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Captain Dreyfu .

Sunlight Follows the Gloom of Plot

and Persecution and the An-

guish of Injustice Extend-

ing Over Ten Years.

at the end.

seen. Right is to triumph.

ligent officer. He was entirely happy in

Beginning of the Plot.

clear, from the context that the traitor

must be a member of the general staff and

handwriting of the various officers, and

these were compared with the letter, and

it was decided that Dreyfus was the man-

The letter was the famous bordereau, and

Without news indicating that you wish a see me, I am bending you, nevertheless, it. some interesting information:

1. A note on the hydraulic break of the 129 and on the way in which this piece

A note on the modification in artil-

may be translated as follows:

LUCIDUM LENS

TRULY A CELEBRATED CASE | field artillery, March 14, 1894. This last document is extremely difficult to procure, and I can only have it at my disposal for a very few days. The minister of war has sent a limited number of copies of war has sent a limited number of copies to the several corps, and these corps are responsible for it; cach officer is to send his copy back after the maneuvers. If, therefore, you will take from it what interests you and hold it afterward at my disposal, I will take it, unless you should desire that I should have it copied in extenso and then send you the copy. I am about to go to the maneuvers. Summary of the Trinis and T ibulations of INSPIRING SIDE OF A TRAGIC STORY

Condemned and Degraded.

The inquiry was committed to Major du Paty de Clam, and on October 15 he caused Dreyfus to be brought before him, and ordered him to write from dictation a letter containing phrases used in the bordereau. It was said that after writing a little Drey Alfred Dreyfus is only an individual, but in his sufferings-unusually intense as they fus turned pale and that his hand tremhave been, very widely known, and bled. He was immediately arrested and secretly imprisoned, without the possibility heroically borne-there have come to be epitomized and typified the sufferings of all of communication with anyone. He lay thus secretly in prison until the 5th of Dewho have to endure injustice. The story been one of extraordinary dramatic cember, but every day efforts were futilly made to induce him to confess. Meanwhile quality, so that those who have followed the news of his arrest had leaked out. On it ave felt as if they were living in a play December 19 trial by court-martial was beor a book; but a higher and stronger apgun behind closed doors. Dreyfus was peal than this to popular sympathy has found guilty and sentenced to solitary conlain in the apparent concentration in one finement for life and to degradation from man's sufferings of all the anguish that

his rank. The case seemed hopelesa, injustice brings; in one man's courage of The sentence began to be executed on the all the indomitableness of a spirit that can-5th of the following January (1895). In the not be crushed; in a woman's boundless presence of a large body of troops and the love and tireless faith, of all the loyalty of correspondents of the press of the world the ideal of wifehood, and in the fearless the various decorations of his uniform were devotion of friends of all the claims of tern off one by one-the buttons from his honor. This has been the inspiring side tunic, the numbers from his coliar, the of the tragic story that has thrilled the stripes from his trousers, etc. His sword world; these have been the elements that, was broken and the scabbard was thrown through all the slow unfolding of the years. to the ground, and in this humiliating state have gripped at the hearts of men and he was marched before the men of his combade them believe that right must triumph mand. He went through the ordeal with dignity and firmness, and publicly pro-And now the denouement seems very claimed that he was innocent. In March, near. The end of the story can be guessed; just ten years ago, he was on his way to the last unfolding of the plot can be forethe He du Diable, off the coast of Gulana.

No one who has read Dreyfus' own story In 1894 there was attached to the general of his life on this island needs to be restaff of the French army a young captain minded of its horrors. To great physical of artillery named Alfred Dreyfus. He was misery there was added the severest mental 35 years old, was happily married, and his sufferings. No refinement of torment that loyalty to France had never been questhe ingenuity of man could invent was oned. He was a Jew, and had come up lacking, and all the time there was, the to Paris from Alsace, where his family prisoner says, the consciousness of his inwas of some account. He was not popular ocence, of the injustice and needlessness with his comrades, owing to certain peof it all, of a horrible mistake that he could cultarities of manner; but he was recognot explain, or of a fearful crime. nized as a notably industrious and intel-

Could be only have known it, great moveprivate life and was in love with his Devil's island for more than a year there were received at the War office some more One day in September a secret agent scraps of torn paper. These also had come brought to Major Henry, a sub-chief of from the German embassy, as if the original dent Loubet "pardoned" the prisoner. the intelligence department of the War traitor were still at work. These scraps office, some turn scraps of paper reputed were pieced together, and they were found to have been taken from the waste basket to contain the name and address of Major of Colonel Schwarzkoppen, the German Esterhazy. It was discovered that the attache in Paris. These were writing of the bordereau was at least as pieced together by Colonel Sandherr, chief much like Esterhazy's as like that of Dreyof the intelligence department of the French fus, and the man was found to be a soldier War office, and were found to be a letter of fortune, whose life was irregular and showing that some traitor in the War ofdissipated. Lieutenant Colonel Picquart fice was revealing secrets of that office to was now the head of the intelligence this German representative. It seemed bureau, and he began a thorough investiga-

The friends of Dreyfus, in the meantime a German. Specimens were secured of the were agitating for a new trial on grounds of technical irregularities in the first one, not knowing how new discoveries were secretly working in their behalf. The agitation became bliter, and at last in the Chamber of Deputies on November 18, 1895, the minister of war heatedly declared that Dreyfus had been justly and legally condemned. That meant that the War office did not propose to have Esterhazy aubstituted for Dreyfus and its own judgment shown to have been hasty. Picquart was sent off to the frontier of Tripoli to put him out of the way,

In October, 1807, after the passing of an-

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other year, a facsimile of the bordereau RAVAGED BY GREAT FIRES who had had many business dealings with Esterhazy. He at once declared the writing to be Esterhazy's, and, the news coming to Dreyfus' brother, the latter published an open letter flatly accusing Esterhazy of being the author of the bordereau. This was the public's first knowledge that any one else than Dreyfus could be definitely suspected, and the agitation for a new trial took on new hope. All of France was soon swept into the discussion, taking one side

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or the other. There were even anti-Semitic riots, so strong was the feeling. It became necessary to try Esterhazy and in January, 1898, there was a courtmartial. Esterhazy was acquitted, and on the same day Picquart was arrested and

sent to prison. Two days later Zola published his famous letter, "J'accuse," in which he attacked those who had been active against Dreyfus. Zola was tried and found guilty of lalse accusations, and was obliged to flee the

country. It appeared that the Drevfusards were beaten at every point, but the excitement was still intense throughout the whole country. In July the new minister of war, referring to the case in the Chamber of Deputies, told of three documents, not known before to the public, which made it certain that Dreyfus was the guilty one. there was a great scene, and by a vote of To 2 it was ordered that his communes of France. This, it was thought, would quiet the excitement by proving to were irrelevant and that the third was a

Resentenced and Pardoned. This led to a reorganization of the gentime that he had already served was to be stantial than before. deducted, and the court united in a recommendation to mercy. In September Presi-

"pardon," while remitting further punishment, did not restore the prisoner's honor. Neither Dreyfus nor his friends could be satisfied. There even came a letter from Esterhazy, who had now been but was he who had written the bordereau. So. the agitation for another trial dragged he those which Drevfus and his friends had made. The court of cassation again ornew trial, and the outcome of it-Philadelphia Ledger.

Building Permits.

Permits to build have been issued to E Harrigan for a \$1,500 frame dwelling and Castellar streets, to A Jacobberyer for a \$1,000 frame dwelling a

Man's Ingenuity Frequently Overwheimed ty the Devouring Elements.

LESSONS OF THE BALTIMORE DISASTER

Famous Fires of the Past Century at Home and Abroad-Greater Cities Have Arisen-Fireproof

be swept away by fire was past, owing to modern improvements in building and to course, is the Chicago fire of 1871 with its loss of \$190,000,000; the Boston fire of 1872, sustaining a loss of \$80,000,000; the Hamburg (Germany) fire of 1842, a loss of \$35,000,000 the Aldersgate street (London, England) fire of 1899, a loss of \$10,000.000; the "great New York" fire of 1835, a loss of \$30,000,000; the Bleecker street (New York) fire of 1891. a loss of \$7,000,000. During the seventeenth should be posted on the walls of all the and eighteenth centuries the European cities suffered devastating conflagrations, which differed from those of the present every one the guilt of Dreyfus. Two days day in one respect. During these cenlater it was shown by Picquart, who had turies the cities of northern Europe conbeen liberated, that two of the documents sisted of nothing more than a vast colforgery. On August 39 Colonel Henry ad. wattle and daub, grouped about a few magnificent buildings. Such was the Lonmitted having made the forgery and comdon of Queen Elizabeth's day. The great fire in London of 1666, while it destroyed the greater part of that city, reesulted in a loss much less that that of the Baltieral staff. Major Esterhazy and Colonel more fire. It destroyed the miserable du Paty de Clam, who had been most ac- huts, but spared the Tower, Westminster tive against Dreyfus, were retired. The and other notable buildings. Such also court of cassation, the highest court, or- was preity much the case with Moscow, dered a new trial by court-martial in June, when Napoleon arrived there. The Krem-1839. Dreyfus was brought back to France lin and several of the grand cathedrals attend it. He was ably defended by were very fine buildings, to be sure, but Labori, the lawyer who had defended Zola, the greater portion of the city consisted but the result of the trial was that he was of log cabins. In fact, from about the again declared to be guilty. It was stated, middle of the seventeenth century down however, that there were "extenuating cir- to 1875 nearly every one of the great Euroments were in progress in France in his cumstances;" the seatence was cut down to pean capitals suffered from fire, and, as behalf. When he had lain in prison on ten years' imprisonment, from which the a result, arose from their ashes more sub-

One City's Primitiveness.

Today there is only one city left in Europe which remains just as it stood prior to 1909, and that is Constantinople. If anyone should desire to know what Moscow were like, both as regards agement whatever, what few he sold hardly idings and fire protection, prior to the paying him for the time and energy wasted dismissed from the army, asserting that it beginning of the eighteenth century, all in their invention. he need do is to visit Constantinople. There along. Dreyfus petitioned the minister of volunteer fire companies, with their handwar to make further investigation, and this power engines, the old-fashioned watch official has done so, and has added, on his towers all over the city, the vast area own account, some hopeful discoveries to of wooden hovels, with a few magnificent mosques, just as they were in London in the days of good Queen Bess. Mr. Cur tis, in his work entitled, "The Turk and the full restoration at last of the honor of His Lost Provinces," describes a fire which Dreyfus-is not to be doubted. It will be a he once attended in Constantinople, the wonderful final triumph for truth; the mar- alarm of which was given by one of the velous denouement of a terrible drama .- watchmen in one of the wooden towers. the nearest company responding, accompanied by a great rabble.

When they arrived at the scene building (a store) was in flames, and several more were being threatened. The proprieters of the shops adjoining were frantic to have the firemen begin operations; Twenty-seventh and Meredith avenue, and at once, but they could not at first agree terial piled up against the "skyscrapers" to A. W. Carlson, agent, for S.300 worth of repairs to brick flats, standing from 2013 to 1633 Half Howard street.

There were 11,075 letters and packages sent to 1633 Half Howard street. tain sum for the good of their organize- tack the higher buildings in their most to fictitious addresses, this was a decrease Scientific American.

the price of fire protection, the fi rapidly encroached on the very property they were so anxious to save, so finally, in desperation, the merchants agreed upon the amount, which was forthwith collected on the spot by the captain of the company before a hand was turned toward checking the flames. Then the firemen set to

work and put out the fire.

Fires are productive of some curious results. Just after the Iroquois theater fire in Chicago a writer in one of the castern papers called attention to the fact that it was quite possible to render the scenery Generally it has been supposed that the of a theater completely fireproof. He day when whole sections of a town could quoted proofs, showing that over thirty years ago, after a serious theater fire in one of the eastern cities, one of the best methods of fire extinction. But the re- known theatrical managers of that period cent catastrophe at Baltimore destroys and the scenery, as well as the stage floors faith in such a belief. Of the serious con- | of his playhouse, treated with certain cheap flagrations of the past century, relates the chemicals. When this was done a stream Washington Post, first to be mentioned, of of burning gas was directed against both scenery and floor, the result being that while the parts on which the flame was directed crumbled and fell to pieces, it did not burn, nor did the crumbling extend further than the parts affected by the intense heat of the burning gas. About twenty years ago another serious fire destroyed the greater portion of the business section of a large manufacturing city on the western slope of the Appalachians. It started in the basement of a large department store and before the saleswomen and clerks could leave the building the flames had reached the upper floors and several persons were cut off from the stairs. As a relection of squalid huts of logs, rushes, suit they were finally driven by heat and smoke out of the windows and lost their lives jumping to the pavement below. Immediately following this an inventive genius set his wits to work and invented a most ingenious contrivance for leaving a burning building. It consisted of nothing more than a long and stout rope run through peculiar check pulley. All that one had to do to escape from a burning building was simply to make one end of this arrange- the report of which the government binds ment fast to something in the room, attach the proper end about his waist and cast himself out of the window. For the first of the kind that the social student or six or eight feet his descent would be quite historian of civilization might find valurapid, but the farther he descended the able. The number of pieces of mail matslower his speed, the check pulley operating in such fashion as to arrest a rapid to the end. Several persons, the inventor included, descended by this means from the tops of tall buildings in perfect safety. and the safety and utility of the device was publicly demonstrated in several places. But by the time he set out to sell these contrivances people had forgotten London or Edinburgh. Paris. Amsterdam, about the fire and he received no encour-

Steel Structures Tested. The Baltimore disaster has for the first time made a practical demonstration of the There was an increase of nearly 7 per resisting power of the modern so-called fireproof building in case of an extensive conflagration. Under ordinary circumstances and where they were not exposed to attack from without the steel "skyscrapers" have justified the claim of being an increase of 20 per cent, and is unprecefireproof, but it needed just such a con flagration as that in Baltimore to make a final test. It cannot be asserted that the test in this case was not a complete one. There were only about a dozen "fireproof" buildings in the burned district, and these were surrounded on all sides by old style three and four-story buildings, some of them near a century old, which constituted in reality just so much inflammable ma-

tion, which the merchants regarded as vulnerable spots, for the higher the spot from the year before of nearly 40,000, but extortionate. While they wrangled over the fiercer the draft and the more intense in that year there had been from translent s the heat.

Decorated Cuspidors,

These being the conditions, what is the result of the test? Two experts, Mr. Star- 45,000. rett of New York, head of a company which builds "skyscrapers," who went to Baltimore expressly to study the question, and the head of a firm which takes such contracts, who has looked the ground over, have reported and their reports confirm each other. They state in substance that the steel frames stood the test well and that practically no harm was done a steel structure where it was adequately protected by bricks, cement or "hollow blocks. They further agree that of all building materials brick is the most satisfactory, and of all firepreofing material, concrete. The two experts also are agreed that in this fire marble and plaster crumbled into lime, ornamental iron and bronze work melted down or buckled, all piping for plumbing and heating purposes was melted, likewise all glass. Stone was badly chipped and cracked and terra cotta facing fairly disintograted. As to wood in the "aky scrapers," every splinter was consumed. Even the wooden strips in the cement floors were burned, leaving the grooves were separated from letters in the mail and bare in which they had been laid. This is absolutely condemnatory of wood in a "sky-

The gist of these reports from the pratical point of view is that a steel skeleton incased in "hellow block" bricks, with a thick, plain, strong brick facing, with metal window frames and doors, cement office pertaining to the treatment of mail casings and floors, and metal or fireproof furniture, absolutely no wood, is virtually a fireproof building.

DEAD LETTER OFFICE SECRETS Figures of a People's Carclesaness Present an Interesting Social

Study.

The somewhat melodramatic if not grewsome sound in the title dead letter office, in a pink cover (nearly red), seems appropriate to the matter; this is information ter of all kinds that came to the dead letter office in the last riscal year was descent on the part of the person attached 10,153,528; this was an increase of 81/2 per cent over the previous year. While the per cent of increase necessarily diminishes each year, the superintendent says a comparison of the reports for a series of years shows a heavy and continuous increase aged by the British government, which has each year; that is, we are getting more careless instead of less so. About seven tenths of the total was ordinary unclaimed sided over by and under the direct control letters, which shows an increase of 2 per of English officials residing at Patna and cent over the previous year.

countries increased 160 per cent; letters with a return address increased slightly. cent in the number of letters and parcels held for postage. Misdirected letters-and here is one of the strongest arraignments of our intelligence-numbered 691,977 (this did not include postal cards), which was dented. And who would think that in the course of the year 88,356 persons had been so absent minded as to mail matter with no address at all (and among it letters with money, jeweis, etc.17 But so it was last year. In round numbers about 100 letters a day last year were posted without addresser

Letters sent to hotels and failing of de-

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Drug Specials for

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Soap

causes (what, the superintendent does not say) a phenomenal increase of more than

About the same amount of money went astray as in previous years-\$48,634.04. It came in 51,416 letters. Besides this, there was \$1,493,563.65 in drafts, money orders, checks, etc. There were deeds, wills, pension certificates, insurance policies and such hings that found their way to the dead letter office. Nearly 3,000,000 pieces of matter were held awaiting delivery, or filed because they could not be delivered, and this was an increase of about 175,000. The great amount of this matter is due to the failure of the writers to give their name and address and the sending of advertising and, printed matter under seal (which must be destroyed); also, because a large per cent of the parcels do not contain merchandise, but "catalogues and the like, medicines and perishable articles, which must be destroyed."

Among other things that went to this postoffice graveyard were 80,639 photographs and 249,255 pieces of matter in which were postage stamps-an increase of nearly 19 per ent. Here is another curious thing: There found loose in the mail and in postoffices \$5,821.90 worth of stamps that could not be returned. If it is any consolution to those of us that have waited for "the letter that never came," it is to be noted that the superintendent says that about 7,500 manuscript communications were received by the matter. As a matter of mail, it might be suggested that perhaps if the male did better the mail would go straighter.-Indianapolis News.

EXTENT OF OPIUM INDUSTRY

Cultivation, Manufacture and Consumption of the Drug Increasing Steadily.

Few people have any idea of the vast areas given over wholly to the cultivation of oplum. The consumption and the manufacture of this drug, far from being on the decline, are on the increase to an aimost incredible extent. The greed for gold is far more predominant in the human makeup than is the philanthropic spirit which seeks to elevate mankind, though its purse may suffer in so doing. England more benefit from the cultivation of opium

than all other nations put together. in the district of Bengal alone there are nearly 1,000,000 acres devoted exclusively to the cultivation of the poppy. Its cultivation is legalized and in every way encouran absolute monopoly of this industry in India. The two principal districts are pre-Ghazipur. The Hahar agency embraces an Ordinary letters returned from foreign opium field of about 500,000 acres, and that of Benares is a close second, with 473.530 acres devoted to the cultivation of this

much-talked-of drug. There is a fierce dispute going on just now as to the relative merits or demerits of onlum. Many eminent men in the scientific world openly declare that opium is a blessing. The government experts in the country where it grows go so far us to ear that opium is a biessing instead of ing a curse to the natives. However, the vast majority of mankind will long be of the undivided opinion that opinm is the most all-crushing curse that afflicts man, The enthusiasts, or, the International Anti-Opium society picture the condition of India under the ban opium in the most dreadful manner pos-According to one of these men, att livery numbered \$10,196, and this was a of the 600,000,000 of human beings in Asia are exposed to the cylls of the opium trade There were 11,975 letters and packages sent as legalized by the British government,-