

ACCUSERS OF DREYFUS.

GEN. MERCIER'S STORY OF HIS ARREST AND COURT-MARTIAL.

Would Not Disclose the Identity of Those Who First Directed Suspicion Toward Dreyfus—The Alleged Confession—Mercier Refused to Answer Several Pertinent Questions—Gen. Billot's Evidence.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

PARIS, April 9.—The Figaro publishes this morning the testimony given by Gen. Mercier, Minister of War at the time of the Dreyfus court-martial, given before the Court of Cassation on Nov. 8, 1898. Gen. Mercier relates that the document referring to "the candidate Dreyfus" was in the War Office through a secret messenger. Suspicion was aroused and search was made to discover the traitor who was conveying intelligence to foreigners. Later the authorities were warned to seek for him in the second Bureau. Then followed the *bordereaux*, which was brought by a most confidential agent and handed to Col. Henry, who gave it to Col. Sandherr. It was later passed to Goss, Gossard and Billot and finally to Mercier.

"Henry," Gen. Mercier says, "did not then know Dreyfus. Gen. Billot brought him a piece for comparison when he struck a resemblance to Dreyfus's writing. I told President Casimir Perier and Premier Dupuy, who agreed that an inquiry was necessary, and Col. Gossard was instructed to make it. Gossard thought at first that there was a resemblance and asked for the writer's name. I did not tell him. Finally he made a report, which was examined by the President. He then declared the writer's identity."

"I ordered the arrest of Dreyfus on Oct. 14. Gen. Billot simultaneously ordering Dr. Paty de Clam to institute a preliminary inquiry for the detection of the culprit. A test followed, convincing Dr. Paty de Clam and Col. Sandherr that Dreyfus was the man. Dreyfus was transferred in his house and his wife warned to be silent.

Gen. Mercier refused to disclose the name of the agent bringing the "canaille *bordereaux*," on the plea that it would be enlarging the interests of the State. He also refused to name the person who suggested the arrest of the second Bureau. Gen. Mercier deals with the documents mentioned in the *bordereaux* for the purpose of fixing the date. M. Pottier produced a negative report and MM. Charavay and Terpoisances an affirmative report. Dreyfus told Dr. Paty de Clam that he was one who had stolen his handwriting, thereby admitting the resemblance.

"After the court-martial had been decided," Gen. Mercier says, "I sent Dr. Paty de Clam to tell Dreyfus that his condemnation was the result of the investigation. Dreyfus did not speak throughout the trial. Foreign attaches were not mentioned. Dr. Paty de Clam said to Dr. Paty de Clam that he would like to see the threats of those two attaches."

"Dr. Paty de Clam asked, 'Which two?' Dreyfus replied: 'Those two belonging to the trial.' Dr. Paty de Clam asked: 'But are there three?' Dreyfus replied: 'Austria doesn't count.' Dr. Paty de Clam immediately reported to me this conversation."

Gen. Mercier continued, saying that Dreyfus's confession to Capt. Lebrun-Bennard followed. The President—When it was reported why you did not draft a report on it? Gen. Mercier—When the matter was settled it was not foreseen that the whole Jewish race would arise suddenly against Dreyfus. Besides, the leaf in Lebrun-Bennard's pocketbook remains as evidence.

The President called attention to the fact that Mercier's account differed from that given in Gen. Gossard's letter. Mercier replied: "Lebrun-Bennard can discuss exactly the same words that Dreyfus used." Gen. Mercier protested energetically against the theory that Dreyfus was employed to convey worthless documents to foreigners as a bait to obtain others. He enumerated other indications of Dreyfus's guilt. Dr. Paty de Clam reported to a conference in the War Office a plan for concentration, requesting that no notes be taken. Dreyfus was seen making annotations, which he immediately destroyed. The most important indication, however, consisted of the diplomatic *dosiers* in which there was no document containing the name of Dreyfus. The original document, however, mentioned Dreyfus's full name. This document originates from the surest source, posterior to Henry's forgery.

TENNESSEE WANTS HECKMAN.

Gov. Roosevelt Won't Surrender Him with the Molluux Trial Pending.

Nicholas A. Heckman, who swore before the Coroner's jury in the Adams poisoning case that Roland B. Molluux was the man who had written him a private letter in the name of H. C. Barker, is wanted in Tennessee as an escaped convict, and requisition papers have arrived. Heckman seems to have had a tip from somewhere about what was going on. He lives at 237 Flushing avenue, Astoria, but he was not there on the morning of his wife's death. He had not been home all night. Mrs. Heckman was apparently very much worried, and she hadn't the slightest idea where her husband was. He had never stayed away overnight before, she said.

Last Friday morning A. C. Collier, a lawyer, and Detective Coston, both of Nashville, presented to Gov. Roosevelt, at Albany, requisition papers from the Governor of Tennessee, asking for the surrender to that State of H. C. Barker. The necessary warrant for the apprehension of Heckman, as he is known in New York City, has been issued. The necessary warrant for the apprehension of Heckman, as he is known in New York City, has been issued. The necessary warrant for the apprehension of Heckman, as he is known in New York City, has been issued.

The Tennessee authorities have other affidavits as to Heckman's identity with the Molluux case. They claim that they have learned of his whereabouts. The name Blanche M. Graham is said to have given the Tennessee authorities the information on which they are acting. This young woman, who is now in Albany, New York, which she declares that Heckman, who was then known as Joseph C. Evans, ruined her life and her mother's. She says she was married to him in New York City, but that she was never legally married to him. She says she was never legally married to him. She says she was never legally married to him.

CAPT. CLARK GUEST OF HONOR.

To Visit the Trenton Potteries with a Party of Philadelphians.

TRENTON, N. J., April 9.—Capt. Charles E. Clark, who brought the United States battleship Oregon on her famous trip from the Pacific ocean to Cuban waters and fought her so effectively at Santiago, will be the guest of honor of a party of Philadelphians who will come to Trenton on Tuesday. The party will include fifty or sixty persons, who will be entertained by Major Sackett and his business partners, Messrs. L. B. Lantz and J. E. Lantz, all of the Philadelphia Lantz & Co. Company, and Mr. J. E. Lantz, who will be the guest of honor.

HIT OFF A POLICEMAN'S THUMB.

A Saloon Rowdy Used His Teeth When Draggued Down in a Street Fight.

John Fitzpatrick, a driver of 294 East Thirtieth street, and Patrick Thornton, a clerk of Sixty-eighth street, went into a fight kept by Fitzpatrick at 272 East Thirtieth street, early yesterday morning and began to make trouble. The bartender, Michael Weir of 254 Third avenue, penetrated with them and finally got them out into the street. Some officers returned with an axe-wrench and a pipefork and started in to clean up the mess.

VIRGINIA CAUSE LIKEN TO COURT.

Father Complains That She's Inscrutable.

Virginia Faust, the 36-year-old daughter of the late John Faust, Esq., died of an illness at her home in Manhattan on Sunday, April 9. Her father, who was a prominent member of the New York Stock Exchange, was deeply shocked when the tragedy was discovered, but it did not shake his belief that Dreyfus was guilty.

FORCED A BOY TO STEAL.

A NEGRO BARBER ACCUSED BY YOUNG NEWMAYER.

Obliged the lad to steal him at night and help commit petty burglaries, and gave him five cents in stolen postage stamps as pay for each night. Eugene McCauley, 42 years old, a negro barber, who says he belongs in Bridgeport, Conn., was arraigned before Magistrate Worth in the Gates Avenue Police Court, in Brooklyn, yesterday, charged with having forced an entrance into the drug store of Louis Wendell, at 1830 Fulton street, on Wednesday night, and stealing \$1 worth of postage stamps and \$3 in silver from the money drawer.

McCaulley first brought a number of stores in the Atlantic avenue precinct have been robbed on Friday last several boys told the police that Henry Newmeyer, 11 years old, of 1718 Bergen street, had tried to purchase a ticket to one of the theatres by paying for it with postage stamps. Detective Price and McCauley of the Clinton avenue station arrested the boy at his home, and after questioning him for a few minutes he told his story, which explains all the robberies of the past fortnight.

Two weeks ago, he said, he was met on the street by McCauley, whom he had never seen before, who told him to meet him that night and help him rob a grocery store. He said that he would not do such a thing, but the negro showed him a revolver and said: "If you won't meet me I'll go to your house and kill you."

In fear of his life, the boy says, he sneaked out of his home and hid the boy in a vacant room in a tenement at the corner of Dean street and Utica avenue and ordered him to break the window in the rear, crawl through the broken pane and rob the money drawer. The boy refused, and he says that McCauley broke the glass and entered the store and took the money from the money drawer. He was paid five cents in postage stamps. The boy then returned to his home and went to bed, without his mother knowing that he had been absent.

MRS. SHEPARD'S DIVORCE SUIT.

She Charges Her Husband, Spencer Howell Shepard, with Cruelty.

POUGHKEEPSIE, April 9.—The action brought by Mary K. Shepard against Spencer Howell Shepard, to obtain a decree of separation, came before Justice Barnard at the Special Term yesterday, on a motion for alimony and counsel fees. Mr. Shepard's father was a broker, who amassed a fortune in New York. He died several years ago, and the share of his son, Spencer Howell Shepard, in the estate was said to be worth nearly \$500,000. A few years ago he bought a farm in Greenburgh, Dutchess county, and he had bought a new house at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and he had married Mrs. Shepard and his wife arrived in 1897. She charged that he kept a servant in the house against her will, who was a man, and that he had kept her from attending to her business, and that he had been cruel to her.

TALK OF ANNEAL AT JAMAICA.

The Canadian Trade Commissioner Says It Is Being Discussed at Jamaica.

JAMAICA, N. S., April 9.—Estes Barker, Canadian Trade Commissioner at Jamaica, arrived here tonight. He says the stories of anxiety on the part of the people for annexation to the United States are exaggerated. Most of the people, he thinks, are perfectly loyal to England. There is indignation, though, against the Canadian Government on account of the enactment of a new tariff which makes the customs duties much higher. This net, Mr. Barker says, passed yesterday to meet a deficit of \$250,000, but a better plan would have been to cut down salaries and reduce expenses.

ORBITARY.

The Hon. A. M. Clapp, formerly Congressional Printer, who was stricken with paralysis on his last day in Washington yesterday afternoon.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Mrs. Agnes Anselmo, 35 years old, who was burned at a party in her home at 140 West Houston street on Sunday night, yesterday lost a small portion of her hair.

C. F. C. AND RAPID TRANSIT.

Charles Sprague Smith Enlists Its Sympathy Against a Perpetual Franchise.

The Central Federated Union devoted a great part of its time yesterday to the question of rapid transit and the opposition which has arisen to the Metropolitan Street Railway Company and any corporation acquiring a franchise in perpetuity for the subway road. Charles Sprague Smith, President of the People's Institute, attended the meeting, and the rules were suspended in order that he might have the privilege of speaking on the subject. Mr. Smith said:

"The time is coming when every one in touch with progressive movements will combine on both sides of the fence, including the workmen, to see that the purposes for which our Government was first established are realized. The giving away of franchises in New York City from the time forward must cease. The first question will then be settled, and the second question will be how to get back the franchise that have been already given away."

"There was applause at this, and when he said that the day of pure democracy was coming. The C. F. C. operated with the People's Institute in a public meeting in a meeting to be held in Cooper Union to-morrow night, at eight o'clock, to discuss the proposed franchise for the subway. The request was granted, and a number of the delegates will appear as Vice-Presidents of the meeting.

DRUGGIST UNDER SERIOUS CHARGE.

Accused of Performing an Operation from the Effect of Which a Woman is Dying.

Michael J. Sweeney, a druggist, of 211 Seventh avenue, was arrested yesterday afternoon charged with having operated criminally upon Mrs. Josephine Gordon of 201 West Twenty-seventh street. Mrs. Gordon was so ill last night that her mother, Mrs. Sweeney, called upon her and she was not allowed to do so. The dinner will begin at 6:30 o'clock. Then George B. Williams, ex-Gov. of the State, and Monaghan, Jerome O'Neill, of "Our Independence" fame, will speak at 7:30 o'clock, and John S. Cooney, ex-Congressman Towne and Judge J. P. Garvey will address the meeting at 8:30 o'clock, and then Bryan will begin. It is expected that he will speak for an hour and a half for an hour and a half.

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HUGH McLAUGHLIN HOME.

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Former Register Hugh McLaughlin, the veteran leader of the Democracy of Kings county, returned to his home in Brooklyn last night after a three months' vacation at Indian River, Fla. He had every appearance of being in the best of health, and his face was bronzed by the sun.

DOLLAR DINNER ORATORS.

BISHOP POTTER TO MEET BRYAN, PINGREE AND ALTFELD.

That's at the Workingmen's Non-Partisan Dinner on the 19th—George Fred Williams to Assist Bryan at the Silver Dollar Dinner Which Will Cost 10 Cents.

The two committees which are arranging for dollar dinners in honor of Thomas Jefferson met last evening in the Tenthua Assembly room, at Sixteenth street and Third avenue. Each had a floor of the building to itself. There was no clash except when one of the Chicago Platform committee attempted to attend the Workingmen's meeting. The Sergeant-at-Arms attended to him.

The Chicago Platform committee had a committee which is to give on April 19, an announced that besides William J. Bryan, Bishop Potter, Rev. Marjorie Jones of Toledo, Gov. Pingree of Michigan, ex-Gov. Altgeld of Illinois, Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Stetson and several others had consented to address the dinner.

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TRACKED THIEVES, BUT LOST THEM.

Trey Jeweller Did His Part Well, but the Police Got the Wrong Men.

ALBANY, April 9.—Three anekid thieves operated in Albany and Troy yesterday, and waited on them one of the sneaks secured \$15 from the safe in the store of James Vint, an Albany art dealer, and \$20 from the safe in the saddlery and harness store of Manning & Co. in Troy. While in Troy the three thieves, who were young and well dressed, visited the jewelry and art goods store of Moore & Winder, Mr. Winder, who was in the store alone, became convinced that the men were crooks from the manner in which they examined and priced articles. They soon realized that Winder knew it and left his store.

Mr. Winder followed the men to the railroad station where they took a train for Albany. Mr. Winder boarded the same train. He passed the men in one of the cars and one of them saw him and mentioned the fact to his comrades. Immediately the three left the car and went ahead to the smoker. Mr. Winder followed, determined not to lose sight of the men. At the Iron Works station in Troy, the crooks waited until the train was about to start and then got off. Mr. Winder got off also. The crooks walked to the end of the station and passed a man in a dark coat, who was carrying a package, and Mr. Winder, who was carrying a package, followed him. Mr. Winder followed him for about half an hour and learned that the man had boarded the Albany train for Troy. Mr. Winder followed the Chief of Police, Willard here of his experience, and the Chief telegraphed to Albany and returned to Troy when the train arrived in New York. He heard later that James Vint and James Scott had been located and that they had been arrested by Mr. Manning, accompanied by Detective Nolan of this city, for New York to identify the prisoners and bring them to Albany.

KISSED A SALVATION LASS.

Drunk Customer in a Saloon Makes Love to a "War Cry" Peddler.

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Mrs. Joseph D. Kelley Released from Jail.

THREE HATTE, Ind., April 9.—Mrs. Kelley, who attempted to shoot her husband, Joseph D. Kelley, and who seriously wounded him, was released from jail and to-day accompanied her sister to the home of her parents in Kewport.

Here, by the way, she gave the name of Adams N. J. who is the wife of a New York diamond broker named Ostrum, says Mr. Kelley's relatives had not known her whereabouts for several years until they read the report of the shooting.

BOXING MATCH PREVENTED.

Report That There Was to Be a Contest Between Bivala and Lavo.

The Naval Athletic Association of the Second Battalion, Naval Reserves, held a meeting at Jefferson Hall, Court Square, Brooklyn, Saturday night. There were speeches, good to-bass and a vaudeville show on the programme, but the greater event of the night, so it was believed, was to have been a fight to finish between two members who have been in the headlines for some time. It is reported that the fight was prevented because the two men were not in the mood to fight it out.

This story was learned by the police, and they were sent to investigate. It was found that the two men were indeed in the mood to fight, but they were not in the mood to fight it out.

The programme was carried out beautifully and it was a most interesting and successful evening. The young men were stripped and ready to appear, but they were not in the mood to fight it out.

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