

# CAPT. DREYFUS GROWS MERRY

## Laughs Today in Court for the First Time During the Trial.

# EVERYTHING NOW GOING HIS WAY

## Witnesses for the Defense Give Testimony That Thoroughly Discomfits the Prosecution.

RENNES, Aug. 29.—This has been another good Dreyfus day. Lieut.-Col. Cordier, a retired officer, who was a member of the intelligence bureau at the time Dreyfus was there, occupied most of the attention of the court today. His testimony was strongly in favor of the accused.

Freycinet, former minister of war, also testified regarding the "foreign syndicate" reported to have been formed to fight for Dreyfus' freedom. He admitted frankly that he knew of no basis for the statement.

Cordier was called to the stand. He testified that at first he believed Dreyfus to be guilty, but later certain facts tended strongly to the presumption that he was innocent. He related first a description given him of the traitor. It was that he was a colonel, aged 45 and decorated, which did not answer closely to Dreyfus' description. "Yet," added the witness humorously, "the fact of the traitor being decorated does not necessarily confine him to the ministry." This sally brought out laughter, which was both spontaneous and hearty. Even Dreyfus, for the first time during the trial, joined in the merriment.

Then the witness, continuing, said that foreign officers were aware that some members of our service made a regular business of "treason." This statement was received with murmurs of surprise by the audience.

"Some of these know only the French language, but there are others who are linguists, such as Esterhazy, for instance, who is proficient in languages."

This remark again aroused prolonged laughter in the court. A long dispute between Rogot and the witness then ensued.

"Were you not an anti-Semite in '94?" asked Rogot. "Yes," replied Cordier, "and I still object to having Jews in the army, but not enough to bring false evidence against one of them who is accused of the crime of treason."

This direct thrust at Rogot caused a great sensation. "Col. Sandherr," continued Cordier, "was loyal; a patriot who died an honest man. Trouble began in the bureau with the arrival of Henry. Before that there was harmony. Sandherr disliked Henry. The famous forgeries were simply committed in order to demolish the evidence amassed by Picquart. There was no proof of Dreyfus' guilt, while on the other hand there were numerous suspicions of treasonable acts in other quarters. We had the police investigate the stories about Dreyfus being a gambler, etc., but all that we could find out was that Dreyfus was not entitled to wear orange blossoms on his wedding day."

Again the court room was convulsed with laughter in which Dreyfus joined.

Major Lauth here arose and disputed certain dates and facts mentioned by Cordier. The latter, however, firmly reiterated his statements.

Labori then read a telegram from a man named Pages, a friend of Col. Sandherr, denying that Matthieu Dreyfus attempted to bribe him (Sandherr). Rogot now confronted Cordier saying: "What part of my deposition are you pleased to designate false?"

Cordier: "It is all false."

Col. Fleur and Archivist Gribelin of the general staff also confronted the witness. Their argument, however, was without result. Cordier disconcerted his opponents in a manner both explosive and humorous, which convulsed even the judges.

Mercier then took the stand, and to the surprise of everyone, supported Cordier in some of his statements, and also affirmed the correctness of Pages' telegram read by Labori to the effect that Matthieu Dreyfus never attempted to bribe Sandherr.

The next witness was former minister of war, De Freycinet. He first testified regarding the origin of the story of a thirty-five-million franc syndicate to free Dreyfus. He said that he got the idea from a discussion with Jamot on possible coincidences. This was the only basis for the statement to Mercier that such a syndicate existed.

Jouaust, the president of the court, asked the witness his opinion of Dreyfus.

De Freycinet replied: "I will be satisfied, colonel, with any verdict the court renders."

The audience was disappointed at this diplomatic answer, which saved the witness from publicly declaring his opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the accused.

Labori asked De Freycinet: "Do you know a single fact which would lead you to think that any foreign agent had done anything in France to bring about a revision of the Dreyfus case?"

"No," replied De Freycinet.

"Or anything that would influence the court of cassation?" insisted Labori.

"No."

# IMPROVEMENTS OF STREETS

## A Large Number Reported on to the Council.

The greatest number of street improvements reported at the meeting of the city council for many months were those of last night. Councilman Muldoon, who is chairman of the street committee, said that it is evident that improvements of every nature are in progress in Seattle. The petitions which were reported on by the committee last night are as follows: George Kinnear, for grading and replanking Fourth avenue west between Roy and Veller streets; G. Kinnear, for grading and replanking Fifth avenue west between Roy and Mercer streets; approval of the plat of Kinnear Park addition; vacation of portions of Spring and Seneca streets; R. H. Denny, for improving Western avenue between Union and Cedar streets by macadamizing Fifth avenue south, King street, Sixth avenue south, Weller street by replanking and sidewalking; Eleventh avenue from East Columbia street to East Marion street; an ordinance approving the plat of Kinnear park addition to the city of Seattle, vacating that portion of the supplemental plat of George Kinnear's addition included in the same; Frank P. Lewis, grading and sidewalking Eighteenth avenue between East Howell and East Mercer streets. The reports of the committee were adopted.

At the Seattle Mining Exchange today the average on stocks continued to show a big increase. The most notable increase was on East San Poil. These stocks sold last week at 1/2, but the lowest offer today was 1 1/2. The price stood without a bidder, stock buyers fearing another decline. Colorado Gold and Copper, which was a drug on the market last week at 1/2, struck bottom today on a 1c cash offer, and an option was sold on \$500 at 1/2 by 30 days, 1/2 cash. An option was also sold on 10,000 Insurgent at 1/2 by 30 days 1/2 cash. The cash sales were: 5000 Dear Trail No. 2 at 25c; 500 Golden Tunnel at 20c; 1000 Republic at 1/2; 2000 Lone Pine Surprise at 25c; 1000 Evening Star at 1/2; 1000 Rambler Caribou at 1/2. The Rambler Caribou stocks were quoted Saturday at 25c, showing a rapid advance.

The committee of the Western Central Labor Union having in charge the Labor Day celebration has nearly completed arrangements. Yesterday Robert Pevler went to Black Diamond to confer with the miners and this afternoon William Middleton will go to Renton to make arrangements with the Co-operative miners.

Without doubt there will be more music in the parade than has ever been seen in Seattle before. Preparations up to date assume at least five bands, ranging from sixteen to twenty-five pieces each. Wagner's band will head the procession, with several other bands. Large bands from Tacoma and Roslyn will also be in line. It is quite probable that Sam's T. Shaw's band will participate.

Great interest is being taken in the proposed lacrosse game between the two picked teams from the cities of Victoria and Vancouver. After the athletic sports Prof. Woodall will make a parachute jump. A concert will be given in the afternoon at Madison Park pavilion. In the evening the entertainment will include three balls, one in the Armory, one in Germania Hall and the other at the pavilion at Madison park. Valuable prizes will be presented and the best orchestras obtainable will furnish music.

# THOUSANDS OF FLAGS

## Will Wave In Children's Hands

The executive committee of citizens having charge of the preparations for the reception of the Washington volunteers met yesterday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce. In the absence of Mayor T. J. Humes Maj. J. R. Hayden presided.

The following named members of the committee were present: A. M. Brookes, Geo. U. Piper, Col. E. P. Edson, E. H. Wells, Gen. J. B. Metcalfe, J. Howard Watson, Mrs. H. B. Patterson, of the Red Cross society; Mrs. D. C. Stam, Mrs. C. H. Fairbanks, Mrs. John Forehand, Mrs. Geo. Cotterill and Mrs. P. C. Conners, of the Portsea Relief Corps. Col. Edson, who is chairman of the parade committee, stated that it was his desire to have all of the school children of the city in line in the parade each with an American flag in hand. He believed that the effect would be an excellent one. The suggestion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Brookes, of the finance committee, announced that he would call a meeting of his co-workers at once to begin work collecting funds. He also stated that an official badge would be sold, provided that the general committee saw fit to endorse the sale. The committee signified approval.

Mr. E. H. Wells, chairman of the fireworks committee, announced that his co-workers would be Messrs. J. P. Hartman, R. H. Thompson and N. L. Rogers. The committee will meet within a few days to formulate plans for the marine fireworks display, which will probably take on the form of a marine battle.

Gen. Gilbert S. Meem resigned his chairmanship of the committee on halls and speakers and Gen. J. B. Metcalfe was selected to fill his place.

Chairman Hayden, of the reception

committee, announced the following additional members of his committee: Mrs. Della Coleman, president of the Foote Relief Corps; Mrs. Jennie V. Wilson, president of the Miller Relief Corps; Mrs. Lida H. McKersher, president of the Stevens Relief Corps; Mrs. J. C. Haines, of the Seattle Red Cross society; Mrs. John B. Allen, president of the State Red Cross society; Mrs. D. C. Stam, president of the Portsea Relief Corps, and Maj. W. V. Rinehart, of the Loyal Legion.

Reports were also received from Chairman Watson, of the press committee, and Secretary Rinehart, concerning information that had been sent out to the newspapers of the state and to mayors, councilmen and prominent citizens of the various municipalities of the state.

The committee thereupon adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock Thursday evening next at the Chamber of Commerce.

# CITY NEWS.

Mrs. M. J. Schaeffer, aged 55, died today at the Seattle General hospital of tumor.

Eleanor Hevan today applied for a divorce from Thomas J. Hevan on the grounds of cruel treatment.

A Boston syndicate has purchased three of the principal street railway systems of Seattle and in a short time will get control of the Madison street line. The roads that have already passed into the hands of the Eastern men are the Seattle Traction company, the Union Trunk line and the West Street Electric railroad.

It is understood that the Boston men will pay \$1,500,000 for the four railways mentioned.

Jacob Furth, one of the owners of the Madison street road, informed a Star reporter today that the deal for that line was practically consummated.

"In getting possession of the three lines," said Mr. Furth today, "the Boston men are taking the first practical steps for the consolidation of the roads of the city."

"Will the effort to get another franchise from the city be dropped? I hardly think so. The Boston syndicate will probably submit a new proposition to the council."

# LESCHI PARK TO BE MADE ONCE MORE THE LEADING RESORT

## A Magnificent New Pavilion to Be Erected Out in Lake Washington.

# LARGE BRASS BAND TO FURNISH HIGH CLASS MUSIC

## Improvements Will Cost in the Neighborhood of \$200,000—Cable Cars to Run Down to the Park—Interesting An- nouncement by Manager Haas.

Madison and other popular parks in the vicinity of Seattle will soon have a very dangerous rival in Leschi park, which even now has a great many patrons.

Improvements on a very large scale will soon be made by Manager J. T. Haas, and he confidently expects to control next year the most attractive pleasure resort on the Pacific coast.

Beautifully situated on the shores of Lake Washington, and at the base of a long hill, Leschi park is even at the present time almost an ideal spot for pleasure seekers. The Seattle Railway Company, which owns the park and the tram line which runs to it from the city, some time ago planned a number of improvements, but no definite action was taken.

It is now announced that several hundred thousand dollars will be spent in beautifying the park, building a floating pavilion, a new power house and other adjuncts.

Manager Haas, who was seen by a Star reporter this morning, said that next year would see him in a position to entertain thousands of Seattleites daily.

"It took some time to make the people financially interested realize the need of improvements at Leschi," said Manager Haas. "Everything is now arranged, however, and already we are working on our new power house."

"The old pavilion will be torn down and a new one capable of accommodating at least 5,000 people, will be built on the lake near the band stand. Our idea is to make the pavilion suitable for the holding of large conventions, and also to make a desirable resort for all classes of people who seek legitimate amusement."

"We will have a band daily, and while I am not in a position to say what musical organization I will engage, it will be the best of its kind on the coast."

"A wide promenade, probably of asphalt, will run the whole length of the park, and the site of the present pavilion will be laid out in flower beds."

"How much money do we propose to spend? Well, when the projected improvements are carried out and our work of double-tracking is completed we will have spent several hundred thousand dollars. I am thoroughly convinced that Seattle can support the best pleasure resort on the coast and we intend to make Leschi park fill the bill."

The work of leveling and filling in the waterfront and of laying the foundation of the new power house is now in progress. Manager Haas also proposes to shorten the time from the city to the park over his line to 12 minutes. The new pavilion and the other improvements planned will be completed next April.

Leschi Park is the oldest popular resort in Seattle. The year after the big fire the managers of the Yester way cable line built the large pavilion at the park. John Cort, who was then at the height of his theatrical career, rented the building and the vaudeville performance given there twice a day were the best ever seen in this city. At that time the cable road extended from the power house south to Jackson street, running directly in front of the pavilion. Every afternoon a band concert was given, at least sixteen and sometimes twenty-five musicians taking part. In the evening the auditorium would be crowded with a jostling crowd of merry-makers. Refreshments were served and the place proved popular.

Finally amusement resorts in the city began to draw the crowds and the pavilion enterprise was discontinued. Later traveling companies played engagements there, R. E. French's company being one of the principal attractions. Business soon became very poor and attractions were limited to Sundays only.

From that period until three years ago the pavilion was used first as a skating rink and then as a place for Sunday picnics. Five years ago the railway management inaugurated Sunday and Wednesday night band concerts, Wagner's aggregation, then known as the First Regiment band, being the feature. For two years the park was the Sunday resort for Seattle's amusement lovers. The road then changed hands and the band went to Madison park.

A large amount of money has been spent in beautifying Leschi Park and today the grounds present the prettiest landscape in the city.

# Amusements.

Walter L. Main's "Fashion Plate Shows of the World" are exhibiting in Seattle today. The circus arrived in Seattle about 6 o'clock this morning in two sections. It was late and several hundred people were in the railway yards ready to assist in unloading. In less than time it takes to tell a tented city sprung up opposite the Y. M. C. A. park and by noon everything was in readiness for the street pageant.

It came and was fully up to expectation. There were the open cages,

the men and women riders, the elephants, brilliantly painted wagons and several bands playing lively airs. A detachment of Rough Riders attracted much attention.

This afternoon the performance is being witnessed by a crowd that literally packs the large tents. There are many surprising features in the ring performances. More attention is given to "inside the main tent" show than to street display. The different acts are varied and for the most part new. Tonight the performance will commence at 8 o'clock.

At the Northwestern Mining Exchange this morning bidding was very light. Five hundred shares of Golden Tunnel were sold at 30c. The quotations on Golden Tunnel have been declining for some time.

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