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DIDN'T DARE TO ACQUIT DREYFUS

His Military Judges Feared to Do Him Justice.

The Victim of Army Conspirators Sentenced to Ten Years' Imprisonment.

He May Be Pardoned, or His Former Term of Imprisonment Counted in Place of the One Just Imposed.

London, Sept. 11.—Capt. Alfred Dreyfus was found guilty Saturday afternoon by the court-martial of treachery to France.

The sentence imposed upon the prisoner was ten years' imprisonment in a fortress. The judges stood five for conviction and two for acquittal.

Capt. Dreyfus heard the sentence in an ante-room to which he had been taken when court was reconvened. He received it stoically and was taken back to his cell. Before the judges left the court room to decide upon the sentence he had again reaffirmed his innocence.

No disturbance was made in the court room or in the streets surrounding the Lyceum when the decision was given. It is said that as Dreyfus has been condemned to ten years' detention, and as he has already suffered five years' solitary imprisonment, which counts as double the ordinary detention, he will be released at the end of a fortnight.

In the meanwhile, unless the president of the republic pardons him, which many think certain as being the only solution of the present situation, Dreyfus will have to be degraded here again within eight days.

When the verdict of the court was announced, the frequenters rose to their feet and demand that the string band

which plays on the terrace should give the "Marseillaise." The band struck up the air, and the crowds, both inside and out, joined in the national song.

JOUAUST WAS CHEERED. Col. Jouaust passed by a little later, on foot and in full uniform, on his way from the Lyceum to his home. The crowd, with bared heads, cheered him, crying, "Vive l'Armee." Col. Jouaust, in reply to their cheers, saluted with his hand to his head.

About 8 p.m. a crowd gathered at the Cafe de la Paix and in the square beside it and the adjacent street. Just then an incident occurred at the Hotel Moderne, which is known as the Dreyfusard center. Two men, notorious anti-Dreyfusards, entered the winter garden inside the hotel and sat down at one of the little marble tables under the palm trees, and ordered coffee. At an adjoining table sat La Dame Blanche with a companion, while at other tables were seated MM. Bernard, Lazare, and Forzinetti, with other Dreyfusards.

The newcomers at once began to make offensive remarks about Dreyfus and Jews generally. One of them, turning to La Dame Blanche, said: "Oh, these dirty Jews, these dirty Dreyfusards."

La Dame Blanche replied, telling him not to address her. The men, however, persisted, and added personal insults, whereupon La Dame Blanche became greatly excited and called them cads to insult a woman. The men retorted offensively, and in a moment La Dame Blanche snatched a menu card in a heavy metal frame and threw it at the head of her insulter, narrowly missing him.

PLACE BECAME PERFECT BABEL. The other diners, seeing trouble, rose en masse and threatened to throw the men out of the garden. In an instant the place became a perfect babel, everyone shouting at the top of his voice, calling the men cowards and "canaille." The women present hastily withdrew, Madame Lazare being carried away in a fainting condition.

Just as the threatened free fight was on the point of breaking out, a detachment of gendarmes arrived and, after a scene of intense excitement, put the men who had caused the disturbance into the street. The men then proceeded to the terrace of the Cafe de la Paix, which was now crammed with

anti-Dreyfusards, and there gave their own version of the row, and in a few moments an anti-Dreyfusard demonstration was in full swing.

THE PEOPLE SITTING AT THE TABLES ROSE with shouts of "Down with the Jews" and "Vive l'Armee," and demanded that the band play the "Marseillaise."

The band was obliged to comply with the demand, and the crowd bawled the "Marseillaise" at the top of their voices, altering the words to "March on, march on against the Jews." Sticks, canes and hats were waved, and then the crowd chanted "Vive l'Armee, Vive l'Armee, Conspuez les Juifs."

Finally one man waved his hat and shouted. Let us march on the Hotel Moderne. The crowd showed a strong disposition to follow this advice. Two Englishmen, who were sitting in the cafe, were recognized as foreigners, and the crowd there hustled them out.

TROOPS CLEARED THE CAFE. At this moment the cry "Police" was raised, and an instant later a strong body of gendarmes and police, headed by detectives, rushed into the cafe and cleared everyone out. At the same time several squadrons of mounted gendarmes and dragons with carbines slung across their backs, galloped up and threw themselves across the road leading to the Hotel Moderne. Other detachments of cavalry cordoned all the approaches to the cafe, and closed in the crowd, and drove them like cattle across the bridge over the river, and into the upper part of the town, which was filled with shouts of "Vive l'Armee" and "Down with the Jews."

Scenes of great excitement occurred at Rennes Saturday night. The anti-Dreyfusards broke loose and started a demonstration which, but for the prompt and rigorous measures by the police, would undoubtedly have developed into serious disorders.

CLOSING SCENES AS EXPECTED. The expected happened. Dreyfus was condemned, but though a majority of those in the court room fully expected the verdict, they were completely stupefied when it was given, and the silence which prevailed in the room, and the way the men turned pale and their breath more impressive than their words, could have been.

M. Demange sank back in his chair, and tears trickled down his cheeks, and Maitre Labori turned white as a sheet, while all around the court men looked at each other in silence. Positively the only sound to be heard was the rustling of papers from the reporters' benches as each press representative tried to be first to send the news.

ME WEPT. As the audience left the court room fully ten or eleven men were crying openly, and the majority of those present walked quietly down the street for more than a block without speaking a word. It was like a funeral procession.

Meanwhile, a tragedy was being enacted in the little room off the court room where Dreyfus listened to the reading of the verdict. He had been told the result by his lawyers, and had wept bitterly, but when in the presence of the officials of the court-martial he listened impassively to the sentence.

DREYFUS' BRAVE WIFE. His wife, who was waiting in torture and suspense at her house, bore the news bravely, and when visiting her husband in the afternoon, showed the onlookers no sign of her suffering as she walked from her carriage to the prison.

Mathieu Dreyfus was not in court in the afternoon, but visited his brother after the verdict had been rendered. He found him perfectly calm and without any manifestation of surprise at the finding of the court. The prisoner simply shrugged his shoulders, uttering an expressive "Bah," adding, as he

embraced his brother as the latter was preparing to leave, "Console my wife."

MAY BE PARDONED. The general belief is that Dreyfus will be pardoned; but this will not satisfy his friends, who vehemently declare that they will refuse to accept the verdict and will continue the battle until the judgment is reversed. The verdict, they say, is directed more against the Jews than against Dreyfus, and if allowed to stand, will make their existence in France impossible. Maitre Demange and Maitre Labori will at once sign an application for a revision of the case, although there is no hope that the verdict will be reversed. Both are much upset, though it can hardly be said that they are surprised.

DEMANGE'S CLOSING WORDS. "My task is now completed. It is for you to do yours, I pray God," exclaimed Demange, lifting his arms toward heaven, "I pray God that you will restore to our France the concord of which she has so much need." Then, turning to the audience, in which every eye was fixed upon him, he said: "As to you, whoever you may be, Frenchmen, be you with me or against me, finding inspiration in the sublime idea of M. Morand before the court of cassation, I say to all, we are Frenchmen. Let us then be united in the common sentiment of love of country, love of justice, and love of army."

As he reached this climax, his voice swelled like the tones of an organ. The close of his impassioned peroration was followed by an outburst of applause which was immediately suppressed by the president.

DREYFUS SPEAKS. Col. Jouaust, president of the court, asked Dreyfus if he had anything to add in his behalf. The prisoner rose, and in a voice choked with emotion, declared he had only one thing to say, but of that he was perfectly assured. He said: "I affirm before my country and before the army that I am innocent. My sole aim has been to save the honor of my name, the name borne by my children. I have suffered five years of the most awful torture. But, today, at last, I feel assured, that I am about to attain my desire, through your loyalty and justice."

Col. Jouaust—Have you finished, Dreyfus? Dreyfus—Yes, M. President. The court then retired to deliberate, and the prisoner left the hall, never to return, as, in accordance with the law, the verdict was rendered in his absence. The ringing of a bell announced the return of the judges, an officer cried aloud his orders, the rattle of rifles followed, and then Col. Jouaust marched in, saluted, and laid his key on the table. The other judges did likewise, and the gendarmes shouted "Silence," and the stillness of death fell on the audience.

THE JUDGMENT. Col. Jouaust then began reading the judgment, which opened with the question referred to the judges by the court of cassation: "Was Dreyfus guilty of entering into machinations to send secret documents to a foreign power?" The court declares on the question by a majority of five votes to two, "Yes." The majority agreed that there are extenuating circumstances, in consequence of which, and on the request of the commissary of the government, the president put the question and received again the votes in the above-mentioned form. As a result, the court

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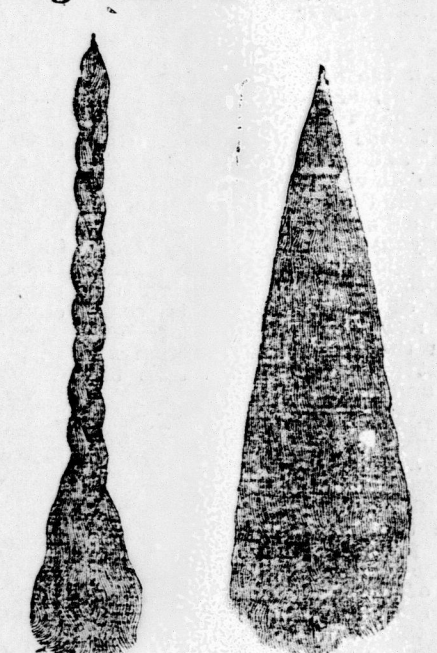


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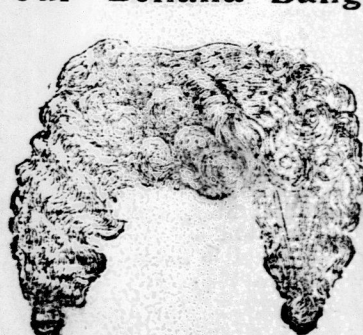
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