

LATEST NEWS OF THE WORLD BY TELEGRAPH AND CABLE.

DREYFUS LEAVES RENNES PRISON

He Leaves For Nantes in the Early Morning Hours.

A SECRET DEPARTURE

All Rennes Was Wrapped in the Arms of Morpheus and Unaware That the Famous Prisoner Had Left His Cell For Freedom—Clerk of Court of Cassation Dismissed For Talking Too Much.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Rennes, Sept. 20.—Captain Alfred Dreyfus at 3 o'clock this morning left the prison here in which he had been confined since his return from Devil's Island, and proceeded to Vern, where he took a train bound for Nantes. His departure was completely unnoticed. M. Viguer, the chief of the secret service, and the prefect, M. Durcault, arrived at the prison after midnight, bringing the minister of war's order for the release of Dreyfus. The latter walked from the prison to the Boulevard Leonne, where he entered a waiting carriage and was driven to the Vern station, outside the town. Mathieu Dreyfus met him at the train and accompanied him to Nantes. While this dramatic turn in the Dreyfus drama was taking place all Rennes slept and the departure of the famous prisoner of Devil's Island was no more noticed than that of an ordinary traveler.

THE SAME CARRIAGE. The carriage which was in waiting was the same vehicle which took Dreyfus at the Rennes court-martial, has been promoted to assistant manager of the army gun factory at Euteaux.

WILL FIGHT FOR REPARATION.

Paris, Sept. 20.—The Aurora will tomorrow publish the following declaration from former Captain Dreyfus: "The Government of the Republic has given me my liberty. But liberty is nothing to me without honor. From to-day I shall continue to seek reparation for the frightful judicial error of which I remain the victim. I wish France to know by a definite judgment that I am innocent. My heart will only be at rest when there remains not a single Frenchman who imputes to me the abominable crime perpetrated by another." (Signed) "ALFRED DREYFUS."

PORTORICAN AFFAIRS.

SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND INDIGENT PEOPLE.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) San Juan de Porto Rico, Sept. 20.—The Board of Charities tabulated statistics show that out of a population of 916,894 there are 291,089 indigent and 11,855 sick.

The number of deaths as a result of the recent hurricane was 2,610. One week's rations were issued to 293,147 persons, and the number of those working for rations was 11,773.

The first trial in the San Juan provisional court took place to-day when a prisoner named Francisco Trapaga was convicted of larceny and sentenced to six months' imprisonment at hard labor and to pay \$500 costs.

The Case of Guerin.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Paris, Sept. 20.—On his arrival at the prison, M. Guerin, the president of the Anti-Semite League, after having surrendered to the police this morning, was subjected to a brief examination for the purpose of establishing his identity, the president of the High Court being present.

The High Court to-day continued its secret examination of the documents in the conspiracy cases.

TWO LARGE FIRES

St. Vincent's Hospital Totally Destroyed-- Norfolk Flour Mill Destroyed.

PARTICULARS OF THE FIRE

Discovered by a Street Cleaner on Church Street.

IT BURNED FIERCELY

The Entire Pile of Magnificent Buildings Threatened With Destruction—Removal of the Sick—Nurse Dolan Seriously Injured—Roof Timbers Fell Upon Fireman, One of Whom Was Fatally Hurt.

St. Vincent's Hospital, the finest hospital in the south, caught on fire this morning at 1:30 o'clock, and at 4 o'clock the entire building, with the exception of the wing extending along Church street, was on fire. The alarm was turned in from St. Vincent's private box, No. 37, first by telephone, and was finally responded to by every engine-house in the city. The Portsmouth department was also called upon and responded promptly, sending over one engine.

LIVES PROBABLY LOST.

It is feared that two of the patients were lost in the flames. One of the missing is an old lady, whose ward was directly over the room in which the fire started, and the other is an insane patient. There were seventy-five or eighty patients in the hospital proper, and thirty or forty in the negro wards in the frame buildings in the rear. All except the two mentioned were removed and are accounted for. It may be that the old lady and the insane patient were rescued in the general rush, but they have not yet been accounted for.

NURSE DOLAN MAY DIE.

Miss Kate Dolan, one of the nurses, was near where the blaze started and in rushing through the room was caught on fire. She leaped from the second story and the injuries thus sustained, with the severe burn, it is feared, may prove fatal. She was given every care by the sisters, by whom she is much beloved, being one of the best nurses at the institution. She was to have graduated shortly.

SISTERS ACT BRAVELY.

The bearing of the nurses, sisters and medical corps under the trying circumstances was something wonderful. With that remarkable equipoise of mind peculiar to people devoted to assuaging the pains of the sick and ministering at the bedside of the dying house.

THE DETROIT WATCHING AMERICAN INTERESTS.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Washington, Sept. 20.—The following cablegram has been received at the Navy Department from Commander Hemphill, of the Detroit. A few words are missing:

"U. S. S. Detroit, 'La Guayara, Venezuela, September 20.

"Secretary of the Navy: "About four thousand men (insurgents) now principally in the vicinity of Valencia, recently occupied Puerto Cabello unopposed; later evacuated position. The Venezuelan forces took possession. * * * Principal American interests Red D. Line. Red D. Line's steamer leaves to-day from La Guayara for Puerto Cabello, fear possible in the event of fight. * * * With the advice of American charge d'affaires I shall proceed at once to Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, to protect American interests. I shall return * * * I have arranged to keep in communication with minister." (Signed) "HEMPHILL."

ODD FELLOWS PARADE.

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PROPOSITIONS TO MAKE MEMBERSHIP IN BOTH THE PATRIARCHS MILITANT AND GRAND ENCAMPMENT COMPULSORY FOR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE WERE DEFEATED IN TODAY'S SESSION OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE. A PROPOSITION TO HOLD BIENNIAL SESSIONS INSTEAD OF ANNUAL WAS ALSO VOTED DOWN.

houses in the neighborhood temporarily. The Sisters went to St. Mary's Asylum after their work was done. Percy Hatfield, one of the patients, his leg cut off, rolled himself down from the third story and rescued himself. Other patients rushed out of their rooms, some fainting on their way to the street.

THE POLICE ASSIST.

Chief Kizer had fifty-two policemen on the ground with the police patrol, which did valuable service in removing the sick, making about thirty trips. Hundreds of citizens worked heroically in attending to various duties which arose. The Fire Department was especially assisted in the moving and handling of the hose by the policemen and citizens.

BIG CROWD GATHERED.

Despite the early morning hour four or five thousand people gathered in the streets and on the hospital grounds. The crowd swelled as it by magic and by 3 o'clock the streets on either side of the burning were impassable almost. There was no attempted looting of the buildings or the trunks saved by vandals. The Sisters spoke of them afterwards as heroes, such was their brave work in rescuing the patients in that immediate part of the building. The firemen raised ladders to the windows and thus saved many who otherwise could not have been reached.

HOW IT ORIGINATED.

The conflagration is believed to have originated by a lamp setting fire to a mosquito netting on a bed. The street cleaners who ran over at the discovery of the flames broke open the door to the room. The Sisters spoke of them afterwards as heroes, such was their brave work in rescuing the patients in that immediate part of the building. The firemen raised ladders to the windows and thus saved many who otherwise could not have been reached.

GOOD WORK.

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THE MILL OWNERS.

The owners of the mill are: John D. Thoma, of Bristol, Tenn., President; Bert C. Keely, of Norfolk, secretary and treasurer; Peter McNulty, of Scotland; W. B. Brown, of Norfolk, and the Harmling and Doyle estates, of Bristol.

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NORFOLK FLOUR MILL BURNED

Norfolk Milling Co's., Plant in Brambleton Partially Destroyed.

\$25,000 TO \$30,000 LOSS

Building and Machinery Worth from \$20,000 to \$25,000, and the Stock from \$5,000 to \$5,000—Insurance \$16,000—Fire Department Forces from Houses Nos. 1 and 2 Respond and Do Good Work.

The Norfolk Milling Company's flour mill, adjoining the Norfolk and Western railroad tracks and fronting on Brambleton avenue, was totally destroyed by fire last night between 10 and 11 o'clock. The loss is estimated at \$25,000 to \$30,000. The insurance is \$16,000.

The blaze was first discovered by Policeman Guynn, who was walking down the Norfolk and Western tracks. It started in the third story of the rear of the building. He turned in the alarm and the up-town fire department reached the scene he saw it would be a hard task to check the fire, and turned in a second alarm for No. 1 house. Owing to an obstruction on Brambleton avenue the Queen street hose, truck and engine were delayed for three or four minutes in getting to the fire, but connection was quickly made and soon the hose of both houses were turned on the blaze, which was spreading with remarkable rapidity.

The fire was secured was good, but the fire had such headway and such good material to feed upon that twice the number of streams would scarcely have controlled it.

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SENATOR MASON.

WILL CONTINUE OPPOSITION TO WAR IN PHILIPPINES.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Washington, Sept. 20.—In an interview with a Post reporter 6-day Senator Mason, of Illinois, said: "On the floor of the Senate I shall continue my opposition to the war upon the Philippines. I would sooner resign my seat than treat a dog the way we are treating those people. I am ashamed of my country."

"People make a great mistake," he continued, "when they say that I am against expansion. I am not. But expansion by purchase or other honorable means is one thing; expansion by force is another. I do not believe that there was any necessity for this war upon the Philippines. I believe that if we had adopted a resolution in Congress, insuring these people, as we assured the Cubans, that we had no selfish designs upon them, we never would have met with any opposition in the Philippines. The fact is, we have given the Filipinos every reason to distrust us, and they are fighting for their own liberty."

"Talk about hanging down our flag," continued Senator Mason, "will not our flag come down in Cuba? Certainly it will if we are true to our promises. And the day that it comes down will be the brightest day in our history, because it will show that we are great, unselfish nation, devoted to the eternal principles of right and honesty. If the Cubans want to be annexed later, that is another question. Why cannot we deal with the Filipinos in the same way?"

ADMINISTRATION CONDEMNED

FOR THE DESACRATION OF CATHOLIC CHURCHES.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) New York, Sept. 20.—The National Union of Catholic Young Men's Societies, in session in Newark, to-day adopted the following resolutions:

"Whereas, for some time past many rumors have appeared in the public press, and have been affirmed by private advisers, that Catholic churches in the Philippines have been desecrated and despoiled of sacred vessels and vestments by soldiers of the United States:

Resolved, That we, the Catholic Young Men's National Union, embracing 60,000 men in the United States, do call upon the President of the United States, having every confidence in his fairness, justice and respect for all religions, and through him upon the other proper authorities, for a thorough investigation and report upon such rumors as to their truth or falsity; and

Resolved, That if upon proper investigation these rumors should be found true in whole or part, we demand:

"First, the punishment of those guilty or responsible for such outrages upon our religion; and

Second, that the necessary measures be adopted to prevent the recurrence of such desecrations.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, duly authenticated by the President and Secretary of this convention, be forwarded to the President of the United States.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

New York, Sept. 20.—The following officers were elected to-day by the National Union of Catholic Young Men's Societies, in convention at Newark, N. J.: President, Dr. S. H. Wall, of New York; First Vice-President, Rev. D. M. Bogdan, Rahway, N. J.; Second Vice-President, J. M. Higgins, Richmond, Va.; Secretary and Treasurer, E. P. Gallagher, Philadelphia.

Cardinal Gibbons Confers With McKinley.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Washington, D. C., Sept. 20.—Cardinal Gibbons had an hour's conference with the President to-day. He was accompanied by Father Stafford of this city.

Further than to admit that the conversation related to the situation in the Philippines, Cardinal Gibbons declined to make a statement regarding the conference. It is known that the Cardinal came by appointment. A few of the Catholic clergy have been very much exercised by the reports of the desecration of church property in the Philippines by our soldiers and it is presumed that this, together with other subjects relating to the Catholic Church in the Philippines, was discussed.

Japanese Steamer Goes to the Bottom

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Victoria, B. C., Sept. 20.—A telegram from the Governor of Shiga, prefecture to the Japanese Government, reported by the Empress of India, states that on the fourth instant the steamer Koun Maru foundered during a typhoon off Hanakaw in Biwa lake, going to the bottom like a stone. She had fifty passengers on board, a majority being women and children. Twelve of these were drowned and two fatally injured, while eight of the crew also went down with the ship, their bodies being confined by the vessel.

Key West Yellow Fever Report.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Key West, Fla., Sept. 20.—New cases of yellow fever reported by Dr. Porter for past twenty-four hours, 45, making a total to date of 438. No deaths reported to-day. The total deaths to date have been 11.

CLASSIFICATION OF NEWS.

BY DEPARTMENTS. Telegraph News—Page 1. Local News—Pages 2, and 3. Editorials—Page 4. Virginia News—Page 6. North Carolina News—Page 7. Portsmouth News—Page 5. Berkeley News—Page 6. The World of Sport—Page 6. Markets—Page 8. Shipping—Page 8. Real Estate—Page 8.

THE BOERS ARE READY FOR WAR

Despite the Outward Show of Calm, War is Imminent.

COLONIAL OFFICE MUM

Will Neither Confirm Nor Deny Rumors in Circulation—Great Britain is Hastening Preparations For a Conflict, While the Boers Maintain a Defiant Attitude—A President that May Exert Influence.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

London, Sept. 20.—Despite all outward show of calm, Great Britain is in practically the same condition to-day as was the United States a few weeks before the opening of the war with Spain. Beneath the crust of diplomatic reserve the military officials are working night and day, preparing for the signal to begin hostilities, whether that comes or not.

England is not going to be caught napping any more than the Transvaal. While Lord Salisbury is quietly at home in Hatfield House, Mr. Chamberlain is buried in work at the Colonial office, and double forces at the Royal arsenal and dock-yards are straining every nerve to equip and transport troops to the Cape.

CASE NOT HOPELESS.

It may be set down for certain that Great Britain will do nothing to precipitate matters, and the Colonial Office is far from admitting that the case is hopeless. The report that Great Britain had demanded the dismantlement of the forts at Johannesburg, together with a material reduction in the armament of Burgers, the Colonial Office to-day would neither confirm nor deny although it is much doubted.

Meanwhile the Marquis of Lansdowne, Secretary of State for War, who returned this morning from Dublin, has held long conferences with General Lord Gort, Wolsley, field marshal, and General Sir Evelyn Wood, adjutant-general to the forces, and the activity at headquarters is reflected in the contract, supply and transport department.

The departure of the transport Jelunga for the Mediterranean to-day with 1,100 troops was witnessed by a large and enthusiastic crowd.

ACTIVITY AT WOOLWICH.

At Woolwich activity increases daily, especially in the ordnance department, where Maxim guns, Lyddite shells, balloon equipments, gas reservoirs, wagons for lime-light apparatus, water carts, ambulances, army wagons and other paraphernalia of modern warfare are being hurried forward.

A PRECEDENT.

While rumors of the reassembling of Parliament are current, the fact is recalled that in the Afghan war first and then assembled Parliament.

This evening the Marquis of Lansdowne issued a strict order to the staff of war office, warning all subordinates to refrain from giving the press any information without the authority of their superiors, and calling attention to previous breaches of duty in this respect, which the orders says, "will no longer be tolerated."

THE TRANSVAAL FIRM.

Advices from Cape Town this evening are to the effect that the Afrikaners declare that the Transvaal will not yield further, and that if the Imperial government does not recede from its present position war is inevitable. The South African News supports the contention of the Transvaal that the convention of 1884 abolished the suzerainty.

EXODUS FROM JOHANNESBURG.

According to other advices the Burgers are rapidly going into Laager, while the exodus from Johannesburg yesterday reached 1,000 persons. The stock exchange at Johannesburg has resolved to close the moment martial law is proclaimed, but all current contracts will be carried out until the proclamation suspending all business. In the meantime the merchants are erecting barricades in front of their shop windows.

At Pretoria the interest seems to be centered in the meeting of the Orange Free State Volksraad to-morrow (Thursday), which it is hoped may somehow suggest a modus vivendi that would save the situation.

On the other hand, advices from Bloemfontein announce the arrival there of a large number of members of the Raad, adding that the result of to-morrow's sitting is already agreed upon, as the Orange Free State will throw in its lot with the Transvaal, all the Free State Burgers being fully armed and ready to start at a moment's notice.

RIGHT HON. SIR WILLIAM VERNON HART.

Right Hon. Sir William Vernon Hart, Liberal member of Parliament for West Monmouthshire and former leader of the Liberal opposition in the House of Commons, in the course of an address to his constituents this evening in New Tredegar, said he could not read the persistent attempts of the war press to aggravate the Transvaal situation without indignation.

"Great Britain," said the speaker, "cannot claim general sovereignty in the Transvaal when she has only partial suzerainty, and President Burgers cannot claim for the Transvaal the position of an international sovereign state. Both sides, therefore, have made allegations which cannot be maintained either."

Sir William declared that there was no cause for alarm and expressed his hope that a shameful catastrophe might be averted.



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ARRIVED AT NANTES.

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INQUIRY WAS MADE CONCERNING THE BORDEAUX TRAIN, WHICH, THEY WERE INFORMED, LEFT AT 8:58 A. M. ALL FOUR THEN ENTERED A FIRST CLASS COMPARTMENT, IN WHICH THERE WERE ALREADY OTHER PASSENGERS. IT WAS INTENDED, BY THIS REFRAINING FROM AN ATTEMPT TO SECURE PRIVACY, TO AVOID EXCITING CURIOSITY AND THIS APPARENTLY SUCCEEDED. M. VIGUIER AND THE POLICEMAN ONLY WENT AS FAR AS THE FIRST STOP, VERTOU, WHEN THEY RETURNED TO NANTES TO CATCH THE 12:13 P. M. EXPRESS FOR PARIS, LEAVING THE BROTHERS TO CONTINUE THEIR JOURNEY ALONE. IT IS BELIEVED THE DREYFUSES ALIGHTED AT AN INTERMEDIATE STATION TO TAKE A FRESH START IN AN UNKNOWN DIRECTION.

CLEK OF COURT DISMISSED.

Paris, Sept. 20.—M. Menard, clerk of the Court of Cassation, has been dismissed after thirty-one years' service, for giving M. Quesnay de Beaurepaire, former chief of the Civil section of that court, information harmful to Dreyfus, which fact transpired during the revision inquiry.

Major Hartmann, of the Artillery, who gave testimony favorable to