

## CAPTAIN DREYFUS CONFRONTS HIS ACCUSERS

### "I Am Innocent!" He Proclaims In a Tone That Thrills Judges and Spectators.

RENNES, Aug. 7.—The trial of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus began at 7 o'clock this morning. Everything was keyed up to the event. Special guards came on duty at daybreak and all Rennes was on tiptoe at the deadline drawn around the court and prison. Files of troops were stationed along the street across which Dreyfus had to pass to the Lycee. The morning was bright and warm. The prisoner was finally escorted across the street by two policemen, and murmurs of curiosity arose from the crowd as he passed, but there was no demonstration. The crowd in fact was apparently in good humor. Following Dreyfus came a number of prominent witnesses, ex-Premier Casimir Perier, ex-Minister of War Zurlinden, Gen. Chanoiné and others. The majority wore brilliant uniforms and were cheered by the crowds. Lieut. Col. Picquart was also applauded but there were a few murmurs of disapproval.

It was a few minutes past 7 o'clock when Dreyfus was ordered to take the stand and the accusation of his betraying French military secrets to a foreign power was read. After the conclusion of this formality the prisoner gave his name, age and army grade and said: "I am the Capt. Alfred Dreyfus who is named in the accusation." The prisoner's voice was firm. He did not look triumphant, but as one about to realize a long deferred hope.

The recorder of the court then called the roll of witnesses. Mrs. Henry was the only woman witness present. She looked frail and scared. She smiled when ex-Maj. Esterhazy was marked "absent." At the conclusion of the roll call physicians certificates, etc., were presented, explaining the absence of Paty du Clam and others. Maj. Carriere, the government prosecutor, then told the witnesses that possibly four days would be spent in an examination of the secret dossier, and that they must retire until called. The witnesses left and the court took a 20-minute recess to consider the excuses of absentees. During this time Dreyfus was taken in an ante-room.

Upon the resumption of the session Col. Jouast, president of the court, standing in his place, his associates and officers of the court also standing, read a decision that, inasmuch as the defense offered no objection, the trial would proceed without the absentees, whereupon all the officers removed their caps, and the soldiers present rested on their arms. The lawyers attired in black robes then took the oath. Dreyfus was brought back from the ante-room under guard. The reading of the accusation was then resumed. At its conclusion the prisoner was ordered to stand and Col. Jouast said: "Captain Dreyfus, you have heard the accusation. Do you recognize this?" (handing the Bordeaux.)

Dreyfus: "I do not."  
Jouast: "Is that your work?"  
Dreyfus: "It is not. I am innocent." As the prisoner said this he trembled palpably and with a voice throbbing with emotion repeated: "I am innocent; upon my honor and everything that I hold dear—my country, my children—I am innocent." An examination of the prisoner followed. Dreyfus answered the questions promptly, emphatically and distinctly without the reputed impediment in his speech due to long isolated imprisonment. He stood with his hand raised in the attitude of salute as Col. Jouast read from the notes. His replies to the questions relating to the different documents which concerned the alleged treason were always of the same tenor: "I had no knowledge of it," or simply "never." Again there would be a detailed explanation of how he knew certain things under innocent circumstances.

The prisoner denied that he had ever visited Germany or Italy on certain dates. Answers were "no" or "never" with a burst of indignation which sounded throughout the hall. When the court asked: "Did you cross into Italy carrying documents for a foreign power?" Dreyfus answered with intense emphasis: "absolutely never." This caused a buzz of comment from the officers present and the court cried "silence." The scene was highly dramatic. After a short secret session, the court announced that it would deliberate on the secret dossier behind closed doors tomorrow or perhaps for a longer period. The court then adjourned for the day.

The personal appearance of Dreyfus is now unattractive. He has grown very round-shouldered and in endeavoring to stand erect bends over backward. His hair is gray and the top of his head is bald. He wears a slender dark moustache and rimmed eye glasses. His neck is too small for his head and his whole frame is shrunken. These unfortunate features are redeemed, however, by his manner, which is earnest and at times dramatic. At the first suspicion of an accusation Dreyfus raised his arms and complained bitterly of his persecution. The court allowed him absolute freedom in his expressions. Col. Jouast's manner was military but kind, almost fatherly. The audience, in dispersing, admitted that Dreyfus' appealing figure made a good impression and said that he was either innocent or a remarkable actor, which last belief some maintain. It was evident to all that the court means to be excessively faithful in the discharge of its duties. Dreyfus appeared at the trial in the uniform of a captain of artillery. After the session the prisoner was hurried back to his cell. Few recognized him among the guards who escorted him all in uniform. Dreyfus' step was slow and he is evidently failing in health by reason of the long ordeal.

### No Baby Parade This Year

ASBURY PARK, Aug. 7.—Founder Bradley announced officially last night that there will be no baby parade in Asbury park this summer. Mr. Bradley said that the work connected with this annual pageant was too great for his nerves. The announcement is received with general regret. Many mothers had already prepared striking and expensive features for this annual march of the infants.

### BUILDING PERMITS.

Building permits were issued today to W. R. Watson to build a two story frame residence at 1214 Seventh avenue to cost \$2,000; A. C. Chino to build a two story frame residence at 1212 Seventh avenue to cost \$2,000; Harry J. Allan to build a one story building at 1601-1625 Thirty-eighth avenue to cost \$2,300.

### Street Cars Stopped.

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., Aug. 7.—Last night the street railway company suspended operations on account of the strike of the employees. Today not a wheel has turned.

### DROWNED IN THE DUWAMISH

Four-year-old Eddie Ripperd was drowned in the Duwamish river last night near his home at South Seattle. He was playing on a soap and slipped and fell in the water. No one saw the accident and when he was missed search for him was instituted. He was found, but life was extinct. Butterworth & Sons went out after the body this morning.

### A CHANGE IN HIS FAITH

TACOMA, Aug. 7.—State Senator W. H. Plummer, for seven years one of the most prominent figures in the Washington Populist organization, has withdrawn from that party and announces his determination henceforth to affiliate with the Republican party. He repudiates Populism and declares there is no Democratic party. If such an organization exists, or is to exist, it must come from the ashes of Populism, and Senator Plummer says he is done with that organization.

### HUNDREDS ARE DISGUSTED

Recent arrivals from the north state that of the many claims staked in Athol, only a few are making a good showing, while hundreds are being thrown up by their holders in disgust. Judge Irving is searching for the original owners of the different claims, and whenever it is possible for him, the claims are restored to the man who originally staked them. General satisfaction seems to be given by the decisions, and the tangle is gradually being straightened out. It is reported that company is buying a large number of claims and preparations are being made to work them with hydraulic machinery next year.

### RICH MINER GOES CRAZY

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 7.—Miner Klein, one of the most remarkable characters that ever hunted for gold in the Klondike, was arrested in Dawson as the result of a hallucination he had regarding an alleged conspiracy to deprive him of his valuable claims. He is reported to have made a big stake, and his relations will probably derive the benefit of his very good luck. The report that ancient diggings were discovered at Tacheen creek is confirmed by recent arrivals from the Klondike. The particulars in regard to the discovery are, however, very meagre.

### Vast Gold Storage Plant

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 7.—The largest gold storage plant in the world is to be located here by next spring. It will cost a million dollars. It will be a national distributing point for perishable goods. Fruit growers as far west as California are urging its early completion.

### A CAMPING PARTY.

Today a party composed of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kennedy, Mrs. C. G. Austin, Mrs. E. A. Gardner, Messrs. H. A. Austin, and Ward left for Silverton on the Stillaguamish, for two weeks' camping. H. A. Austin's place in Judge Austin's court will be taken by W. W. Blaine.

### PERSONAL MENTION

W. A. French, of the firm of Pigott & French, arrived in Seattle Saturday night from Spokane. He has closed the Spokane business of the firm, and will now devote his attention to the business of the firm in this city.

Mrs. H. C. Pigott and son arrived in the city from Spokane last night, and will in the future make her home in Seattle.

M. B. Connelly, a prominent insurance man of Spokane, is in the city.

Fred B. Grinnell, receiver of the Citizens' Bank of Spokane, and prominent in financial circles in that city, is in Seattle.

### Held Police at Bay.

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 7.—John Shanahan, a saloon-keeper, killed two men in his place of business at 2 o'clock this morning. Escaping to his apartments above his saloon, he stood off the police and a large crowd for several hours. He was armed with two revolvers, and drove the officers out of range by firing through the door. His victims were Ed Joyce and Ed Callahan, packing-house employes.

### PROMISED LAND IS NOT FOUND

Negroes From Liberia Have a Tale of Suffering.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Eight negroes, three women and five children, arrived from Sierra Leone on Friday and after wandering about the streets all day were taken in charge by a colored missionary, Mrs. Hatfield Ross, who got them shelter and managed to get food for them. They are Mrs. Lucy Grayson, Mrs. Boone and Mrs. Smitton, who, with their husbands and children, formed part of a large colony of Southern negroes who sailed from Sarina, Ga., in March, 1898, for Liberia.

Hundreds sold their houses and joined the colony, sailing on the Labrador, arriving at Monrovia, the colonists received the allotments of land that had been promised them, but learned that it would be several years before they could gather the first crop of coffee, which was about the only thing that could be raised. The land, guarded by his mother, they were to have been furnished them for one year, sold them in the interior and left with the proceeds. Some of the colonists made their way inland and attempted to compete with the natives at starvation wages in the fields and as carriers. Scores succumbed to the fever, among the mth husbands of Mrs. Boone and Mrs. Smitton.

They escaped to Freetown, Sierra Leone, where they were cared for by Dr. Williams, the American consul. Thanks to his assistance and that of two steamship companies, Mrs. Grayson, Mrs. Boone and Mrs. Smitton were able to reach the city.

### Meant to Die First.

MARION, Ill., Aug. 7.—Deputy U. S. Marshal L. L. Dowell, with a posse of eight men, captured Wm. Smith at 5 o'clock this morning in the wilds of the Stubby River bottoms. Smith is charged with having been a member of the mob that fired into the coach of colored miners at Fredonia. He had said he would never be taken alive. He was found in a tent, guarded by his mother and a fierce bulldog. Smith had a number of guns in his tent. He will be taken to Springfield tonight.

### WILL RESULT IN REBELLION

Narrow Escape of a Train

VIENNA, Aug. 7.—The correspondent of a Vienna newspaper writes from Belgrade that outsiders can have no idea of the reign of terror now prevailing all over Servia. He says:

"It is certain that the plot to kill ex-King Milan was no plot at all, but a police job conceived by Milan himself and carried out by his creatures in order to get rid of the radical leaders, who are the sole barrier between comparative liberty and despotism."

"All the radical leaders are now in prison and every radical newspaper has been suppressed. Not only have the leaders in towns and cities been laid by the heels, but village champions of radicalism by the hundreds have been thrown into jail without warrant."

"The prisoners are Servia's best men and their withdrawal from public life cannot fail to have a disastrous effect on the country sooner or later. The effect will take the form of a revolution, the uprising of a people driven to desperation by the tyranny of misgovernment."

"Nothing but God can come from the young king, Alexander, and his infamous father, both sunk in sloth and the filthiest debaucheries. Thanks to their shining examples and fostering care, Belgrade at this moment is the worst pest house in Europe."

"The radical leaders desired to purge the city and carry through a programme of social and political reforms. This was their mortal offense and now Servia's only hope is the removal of the present dynasty."

### Otis Spurred by a Hint.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—I transpired today that one reason why President McKinley went to Lake Champlain without determining what should be done about the commander of the army in Luzon is because he still cherishes a hope that all necessity for changing General Otis or his duties may disappear through the submission of Aguinaldo and the collapse of his insurrection before the end of the rainy season.

### Meant to Burn a Family

GALLION, O., Aug. 7.—Masked burglars entered the home of David Miller, living east of here, and, after trying the family, demanded the combination to his safe. The burglars piled clothes on top of their victims and saturated the mass with kerosene and were about to light it, when the old man wakened and accompanied them to the store, where they made him unlock the safe. They secured about \$1,000 and escaped.

### Broke Off Morphine Needle

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—With the broken end of a steel needle of a morphine syringe, two inches long, imbedded in her breast, Mrs. Sarah Shaw is at the Bellevue hospital in a serious condition. The woman was found lying on the floor at her home on Seventh street by her husband, after attempting to take a morphine injection. She fell as she was using the syringe, and the needle broke off in her breast. The long steel point cannot be drawn out by a magnet.

### A Fast Train Wrecked

CRESTON, Iowa, Aug. 7.—The Burlington Flyer was wrecked last night a mile east of Murray by running into three runaway freight cars which had been switched into the main line. Engineer Goulden was injured about the head and had a bone broken in his left leg. Truman Swain, of Afion, a passenger, was slightly bruised on the knee. Traffic was delayed five hours on the line.

### SEVEN BABIES AT A BIRTH

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 7.—Mrs. G. Hackett, colored, of Brownsville, Pa., gave birth yesterday morning to seven children, six boys and one girl. The children were all alive when born, but two of the boys and the girl died in a few hours. The four boys are alive and healthy. The mother is also doing well. The father, who is a coal miner, was notified at once, and hastened to his home, to be confronted with a sight that has probably never been the lot of any other man. Mrs. Lilly, Shoemaker and Worsell, who were in attendance at the birth, reported the matter, and in a few moments after it was known the wildest excitement prevailed. Hundreds of people rushed to the house and clamored to see the children.

The babies were placed in a row, the four who were in the best health taking some apparent interest in the proceedings, while the three others were held by friends caring little of what was going on. The seven children were all well formed when born, and their combined weight was 32 pounds.

### TIM HOGAN IS IN JAIL AGAIN

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 7.—Timothy Hogan, the noted mail-box robber, who escaped from the penitentiary May 8 last, has been returned here. He said that inside of 24 hours after his capture he would have been enlisted in the regular army. He was returned, dressed in the uniform of a soldier. In speaking of his escape from the penitentiary in a box, he said he was about to give up more than once and call for help, as one of the states had become loosened from the box in which he was confined, and the tobacco was falling on him, almost smothering him. As soon as the boxes were unloaded he kicked off one of the slats.

### SUICIDE OF A CONVICT

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug. 7.—Frank Wallace, from Kansas City, a convict in the state penitentiary, this forenoon jumped over the railing from the topmost step on the stairway at the third floor above the basement in the dining room building to the stone pavement below and was instantly killed. He was nineteen years old and came to the penitentiary last December under a 12-year sentence for robbery. He worked in Primmer's Shoe factory and got an order early this morning for clothing and started to the department which is on the floor from which he made the fatal leap. He climbed to the top of the stairway which goes up at the end of the building, and without saying anything to anyone, he leaped over the railing to the pavement below, 100 feet.

### FROHMAN IS TO MANAGE DALY'S

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Klaw & Erlanger have bought the lease of the Daly theater, which has eight years more to run, for \$100,000. This sum includes the purchase of the contracts and stage properties of all sorts left by the late manager, except the costumes, scenery and accessories used in the Shakespearean and old comedy productions. Charles Frohman, who already controls five of New York's leading theaters, is to be the manager for Klaw & Erlanger, and has offered his brother, Daniel, a partnership.

### A Political Death

BELLEFONTE, Pa., Aug. 7.—J. C. Batgate, a prominent farmer of College township, worked hard at the Republican primaries Saturday in the interest of Judge Love. He waited at the polling place until the count was complete, and just after being informed of his election as a delegate he was stricken with apoplexy. He died last night.

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