

MOB JEERS IN FRENCH COURT

CROWD HOSTILE TO WOMAN VICTIM OF PICTURE FAKER.

Justice's Counsel Defies Presiding Judge and Invents Duchess de Choiseul-Praslin. She Hints That Letters Used in Marital Attempts Are Forged.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. PARIS, Dec. 22.—The pseudo Countess de Choiseul-Praslin, who is on trial for attempt to extort \$200,000 from Mrs. Hamilton Payne, now the Duchess de Choiseul-Praslin, resumed the witness stand this morning for the opening of court this morning.

She had not returned 18,000 francs which Mrs. Payne sent last December with which to purchase wine for the party which she had never received. The wine, neither had she returned the money.

At the point D'Aulby was excused for the time and the "Countess" D'Aulby, formerly Miss Lunt of Boston, took the stand at the request of Maitre Sturel of counsel for Duchess de Choiseul-Praslin. The "Countess" was even more voluble and emphatic than during her examination yesterday. In reply to questions she said she had considered her children English, because of the nationality of her husband, but is now determined that they shall become American.

Her suggestion that she had agreed to divorce D'Aulby and allow him to marry Mrs. Payne before the latter married the Duke de Choiseul-Praslin.

Replying to further questions about the London photographer Thompson the "Countess" said she might have taken Mrs. Payne to the photographer's studio in London, but she was not sure about it. According to the complaint the "Countess" got Thompson to ask for permission to see the Payne collection, presumably in order to make it. Yesterday the "Countess" asked Thompson a first class train whose evidence, she said, had been bought by Mrs. Payne.

The interrogation of the "Count" was resumed. The first question taken was that of the furniture which D'Aulby bought for the Paynes. According to D'Aulby, Mr. Payne paid him 50,000 francs, or \$10,000, for this furniture, but experts say the sum was 20,000 francs. The question of the purchase of wines by D'Aulby for the Paynes was again brought up. The "Count" stated that he had taken the Countess to the Grand Hotel in Paris, where she had bought 100,000 francs worth of wine, which D'Aulby paid 15,000 francs for, which D'Aulby paid 15,000 francs for.

The next witness was the complainant, the Duchess de Choiseul-Praslin. She was frequently interrupted by "Count" D'Aulby, who declared that she was not telling the truth. At one time she said: "Nothing the Duchess says is true. It is a romance she has made up, and she is ready to prove later. This was done in the presence of the crowd in the courtroom. She was again interrupted at the point in the afternoon when Maitre Sturel succeeded in reading a letter from Mrs. Payne to D'Aulby, presumably a request for the return of the money.

Despite President Robert's attempts to verify him on the ground that the letter had no direct bearing on the case, the letter was dated January 10, 1908.

D'Aulby: I do not want to keep the picture at any sacrifice on your part. I know that if you could you would give me the world. All that I ask is that you always love me. The days are falling, my love is dying, but not my love. It is a burning flame, I love you. I love you, I love you. Perhaps later you will come to me in a day or two. I am a naughty, untrained woman, unable to do anything, but you must tame me. In all my simplicity I have but one idea, to please you. Do you believe it? I must stop, although I would continue all night if I could in your heart."

The letter concludes with more in this strain. This and other letters were seized at D'Aulby's house after the arrest of D'Aulby and his wife Mrs. Payne. These letters were used for blackmailing. They have been photographed and offered to her from various quarters at prices ranging from \$200.00 downward. Copies were found in possession of the man named Tacherniadoff, whom D'Aulby says he does not know, who was arrested in London lately on charges of attempted blackmail.

Maitre Bernard pressed the Duchess de Choiseul-Praslin to acknowledge the letter, which is signed "Your Love" and is presumably in her handwriting. She declared that people who sell false pictures and furniture could supply false letters. She refused to deny or confirm the authenticity of the letter until she was able to consult experts.

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leaving him for the Duke de Choiseul-Praslin. D'Aulby repeated the story with minute details.

As evidencing Bernard's relentlessness he asked the Duchess her opinion of the wines D'Aulby supplied her with. The Duchess declared she was no judge of wines. Bernard's mimicry of unbelief and astonishment showed so clearly what he was seeking to insinuate that the audience laughed jeeringly.

NEW FASHION HURTS TRADE. Everything Works the Reverse Way in China—Queues Worry Shanghai.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. SHANGHAI, Dec. 22.—There is considerable excitement over the question of a change in dress by the Chinese and the cutting off of queues, which is believed to have been caused by a misinterpretation of an imperial decree on this subject.

The agitation for a new style of dress for Chinese and the elimination of queues has been going on for some time and recently the hair cutting has been indulged in by hundreds of Chinese. The silk and cotton merchants have become alarmed, especially over the change in dress, and yesterday they made a demonstration at Peking against the innovation.

It is said here that the imperial decree does not permit a change in dress and does not mention queues. It is understood, however, that it allows the cutting off of queues if desired. It has been interpreted by many as a compulsory order to change their style of clothes and cut off their queues.

BARRETTING SHORT OF FOOD. The Andocot, Buffeted by Seas, Gets Supplies From the Admirals Store.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. RIVERSIDE, Jamaica, Dec. 22.—The steamship Admiral Schley of the United Fruit Company, from Boston Dec. 14, for Port Antonio, reports that when she was off Castle Island she fell in with the barkentine Andocot, from Buenos Ayres for Boston. The Andocot had been buffeted by bad weather and was out of stores. The captain of the Schley gave her a new supply.

SENT TO SUPPRESS MANDOS. Troop of Second Cavalry Starts for Davao District in the Philippines.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. MANILA, Dec. 22.—The Mandos tribes are still terrorizing planters and others in the Davao district, and a troop of the Second Cavalry was despatched to-day to the scene to assist the constabulary and other forces that are already on the ground.

GERMANY HALTS PORTUGAL. Protests Against Expulsion of Missionaries From African Colony.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LISBON, Dec. 22.—The Portuguese lodged a strong protest with the Provisional Government concerning the expulsion of German missionaries from Portuguese Africa.

The Weather. The high pressure area north of our coast and was generally steady in both direction, its crest extending from the lower lake region and New England southward to Florida.

The trough of the pressure was immediately to the west of the Mississippi River, with centers in Mississippi, Maryland, Virginia, the Carolinas and westward to Montana, and south and southwestward to the western Gulf and State of Texas generally, with rather steady in the Atlantic and in the Missouri, northern Louisiana and Texas.

This storm area has carried the freezing line far south as Mississippi, Illinois and various States between the plateau region and the Mississippi valley and in the Ohio Valley and upper lake region and will cause considerably warmer weather in this region for the next forty-eight hours at least.

Another area of high pressure central in northern California, was moving toward the Rocky Mountains and maintaining clear and cold weather in the Rocky Mountains and plateau regions.

In this city the day was clear and mild, with fresh northeast winds, average humidity, 55 per cent. (barometer, corrected to sea level, 30.4 A. M., 30.35, 3 P. M., 30.45.)

The temperature yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, was in the annexed table:

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Lowest temperature 17° at 4:15 A. M.

WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

BOY LOCKED IN FOR TWO YEARS

Twice His Mother Took Him to the Bronx.

Holding His Hand Tightly Every Inch of the Way—Found in Room With Hair Queue Long in Flat Where He Was Unable to Escape, Though He Tried To.

Henry De Groff, a delicate looking boy 11 years old, told Justice Salmon in the Children's Court yesterday that his mother, Mrs. Annie De Groff, had kept him locked in her flat at 1870 Third avenue for two years. Once or twice, he said, she had taken him to the Bronx to see his older brother and his grandmother. Then she kept tight hold of his hand all the time.

Henry's hair fell over his shoulders. He said it had not been cut since he had been injured. Robert M. Cosgrave, the Gerry agent who took Henry from his mother, told Justice Salmon that the rooms at 1870 Third avenue were far from clean and that when he found the boy he was in rags. The attention of the society was called to the case, he said, by notes which Henry had written on scraps of paper and thrown out of the window. These had been picked up by neighbors. They were appeals for clothes that he might go out on the street.

Henry seemed dazed at being suddenly thrust into the crowded court room. He talked slowly and in so low a voice that Justice Salmon had to lean forward to hear him. He said that his father was dead. His brother and grandmother lived in The Bronx; he did not know where. He went to school up to two years ago, when his mother told him that he would learn wickedness from the other boys and that school learning was no good anyhow. Then she began to lock him in whenever she went out. He could not go to school or play with any of the boys.

"Do you mean that for two years you have never been out more than the one or two trips you made to your grandmother's?" asked Justice Salmon. "Sometimes I went into the kitchen," said Henry. The boy said that two weeks ago he decided to get out while his mother was away and crawled through the window to the fire escape. He was four stories above the street and had just started down when his mother came in and brought him back.

Mrs. De Groff had been notified to be at court, but she did not appear. Justice Salmon remanded Henry to the Gerry society until Wednesday. Henry said that he did not care about going to the Gerry society and playing with the other boys. He said he thought he'd just as soon be home if he could go out once in a while. He said that he had never seen a Christmas tree, but he showed no enthusiasm when told that he would have a tree and presents at the Gerry society.

STRIKE MURDERER MUST DIE. Appeal of French Coal Shifters' Secretary Rejected by Supreme Court.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. PARIS, Dec. 22.—The Supreme Court rejected to-day the appeal from the decision of the Rouen Assize Court condemning Secretary Durand of the Coal Shifters' Union to death for conspiracy to kill without extenuating circumstances.

During the strike of the coal shifters at Havre last September a foreman named Douge, who had returned to work, was killed. Seven dockers, including Durand, were indicted for the crime. It was proved that Durand as secretary of the union framed a motion, which was carried, to the effect that Douge and two others ought to be got rid of. Two nights later Douge was so badly beaten while returning from work that he died shortly afterward.

The Rouen jury found four of the seven men guilty. Durand was condemned to suffer the death penalty, one of the others was sentenced to fifteen years' penal servitude and two others received sentences of eight years each. There was a recommendation to mercy in the case of Durand.

TO SUCCEED HENGELMULLER. Candidates for Austrian Embassy at Washington Baron to Resign.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. VIENNA, Dec. 22.—The denial by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the recall of Baron Hengelmüller, Austro-Hungarian Ambassador to the United States, does not affect the statement that he will shortly resign.

There are three candidates for the post, Baron de Tall de Rosenberg of Glimbach, Ambassador at Tokio; A. Nemes de Hidy, counselor of the embassy at Paris; and Count Forgách von Győrös and Gács, minister at Belgrade. It is considered that Herr Nemes is the likeliest to be appointed.

MAIL FOR FILIPINO LABELERS. Sentences for Newspaper Attacks in Manila on Dean C. Worcester.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. MANILA, Dec. 22.—The Supreme Court sentenced Señor Kalaw, formerly editor of the Renacimiento and now a member of the Philippine Assembly, to-day to one year's imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$300 for an criminal label on Dean C. Worcester, Secretary of the Interior and member of the Philippine Commission. Señor Orampio, the former manager of the paper, who was found guilty of a similar offense, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$200.

\$2,500 Reward for Murderer. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 22.—The police have offered a reward of \$2,500 for the capture of the burglar who killed three policemen during an attempted robbery of a jeweler's store in Houndsditch on December 16.

A PINK STRING and a CAST-OFF SPRUCE BRANCH

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MAURETANIA AT FISHGARD.

Dropped Anchor at 10:22 P. M. and Went On to Liverpool in an Hour.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. FISHGARD, Dec. 22.—Amid the blowing of sirens, firing of rockets and general activity and excitement the Mauretania dropped anchor here at 10:22 to-night.

Three tenders, each of which is of double the tonnage of the Cunard Line's first transatlantic steamers, had been waiting for an hour the arrival of the Mauretania and they ran alongside of her in the smoothest manner almost as soon as her anchor hit the water. Eager passengers were lining the rails, watching everything with the keenest interest.

The mail shoes were promptly working to one tender, baggage was transferred to another, while 600 passengers passed down the gangplank to the third. The work of disembarkation was finished in a little over an hour and the Mauretania proceeded for Liverpool.

Five special trains were here with a big throng waiting to express everything under the direction of the most responsible officials of the Cunard Line and the Great Western Railway. The preparations were so thorough and complete that everything ran in the smoothest manner.

The Mauretania passed Strumblehead at 1:35 P. M. Strumblehead is in Pembrokeshire, Wales, just outside the entrance to the harbor at Fishguard.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Cunarder Mauretania, which sailed from New York at 6 o'clock last Saturday evening on her return voyage to Europe, was expected to reach here at 10 o'clock last night. She is expected to land her passengers and mails at Fishguard late to-night.

Supper awaited the passengers on the train, the first of which started for Dover at 11:47 with the Continental passengers. The next started at 12:45 for London and the two others started for the same destination at short intervals, the last one carrying the mail and baggage.

The scheduled time of the trains to London, a distance of 261 miles, is 290 minutes. All the passengers were in high spirits. The only passenger who was apparently distressed was an unnamed man from the saloon who was brought ashore by a local policeman. He is charged with stealing somebody's emeralds during the trip. The police were warned of the theft by a wireless message as the Mauretania neared the coast. The prisoner will be arraigned in the local police court to-morrow.

The Cunard officials figure the steamer's average speed on the voyage at 35.10 knots.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—A number of the Mauretania's passengers will arrive here to-morrow at noon.

MID TO BRITISH SPIES.

Consistent Officers Sentenced to Four Year in a German Prison.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LIPZIG, Dec. 22.—Capt. Bernard French and Lieut. Vivian Brandon of the British navy, who have been on trial here on a charge of espionage on the fortress at Berlin, were to-day found guilty and were sentenced to four years' detention in a fortress. This is two years less than was demanded by the imperial prosecutor.

The crown prosecutor called upon the court to impose a sentence of six years' imprisonment in a fortress. He said he could not demand a longer term because of extenuating circumstances, including the fact that the accused officers acted in the interests of their country, that they were foreigners and that they had not made any attempt to secure Germans for their purposes. Their motive, he said, was noble, as was also their action in taking all the blame upon themselves. Finally in their favor was the fact that they had admitted their guilt.

The defense contended that the officers had no instructions from the British government and sent no reports of their work to England.

The consistent officers are likely to be sent to the fortress at Glatz in Silesia. They will be allowed to provide for their own comfort to associate with the officers and students there and to be guests of the Governor of the fortress. No restrictive restrictions will be imposed on them and they will enjoy plenty of opportunities for recreation and study. They will be permitted occasionally to visit the town.

MICHIGAN FIREMAN DIES.

Metzler was Injured by Explosion on the Battlement on Monday.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Michigan Metzler, of the battlement Michigan fire, died as the result of a coal explosion aboard that vessel last Monday. The battlement was not damaged.

This is the second death from the same cause since the fleet has been in European waters. The body of Metzler, said that of Fireman Evans of the Dakota, the other victim, will be sent to America.

FOURTEEN DEAD UNDER WHEEL.

Many Other Philadelphia Firemen and Policemen Injured.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Thirteen firemen and one policeman met death when the walls of the Friedlander leather factory in North Broad street collapsed Wednesday night after the building had been destroyed by fire.

According to an official statement issued by the Department of Public Safety, in addition to those killed thirty-one firemen, seven policemen and one civilian were injured, some of them dangerously.

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Mexican Government Forces Masing for a Desperate Effort to Break Through Insurgents' Lines in Chihuahua and Give Relief—Rebels Capture Train.

EL PASO, Dec. 22.—The Mexican Government is going to make a supreme effort to break through the lines of the insurgents at Chihuahua, give relief to Gen. Navarro, who is said to be reduced to the straits of killing his horses to feed his men, and crush out the uprising. A thousand additional troops arrived to-day at Chihuahua from Mexico City and another thousand is expected to-morrow.

The El Paso Northwestern train due in El Paso to-night from Casas Grandes, the Mormon colony in Mexico south of here, was taken by the revolutionists a short distance south of Juarez to-night, and the revolutionists went back with the engine and one coach, leaving the passengers, mail and express on the prairie in their cars. This is supposed to be an act of reprisal because the Government is using another branch of the road to haul troops from Chihuahua to Peralta.

There were about fifty rebels in the party, all well armed, husky fellows. They did not molest the passengers in any way. The rebels cut the wires and no further news can be received here of what they did with the train or where they went. In the afternoon they had been within eight miles of Juarez and killed some bees there.

Samuel Garcia Gozlar, aide-de-camp on the staff of President Diaz, has been assigned to the task of breaking through the cordons of insurgents between Chihuahua and Peralta, where Gen. Navarro and his army are starving. He will come at once from Mexico City with gathering up the demoralized forces of Col. Gutierrez, so badly beaten at Mal Paso, and will force his way through the mountains, if he can, and open the railroad again.

It is reported officially that the railroad will be reopened if it is necessary to station a soldier every ten feet, and the rebels deny that this will certainly be necessary if the train is opened.

A factory of light artillery accompanying a thousand troops left Chihuahua on Friday last morning bound for San Antonio, ten miles from Mal Paso, where they will be joined by the remnants of Gozmar's command from Bustillos, and there await the arrival of Col. Gozlar, when they will attempt to dislodge the rebels and get through to the front.

American who have got through on horseback from the vicinity of Peralta and to Juarez bring the report that Navarro is said to have pressed his soldiers to the limit of endurance and that the soldiers are too tired to sleep and that the rebels are too exhausted to fight. The soldiers have been reduced to eating horse manure to keep from starving, the rebels having them so completely surrounded that they are unable to get supplies of any kind.

A telegram from Bisbee, Ariz., says a large force of insurgents are recruiting in the Huachuca Mountains near there, just as they did in the Big Bend country, east of El Paso, prior to marching on Ojinaga and other towns in that vicinity. Farmers near Ciudad Juarez, opposite El Paso, came in with reports to-day that a band of insurgents had been operating within twelve miles of the town. The report caused much excitement and reports are out.

News came from Maria to-day of a battle at Mulato, on the Texas border, between 200 troops and an equal number of rebels. It was said the seven were left dead on the field besides many wounded. The troops retreated to Ojinaga with the rebels in pursuit.

MAJOR OPERATION ON A LION.

Henry Hudson of Central Park Has a Tumor Removed.

Henry Hudson, a lion in the Central Park menagerie, had a tumor removed from his neck yesterday. The tumor was pressing upon his windpipe and also interfered with eating.

Henry is 11 months old and nearly as big as his father Leo, but has not the ample mane of his sire. A swelling appeared outside his throat two months ago. Director Smith cut it down as a subcutaneous fibrous tumor that had to be removed if the animal was to live. But no veterinarian could be found who was willing to enter the lion's den and perform the operation unless the lion was etherized or chloroformed into unconsciousness.

Head Keeper Billy Snyder, who has been fixing up sick and injured animals in the menagerie for nearly a quarter of a century, offered to do the job. Director Smith told him to go ahead and cut the thing out without ether or chloroform.

Snyder entered the lion's cage armed only with a canvas bag. Henry Hudson crouched in the far corner of the cage as Snyder entered. He lashed his tail from side to side and growled. Snyder cast the bag at the animal's head, but the beast caught the canvas in his mouth and chewed it.

The bag was on the end of a pole. The keeper worked it loose and got ready to cast again. The lion was thoroughly worked up. He laid back his ears and opened his jaws.

"Look out, Billy, he's going to jump!" called out one of the keepers outside the cage.

Snyder waited until Henry Hudson had somewhat cooled down. Then he made another cast and got the canvas over the animal's head. When hooded the lion lay still, but he was then at the back of the cage and it was necessary to get him lashed to the front iron bars for the operation. Snyder pulled the lion across the floor of the cage by his tail.

Henry got his head out of the canvas and snapped his jaws at the keeper, who hurried aside in time to escape. The lion backed up to the front bars and was again hooded. Then with ropes they bound his legs to the iron bars. Snyder and another keeper muzzled Henry Hudson. The operation was then a simple matter. Cocaine was employed to lessen the pain. Seven stitches closed the cut.

The ropes were taken off and the lion getting upon his feet, saw Snyder still in his cage. He showed no hostility to the man standing near him. Snyder backed out and Henry went to the back of his cage and lay down. Afterward the lion was taken to the animal hospital back of the elephant house, where he will have a quieter time recovering from the operation.

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