Paris in the Dark Days

or read of the great French revolu- ground. I tried to speak, but tion of the last century, when cruel turned away and burst into tears. men seized on the government of was young then, Master Landlord, France, when human life was of no and had tears to shed. My aunt account and when, as if wearied with passed me by and rushed into the its wickedness, God seemed to have street straight to the market place. I hid his face from the sinful land.

No one may count up the tears that there was told me later. were shed, the moans that were made, the hearts, that were broken in fate, my gentle, loving aunt had those dreadful times, but here and burst into a flood of reproach of his there out of the great mass of human murder. In those days this was misery history has preserved a record crime enough for the heaviest punishof the trials and sufferings of some ment, and before evening she had hapless ones, reading which we shud- fared the same fate as my uncle. der and thank God that we live in

His manners were timid and shrink- eaten and drunk at my uncle's table, have recovered from some terrible ill- fiscating all the possessions of the ness - he was so, strangely, ghastly family to the state. pale.

made some remark as to the stranger's appearance, coupling it with the question, "Do you want aught else for your comfort ?"

"Nay, nothing," said the pale mar hastily. "I have food and light and air. What could I want more ?" And he sighed deeply.

"My friend," said the landlord, seating himself, "you speak as if you had known the want of these things? Have I guessed aright?'

His guest looked up. "Would you hear my tale?" he asked. "For years I have kept silence, but today it seems as if it would lighten my heart to speak. Listen and believe it if you can. Less than seven years ago I was a gay, light hearted youth in this our quiet fatherland. Having no near relations, I was led to visit some distant ones who had lived for many years in a small town ff France.

"My uncle, as I called him out of friendliness, was a kind, good fellow, well known and respected in the place where he carried on the craft of a watchmaker, and he proposed that I should become his apprentice and partner. I liked the little town, I liked my uncle, I like my aunt, and I soon gave my consent. They had no children-I thank God for that nowbut my aunt's kindly soul could not be content without young people around her, so she kept and clothed two house maidens, children of some poor neighbors. Trim and neat they looked, too, wearing the costume of that part of Germany from whence my aunt came, a pretty fancy of her own. It seemed quaint enough in a strange land.

"It was a happy household. wonder I was glad to belong to it. away by terrible affliction ! For some time we had heard of strange troutowns, but our little place was still quiet. One morning, however, we woke to find everything in confusion. Our mayor had been ordered to resign, and his place was to be filled by some one sent from Paris.

"Still, we never dreamed of what fearful misery this was the forerunner. We had no time to dream, either, the blow fell so suddenly. There had been a stir going on in the market place for the two days following the arrival of the new official, but my uncle and I were busy over a discovery which he had made in our trade, and we were less than usual in

"At noon on the third day, however, he went out for a stroll to rest his eves and look about him for a few moments. My aunt and her maidens arranged, as usual, the midday meal, and we were all ready to sit down, only my uncle was missing. He was usually so punctual that we wondered and waited, and at last we dined without him. At the close of the meal I stepped out to look for

"I had not got a dozen yards from our house when I met our baker's wife, her eyes staring out of her

"Go back !' she said. 'Go back It is too late. The monster, the wretch! He has executed the honest man, without even the farce of a trial, on the accursed guillotine yon-

"I was petrified with horror. Could she be speaking of my uncle, so retoo true. The wretch in office had lost no time, but had begun his work of bloodshed at once, and my uncle was his first victim, his only crime being that he was of foreign birth and had sheltered under his roof some months a poor Swiss. I retraced my steps to the house. My aunt's anxi-

There are few who have not heard girls waited fearfully in the backcould not follow. What happened

"Wild with agony at her husband's

"The reign of terror had income be The girls had fled. gun with us. Some few years after the reign of terrified at the fate which had befallterror-as this outburst of sin and en their protectors, and I was medimadness was well named—a man of tating in a half stupefied way the middle age entered a small inn in same measure when a knock came at Germany and called for refreshments the door and two men, who had often Holmes ing, and he looked as if he might just came in and made me a prisoner, con-

"In those days a man's foes were The landlord supplied his wants, often they of his own household. I and, half curious, half in kindness, he offered no resistance. The shock of the day had completely unmanned I made certain that I, too, me should die that night. But my time was not yet come.

"In consequence of the lateness of the hour I was taken to the town prison, a dismal building, which I had never known to be occupied. There I was thrust into a deep dungeon and left in total darkness till the morning, when I doubted not I should be conducted to the same cruel fate as my poor relatives had met. But morning came, as I had guessed by the sound without, and still 'no summons. Worn out with suspense and waiting, I fell asleep. When I me. Happily I had stored some bread case very exhaustively, and the conawoke, hunger and thirst oppressed and meat and a small bottle of wine in one of the pockets of my coat preparatory to my intended flight. Of this I now ate and drank. No one came nigh me, and yet I could hear sounds as if wretched prisoners were being led forth out of neighboring comparison with a disputed writing, cells, doubtless to death, for they wept and pleaded vainly as it seemed qualifications: First, that experts

to me. fell on the prison. I could not under- pare them with the disputed writing ; stand it. My senses were enfeebled second, that no writing shall ever be for want of food, for my small stock received in evidence solely for the had long been exhausted, and I al- purpose of comparison when it is othmost lacked strength to wonder why erwise prejudicial to a defendant, or I was left to live so long. Presently to the person sought to be charged arose an awful terror lest this should with the disputed writing."

"They came like a ray of light in- to "build up, a case" against ,a deto my prison, and I clung to the fendant in their own way.

day was accounted for by the fact ion says that the news had just reached out "It is strongly urged upon us that, consequent decline of the party. In and prosecuting authorities against had fled, and the old mayor, resum- have refused Kinsley's request to proing power, had ordered the prison doors to be set open. I in my solitary cell had been forgotten, and that some one had been sent to exfetters used therein I might have I was carried out perfectly senseless ground upon which the writings thus and brought to life with some diffi-

"I am safe now, as you see, comrades, in my own country, but the anguish of those few days will never be forgotten. I bear about with me in my face the remembrance of it. Daily thank God for light and air and which the gates are never shut and some day direct that evidence thus where there is no darkness.

ous face met my troubled gaze. She witil they have been kept for a long badly lipped by the New York Court had begun to suspect evil." The two while, and some are good for nothing of Appeals.—New York Commercial.

until they have been kept long and used. Of the first wine is the illustrious and immortal example. Of those that must be kept and used I will name three meerschaum pipes violins and poems. The meerschaum is but a poor affair until it has burned a thousand offerings to the cloud compelling deities.

Violins, too-the sweet old Amati! -the divine Stradivarius! Stained like the meerschaum, through and through with the concentrated hue and sweetness of all the harmonies which have kindled and faded on its

Now, I tell you, a poem must be kept and used like a meerschaum or violin. A poem is just as porous as the meerschaum; the more porous it is the better. I mean to say that a genuine poem is capable of absorbing an indefinite amount of the essence of our own humanity, its tenderness; its heroism, its regrets, its aspirations, so as to be gradually stained through with a divine secondary color derived ourselves. - Oliver Wendell

Handwriting Experts.

Aside from the deep sense of satisfaction that will come to all reasonable persons that the cause of justice has been conspicuously served in the granting of a new trial to Roland B. Molineux, principally on the thus let the wind out of their preten- right to comment. sions. On the first ground the seven justices are unanimous; on the second they are divided, to be sure, but the majority of opinion is dead against the unwarranted liberty that these "experts" have been exercising in our courts-especially here in New York for the past half-dozen years.

clusion reached in the judgment, written by Justice Werner, is this "Writings proved to the satisfaction of the court by the methods and under the rules adverted to may be used as standards for purposes of subject, however, to two important shall not be permitted to select and "But the third day a great stillness stablish the standards and then com-

The court goes into the phase of the

be my sentence to perish miserably Otherwise stated, "handwriting exfor want of food in this damp dunge- perts" will not hereafter be permiton. Death on the scaffold appeared ted in this state—as has been the light by comparison. I clamored at practice of many of them to "run" my prison door. I shouted as loudly the court, as it were-judge, jury, as I could, all to no purpose. Then I lawyers, and all. They cannot themburst into an agony of tears. My selves select a lot of undisputed writfate was too dreadful to bear. With ings in order to establish the correctthe soft nature of my youth I pitied ness of their own theories, often erand bemoaned myself sorely. All at roneously, if not corruptly, conceiv-I had learned years ago as a text in any writing, "solely for the purpose the school, 'Fear thou not, for I am of comparison," that may be otherbles going on in Paris and the large with thee; be not dismayed, for I am wise prejudicial to a defendant. In short, they will not be given license

> promise as it it had that moment As to the outrageous treatment been made to me by a pitying God. I to which Molineux was subjected by felt soothed and hopeful, and in this one or more of these "experts" at condition I sank back in a doze or this trial-we refer to having him write in all sorts of ways, with all 'How time passed I could not tell; sorts of pens and actually by their day and night to me were alike in own instructions, in order to get a despondent my cell. I woke up to find light and specimen that would look like the warmth and kindly faces about me. address on the Kutnow powder pack-Slowly I regained consciousness age-while we are gratified that the enough to understand what they told court went into the matter in extenme. I had lain five days forgotten, so, its ruling is not so far-reaching The stillness I had noticed the third as we might have wished. The decis-

est leaders of the revolution and the and the known suspicion of the police fear of his life, our terrorist mayor the defendant, he could not safely duce specimens of handwriting. But the court cannot admit the argument. * * * The defendant had the legal amine all the cells and collect the He preferred to accede to the latter's request, and we can discover no

Having once allowed himself to yield to the importunities of these "expert" devils, Molineux could not have his writings, thrown out. The court, however, sees no force in the argument that it was lood, and yet these good gifts of his good judgment or good policy to acfail to make my heart rejoice. Still cede to these requests—the defendant those dreadful days in the dungeon should have refused and stood the have given me a firm reliance on his consequences. Hereafter, defendants mercy, and I know that I shall one will know their rights better. And day be joyful again in the city of it is to be hoped that the courts may

secured must be thrown out. But, at all events, the "handwriting experts' -- the "yellows" in our Certain things are good for nothing court procedure—have had their wings open lawn tennis indoor championship

CONVENE

Request For a Meeting Astoria on February 15. is Refused.

Acting Commissioner Newlands Replies to the Communication of Prudhomme.

the Yukon council called to grapple be largely guided by what Delaney with the Treadgold concession mon- may suggest. That was decided upon Monday afternoon by Acting Commissioner Newlands, who notified Counthe Yukon at the present time. ground of the improper admission of his note to Mr. Prudhomme today the the Barnet evidence by the trial court acting commissioner gives as his reaa large majority of the American son for not complying with his re-

U. S. Consul Saylor.

United States Consul Saylor has an was impressed upon him as soon as he arrived here, when the people of Dawson, without distinction of sect or creed or "previous condition of servitude," presented him at the Zero club with a gold pan filled with real importance of his office, and he will next week enlarge his quarters. The United States consulate in Dawson is to be made worthy of the great country it represents and the great commercial interests it has to deal with.

Many Perished

New York, Feb. 17 .- Slow-coming details show that about 2000 people, mostly women and children, perished as the result of the Shamaka earthquake. About 800 bodies have been recovered. The neighboring valcano is now active and is adding fresh The course of the river Geonchaika has been completely altered by the disturbances

Corrupt Practices

St. Louis, Feb. 17 .- Robt. M. Snyder of New York has been convicted at this place in connection with municipal franchise scandals. He is al-Traction bill through the Missouri legislature by corrupt practices

Carbolic Route

Seattle, Feb. 17. - Mrs. Sallie Cohen, a descendant of a famous Valleio California family, and Miss Edith Curran, a beautiful girl aged 19 years, both suicided yesterday by taking carbolic acid. Both were

Price Found Guilty

Kansas City, Feb. 18. - William Price has been found guilty and sentenced to two years imprisonment for complicity in the killing of Philip H. Kennedy, who was shot and killed by town of the death of one of the great- owing to the publicity of the case his wife, Lulu Price Kennedy, in Jan-

Good For Winnipeg

Winnipeg, Feb. 18 .- This city is to have a new C.P.R. depot and new hotel, the two structures to

Shot His Sister

Lockport, III., Feb. 18.-John S. Vincent accidentally shot and in

Ah There! Harvy Scott

Portland, Feb. 17 .- County Commissioner Mack is suing the Oregonian for \$60,000 for alleged libel.

Juvenile Thieves

Portland, Ore., Feb. 18 .- Tillie and Annie Church, aged 16 and 12 years,

New York, Feb. 4.-Play for the the Seventh Regiment Armory in this

city February 19 to 22 inclusive. The tournament will be under the auspices of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association. An unusually strong list of players will be engaged.

The annual convention of the United States National Lawn Pennis Association will be held at the Waldorf-

They Can't Agree.

New York, Feb. 3.-Expectations of an immediate match between Jim Jeffries and Bob Fitzsimmons were shattered today when Jeffries announced that he refused to make a match on the terms already accepted by Fitzsimmons. Jeffries has communicated with Billy Delaney, his manager, who is now in San Francisco, and his future actions regard-There will be no special meeting of ing a match with Fitzsimmons will

A Very Fast Yacht.

New York, Feb. 4.-One of the fastcilman Prddhomme of his intentions, est ocean-going yachts in the world Last week Mr. Prudhomme directed a has been completed at Port Richcommunication to Mr. Newlands ask-mond, Staten Island, for W. B. ing that a special session be called in Leeds president of the Chicago, Rock order that the council as a body Island & Pacific Railway Company might take some action upon that The boat is said to have cost \$500, which is so vigorously stirring up 000. It will be launched on Tuesday In next.

New York, Feb. 4.-Ira N. Collins public will rejoice that the New York quest that the matter sought to be of Hackensack, N.J., has been, ac-Court af Appeals has also thrust its brought up is one beyond the juris- cording to private advices, accidentknife deep into the hollow mockery diction of the council and one upon ally drowned in the Philippines, of the "handweiting experts" and has which the council as a body has no where he had gone as a teacher in the

Wet or Dry

Ottawa, Feb. 18.-The Ontario govidea of the dignity of his office. It ernment will introduce the Manitoba prohibition legislation, demanding a 60 per cent. vote to carry it.

Poisoned "Hubby'

Butte, Mont., Feb. 18. - Lucy S. nuggets. He has a large idea of the Black has been found guilty of poisoning her husband.

Treaty Ratified

Washington, Feb. 17.-The senate today ratified the Danish West Indies

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