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News Summary

The Petit Blue asserts that Col. Jounast, president of the Rennes courtmartial, voted for the acquittal of Dreyfus.

Extensive improvements to the C. P. R. Shops in this city are proposed in order to accommodate the increasing traffic.

According to a despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Cairo, General Lord Kitchener, governor general of the Soudan, is preparing for an immediate expedition against the Khalifa.

The annual conference of the New Brunswick Free Baptist church will open in Carleton F. B. church on October 7. There will be delegates from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Maine.

Reports from stations on the Northern Pacific branch lines show that the wheat is being delivered in very large quantities, and many of the elevators are now filled almost to their capacity.

J. B. Carlisle, formerly of Toronto, and W. R. Jackson, proprietor of the Savoy theatre here, have cabled to Capt. Dreyfus an offer of £200 sterling per day for one year, to lecture in Europe and America.

Dr. Ekholme, Professor Nathorst and Capt. Andree believe that the buoy marked "Andree Polar Expedition" found on Sept. 9th on the north coast of King Charles Island by the master of the Norwegian cutter, Martha Larsak, is one of those which the aeronaut intended to throw after the north pole was passed.

A movement is on foot to form a combine of all the woolen mills of Central Canada, taking in the five mills of the Penman company, the Moody mills of Hamilton, and the mills at Paris, Almonte and Kingston. The capitalization would run up into a million dollars. It is understood the scheme owes its origin to the Penman Company.

Consul-General James G. Stowe at Cape Town reports that the Government of the South African Republic is taking action toward an increase of duties on such articles as blankets, boots and shoes, leather, harness, hats and caps, paraffine oil, etc. The increase is from 7 1/2 per cent. ad valorem to 10 per cent. The suspension of duties on goods caused a scarcity of revenue.

In a special article reviewing railway progress in the west The Free Press says:—The railway mileage in Manitoba will be increased considerably this year, the work under contract for completion before winter sets in exceeding three hundred miles. Some of the lines in course of construction will in no distant future form sections of important railway systems, and their progress is being watched with great interest by the people. The total mileage of railways in the Province at the end of the year is computed at 2,197.

The jury in the celebrated case of the Queen vs. Wm H. Ponton, charged with the theft of \$33,000 from the Dominion bank of Napanee, where he was employed as teller on August 28th, 1897, returned a verdict of "Not Guilty," and Ponton was at once discharged, receiving the congratulations of the court and of hundreds of friends. Pare was sentenced to the Kingston penitentiary for three years. Holden got four years and Roach was released on suspended sentence.

As the result of a rare operation performed in Roosevelt Hospital yesterday, Walter A. Duryea, who was taken there more than six weeks ago with a broken neck, is expected to recover. Physicians and surgeons in all parts of the United States have awaited with keen interest the outcome of efforts that have been making to save Duryea's life. His injury, similar to that which caused the death of Mrs. William C. Whitney, baffled his physicians for weeks, and several times they gave up all hope of saving his life. They obtained X-ray photographs of his spine, however, and thus located his injury so accurately that an operation which might be successful was decided to be possible.

Continuing his argument in behalf of Venezuela before the Anglo-Venezuelian Boundary Arbitration Committee, President Benjamin Harrison said that the issue of diplomatic correspondence showed that Great Britain had never claimed more than the Dutch had. He held that the legal and political departments of the British and Foreign Office did not seem to agree, the latter taking its inspiration, from the surveyor. Sir Robert Schomburgk, while Sir Richard Webster, the British Attorney-General, went further and claimed the extended Schomburgk line. Continuing Mr Harrison said he proposed to show that the Dutch rights of 1814, were much smaller than those of any line suggested by Great Britain, and that those lines were now extinct through the disputed territory. Any extension, he asserted, of the original lines could only be claimed through prescription or adverse holding, and that all the rest of the country belonged to Venezuela. The commission adjourned until Monday.

When to Sow Blue Grass Seed.

This seed can be sown at almost any season of the year when there is enough moisture to cause it to germinate. The best time, however, according to The New England Homestead, is in autumn, say about the middle of September or in early spring, when the frost is coming out of the ground. Possibly the best way to sow it is in connection with timothy or some other grass. If blue grass only is wanted sow it alone in a well prepared seed bed. Keep the weeds down until a good sod has been formed. It soon crowds out the other grass, so that sowing with timothy may be more satisfactory in that a catch is often more easily secured than if sown alone.

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A student asked the president of Oberlin College if he could not take a shorter course than that prescribed by the institution. "Oh, yes," was the reply, "but that depends upon what you want to make yourself. When God wants to make an oak he takes one hundred years, but when he wants to make a squash he takes six months."

"No, sir," said the rabid freethinker, "the idea that there is a God never for a moment has entered my head." "Same way with my dog," replied the deacon, "but he doesn't go round howling about it."

Wednesday, September 27th is to be "Tupper Day" at Provincial Exhibition at Halifax; Sir Charles Tupper will arrive upon the grounds at midday and be entertained at luncheon in the commissioners' room at one o'clock. He will speak in front of the grand stand between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon. A special cheap excursion train will leave Sydney and North Sydney on Tuesday morning and a special cheap excursion will leave Annapolis for Halifax early on Wednesday morning, returning the same night.

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