

DUEZ, FRENCH THIEF, GOES TO PENITENTIARY, A FELON

Stole Half Million While Liquidator of Church Domain in France

France's Black Army Becomes an Important Factor—A Quarrel of Savants—Paris Matters in Letter to The Times

(Times Special Correspondence.)
Paris, Nov. 18.—This week eight convicts were shipped to the colony for the penitentiary settlement of St. Martin de la Reunion. Even of them were young men of the ordinary "apache" type, but the eighth was a portly figure whose age was nearly sixty, and who, in spite of his modesty, still bore traces of the air and in of a gentleman. His feet, in white stockings, were thrust into wooden shoes, and he wore a wide blue pair of trousers none of the uniform stock were large enough for him. His convict jacket, too, could not button, and was tied across the chest with string, while an unconvicted, clean-shaven face was covered by the lion's cap.

This was Duez, the ex-liquidator of the church domain, who, in the course of less than two years, embezzled something like 500,000 francs, kept town and country houses, and was a familiar figure at the Alhambra, the Cafe Royal, and all the expensive pleasure resorts, where his long black beard and oval face were to be seen and heard most every night. As he stepped across the gangway he carried a small grey cane, a knapsack and a parcel wrapped in a newspaper, which is supposed to be all that is left to him, except memories of a million of the congregations and the life of 1909 and 1910. He is now going to St. Martin, but in the first week of December he is to be transferred to Cayenne, the final home of so many of his kind.

France's Black Army.
In the recent diplomatic struggle between France and Germany there has been an important factor which has made for success, about which very little has been written. That factor is France's black army. Four years ago France had 8,750 negroes under arms. In May of this year she had 22,000, and in a few weeks she is expected to have 30,000. The number of employing negroes in the French army, and of employing them in Europe, was the idea of Colonel Mangin, whose name recalls Marchand's dash at Fashoda.

Colonel Mangin (he was Captain Mangin) was Marchand's right-hand man. On his return to Toulon from Fashoda in 1890, he said he had brought home the expedition a profound respect and cordial appreciation for the man of color. A day or two ago Colonel Mangin is asked whether he would use black troops against white men in a European war. "Of course we should," he answered, "and we should not be the first nation to do so. Do not forget that it was with a help of their black troops that the muslims conquered North Africa, and it was with their help that they conquered Spain. Remember, too, that William Prince of Orange had black troops with him when he landed in England, and at Maurice de Saxe had black troops. Fontenoy—infantry and cavalry both, battalions of black men went through the Russian campaign under Murat. I France kept Gauls and Gauls to her black troops, who fought very well against the English."

"Are you not afraid that if you use negroes against white men they will turn against you?" he asked. "Not in the least," Colonel Mangin replied. "The black man neither loves nor hates the white man, just because he is black. He loves and fears his own white man—the white man who is in authority over him. The black man is a child, uneducated, feeble, and affectionate, must be treated as a child, that is to say, with absolute firmness, but without reasoning. If so treated, he will do anything for the white man."

Quarrel of Savants.

A curious case has come before the Eleventh Correctional Chamber, in which M. Jot, professor at the College de France, an officer of the Legion of Honor, is accused of assaulting M. Farnel, professor of the College de France, and author of several works on the life of the Thirteenth Century. M. Jot, however, raised doubt as to the authenticity of the documents, and the matter was discussed in the press, a discussion terminated by M. Jot's having the documents of M. Farnel at a banquet.

M. Jot admitted that he had assaulted M. Farnel, and wished to call on him to prove the authenticity of his work, but the court refused to admit evidence. M. Farnel's counsel said the archaeological world had been considerably excited by the transformation of the chair of Hebrew at the College de France, formerly held by Renan, into a chair of Asiatic languages, history and

archaeology, to which M. Jot was appointed. He also quoted various explorers who had visited the caves in which M. Jot had discovered his manuscripts and had found them empty, suggesting that M. Jot may have been the victim of fraud.

M. Jot's counsel, after bringing forward various proofs of the authenticity of the documents discovered by his client, summed up his case by saying that the explanation of the whole affair was to be found in the third act of "Chatterbox," in which M. Jot had symbolized the power of jealousy by the parable of the seeds and the nightingales. The court found M. Jot guilty with extenuating circumstances, and condemned him to pay a fine of 50 francs and twenty cents damages.

Self-Lighting Cigarettes.
French matches have acquired a reputation for a notorious incapacity to take fire, and are responsible for any amount of profanity in which smokers, the most harmless of human beings, may be tempted from time to time to indulge. The French state tobacco industry has kindly thought of coming to the rescue of cigarette smokers at least, by furnishing them with self-lighting cigarettes. By and by we shall no doubt have self-lighting tobacco for pipes.

The self-lighting cigarettes were to be in use at all the tobacco bureaux next January, but now the staggering news comes that the innovation may be deferred because in Belgium, where some of the self-lighters were tried, the smokers complained that the beginning of the smoke left a bad taste. There was some truth in this, but how to get at it was the question. Smokers could not have a cigarette at their side always to begin the smoke for a consideration. In the presence of this problem the state factories are hesitating before introducing the matches.

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SPORT NEWS OF A DAY; HOME AND ABROAD

Bowling Commercial League.

In the Commercial Bowling League Saturday night, T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., defeated F. S. Simms & Co. by four points. The score was as follows:

T. McAvity & Sons.	Total.	Avg.
Forsey	76	85
McAvity	72	80
Howard	78	84
O'Brien	70	82
Forsey	83	103
410	410	401

T. S. Simms & Co.	Total.	Avg.
Cornell	72	80
Simms	73	78
Derring	76	80
O'Brien	79	79
376	393	384

The Ring Victory for Morris.

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 18.—It took less than three minutes for Carl Morris, of Oklahoma, to show his supremacy over "Bill" Base, of Virginia, tonight at the National Athletic Club. After sparring a few moments Morris cut loose and leaving his right and left to Base body and head and in less than two minutes the Virginian was flat on his back and the referee stopped the bout. Base was completely outclassed.

McFarland in Breach of Promise.

Chicago, Nov. 17.—Just before he boarded the train last night for San Francisco, where he expects to wrest the world's lightweight title from champion Al. Wollast on New Year's Day, Paquay McFarland was served with a summons in a suit for \$50,000 which alleges a breach of promise. The papers were filed in behalf of Miss Laura E. Healy, of No. 5612 Monroe avenue.

In jovial spirits, McFarland, his brother Johnny and Manager Shiry were waiting for the train, when a half-swooped down on the party. Paquay's sisters took a sudden tumble, but he accepted the service, and then the party started for the station. Paquay declined to say anything more than that his friendship with Miss Healy had been broken off more than four months ago. He said he had not seen her in that time. The McFarland family ridiculed the girl's suit and asserted that efforts had been made to secure a settlement.

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ENGLISH PILL MERCHANT BACK OF A NEW FIGHT SYNDICATE

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(Times Special Correspondence.)
London, Nov. 10.—Undaunted by the cold blanket put on the boxing game in this country by the action of the home office in stopping the Wells-Johnston fight and subsequent action by various administrative authorities in several parts of the country, Joseph Beechman, famous as the manufacturer of pills, has decided to risk his money in an effort to uplift the downtrodden profession. Mr. Beechman is to have nothing to do with the scheme of the pill merchant's daughters. He has evolved one of the most pretentious schemes ever launched in English athletic and amusement circles and it has already assumed tangible form.

An enormous hall with a seating capacity of more than 17,000 is to be erected immediately in Easton Road, one of the main thoroughfares of London, facing the St. Pancras, the King's Cross and the Eastern railway stations and connected by bus, underground and tram with practically every part of London and the suburbs. For this building Beechman is to supply something like \$125,000 capital, and so sanguine are the English and those associated with him in the scheme that they are confident of paying at least 100 per cent per annum on this big investment. This is to be accomplished in the following manner:

Primarily the new hall is to be used for boxing contests. The schemes have gone so far that they have already opened negotiations with the top-notchers in the fist world—like Carpentier, the Frenchman, Jimmy Clabby, Johnny Costigan, Diaper Stanley, Jim Driscoll, Owen Moran, Matt Wells, Paquay McFarland, and Bombardier Billy Wells. These men are being offered purses that far outstrip anything the National Sporting Club is willing to offer, and the chances are that most of them will be induced to journey to

London and make their appearances in the new hall. There will be no attempt made to get high prices for seats, as those who are responsible for the management have been convinced by the disastrous experience of Hugh McIntosh and James White in London, that trying to promote boxing matches for the English "classes" is a game of financial suicide.

In the proposed hall the best seats will sell for sixty cents and the cheapest twelve cents. With these prices it is hoped to get crowds of 6,000 boxing enthusiasts to witness the most important battles and perhaps 3,000 to sit through the novice competitions that will be staged when big fighters are not available.

Wrestling matches will also be put on and it is the present intention of the promoters to run an international tournament in which the best wrestlers on this side of the water will be pitted against the other in an effort to find a man capable of lowering the colors of Frank Gotch. When boxing and wrestling matches are not being held, the hall will be used for concerts, political meetings, lectures on ethics, missionary meetings, or anything else that will bring great thrills to the mill of the owners.

Mr. Beechman, who is the father of Thomas Beechman, leader of the Beechman orchestra and the respondent in the recent Foster divorce case, is an interesting character. There was a time when he would have nothing to do with the schemes of his sons and sons-in-law. For a long time he refused to support Thomas Beechman in his opera venture, but eventually Thomas Beechman has formed an opera company of his own and it is said that he will take up the abandoned work of his son. In addition, Joseph Beechman has bought the Aldwych Theatre, one of London's newest world white elephants, and will soon put on a Christmas entertainment for children.

WILL GO TO WINNIPEG

It is announced that the talking picture for Monday and Tuesday is a departure from the comedies offered during the past week by the Dramova Company and is in the nature of a little dramatic piece. The picture is "The Battle of Trafalgar," a story of a young man who is captured by a pirate and is held prisoner for a long time. The picture is a very interesting one and is well worth a look.

GRIND GYPSUM IN CANADA
Montreal, Nov. 20.—W. F. Jenison, a mining expert from Truro, N. S., who is at the Windsor, says that 30,000 tons of gypsum were exported to the United States last year. "The industry," he said, "is only in its infancy."

It was further argued that unless the salary limit of each league in a class is the same, the classification is, in fact, null and void. It was announced that James O'Rourke, Jack "Bull" Phelan, Al. Williams, Charlie Elbert, Jack Holland, George Culane, Win. Havana, Nov. 18.—The Havana baseball team defeated the Philadelphia Nationals here today by a score of 4 to 2.

Old Times' Victors.
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Bonemacoste Dale, upon the number with one of his British Columbia studies, which he makes so fascinating to all lovers of the outdoors. More is heard about the wolves and still more about the moose, a large head having been secured by Mr. Rankin. A variety from the big game stories is introduced by one related.

Every sane man should be able to give an account to himself of what he is living on the wild passenger pigeon and the surveying of a new Alpine district by O. Wheeler should by no means be overlooked. As usual there is so much good material running through the whole of the pages that it is impossible to mention more than a few of the most conspicuous good things in store for all readers.

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