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THE TRIUMPH OF DREYFUS.

The members of the French Chamber of Deputies grew hot over the Dreyfus affair, but that gentleman received his vindication by a practically unanimous vote, over 400 to a score against, and takes his old place in the army with substantial promotion, and with the added distinction of having his name inscribed for the much coveted Legion of Honour.

A deputy who was unfriendly to Dreyfus went so far as to call the members of the government scoundrels, and was immediately knocked down by the Under Secretary of State, a duel with swords followed, and the Secretary was seriously stabbed in the breast.

That constituted one day in the Dreyfus affair, and it was certainly an exciting one, but back of all the clamor and quarrelling is the cold fact that the former prisoner of Devil's Island has come to his own again, and those of his enemies who have not hung themselves or otherwise disappeared, stand in a fair way of receiving adequate punishment for their monstrous conspiracy to ruin an innocent man.

Think of the joy and satisfaction of Dreyfus, prematurely old from his sufferings, and of his faithful wife and children.

France has risen in the estimation of the world by its rehabilitation of Alfred Dreyfus.

CURRENT COMMENT

Canadian voters will not fail to note the fact that the opposition to the repeal of the unpopular ex-cabinet minister's pension act came from the Tory party in parliament, and it was led by Mr. Foster, who was one of the beneficiaries under the law now happily extinct. Mr. Foster will have to work for his living like ordinary people and he will miss that \$3,500 a year.

Rather bad luck has attended the installation of Fredericton's sewerage system, what with strikes and defective pipe. The work, however, will likely be rushed from now on, so that it may be completed by Nov. 1, the date required by the contract.

The King hasn't said yet that he will not visit Canada this autumn, and there is still strong hope that he will accept parliament's invitation.

The Ottawa cabinet ministers, before separating for their vacation after the arduous duties of the long parliamentary session, will make arrangements for their conference with provincial premiers, at which the increased subsidy for the various provinces will be the leading question. Premier Gouin of Quebec, has been at Charlottetown conferring with Premier Peters on the matter, and no doubt there will be a similar session by all the older provinces to secure the much desired concession.

Officers trying to enforce the Scott Act at Chatham, made a raid on a suspected saloon and found only bottled rain water, yet we suspect that at least some of the residents of that town are not altogether given to that kind of stimulant.

Everybody on this side of the line who has read Winston Churchill's attractive works, including "Richard Carvel" and "The Crisis" will wish him success in his candidature for the governorship of New Hampshire. The other Winston Churchill of England, has already achieved political distinction and is under secretary of state for the colonies, as well as a writer of some merit.

Fredericton extends a hearty welcome to the new Methodist pastor, Rev. J. W. McConnell, who comes with a deservedly high reputation as a preacher and worker. He will find his new congregation composed of kind hearted, hospitable and active people, and will not be long in discovering that Fredericton is a pleasant place of residence, the best place he has yet set foot in.

What a pity Emile Zola, the eminent novelist, is not alive to share in Dreyfus' triumph. The deceased was foremost among Dreyfus' friends to secure justice for the persecuted man but died before there seemed much chance of success. The French parliament, however, has paid dis-

tinguished honor to the memory of Zola, by ordering his remains to be transferred to the Pantheon, equal to burial in England in Westminster Abbey, where the nation's most distinguished dead find their last resting place.

The report that friends of the Chief Justice were organizing a grand reception for Senator Ellis on his arrival home from Ottawa, was probably the creation of some practical joker.

Canadian riflemen for a second time in succession, have won the Kumon cup at the Bisley rifle ranges. The victory is a good advertisement for Canada.

Watch Dreyfus, the present hero of France. Would it surprise you were he yet to become president of the French republic? It is a long way from Devil's Island to the president's palace, but the journey is already largely covered.

BITS OF NEWS.

John Langille, the ten year old son of Conductor James Langille, Truro, was drowned while swimming Friday afternoon in Salmon river, about one mile above that town. The body was recovered.

At St. John, Friday evening Miss Margaret E. Belding, eldest daughter of Editor A. M. Belding of the Evening Times, was married to Mr. J. Eugene Parker of Danvers, Mass., at present resident engineer of the St. Stephen water works construction.

Miss Emma Cushing of Montreal, has instituted an action for breach of promise of marriage against J. M. Christie manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Quebec, B.C. Miss Cushing claims an itemized account damages to the extent of \$23,000.

While Conductor Wilson of the I.C.R. freight, west bound was running Friday evening about one mile east of Dorchester, the second car from the van left the track, putting the next car and the van off and tearing up about fifty yards of track. A wrecking train was dispatched from Moncton. No one was injured. The Maritime express was behind the wrecked train and was delayed some hours by the accident.

At the village of Hammond, on the C. P. R. short line, about twenty miles from Ottawa, E. Damour, aged thirteen, shot and seriously wounded Bartelmi Therien, a playmate. The boys were shooting woodpeckers with a revolver. The Damour lad was creeping along side a fence to shoot at a bird when Therien laughed at him. The former wheeled round and, pointing the revolver at Damour said: "I'll shoot you." Therien dropped with a bullet in his breast.

Hon. C. F. Harper, a son of the Harper family of Sackville, N. B., joined the western heitza a number of years ago and located at Seattle, Washington. Added to his success there as a business man, he became a political leader and filled a number of prominent elective posts. The president last year appointed him collector of customs of Puget Sound, the best federal office on the Pacific coast, and one of the best in his gift. It is worth \$15,000 a year and perquisites.

LITTLE THOUGHTS.

Disappointment is not a sufficient reason for discouragement.
Be satisfied with yourself if you will, but do not be self satisfied.

All things come to those who leave off waiting and go after them.
The claims to wisdom of all owls and most men rest upon their looks.

Good qualities, like good steel knives, grow dull of edge unless they are used.

Many a man who is offered a chance of a lifetime for a mere song cannot sing.

Your grip on success depends largely on the other things you are willing to let go.

When a man sets popularity before his eyes, he is likely to let principle out of his heart.

If we had no failings ourselves, we should not take so much pleasure in finding out those of others.

Good Secret to Know.

A man went to a nose and throat specialist the other day to have his cold cured. As he was paying well for the first treatment he said, "How long does it take you to cure a cold?" "Three weeks," said the specialist. "And how long would it take me to get well if I didn't come to you?" asked the alarmed patient. "Twenty-one days," said the specialist.

And it wasn't until the patient was half way home that he suddenly stopped and wondered whether he ought to laugh or get angry. He finally decided that perhaps the secret he had learned was worth the price he had paid for it. It's a good secret to know.

Ancient Love Letters.

The oldest love letters were found recently. They were written by a Babylonian gentleman about 2,200 years before Christ and were sent to a woman in Sipparra. It is surprising to find that, barring a slight quaintness of diction, they might have been written yesterday. One of these letters is addressed to the writer's "little sheep," and it is declared that "you alone are my life. I could spend eternity in the light of your eyes."

Announced Himself.

While looking for stragglers just as a Welsh regiment was about to sail from Cape Town for England an officer found a private standing at attention in a shed. "What are you doing here?" he was asked. "Please, sir," was the reply, "I am a lunatic, and I am waiting for the corporal's guard." He was right; he was a lunatic, and his guard had forgotten him.

Lifted.

City Cousin—Now, you farmers don't have the trouble of house hunting like city folk. Kansas Uncle—Don't, eh? Well, I've been hunting for a house that the cyclone carried away for two years, and I haven't found it yet.—Chicago News.

Just a Hint.

Reggie—A-a-h, Miss Merrileigh, speaking of conundrums, do you know—a-a-h—the difference between a finance and a financier? She—Is there any? There shouldn't be, Reggie.

A Beautifier.

Miss Planely—Reggie says I grow prettier every time he sees me. Miss Roastem—You ought to have him call oftener.—Cleveland Leader.

Vanity keeps persons in favor with themselves who are out of favor with all others.—Shakespeare.

A Trousseau Society.

The Trousseau society was founded in Paris five years ago by Mme. Beguin in her school, Rue Riblette. Its object is to provide the daughters of poor parents with a liberal trousseau, first rate in quality and execution, at the time of marriage. A subscription of 9 cents a month paid for nine years provides a girl on her marriage with a complete trousseau of seventy-three pieces. The girls themselves and benevolent ladies interested in school education work at the trousseau. The work is a part of practical education, and it has the further advantage of bringing all classes of the community together. Mme. Loubet, wife of the president, is patroness of this admirable institution. Mme. Beguin's idea is making way all over France.

What Is a Week?

The question seems simple enough to answer in two seconds, yet it has occupied the supreme court of Victoria for two days. The factories act provides that no girl shall be employed for more than forty-eight hours "in any one week." A manufacturer was summoned for violating this provision, but he contended that the week should be reckoned not by the calendar, but from pay day to pay day—that is, from Friday to Thursday inclusive. The magistrate decided that it was the correct interpretation, and the supreme court has endorsed their view.—London Globe.

An Accurate Marksman.

Accuracy is one of the best business accomplishments. However, it is seldom drawn to a finer point than in the following story, taken from the Chicago Journal:

During the bombardment of Alexandria in 1882 Lord Charles Beresford asked a gunner if he could hit a man who was on the fort. The gunner replied:

"Aye, aye, sir!"
"Then hit him in the eye," said Lord Beresford. He was surprised when the gunner inquired:
"Which eye, sir?"

A Process Reversed.

"You regard campaign calculations as a distinct branch of mathematics?" "Yes," answered the erudite personage. "The method differs from all others. You start with the answer and then work backward and evolve a problem to demonstrate it."

Not Too Timid.

An officer in the army laughed at a timid woman because she was alarmed at the noise of a cannon when a salute was fired. He subsequently married that timid woman, and six months afterward he took off his boots in the hall when he came in late at night.

Mystery in London.

Two slum officers of the Salvation Army in London recently found a girl cooking a cabbage stalk which she had picked up in the street as a meal for her father and mother, an infant and herself.

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