

DREYFUS CASE AGAIN

Resigned His Commission Because of Alleged Discrimination.

OTHERS PUSHED AHEAD OF HIM

Socialists Take Up Matter and May Get Into Parliament.

GEN. PIGUART REFUSES TO ACT

Says the Major and His Friends Can Afford to Wait.

DIVORCES IN FRANCE INCREASE

Records Show Incompatibility of Temper Exists in Majority of Cases—Women Gain Point.

PARIS, Aug. 10.—(Special.)—A letter written by M. de Pressensac, socialist deputy for Lyons, a few days ago and other indications show the reason of Major Dreyfus for resigning his commission is dissatisfaction at his not having been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. When he was reinstated in the army, just twelve months ago, he was raised to the rank of major, and was created a knight of the Legion of Honor, because this was regarded as the exact position that he would hold if his name had been retained all of the time on the active list. It now transpires, however, that his principal subject for discontent lies in the fact that several officers in the artillery who were junior to him are lieutenant colonels, and that all of the efforts which have been made to induce General Piquart, minister of war, to grant him similar promotion have fallen through.

Dreyfus addressed a letter upon the subject that certain officers who were junior to him are now his superiors when but for the trouble he might have retained his seniority to them. General Piquart at first paid no attention to the Dreyfus appeal, but finally declined to entertain the proposition. After this Major Dreyfus sent in his resignation. His friends, most of whom now, by the way, belong to the socialist party, put out by the refusal, intervened to get General Piquart to grant the request of Major Dreyfus, and one of them, not long ago, had an interview with the minister of war, in the course of which he insisted upon the validity of the Dreyfus claim. According to one account he even went so far as to tell General Piquart that he himself had got more than major of the "Dreyfus affair" than had Major Dreyfus, but the minister of war was still not convinced. His attitude in this respect is described as being rather hostile than otherwise.

Socialists Greatly Offended. According to all accounts, the deputy in question, who represents an important socialist district, was not to be daunted by this rebuff, so he returned to the charge, whereupon General Piquart told him flatly that he would never take the initiative in giving this satisfaction to Major Dreyfus. The minister of war said quite frankly that he considered that quite enough had been done for Major Dreyfus, who could well afford to remain quiet, and he declared that to give him a promotion which he did not think he merited would simply add one more to the many difficulties with which the government was beset. This opposition, which was entirely unexpected, has offended the socialist politicians, who worked so hard with General Piquart for the quashing of the judgments of the Rennes and Paris courts-martial, and it is believed that the entire incident may yet be dragged before Parliament.

Increase in Divorces. Some interesting statistics on the subject of divorces in France have been made public. These statistics fully confirm the opinion previously entertained that the evil has been going up steadily in an ascending scale since its first appearance in France a special law in 1844. In that year the total number of divorces amounted to 1673. In 1904, just twenty years afterwards, the number had risen to 14,922. Nineteen hundred and four in the last year of which a record has been obtainable at the Ministry of Justice, an increase of more than a steadily gaining ever since. It is, however, noteworthy that by far the greater proportion of divorces has been granted on the score of cruelty and the like. Thus, those divorces amounted in 1844 to 1,477, and in 1904 to 10,697. In the last named year the divorce grants on the application of husbands for breach of the seventh commandment were 2,304. Those on the petition of wives being 1,907. In 1844 they had been 245 and 97, respectively. Then, whereas in 1844 divorces owing to the condemnation of one of the parties to "an infamous penalty" numbered sixty, in 1904 they had risen to 231. Incompatibility of temper seems to be the cause of most of the divorces. But besides these cases, there are a good many separations, as, of course, the Catholic church does not sanction divorce, so that numbers of people when matrimonial joys are over, prefer to separate in the law rather than divorcing themselves with separation.

Right of a Married Woman. The woman suffrage advocates of France are jubilant over a new conquest. The government has just promulgated the law recently voted by the chamber recognizing the right of a married woman to dispose of her own earnings independently of her husband. The law in France concerning the privilege of the husband as hitherto in vogue dated back to the Roman period, and made the wife in many instances practically the slave. A drunkard or an idler backed by the law was able to compel the wife to hand over to him all she earned. The new law has abolished the most objectionable of these features. It is said that the passage of the act was due in a large measure to the untiring energies of Mme. Jeannette Schmahel and the Dowager Duchess d'Uzes, who, for many years, have been urging more and more the passage of this reform. The recent bill voted before the adjournment of the chambers was introduced thirteen years ago. That reforms move slowly in France, as in other countries, is pretty well demonstrated by the fact that it has required all of that time to bring about the passage of the bill.

World Suppress Insubordination. M. Thomson, minister of marine, has sent a circular to the port admirals which is of considerable significance. It is drawn up with a view to suppressing insubordination in the fleet. Mention is especially made of men whose example is bad for the crews, and whose conduct may be a danger to the security of their ships. Such (Continued on Fifth Page)

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Sunday, August 11, 1907.

Table with columns for 1907 and 1907, and rows for MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT.

THE WEATHER. FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA—Fair in west portion; showers and cooler in east portion.

DOMESTIC. Switchmen of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad may strike, their demand for an increase of 20 per cent in pay being as yet unanswered by the Colorado road.

NEBRASKA. On the order of Superintendent of Public Instruction J. L. McIlreath, teachers of Nebraska will make August 29 a house day.

FOREIGN. A car of dynamite was exploded at Essex, Ont., causing the death of one man and the injury of many others.

MOORS ATTACK CASABLANCA AGAIN, but are repulsed. Maximo U. leaves Corea in charge of General Hasegawa and returns to Japan after his coup.

LOCAL. Democrats are unable to maintain the status quo which they boasted in primary election campaign. Deputy County Attorney Magney will not run for Judge.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS. Table listing ship names, destinations, and agents.

BUGLAR RETIRED DEFEATED. Edinburgh Girl with Fire Extinguisher Routs a Robber in Her Home.

EDINBURGH, Aug. 10.—(Special.)—A remarkable story of a girl's pluck and resourcefulness comes from the far north of Scotland.

NO MOVE FOR ARBITRATION. Three Nations Are United in Plan for International Court of Justice.

THE HAGUE, Aug. 10.—Three nations, the United States, Germany and Great Britain, have definitely agreed on a statement for the scheme for the establishment of a permanent court of arbitration to be called the International Court of Justice.

CANNON SPEAKS IN KANSAS. Addresses Remnant of Veterans at Dodge City While on His Way West.

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BLACK EYE FOR RAND

South African District Suffering Business Depression.

FINANCIAL CRASH IS AWA

Debts Are Too Common for People to Worry About.

BOERS CLAIM JUST PUNISHMENT

Assert Providence is Flaying British for the War.

SHOPS AT JOHANNESBURG EMPTY

Chinese Labor Did Not Bring Prosperity—Country Overbuilt and Overpeopled—Values Are Low.

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Americans, gold seekers, laborers and soldiers of fortune, are being warned away from the Transvaal. And in fact the Transvaal today is a pretty good country to keep away from.

Never during the darkest hours of the Boer government did things appear as gloomy. To be sure, the Boer government was largely a government of farmers. There were few large cities and the reigning ruling forces could always be sure of making a living. Indeed, the disposition of President Kruger and his associates was to fill the land and let the British hunt the gold.

With the ending of the Boer war and the construction of large sections of the Cape to Cairo railroad it was everywhere supposed that South Africa would enjoy a boom unprecedented in the history of that section of the world.

Three Years of Depression. For nearly three years now has depression reigned in Johannesburg. Only one more stage is left—a great financial crash.

Undoubtedly the decision of the government has had a great deal to do with making bad worse. It has removed a last hope to which so many clung with such pathetic confidence. People have undoubtedly been buoyed up with the assertion of the mining masses that Chinese labor spelled prosperity.

WOULD BIND ALL METHODISTS. R. W. Perks of London Has Plan for Universal Brotherhood of Sect.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Methodists all over the world will be interested in the latest plan of Mr. R. W. Perks, M. P., to bind them in one universal brotherhood.

ITO GOES HOME TO REWARD. Work of Reorganization of Corea Government Now in Hands of Hasegawa.

SEOUL, Aug. 10.—In the reorganization of the Corea government three members of Marquis Ito's staff will become vice ministers of three Corea departments of state.

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REBEL AT VATICAN'S WAYS

Churchmen Declare that Pope is One Who Will Not Yield to Other German Clerical Deputies, and is Participating in It.

Aug. 10.—(Special.)—The Coranica Romana, the Vatican semi-official organ, declares that there exists widespread movement among the higher classes of English and German Catholics against the so-called medievalism of the Vatican. It is described as a secret alliance, having as its theories those set forth by Fogazzaro in his novel, "The Saint," a project for a petition to the pope for the abrogation of the index and the introduction of a series of modern reforms.

As is the custom, the pope has largely suspended audiences during the summer season, and this in a large measure has for American visitors been a serious disappointment. But, of course, it is not alone American visitors who are disappointed.

WHERE BURNS TOOK DEGREE. Party of American Masons Discover Records Showing Details of Procedure.

GLASGOW, Aug. 10.—(Special.)—It appears to have been reserved to a party of American Masons to discover the place where Burns was initiated into the mysteries of Masonry. All this occurred in the Ayrshire village of Tarbolton where for generations the cheery creak of the handweaver's loom could be heard on every side.

Eight Tons of Dynamite Removed. On a side track at the platform of the burning depot stood a car containing eight tons of dynamite.

DYNAMITE EXPLODES AT ESSEX. Car of the Explosive Ignited and Seven Are Killed.

DENVER, Aug. 10.—"We have proof that the fire in the depot of the Colorado & Southern at Boulder last night was of incendiary origin," said A. D. Parker, vice president of the Colorado & Southern railroad today.

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LOSS QUARTER OF MILLION

Thirty Cars of Valuable Merchandise Destroyed Beside Buildings—Car of Dynamite Removed from Dangerous Position.

BOULDER, Colo., Aug. 10.—Fire that started at 1 o'clock this morning in the Colorado & Southern freight depot here, destroyed the depot with a vast quantity of freight and spread a distance of 100 feet enveloped powder house containing 1,000 pounds of dynamite which exploded with a tremendous shock, injuring perhaps 100 persons and breaking the plate glass in every business house in the city as well as in hundreds of residences.

Twenty-five of the injured were taken to local hospitals. The others were either removed to their homes or were able to go to their homes.

Firemen Ignorant of Explosives. When the alarm was first turned in only a small blaze was visible at the west end of the depot. The firemen, handicapped by low pressure of water, fought bravely, in utter ignorance that half a ton of explosives was stored nearby.

Young Woman in New York Convicted of Attempting to Commit Suicide. NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—For the first time in many years a young woman who went to trial on charge of having attempted suicide has been convicted in court here.

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R. E. STEWART TO STEP DOWN. Governor Names C. E. White of Fairbault Head of Deaf and Dumb Institute.

LINCOLN, Aug. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Cyrus E. White of Fairbault, Minn., has been appointed superintendent of the Deaf and Dumb Institute at Omaha, to succeed R. E. Stewart. The change will take place September 1.

Mr. White reached Omaha at noon Saturday and is now at the institute, where he is being shown through the details of his new work by Mr. Stewart. Mr. Stewart has several propositions before him, one of which offers a good position in the institution for deaf and dumb. He may accept this, though he has not yet determined. He has been at the Omaha institute a long time, coming to it first as a teacher in 1890. In this capacity he remained for seven years and then after three and a half years returned in 1903 as superintendent.

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COMMENDATION FOR BRAVERY

Navy Department Makes Special Mention of Men Who Performed Noteworthy Acts.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Acting Secretary Newberry has formally placed on record the Navy department's heartiest commendation of the self-sacrifice and bravery exhibited by Edward Wade Whitehead, first-class gunner's mate, in fearlessly risking his own life to save that of a comrade. The details of the act for which Whitehead is commended are set forth in the letter of Acting Secretary Newberry to the commandant of the station at Tutuila, Samoa, in which the United States steamship Wabash was destroyed by a volcanic slide that destroyed the barracks at that station and Whitehead, at great risk and with his own body had protected Sergeant John F. Cox, U. S. M. C., from being crushed beneath a slowly advancing avalanche of concrete and earth, until a relief party from the military transport Adams was able to extricate the men. Mr. Newberry has also directed the commanding officers of the United States steamship Wabash to express to the following named enlisted men the department's approval of the promptness with which they manned the boats of which they were ordered to the rescue of a party of three persons, who, on the evening of July 20, had been thrown overboard from a power launch which had collided with a Chilean ferry boat: M. W. Holland, M. C. Sweeney, M. Sommer, P. J. Smith, M. G. Hawkins, P. Quinn, J. E. Smith, M. J. Meyers, A. K. Brancy and M. Shannon.

EPISCOPAL DIVINES COMING. Prominent English Clergymen Will Attend Church Anniversary at Richmond.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—The Right Rev. Dr. Henry Montgomery, secretary of the society for the propagation of the gospel, has accepted the invitation sent him by the presiding bishop of the American church to attend the Episcopal church convention, which will be held in Richmond, Va., on October 8. As was announced some time ago Rev. Dr. A. F. W. Ingraham, the bishop of London, will come to America for the Richmond convention, and also will the Right Rev. Dr. Edgar Jacobs, the bishop of St. Albans.

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With Omaha the last connecting link between New York and the Pacific coast, Western Union and Postal telegraph operators walked out at 7 p. m. Saturday. Practically the whole night force at both offices and in Council Bluffs struck in sympathy with the other unions all over the country. The trouble, which has been brewing for several days, was brought to a head when the two men at the Western Union office who were operating the wire with Chicago refused to work on a line with an "unfair" office and asked to be transferred. The chief operator answered the office to find a man to run the Chicago wire and everyone refused. They were told they could take their pay if they would not take the wire and thirty-five took their time checks and walked out.

Postal Men Go Out. At the Postal office, where ten men were working, the unionists were awaiting the action of the Western Union men, and when they came marching up the street, two by two, the Postal men took their hats and fell in with them. There was a little cheering, but the crowd was entirely orderly and no attempt was made to coerce the men who remained. There were only three at the Western Union beside the chiefs and one branch operator at the Postal office. All of the union men joined the strike and at the latter office seven nonunion men also went out.

As soon as the Western Union office at Council Bluffs was notified the four night men there took the same action. The Postal does not have a Council Bluffs night service. One newspaper operator in Omaha went out, but the Associated Press was not disturbed. The men here will take no action unless the Chicago office strikes.

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