

JULY 19, 1906

## DREYFUS IS EXONERATED

Courts of France Expunge Conviction of Alfred Dreyfus and Restore Rank in Army

Paris—The court martial verdict of Captain Alfred Dreyfus, by which he was condemned on a charge of betraying army secrets has been annulled by the Cassation court, which reviewed the case.

Dreyfus will re-enter the army and it is reported that his promotion to the rank of major has been decided upon.

An order has been issued that the court's decision be posted in all the French communes, printed in any 100 newspapers which Dreyfus selects.

Alfred Dreyfus was born in Alsace in 1859, and removed to Paris in 1874.

On October 15, 1894, he was arrested on the charge of having sold military secrets to a representative of the German government. It was alleged that a letter conveying this information was found by a servant in the pocket of Colonel Schwarzkoppen, German military attache in Paris, and delivered to Colonel Henry, of the intelligence department of the war office. Major du Paty de Clam made the investigation that resulted in Dreyfus' arrest.

In December, 1894, Dreyfus was tried secretly, and it was afterwards proved, most irregularly, by court-martial. He was found guilty, sentenced to public degradation and to solitary confinement for life at Devil's

island, off the coast of French Guiana.

In March, 1895, he was transported to Devil's island. He was for two months chained to his pallet.

In May, 1896, a letter stolen from Colonel Schwarzkoppen, was brought to the war office. It bore the signature of Major Esterhazy, an officer of doubtful reputation on the French general staff, and the handwriting was found to be similar to that of the Dreyfus letter.

Two years of tremendous agitation followed, the friends of Dreyfus striving to bring out the truth and the army officials to suppress it.

In 1898, Colonel Henry of the intelligence department confessed to having forged a secret document which pointed to Dreyfus' guilt, and committed suicide.

Major Esterhazy was tried by court-martial and convicted, but escaped and made his way to England. There he confessed that he had written the letter to Colonel Schwarzkoppen which had resulted in the conviction of Dreyfus.

In June, 1899, the court of appeals ordered that Dreyfus be given a new trial by court-martial.

In August, 1899, after more than four years of torture on Devil's island, Dreyfus was again given a military trial, found guilty with extenuating circumstances, and sentenced to serve ten years, from which his previous confinement was to be deducted.

On September 19, 1899, he was pardoned by President Loubet.

At the suggestion of the chamber of deputies, the army commission today approved the promotion of Dreyfus to be a major. Picquart was promoted to be a brigadier general. A further honor is proposed for Dreyfus in his election to the Legion of Honor.

### COMING TO UNITED STATES

Birmingham, England, Manufacturers to Change Locations

Birmingham—Speaking here today Walter Chamberlain, brother of Joseph Chamberlain, said that as the result of the election postponement of fiscal reform, the Messrs. Avery had decided to erect a factory in the United States in order the better to compete with American manufacturers of scales and weighing machines.

### Find Many Adulterated

Concord, N. H.—The report of the state board of health of examination of food products, made public today, says that of 408 samples analyzed 186 were found adulterated, misbranded or below the standard. These samples, most of which came from other states, include canned meats, milk products, jellies and preserves, catsup and other articles.

### May Send Son to America

Berlin—The Neue Militarische Politische correspondent has published the report that Emperor William probably will send his fourth son, August William, (born in 1887) to an American university after the young prince has finished his course of study at the German university.

### Lipton Postpones Visit

Milwaukee, Wis.—In response to an invitation to visit Milwaukee this summer Sir Thomas Lipton has cabled Mayor Becker that the proposed journey from England has been given up for the present. Sir Thomas said he hoped to come later.

### Nominated for Congress

Scranton, Pa.—Thomas D. Nicholls, president of district No. 1, United Mine Workers of America, was nominated for congress from the Eleventh district by the Lackawanna county democratic convention.

### Oil King Will Keep Away

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seller, according to his physicians' statement, will not spend the summer at his home here, as is customary.

### Iowa a Refuge From Oppression

Des Moines, Ia.—Iowa may well be called a cradle in which the offspring of religious revolutions in many European countries were nourished to life and prosperity or soothed to peaceful death.

When oppression of the established church weighed heavily upon reformers in France, Germany and Holland, the new world was sought as refuge and the fertile valley between the Mississippi and Missouri river offered hope of sustenance and freedom of thought. Within six years, from 1842 to 1848, men and women speaking the languages of many nations, bearing the faith of many religions in their hearts and having hope of prosperity through as many social plans, made their home in that territory yet to become prosperous Iowa.

Followers of Etienne Cabet left France in 1848 for Iowa to form a communistic society, which was later to die at Corning, Adams county.

A body of Dutch, to get religious freedom, left Holland for Iowa in 1847, and settled in Pella, where they yet live.

In 1846 there was located in John-laid out by 600 Germans who had come to America to avoid religious persecution, and their society exists as a successful communistic organization to this day, increased in wealth and numbers.

In 146 there was located in Johnson county a body of Amish who came as refugees from religious persecution in Holland.

The Mormons, driven from Navoo, Ill., started westward on their Utah pilgrimage in 1847, and while one son of the martyr Smith led on a majority to the western state, another son, Joseph Smith stopped in Iowa and formed a church, which has since had Lamoin as its headquarters.

The Icarian community, a commu-

nistic society, is the only one which died, the others have lived and have had their influence upon the upbuilding of the state. The Amish in Johnson county are co-operative, but not communistic. In Pella they live with old Dutch customs and have supplied the state with some of its most stalwart citizens.

### Bishop Was "Not Guilty"

Upon one of his tours, Bishop Potter spent a few days at the home of a prominent churchman. The latter's wife took particular pains in making the bishop's room worthy of the guest, and among other things intended for his comfort put a fine silver toilet set on the bureau. The bishop however, preferred his own, and transferred the set to a drawer. The consequence was that when the hostess went to the bishop's room after his departure, the silver set was missing. She worried for several days, then finally summoned up courage to write a very apologetic letter to the bishop, asking if by any chance he had found any of the articles among his luggage. There was an immediate and characteristic reply. The telegram read as follows:

"Poor, but honest. Look in the wash stand drawer."—Human Life.

### A Smart Scholar

Recently while on a tour of inspection through the East Side schools of New York City, the visiting inspector asked a pupil to give him a sentence containing the word judicious, and was amused to receive this reply: "I like onions, garlic and all other Jew dishes."—Human Life.

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