert of the First Nebraska regiment. An hour before train time the entire population, together with country folks, assembled at the depot to welcome the young soldiers home and amid the ringing of bells, the firing of cannon and beating of drums the hero was escorted to his home.

Hero Escorted Home.

Nebraska at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—Landon and Paul D. Whelton of the First Nebraska, accompanied by State Senator Hallie, visited the war department and was warmly complimented by Acting Secretary Meekins John upon his gallant record in the Philippines. This is Lieutenant Whelton's first visit to the east and he is much interested in what he has seen. He will return to Nebraska in time to participate in the reception tendered his regiment at Lincoln on the 12th inst.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Taylor today decided to purchase the lot at the corner of Walker avenue and Lincoln streets as a site for the new public building at Blair, Neb. The cost is \$25,000. The lot is 100x144 feet and was offered by E. C. Chester and others. The formal letter of acceptance will be written in a few days and at the same time the attorney general will be requested to secure title to the property.

Capt. Zetenger Returns.

DAVID CITY, Neb., Sept. 5.—Captain J. F. Zetenger, late commander of Company E of the "fighting First," returned here. A message from the captain to his brother Dick, stating he would be at home spread over the city and at 6 o'clock, the time the train was due to leave Lincoln, the station at the homecoming of the soldiers was repeated. From that time until the train pulled in everything was in uproar and fully 2,500 people were at the depot to welcome the old soldiers.

Body Taken to Burlington.

HASTINGS, Neb., Sept. 6.—There were no new developments Monday in the Laura Lee French supposed suicide case, the officers who are working on it not having returned home. The gentlemen who claimed the body were H. L. Graesser of Creighton, Neb., and O. T. Tillhouse of Chicago. The young woman's remains were taken to Burlington for burial beside those of her father.

L. H. Vollmer, a young man who has been working patent right schemes in this section for some time, was arrested on complaint of the bank at Fairfield, Neb., on the charge of obtaining money on bogus checks or drafts. It is also claimed that he has swindled other banks and a number of farmers. The young man's father is a minister of the gospel and is located at Chariton, Ia.

New Prof. of Chemistry.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 6.—Dr. Samuel S. Avery of the State university has been elected to the chair of chemistry of the University of Idaho. Dr. Avery was graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1892. The following year he was elected instructor in the chemistry department in the Beatrice high school. In 1894 he prepared a thesis on the subject "Electrolytic Methods for the Determination of Iron" and received his second collegiate degree from the university. During the two following years he studied in European universities, receiving the degree of doctor of philosophy at Heidelberg. Since that time he has been acting as adjunct professor of chemistry for the Nebraska university. Dr. Avery has carried on an extensive research in organic and analytical chemistry, and a number of his papers have been published in chemical journals.

Violation of Liquor Law.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Sept. 6.—W. J. Brunell of Douglas, in this county, recently filed a complaint in the county court against Thomas W. Short for violating the liquor law by selling beer without a license in that town. A warrant for his arrest was issued by Judge Joyce and Sheriff Brower came from Douglas having in charge Short and seven cases of beer. Short was taken before Judge Joyce and on his motion the case was continued until October 2. His bond for appearance was fixed at \$500 and Captain Logan Engart became his security. The beer is stored in the basement of the court house.

Wayne's New Church.

WAYNE, Neb., Sept. 6.—Six hundred people attended the dedication services of the new First Presbyterian church here held under the auspices of Rev. D. C. Montgomery. Rev. W. G. Craig, D. D., LL. D., of Chicago delivered the dedication sermon. The building just completed at a cost of over \$40,000 is one of the most beautiful structures of northern Nebraska. Its foundation is of red stone, the roof is slate and the edifice is heated by two large furnaces and lighted by electricity and has a seating capacity of 500.

Reception at Seward.

SEWARD, Neb., Sept. 6.—Several thousand people from all the villages and townships in the county assembled here to attend the reception given the heroic sons of this county who were members of the "Fighting First." The boys were the center of attraction, and were surrounded by crowds all day listening to their experiences in the Philippines. The