

THE DISAGREEMENT.

Feeling the Pulse of Public Opinion.

FRANK MOULTON DEFiant.

He Wants to Be Prosecuted by "the Real Conspirators."

VERDICT OF THE PRESS.

The Entire Public Weighed of the Scandal.

Mr. and Mrs. Beecher were forced to hold a morning yesterday. A perfect rush of congratulatory visitors besieged the entrance to the Plymouth church residence on Columbia Heights. All the visitors were pleasantly received and entertained. Mr. Beecher seemed as boyish and enthusiastic as of old. Neither the trial nor the verdict appears to have affected him in the least. Despite his gray hairs, he seemed younger, brighter, more quick in repartee and more elastic in step than the youngest who called upon him. It seems really as if "age cannot wither him nor custom stale his infinite variety."

Mrs. Beecher, too, was in a high mood. Perhaps of all persons involved in the scandal suit she has occupied the most unfortunate position; but still, at the impromptu levee held yesterday, the terrible ordeal through which she has passed, as far as was discernible, had left no marks upon her countenance. The implicit confidence she had in her husband's innocence buoyed her up, and enabled her yesterday to receive the hearty congratulations of her friends with the same dignity and grace as she received them years ago, before any whisper of the scandal had been uttered. Mrs. Beecher, of course, had very little to say. There were so many who called, so many to clap her on the back, so many to speak kind, affectionate and cheering words to her, that she found no opportunity to address one for any length of time without neglecting the duties of hostess.

YERSON FRANK MOULTON. Mr. Frank Moulton was found by a Herald reporter yesterday morning at the office of Morris A. Peckham, in Montgomery street, Brooklyn. He looked as well as ever, and the calm, quiet expression of his eye, coupled with that appearance of self-possession and coolness that never forsakes him, would lead a stranger to suppose that nothing of unusual moment or importance was passing through his mind. A little closer observation, however, soon revealed the fact that he felt irritated and angry. There was no evidence of fear or timidity in his actions, and there was certainly no room to suppose that he felt any anxiety about the rumors of his intended arrest for conspiracy. On the contrary, his whole manner conveyed the impression that he was a man more than ordinarily boldness and determination, perfectly conscious of being right and resolved to force an investigation into his conduct. It was in company with some friends and was engaged in discussing the result of the great trial when the reporter entered.

On the reporter stating the object of his call Mr. Moulton said: "There is nothing new to-day. I am here waiting to be arrested, but they don't seem inclined to carry out their threat."

"Do you think, Mr. Moulton, that there is any real intention to arrest you, or to proceed against you in any way on a charge of conspiracy?" asked the reporter.

"They dare not do it; for there is no conspiracy except on the part of Mr. Beecher and General Tracy and their friends. I have had nothing to do with any conspiracy. I have come here to be arrested if they want to arrest me, and to help punish the perjurers, no matter who they are. Mr. Beecher and General Tracy are the real perjurers, and I want to see them punished. They are the real conspirators."

"Do you think Mr. Beecher's counsel will go on with the case against Leader and Price?"

"I believe they will let it drop. If they had any intention to go on with it they would not have postponed it until next Wednesday. General Tracy has gone away to the country. This charge of conspiracy was an idle threat."

intended to catch the public. But I am ready for them at any time. I want them to go on with this charge of conspiracy, or with a suit for libel, and then the truth will come out. It would not take six months to try it and it would be for damages."

"What course do you intend to pursue, Mr. Moulton, in case the charge of conspiracy is let drop, or if they don't sustain the charge?"

"I intend to prosecute them, but will be guided by the advice of my counsel."

A gentleman present here asked Mr. Moulton who were his counsel, and he replied that he could not disclose their names at present. There were good reasons, he said, for withholding them. The same gentleman made some jocosse allusions to Mr. Beecher's talk about love and forgiveness at the Plymouth church prayer meeting on Friday evening, and Mr. Moulton said, shortly, "I don't want either his love or forgiveness. I want to see the perjurers punished."

"Then I am to understand, Mr. Moulton," said the reporter, "that you mean to fight this thing out?"

"I have come here to do it. I want them to arrest me or to prosecute me, so that I may show where the real conspiracy and the real perjury are, but they won't do it."

More asked was it true that he had been seen speaking to General Tracy on the street on Friday evening, and being told that some people were saying there was a reconciliation between them, Mr. Moulton said:—

"I did meet General Tracy on the street yesterday evening and spoke to him. I told him I had come to Brooklyn to get arrested; that I wanted him to get me arrested, and that I meant to give all the help I could to get the perjurers punished, but he had gone away and done nothing."

"What do you think, Mr. Moulton, of the result of the trial?"

"It is very bad, but we could expect little better. Some men at that jury would not convict Beecher, no matter what the evidence was. I think the admissions made by the foreman and others of them, as published in to-day's papers, are very damaging to them. Carpenter admits he was a Beecher man from the beginning, and that nothing could change him. That is a NICK KIND OF A JUROR, and it shows how much ought to be thought of the jury's action. I think the result is bad, seeing that I know that Beecher is guilty of adultery with Mrs. Titton, and that there was evidence enough to prove it. The jury did not find according to the evidence."

"Do you think we have reached the end of the scandal suit, or will it be renewed again?"

"I don't know. I want this charge of conspiracy to be tried, and I want to see all the perjurers punished, but I can't say how things will go, if they bring so that charge it won't take long to try it."

After some further conversation of an unimportant character the reporter withdrew, fully convinced that Mr. Moulton was decidedly on the warpath and likely to continue so.

Mr. Moulton went to the District Attorney's office yesterday afternoon. There was no one in the office at the time but a messenger. His visit was supposed to be for the purpose of offering to meet any process that might have been instituted. Mr. Moulton intended to leave for the country in the evening.

THE LOANER'S PAPER. Yesterday morning E. W. Gardner, who, it will be

remembered, accompanied Price on his visit to Mr. Sherman, of counsel for Mr. Beecher, on the morning of the day that the latter made his first affidavit in Judge Morris' office, and who was subpoenaed as a witness against both Leader and Price on Thursday last, but was arrested on a charge of bigamy, was brought up before Judge McGone on a writ of habeas corpus yesterday. The judge fixed the amount of his bail at \$5,000. Conner is a young man apparently about twenty-eight years of age, and, according to his counsel, has passed through a somewhat varied career. He has spent one term at \$70,000 and is heir to another, which he says he won't spend. His counsel charges that the prosecution for bigamy is at the instance of the Titton party, who desire to destroy his credibility as a witness against Leader and Price. It is alleged that there are charges of robbery and burglary against Conner, and that he was once sentenced on a criminal charge and escaped by jumping his bail. Conner's counsel led the court room in search of the necessary bondsmen.

JURYMEN AFTER THEIR FEEL. Messrs. Taylor and Whelan, two of the jurymen in the great scandal suit, called yesterday at the County Treasurer's office to receive checks for their fees on account of the trial as jurymen. These checks were for the sum of \$22 each, and were cashed at the Public Bank.

FORGEMAN CARPENTER IN TROUBLE. In 1873 John P. Gill got a judgment against Chester Carpenter, the foreman of the Titton-Beecher jury, for \$113.63. Yesterday Carpenter brought a writ of habeas corpus to quash the judgment, and the court granted it.

THE APPLICATION WAS MADE in a private way, when a reporter was present, and none but the Judge could know anything of the parties in the suit. Nevertheless, the facts were soon in free circulation around the Court House.

GENERAL TRACY ON A VACATION. General Tracy yesterday left Brooklyn for his summer residence at Oswego, Toga county, N. Y., where he intends to spend his vacation. He was accompanied by his daughter.

THE METROPOLITAN WORLD is thoroughly saturated with the scandal and gossip of the great trial, and absolutely demands rest after a half year of mental worry. It matters not what the individual views of men may be as to the guilt or innocence of Mr. Beecher; opinion is divided regarding the propriety of stopping discussion of the tangled question. The various statements expressed here will, it is believed, be found to very fairly represent the feeling of the commercial and professional parts of the community.

DRAGON SMITH'S ADMIRER. Mr. Dana of the News—What made you come to interview me? I'm never interviewed, I never have any personal sentiments that I don't express in my paper. Read that, and you'll have what I think. Splendid lot of opinions you brought out in the Herald this morning. I read them with the greatest possible interest. They were first class.

AN ECHO FROM THE GOLD ROOM. MARK BLOOMINGDALE—I am not tired of the scandal; I rather liked it. When the market is low I like to see Beecher and Titton, and the arguments used on the floor of the Exchange sometimes would do no discredit to the forensic abilities of Mr. Evans or the logician of Judge Porter.

"I KNOW NOTHING." A. O'LEARY—I haven't read the testimony, but I guess to some day. If Titton has \$50,000, and the counsel want more glory, there may be another trial, but I guess they've all had enough glory at that price. I am compiling a book of the scandal, and will be glad to raffle it off at a Plymouth prayer meeting if they like it.

WILLIAM M. PARKS—the discussion of the scandal has been disagreeable to me from the beginning to the end. I can't say less.

COLONEL STEVEN ALLEN—I have been too busy to give any attention to the trial. My glad it's over. There is no more proceeding, for there's no money in it, and counsel would not care to face another long trial for love and glory alone.

W. M. T. MCMANUS—The result could not have been otherwise. It's a good job it's over for the public.

JOHN D. LOOKER—My "wisdom" is not yet ready, but I fancy there will be a sequel which will be interesting.

CHARLES DELMONICO—It's so well mixed that it will do us all in.

BOB HARTING, of the Commercial Advertiser—I'm a Beecher man to the backbone. I anticipated a disagreement upon the part of the jury long ago. I'm glad the business is completed; an sorry of the publicity given to the affair and I don't want a new trial.

Major QUINCY, of the Sheriff's office—I am glad Mr. Beecher's trial is over. I hope he will not have a violent attack of hay fever this summer. I sincerely deplore Mr. Beecher's unfortunate position and look upon him as a martyr to circumstances.

HOW, ERASER, BOOKER, of the Express—Never want to hear anything like it again. Am sick of it. Wouldn't have a new trial under any consideration. Never expected the jury to agree anyhow.

HEGEMAN & CO.—We believe Mr. Beecher innocent, and this is the opinion of three-fourths of our customers. Yes, we keep precise count, but why do you ask?

F. B. THURBERG—The whole thing is a dirty mess and ought to be buried out of sight forever.

CARLTON C. KERR—I only wish some arrangement could be made to secure a popular vote on the subject. Such an overwhelming majority would be piled up against Beecher that it would completely gag him as well as all those who are hanging to his skirts. Had Titton shot Beecher, it would only have been necessary for him to have shown those awful letters. No jury in the world would have convicted him. The only witness who says "it ain't so" is Beecher himself. A man with a rope around his neck, drawing the coath drop, cries out, "it ain't so!"

"BEECHER IS A GENTLEMAN." Major IVES, of the Stock Exchange—Beecher is a gentleman of discretion and discretion. I am sorry the jury have disagreed; it will leave a painful impression on the community.

BEN WOOD, of the News—It's an awful thing on the public morals. I can't say whether the jury decided right or wrong, because I didn't read all the evidence; but it was tough on public morality. It was discussed by everybody, and a question which should only be talked about with proper caution became a theme of both young and old, married and unmarried. Every journal let it out. I am. People long ago got tired of reading about it.

LETTERS FROM A MAN. JOHN FOLLY—I have read Mr. Beecher's letters and I know how letters have a man."

JACK BOUVIER, of Wall street—I never read a line of the scandal. I do not take any papers. I thought Mr. Beecher was an Irish exile and Mr. Titton a communist propagandist. I am glad to hear the jury know nothing—are discharged. Will you join me in strawberry shortcake?

LOOK OUT FOR A SPECTACLE. CHARLES WOODS—The disagreement was what I expected. This is, however, only the beginning of the end. I don't think there will be a new trial, but there may be a spectacular transformation scene.

AN EXPEDITIOUS RESULT. District Attorney PHILIPS—the result was anticipated, and the public ought to be glad the scandal trial is at an end. We have, I hope, heard the last of it.

IF NOT, WHY NOT? BEN WENDERS, of Exchange place—I have not yet decided whether or not Mr. Beecher is guilty,

Mrs. Titton swore she loved her parson as a brother. Mr. Beecher swore he discovered her love to be of a warm character. I do not like to condemn, but I was gradually inclining to the belief that Mr. Titton was an innocent gentleman who had accepted the terms of Shakespeare to his wife—

Long ago we were married, as chaste as snow, This shall not be a cape calamity, before he forgave everything. However, this is an age of conjugal paradox, and—if Sickle's, was not ill-timed.

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