ZOLA.

The Zola trial, which has ended in a sentence as tyrannous as all the proceedings were glaringly unjust, has nevertheless proved farmore humiliating to France than to Zola. It had its origin in the conviction two years ago of an officer of artillery named Dreyfus tor having sold army plans to a foreign power—presumably Germany. For this Dreyfus was drummed out of the army in the most ignominious manner and banished to the penal colony at Devil's Island, on the coast of Guiana, where he now is. The German, Italian and Austrian governments have since solemnly denied having any communication with Dreyfus or he with them.

Dreyfus, however, was a Jew, with a German name, and needed nothing else to prove him guilty to the masses of the French. These had, indeed, no other evidence, except the fact that an absolutely secret tribunal had found him guilty. The history of secret tribunals in France has not been such as to make that a proof of guilt. Judged by the past, it proved only that it was convenient to the court that Dreyfus should be accounted guilty. There soon arose vigorous protest against the secrecy of the tribunal on the part of the independent and anti-government press, which took the shape of a demand that the Dreyfus case should be reopened and tried in public. This was sharply refused by the government, and the newspaper protest was responded to by hysterical diatribes in the government press denouncing Germans and Jews, and proclaiming that the press of the country was in the hands of the Jews, and that the critics of the government were traitors in the pay of a Jewish syndicate who wished to upset the republic. An active propaganda excited the students of the Latin quarter and other specially inflammable elements of the population not only of Paris but of all parts of the French empire to shout 'Up with the army and down with the Jews'—two cries very irrelevant to the question in hand, but when put together suggestive of a foul consqiracy on the part of a hated race to ruin France, and both calculated to excite the prejudices of ignorance to frenzy. Lawlessness not against but on behalf of the governmen became rife in many quarters, and peaceful and loyal Jews have been put in peril of their lives. Events have treated with singular irony this frenzy against the Jews. Blasphemous as the comparison may seem, it has been impossible throughout the whole episode to avoid recalling the proceedings before Pontius Pilate. The French people have been all unconsciously acting over again even to small details the very conduct for which the Jews have for nearly eighteen centuries been cursed and hated by Christendom.

The most daring writer against the government was Emile Zola, perhaps the best-known writer in France. Zola went further than to protest against the secret conviction of Dreyfus. He declared Dreyfus innocent, and accused Major Esterhazy, an Austrian officer in the French service, who had been the intermediary of mysterious documentary evidence against Dreyfus, of being the real writer of the documents on the strength of which, so far as appeared, Dreyfus had been condemned. Major Esterhazy was also tried by a secret court-martial and solemnly acquitted, but the evidence adduced for and against him was strictly kept from the public. Zola has been tried for libel, but the court has throughout the case been more like an extravaganza from 'Alice in Wonderland' or from the 'Mikado' than a serious enquiry in the dignity of a nation, to say nothing of its justice, was at stake. Every witness for the prosecution was encouaged to harangue the mob and the jury about himself or about anything irrelevant. The order maintained in court except for the repression of the defence, was that of the bar-room. The likening of the judge to Pontius Pilate was unfair to the Roman, who at least wanted to be just. Certainly, the conviction has convinced nobody of the innocence of Esterhazy or even of the French Government. It has convinced many of the guilt of one and of the complicity of the other.—Montreal Witness.

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