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THE CASE OF DREYFUS.

The vindication of Alfred Dreyfus the famous Frenchman, was a long time coming, but it will cheer the remaining years of the much persecuted man, and of his faithful wife, who stood so loyally by him.

Dreyfus, who was a captain in the French artillery, was accused in 1895 of selling French military secrets to the German war office. He was arrested, tried and convicted, and sentenced to life imprisonment on Devil's Island, a lonely spot off the coast of French Guiana.

Confined in an iron cage, like a wild beast, his sufferings, mental and physical, were horrible, and the wonder is that he ever lived through them.

His wife and his friends were active in his behalf, and, finding new evidence for him, he was granted a new trial at Rennes in 1899, and again convicted on testimony which has since shown to be false. The second trial excited a world wide interest and opinion was strong that a great wrong had been committed against the prisoner.

So powerful was the feeling in France for Dreyfus that although convicted a second time, he was subsequently pardoned, but the one great object which he sought, his restoration to his place and rank in the army, was denied him, and for the past seven years he has been renewing his efforts to secure justice.

With further testimony in his favor his counsel was again able to get the case before the supreme court, which gave its decision Thursday, declaring Dreyfus innocent and restoring him to his place in the army without a retrial.

A Paris despatch says: "The effect of the decision is a complete vindication of Dreyfus, entitling him to restoration to his rank in the army as though he had never been accused."

The decision of the court was a foregone conclusion, as exhaustive inquiries had completely demolished the fabric of the accusation against Dreyfus, showing that the real culprit was Major Count Esterhazy. The decision, therefore, annulled the condemnation of the Rennes court martial and ordered that the acquittal be posted and published throughout France.

The ministers have held a protracted meeting under President Fallieres and determined on the government's course in carrying out the decision. The text of the two bills was formulated and were introduced in the chamber of deputies today, concerning respectively Dreyfus and Col. Picquart, with the object of restoring both to the ranks they would have held if they had continuously served. Dreyfus consequently will be nominated a major with eventual early promotion to a lieutenant colonelship in the army.

Picquart will immediately become a brigadier general. Dreyfus' name will also be inscribed on the list of the legion of honor, but he will not be directly nominated to that distinction, though probably a decree placing him on the list will shortly appear.

The Dreyfus case is one of the most noted in the annals of the world, and all lovers of humanity and fair play rejoice that at last the noted prisoner has received justice, although it comes late.

Dreyfus, who is a native of Alsace, one of the French provinces wrested from France by Germany in the great war of 1870-71, is only forty-seven years old, so that he may still have a notable career in the army. He will in all probability, become a national hero, and the highest honors his countrymen can bestow may yet come to him. No doubt the fact that he is a Jew, created a prejudice against him in France, yet he is a man, and it is shocking to think of the atrocity practised towards him.

Some of the men who conspired to ruin him and nearly succeeded, have come to miserable ends, one of them Col. Henry, having hanged himself after Dreyfus' second trial.

A DEADLOCK.

The Anglican synod, after spending a whole day balloting for a coadjutor bishop, were unable to reach a conclusion and adjourned till October. Only two of the twelve candidates nominated showed any great strength

LAMENTABLE TRAGEDY.

Six Children Drowned in Their Endeavor to Save One.
Four of the Victims Were Sisters.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., July 13.—Seven girls were drowned yesterday in Cedar river, only three blocks from home, while wading. The smallest child slipped into a deep hole and in trying to rescue her six others were drowned. Ruth Klersey was the only one of the party to escape. The dead are: Lucille, Hazel, Gladys H., Josie Sweeting, Ruth and Cora Coyle, Clam Usher.

The girls ranged in age from seven to sixteen years. The Sweeting children lived with their father near Ellis Park on the outskirts of Cedar Rapids. Clara Usher was the daughter of Sweeting's housekeeper and the Coyle children were nieces who were on a visit from Sioux City.

Ruth Klersey, the only survivor, said they were wading when little Lucille Sweeting slipped off a shelf in the river bottom into deep water.

Hazel Sweeting rushed after her, stepped into the hole, and five other girls rushed on after the other into the hole, trying to save each other. Ruth Klersey then ran home and gave the alarm. Four of the bodies were quickly removed from the water but it was too late to resuscitate them. The other bodies were recovered later while hundreds of people gathered on the river bank to watch the sad task.

The children had gone to the river with Mrs. Usher, who took the baby. The baby fretted and Mrs. Usher had started home with it.

Ruth Klersey, when she saw the fate of her companions, ran down the road crying to Mrs. Usher, overtaking her when almost home. Mrs. Usher left her baby in the road and ran back to aid the children. She managed to get hold of the hair of two of them and pulled them out of the water, but it was too late to save their lives.

and the contest for first place was hot between Rev. Archdeacon Neales of Woodstock and Rev. Canon Richardson of St. John. The former had the majority of the clergy, while the latter's strength was with the laity. Neither, however, was able to capture the necessary two-thirds vote of both classes, and the proposed election ended in a deadlock.

What will happen when the synod meets again to vote on the question, cannot even be conjectured. Perhaps the experience will be similar to that of the Nova Scotia synod, which for some days balloted on the selection of a bishop without practical result. An adjournment was made and the gentleman selected was not one of those on whom the synod first voted. It is possible that a dark horse may also capture the prize in New Brunswick, as neither the supporters of Archdeacon Neales nor Canon Richardson seem disposed to yield to the other.

The Archdeacon is a native of New Brunswick, son of a clergyman, and has been the popular rector of Woodstock for thirty-five years.

Canon Richardson is an Englishman thirty-seven years old, and has been a resident of Canada since he was nineteen. He came to Trinity Church St. John, a few years ago, from Manitoba, where he was educated for the ministry, and like Archdeacon Neales, is an attractive preacher, and a man of good presence.

It is alleged that the Archdeacon had the support of the older clergymen of the diocese while the younger element were enthusiastic for Canon Richardson.

CURRENT COMMENT

The Anglican Synod would be a much tamer gathering than it is if Judge Hanington failed to put in an appearance.

The city council does not propose to open any new streets this year, but could anything better be expected of that body as at present constituted?

Notwithstanding the efforts of a Tory senator, to block the repeal of the ex-minister's pension act, the bill was put through and a pernicious piece of legislation is removed from the statute book of Canada.

Hon. Mr. Foster is New Brunswick now, and if he wants to find how unpopular was the ex-cabinet ministers' pension act, which he struggled so vigorously to retain, let him make some inquiries among the people he meets.

Parliament was prorogued today, and the members will be glad to get away from the heat of Ottawa. The next session will open in November, for the special purpose of dealing with the report of the tariff commission.

The members of the Maritime Medical Association in session at Charlottetown, paid a neat compliment to Dr. Atherton of this city, by electing him president for the ensuing year. Dr. Atherton was not present at the meeting, being at Montreal in conference with noted specialists as to his physical condition, and the honor is all the more worthy of appreciation on that account.

BITS OF NEWS.

Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, minister of justice, and Mrs. Aylesworth, leave Ottawa in a few days for a visit to Sir Louis and Lady Jette at Spencerwood, Quebec, and will later be the guests of the Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia and Mrs. Fraser.

While cutting grass on his farm in

the western part of the town of Prospect, Maine, Thursday, James H. Littlefield, a former member of the Maine legislature, was thrown from his seat on the moving machine and received injuries which caused his death. His arm was caught in the cutter bar and was cut and mangled so badly that Mr. Littlefield died before a physician arrived. He was seventy-one years old and had served two terms in the Maine legislature.

Beyond Reason.
A Scottish singer named Wilson, who was being trained for professional work, sang a love song with exquisite quality of voice, but with insufficient passion and expression. His teacher told him he must put more feeling into it and sing as if he were really in love. "Eh, man," he replied, "hoo can I do that and me a marriest man?"—London Tit-Bits.

Her Own Affairs.
"What do you think you are going to hatch out of that door knob and that piece of brick?" sneeringly asked the old rooster.
"I'll hatch a skyscraper if I want to," squawked the old hen fiercely. "You go and attend to your own affairs. I'm running this branch of the business."—Chicago Tribune.

Thoughtful.
Arthur—There's one thing I will say for Bertha's father. He is punctiliously polite.
Henry—And yet he kicked you out of the house with startling precipitancy.
Arthur—I admit that, but he was thoughtful enough to express the hope that he wasn't annoying me.—Boston Transcript.

The Lovers.
They were sitting by the window, and he was holding her ring bedecked hand.
"Why does the wind out there sigh so?" she asked.
"I suppose, love, because it can't kiss your cheek," he answered, gazing into her eyes.—Yonkers Statesman.

Circumstances Alter Cases.
Fascinating Divorcee—Honestly, now, bishop, if I were to come to you and ask you to marry me, you wouldn't refuse me, would you?
Bishop Hichurch (embarrassed)—Ahem! Well, Mrs. Hillife, I can hardly say on such short notice. This is so sudden, you know.—Judge.

Self Respect.
Maintain your self respect as the most precious jewel of all and the only true way to win the respect of others, and then remember what Emerson says, for what he says here is true: "No young man can be cheated out of an honorable career in life unless he cheats himself."

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