

THOUGHT FIGARO WAS TO PUBLISH LETTERS

Mme. Caillaux Says She Heard Staff Discussing Important Documents.

ONLY FASHIONS, THEY SAY

Reporters Declare They Mentioned Neither Caillaux Nor Calmette in Conversation.

ROCHETTE INQUIRY DRAGS

Caillaux Again Defends His Actions in Postponing Swindler's Trial.

GEN. SAVOFF DENOUNCES KING

Says Ferdinand Overruled Him on Many Occasions During War.

EARWIG HOLDS UP STREET CARS

Gets into Signaling Apparatus and Sets All Danger Signals.

WOODEN CABINET FOR JAPAN?

Suggestion That Ornamental Ministry Be Appointed.

BRIDGE FOR MISS MARY CASSATT

Philadelphia, March 25.—Miss Mary Cassatt, sister of the late A. J. Cassatt and of J. Gardner Cassatt, and a resident of Paris for many years, got the gold medal for her work in the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts today in recognition of the high achievement in art and for eminent service to the cause of art and to the academy.

FREDERIC MISTRAL CALLED HOMER OF PROVENCE, DEAD

Poet Devoted Life to Language and Literature of Southern France.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. Paris, March 25.—Frederic Mistral, called by many the greatest of modern French poets, to whom Lamartine gave the name of the Homer of Provence, died today at the age of 82.

Mistral spent virtually all his life in a peasant's cottage in Mollaine, in the Bouches-du-Rhone department. Like Tolstoy he was a man of action and could have what he pleased, but preferred to live among the tillers of the soil and share their fortunes. His face journey to Paris was undertaken only to attend meetings of Provincial societies. In 1904 he went there to receive the Nobel prize, which he accepted reluctantly and used the proceeds therefrom in helping to establish a museum of Provencal history. In 1897 he was privately informed that he would be elected to the French Academy if he would accept himself, but he declined to go to Paris for any such purpose. He was beloved of all Frenchmen and of all other peoples who are struggling to keep alive old customs and traditions. In a great many Provencal societies are named after him and Mistral societies are innumerable.

Learned Early to Love Patois.

Mistral was born in Mollaine on September 8, 1830, in his father's farmhouse. His maternal grandfather was Mayor of the town. The charm of the Provencal dialect first impressed him in the songs his mother sang to him as a boy in a boarding school at Avignon. The other pupils made fun of his patois, Provencal at that time being used only in comic speech and writings. But one of the teachers at Avignon was Roumanille, the great poet who realized that the ancient tongue was beautiful. With Roumanille young Mistral worked for years to raise it to the dignity of a literary language. At the age of 17 Mistral began a poem in four cantos, "Le Meissonier" (The Home). Five years later he was graduated in law at Aix University.

"Know, my dear son," his father said, "I have done my duty. You know more than I ever learned. Choose your own career. I leave you free." The boy threw away his lawyer's gown and said he would devote his life to revealing the splendor of Provence. In 1854 Mistral and six other poets founded the famous society, the Felibrige, with the purpose of restoring among the people of the Rhone Valley a love of ancient customs, language and traditions. They began by founding an annual publication, the *Armana Provençal*, which has appeared regularly since 1857. For many years Mistral completed the long rustic poem "Mirèio" upon reading which Lamartine exclaimed: "A great epic poet is born—a true Homeric poet in our own time, a primitive bard in our decadent age, a poet who has created a language out of a dialect, as Petrarch created Italian; one who, out of vulgar patois, has made a language full of imagery and harmony, delighting the imagination and the ear."

Mistral's Poem "Mirèio." It was a simple tale of a poor girl and a rich lover, into which Mistral wove descriptions of Provencal life, scenes and characters. It was better than any of Mistral's subsequent more labored work and made him immediately famous.

PAIR OF JARDINIÈRES BRING \$18,420 IN LONDON

Second Day's Sale of Ashburnham Collection Totals \$60,845.

DANCING HELPS SILK TRADE

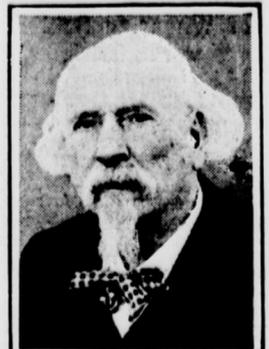
Manufacturers Say They Are Unable to Fill Orders.

Watch Congress, Borough President Mathewson Advises

Six hundred members of the Merchants Association had luncheon yesterday at the Hotel Astor with Borough Presidents Marks, Mathewson and Board of Estimate members to discuss what a job he had getting his share from the Board of Estimate. Mr. Mathewson of The Bronx asked the Merchants Association to keep an eye on Congress.

Houghton New Commissioner

Clarence S. Houghton, former Assistant United States Attorney, was appointed New York State Commissioner yesterday. He was selected for the place by District Court Judge Holt, Hand and Mayer. His appointment fills a long felt need of another committing Magistrate to sit in Federal cases.



Frederic Mistral.

The Academy crowned it and Gounod turned it into the opera "Mirèio." Mistral labored seven years more and produced "Calaïdon" in 1896. He loved it best of all his poems, but compared with "Mirèio" it lacked spontaneity. In the interval he published many shorter poems which were combined in 1875 under the title "Lis Isole d'Or" (The Golden Islands). Some of them caused Mistral to be accused of trying to create discord between the north and south of France. Meanwhile the Felibrige and its reclamatory campaign had great effect through all of southern France. Floral games were founded, patriotic enthusiasm ran high and the name of Mistral was linked with that of Petrarch when the latter's centenary was celebrated at Avignon in 1874. The Felibrige expanded into a great society with Mistral as its first president. His wife, who was Marie Riviere of Dijon, was made first queen of the Felibrige at floral games held in Montpellier in 1878.

After the publication of his third long poem, "Nerto" in 1884, Mistral was persuaded to go to Paris. President Grevy welcomed him and literary societies of the capital competed in a bewildering series of games and prizes. In 1885 the Provencal "Nerto" received the Prix Vietot from the academy. As soon as he could get away Mistral returned to his cottage, where he completed four years later "Lou Tresor dou Felibrige," a dictionary of all the dialects of the langue d'oc, containing every word and phrase, proverb and legend that the poet had gathered through many years wandering through the south of France. His only dramatic work, "La Reine Jano," appeared in 1890, and his last long poem, "Lou Doumo dou Rous" (The Poem of the Rhone) in 1897. The latter work was a narrative of former barge life on the river, interspersed with many legends. In this poem Mistral used blank verse for the first time, with much success.

In all his endeavors Mistral was guided by his favorite maxim: "He who holds his mother tongue holds the key which shall free him from his chains, and exorcise the spirit of the Felibrige movement as expressed by Felix Gras: 'I love my village more than thy village; I love my Provence more than thy province; I love France more than all.' The Provencal renaissance through his efforts have become one of the most popular solemnities of the south of France. Until a serious illness overtook him two years ago Mistral was busy and straight as an arrow. His great form and handsome face were as notable as his lack of affectation and simplicity of life. He was an officer of the Legion of Honor and a member of the Academie des Lettres. In 1904 he dedicated a poem to his friend Theodore Roosevelt.

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February 9, 1914



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SHIP FROM NEW YORK HELD UP BY DISEASE

The Berlin, With Passengers for Mediterranean Ports, Quarantined at Naples.

MENINGITIS ON BOARD

Epidemic of Malady Discovered—Several Cases at This Port Recently.

Search Through Cardinal's Apartment Ends Without Results.

Rome, March 25.—The search for the alleged will of the late Cardinal Rampolla, which was said to have been taken from the apartment where he died, ended today with the supposed document still missing.

MRS. REGINALD BROOKS HOME

She Says Mrs. Waldorf Astor Has Taken Up Christian Science.

SAYS NEW YORK LOSES OUT

"Watch Congress," Borough President Mathewson Advises.

MAGIC FAILS IN \$1,000 ROBBERY

Actor Has Revolver and Chloroform as Weapons in Bank.

AINY AGAIN HITS POLICY

Says Wilson Has Avoided All Patriotic Precedent.

GENERAL VILLA FORCED TO REREAT; FIGHTING CONTINUES NEAR TORREON

Continued from First Page. were not going as well with the rebels as they might be. It was also deduced that if the Federals were driving Villa back, as they claim to be doing, Villa's telegraphic facilities had been impaired and the correspondents left without available wires.

Heads of Federal Success.

Miguel E. Diebold, Mexican Consul-General in El Paso, reported today that he had received advice via Saitillo, which, however, were unconfirmed, stating that the Federals had succeeded in driving the rebels back north of Torreon.

Wires and Railroad to Torreon Cut by Rebels.

MEXICO CITY, March 25.—Contradictory rumors are in circulation here regarding the fight at Torreon, but no real news from the front has been received, as all railroad and telegraph lines have been cut.

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General Villa Forced to Retreat; Fighting Continues Near Torreon

Complications have arisen possibly involving Mexico's relations with Germany and Japan requiring us to have the moral support of England in payment for when the Mexican people are asked to repeal the tolls provision exempting American ships engaged in coastwise trade. Whatever the Administration's reasons they should not be hidden in a corner. The nation cannot support an unknown and official policy. When the known official ascertained facts are withheld from them the public will be forced to form their conclusions from unofficial sources.

FIGHT DISAPPOINTS BRYAN

Secretary Hoped Villa Would Capture Torreon.

TERRAZAS'S SON ORDERED SHOT BY PANCHITO VILLA

El Paso, March 25.—Luis Terrazas, Jr., son of the once richest land owner in Mexico, now a tortured captive of Pancho Villa, held for \$500,000 ransom, is again in immediate danger of death, according to reports reaching here tonight.

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