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VOTE ON THE PLEBISCITUM

THE FULL PARTICULARS

Pressure in Favor of Affirmative Vote

THE VOTE ANALYZED

Large Negative Vote in the Army

(Special dispatch to the Missouri Democrat.) New York, May 13.—The Tribune has the following special dispatch from Paris, May 13: "The result of the plebiscite disappoints all parties. Republicans and others of the opposition are surprised by the number of affirmative votes, for they expected not more than 5,000,000 or 6,000,000; but, though admitted they are not discouraged. The large opposition vote in Paris was also unexpected, but in other hands the great majority who voted 'No' were equally surprised and alarmed the Emperor.

The only man entirely content with the result is Olivier, whose vanity presumes him that the majority for the Emperor is a ratification of his administration, but the true meaning of the vote is far different. The Emperor's proclamation demands only as a new proof of France's confidence in himself, and the means of facilitating the transmission of the crown to his son. The great affirmative majority, so far as it was not fraudulent, was a vote for the empire simply.

Of course, a large fraction voted yes under the lead of moderate Liberals, who tried to believe that the plebiscite meant only an approval of the recent reforms. Another large fraction voted yes under the fear of plots and revolution. At least two millions out of the seven million credited to the army, to civil officials, to persons who committed, directed or were indirectly dependent upon the government. The rest, four million, was made up partly by fraud and partly by votes of the bourgeois and peasantry.

Napoleon, no doubt by choice, but always for the powers that be, in any case the plebiscite in the army, the bourgeoisie and the masses must vote as they are ordered by the Mayor and other rural functionaries. Of actual force and coercion on the day of the vote, there is no doubt.

The government systematically applied every means of silencing the opposition and driving the affirmative voters to the polls. The opposition press all over France has been suppressed, and the press of the provinces was refused transmission through the postoffice; subscription to the funds of the opposition committee was treated as a crime; the press was arrested for printing negative ballots; agents were arrested for distributing them; the opposition committee rooms were invaded by the police and searched, and papers found there were seized.

Since the publication of the official report on the alleged plot no journal has been allowed to publish anything in disproof of it. The Rappet was the only journal that was allowed to publish anything, but it was treated as a police spy. The Rappet was seized for doubting the existence of any plot. The Nord and the Courrier were also seized for the same offense. From last Thursday to Sunday—the day of voting—these papers were seized every day. The provincial newspapers suffered the same treatment. The Rappet alone, and its editor was sentenced to a year's imprisonment for printing a single article in which he suggested that the system of official pressure by Prefects, which Olivier was pledged to abandon, was never more energetically nor unscrupulously pursued. Prefects were summoned weekly to Paris, and their complete immunity for all efforts they should make in behalf of the plebiscite.

Nevertheless, the affirmative majority is wholly untrue. Paris, with 600,000 negative majority, but counting abstentions, it is really 120,000. In Rochefort's district, following his counsel to abstain, 300,000 abstentions, 100,000 negative, 200,000 abstentions; Bordeaux, 500,000 yes, 150,000 abstentions; Lyons, 200,000 yes, 300,000 abstentions.

The cities next in rank give no more accurate exceptions. Lyons gives no more accurate majority; Bordeaux, 500,000 yes, 150,000 abstentions; Nantes, 300,000; Nimes, 600,000; Toulouse, 300,000.

The Emperor personally, the failure to 8,000,000, is left as a blow; but the vote of the army is still a great blow; for, if the army abandons him, all is lost. Its vote was managed by the Emperor's agents, and a soldier was allowed to attend a political meeting. The whole army votes in barracks, colonels presiding. Every man's vote was known. The opposition vote puts a black mark against the Emperor's management, and is followed by punishment; nevertheless, out of fewer than 300,000 votes there are 40,000 noes.

The heavy vote 5000 noes and 23,000 yes. Some of the regiments gave an actual majority of noes. It is reported that two regiments at Vincennes, following Rochefort's advice, refused to vote. The soldiers at one of the barracks insisted on voting, and the vote, though they were threatened with being shot for holding an unlawful meeting. In the garrison of Paris the defection was so serious that General Levaillant, who marched several regiments out of the city, but the Emperor refused on the ground that this would betray France. After a short delay, however, the necessary measures will be taken with those regiments.

Some part of this huge system of terror and fraud will be exposed by interlopers, but the security of the Emperor's position in the Corps Legislatif will demand that the government will oppose any investigation, but it can not still questions.

The result of the plebiscite will be the reorganization of military. The Emperor's personal power is so far strengthened that he may dispense with congresses. Some of the official papers are filled with rumors of a new plebiscite. The Emperor is to remain, but Rochefort's return to power is only a question of time. The portfolio will probably be offered to Garding as the chief of his party.

Disturbances in Paris since the vote have been absolutely insignificant. Every Republican journal counseled quiet, and such disturbances as occurred were confined to remote quarters of the city, and were the work of police agents and other criminal classes. An enormous military force was displayed, and the police were massed together, and though no rioting in any case, were checked into forming in this absurd performance, but the police, with the greatest efforts, failed to continue disturbances beyond the night.

Nothing new is heard of the plot, but has done its intended work of adding half a million or a million of votes to the Emperor's majority. Verdier, one of the Grand Frees' chief witnesses, has returned from Belgium and surrendered himself a prisoner. He declares that the whole statement attributed to him is false.

The liberal press declares the fresh degradation that has been inflicted on France by the Plebiscite. The work of reform and progress has all to be begun over again, and the Temple, France, knows what it has ratified—its own forty-five articles. Declares the Rappet: "Not one man in a hundred among the peasantry knew or cared what was the Senate's Consilium. It was not published in the papers they saw, and they could not have read it had it been."

The official report on the plot was plagiarized in every manner, the Senate's Consilium, which was returned from Belgium, and the vote on the Senate's Consilium and Plebiscite has been considered only as a vote for or against the Empire, has it any meaning.

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