

The Same Old Story

Dreyfus and His Enemies Still exchanging Courtesies Before the Court.

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The Court, However, Gives Evidence of Being Greatly Moved.

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The first witness called after the public session opened was Capt. Le Brun-Renaud, of the Republican Guard, who related his testimony before the court of conviction.

Witness explained the did not refer to the confession of Dreyfus during his interview with President Casimir-Perrier because "traitor," "scoundrel" and "beast."

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On being re-called, Capt. Le Brun-Renaud said this was true, but he added that Capt. Dattel was present and could have overheard the conversation.

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News of The East

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