

# VICTORY FOR DREYFUS

## His Long Fight for His Honor is Crowned with Complete Success.

### SUPREME COURT ACQUITS HIM

#### Declares Him Entirely Innocent of His Enemies' Charges.

#### Requires No Retrial of the Case—Government Takes Prompt Action in Repeal of the Wrong Done.

Paris, July 13.—This has been a long and terrible ordeal. I began to feel that it would never end. It is clear that the decision restores me to my old place in the army, but I am not aware of the intentions of the government



CAPTAIN ALFRED DREYFUS, concerning my advancement to rank. I have nothing to say against my accusers. Being again an officer I am obliged to obey the army regulations of silence, and I am inexpressibly thankful to all those who have assisted in the maintenance of truth."

#### Victoriation After Eleven Years.

This spoke Captain Alfred Dreyfus, when the decision of the supreme court was announced to him, which decision annuls his condemnation, and does it without requiring him to stand a second trial. In fact his vindication is complete, and the man who on Jan. 5, 1885, was publicly degraded for, as alleged, and confirmed by a court martial, communicating French military secrets to a foreign power, and who ever since then has fought the decision that degraded him, has triumphed and his enemies are beaten to earth, with their perjured testimony piled on top of them.

#### Decision Was Unanimous.

The decision of the court was read yesterday by the presiding judge, M. Hallot-Benoist, president of the court of cassation, consisting of forty-seven judges, and was unanimous. The palace of justice was thronged by an eager crowd seeking admission to the court room. Among those present were Matthew Dreyfus, brother of Alfred Dreyfus; Maître Monard, counsel for the captain; Joseph Reinach, the historian of the Dreyfus affair; Colonel Piquart, Madame Zola and many others who have figured in various stages of the celebrated case. Captain Dreyfus was not present, continuing his habitual secrecy by remaining secluded in the apartment where he has hitherto been cut off from the outer world.

#### VINDICATION IS TWO-FOLD

Francis Will Not Half Do the Reparation She Will Make.

His vindication is two-fold, the supreme court first announcing its decision establishing the entire innocence of the accused man, and the ministry later deciding to present an urgent bill in parliament restoring Dreyfus to the army with advanced rank, and



COLONEL PIQUART.

otherwise giving the government's most ample reparation. The decision of the court was a far more conclusive as exhaustive inquiries had completely demolished the fabric of the accusation against Dreyfus, showing that the real culprit was Major Count Esterhazy. The decision therefore annulled the condemnation of the Rennes court martial and ordered that the acquittal be posted and published throughout France.

The ministers held a protracted special session at the Elysee palace under President Fallieres, and determined on the government's course in carrying out the decision. The text of two bills was formulated which will be introduced in the chamber of deputies at once, concerning respectively Dreyfus and Colonel Piquart, with the object

of restoring both to the ranks they would have held if they had continuously served in the army. Dreyfus consequently will be nominated a major, with eventual early promotion to a lieutenant colonel's rank. Piquart will immediately become a brigadier general.

Dreyfus' name also will be inscribed on the list for the Legion of Honor, but he will not be directed to insinuate that distinction, though probably a decree placing him on the list will shortly appear. Discussions of the bills will be taken up immediately and the ministers expect to have them pass both houses at a single session each, the cabinet desiring to settle the matter before the parliamentary vacation in order to avoid a recurrence of the agitation of the country. Deputy Breton has given notice of a bill providing for the transfer of the remains of the Pantheon with a public ceremonial.

#### BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CASE

##### How Col. Piquart Paid for Wanting a Square Deal.

Captain Alfred Dreyfus, of the artillery, a member of a wealthy Hebrew family of Alsace, who he was born in 1859, was on Oct. 14, 1884, arrested on the charge of communicating French military secrets to a foreign power. Two months later Dreyfus was tried by court martial and found guilty, and he was publicly degraded and deported to Devil's Island, near Cayenne, French Guiana, there apparently to spend the remainder of his life. The friends and relatives of Dreyfus, notably his wife, who he had married, and his innocence, and devoted all their energies to the work of proving that he had been unjustly condemned.

Colonel Piquart, when he became chief of the intelligence department of the French army in 1895, examined the documents in the proceedings against Dreyfus and questioned the correctness of the proceedings, and continuing his investigation formed the opinion that the evidence pointed to Major Count Esterhazy as being the guilty man. Piquart determined to see that justice was done, and there ensued a fight to preserve the honor of the French army.

Dreyfus, on Nov. 15, 1897, charged Esterhazy with writing the most important of the documents which he had acquired by a court martial in the following January. The late Emile Zola warmly espoused the cause of Dreyfus and made serious charges against his investigation, and he was sentenced to pay a heavy fine and suffer imprisonment, but the sentence was quashed.

When M. Cavaignac became head of the French ministry he read in the chamber of deputies several documents which, he said, proved the guilt of Dreyfus. Colonel Piquart afterwards charged that these documents were forged, in which he was arrested and degraded.

#### SEVEN CHILDREN DROWNED

##### Go Wading in the River; One Slips Into a Hole; Six Others Drown in Attempting Rescue.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., July 13.—Eight children at a picnic on the river bank only three blocks from home went wading. The smallest one slipped into a deep hole in the river and in trying to rescue her six others were drowned. The dead are: Lucille Sweeting, aged 7; Hazel Sweeting, 10; Gladys, 10; Jessie Sweeting, 12; Ruth Coyle, 11; and Cora Coyle, 9. Sioux City; Clara Usher, 16.

The seven children lived with their father near Ellis park, on the outskirts of the city. Clara Usher was the daughter of the housekeeper, and the Coyle children were her nieces, who were here on a visit.

#### JUVENILE LAW CONDEMNED

##### Sheriff Held That It Does Not Do What It Is There for and Is Useless.

Dos Moines, Ia., July 13.—The juvenile law as it is observed in Iowa, Illinois, Colorado and other states was vigorously condemned at the annual convention of the Interstate Sheriff's Association, at which 300 sheriffs from sixteen different states were present. C. W. Schurz, president of the Iowa Sheriff's Association, made the principal address, denouncing the juvenile law, alleging that it failed to restrict the youthful criminal and was of no assistance in reforming the boy who still had some good left in him. Other sheriffs concurred in the same view. The next convention of the association will be held in Milwaukee.

#### All That McCall Left.

New York, July 13.—The net value of the estate left by the late John A. McCall, ex-president of the New York Life Insurance company, was \$49,835.

#### SCORES AT BASE BALL

Chicago, July 13.—Following are the base ball scores: Pittsburgh—Brooklyn 9; Philadelphia—New York 10; Cincinnati 11; St. Louis—Philadelphia 6; St. Louis 7; at Chicago—Boston 1, Chicago 4; (second game) Boston 2, Chicago 8.

Americans at Philadelphia—Detroit 1, Philadelphia 2; at Boston—St. Louis 4, Boston 1; at Washington—Cleveland 6, Washington 0; at New York—Chicago 8, New York 4.

Western: At Sioux City—Des Moines 4, Sioux City 3; at Lansing—Lansing 1, Pueblo—Lincoln 4, Pueblo 2; at Denver—Omaha 3, Denver 4.

# SHE NEEDS THE MONEY

## Chicago Does, and She Is Drilling for Property That Pays No Taxes.

### HOPES TO UNEARTH \$100,000,000

#### Attack on Political Assessments—Bookings Broncho Heats Cais—Furniture Raises a Fire.

Chicago, July 13.—No more men so honest that they desired their personal property taxes increased have appeared before the board of review, but Attorney John O'Shaughnessy, who represents the city, hovered about the board for a time and declared that some dishonest people would be forced to pay on larger appraisements this year. O'Shaughnessy's plan for increasing the revenues of the city is nearly as bold as the law enforces, and impose a penalty on all those wealthy citizens who fail to make a schedule of their personal property.

Field Estate, for instance. If he is successful in his efforts the Field estate, for instance, will be forced to pay personal taxes on at least \$20,000,000. These figures are secured by adding 50 per cent to the appraisement of \$17,500,000 as a penalty for not filing a schedule. Other estates and rich individuals are in the same position, according to Corporation Counsel Lewis and his colleagues. If the penalties are affixed, as the law is said to provide, it is believed that the city will flow into the coffers of the city will be greater than the riches brought home by Roman armies.

#### Hopes of the City Tax Lawyers.

The city's special tax lawyers hope to add at least \$100,000,000 to the personal property valuation this year. They propose to pursue the plan to the supreme court, if necessary. O'Shaughnessy's scheme at tomorrow's going over the city council records seeking statements made by representatives of the gas, electric, telephone and traction companies when it was proposed to have a large amount of money invested. These will be compared with later statements when the material interests of the company were shown to be much more modest.

#### CAMPAIGN ASSESSMENTS

##### Chicago Official to Bring a Suit That May Result in Protecting Public Employees.

Chicago, July 13.—In a suit which Colonel James J. Healy says he will bring against Charles W. Vall, clerk of the Board of Assessments, Healy will demand the return of \$200. Healy expects to secure a ruling from the supreme court that will protect public employees from the levying of campaign assessments. Colonel Healy, who was chief clerk in the office for twenty years, asserts that he gave \$200 to Vall for use in the campaign of 1904, when Vall was nominated for clerk of the superior court.

The oral contract entered into at that time, he says, Vall has broken. This contract, according to Colonel Healy, stipulated that he was to be retained as chief clerk in the event of Vall's election; and if Vall was defeated the money was to be returned to Healy. Although Colonel Healy was not retained in office, he asserts that he did not receive his \$200.

#### Attack on the Parole Law.

Springfield, Ill., July 13.—The parole system was attacked by Lieut. Gov. Sherman in an address delivered before the Illinois State's attorneys' association. He said this law was a stuporous mistake. He said that of all the criminals paroled most of them had returned to their bad life. The association elected J. Bert Miller of Kankakee county, president, and Herman H. Bruner of Schuyler county, secretary and treasurer.

#### Backing Broncho Stomped.

Granite City, Ill., July 13.—A half score persons was injured, five painfully, by the stampede of a bucking broncho during the performance of a Wild West show at the Tri-Cities street fair. Shortly after the animal made his appearance a section of the temporary seats collapsed, with a loud report. The broncho became unmanageable and dashed among the wreckage, trampling upon those caught beneath the seats.

#### Came Near Being a Tornado.

Rockford, Ill., July 13.—A heavy wind and rain storm took over Rockford causing considerable damage to trees and crops. The wind at one time was almost a tornado. A train of eleven cars on the Illinois Central Railroad was wrecked when the three blocks, numerous trees were blown down and several plate glass windows were broken.

#### Too Hot for the Seventh.

Springfield, Ill., July 13.—With the government thermometer registering a maximum of 86 degrees two pre-arranged hot beds were reported in the Seventh infantry, Illinois National Guard, at Camp Lincoln while drilling.

#### Furniture Warehouse Burned.

East St. Louis, Ill., July 13.—The warehouse of the Hug Furniture company, containing goods valued at \$40,000, was destroyed by fire, entailing a total loss of about \$60,000.

#### Jewelers Hold a Meeting.

Springfield, Ill., July 13.—The Illinois State Jewelers' association held its annual meeting here.

# WOMAN PROPOSES

## By BEATRICE STURGES

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For the first two years after she entered Stuart Lee's office as stenographer Miss Atherton's desk was placed so that every time she glanced up she saw the back of his head. This oft recurring incident, coupled with the fact that it was a very good looking head, well set on a pair of stalwart shoulders, probably had much to do with the state of affairs at the end of six months. Even in that time she had learned to distinguish his step from the dozens of others that traversed the same hall, to watch for his smile of greeting and to listen to his cheery "good morning" as he took off his hat and rolled up the corner of his desk. Then she would take a good look at the smoothly brushed yellow hair and turn again to her work, which consisted of copying out long contracts and other tiresome legal forms.

Stuart Lee was a lawyer and had bent all his young efforts so hard to work success that it was beginning to come his way. At the end of two years he took larger offices, allowing himself the luxurious necessity of a private room. Miss Atherton then had charge of the large outside room, the second stenographer and the office boy. She saw more people and received more salary, but she missed the closer comradeship of the old days and the familiar sight of a blond head rising firmly above his burly shoulders.

She kept on loving him, though, for the simple feminine reason that she couldn't help it. Sometimes Lee gave her dictations that would take up an hour or more, and then he would make her rest a bit and chat with him before she started her work again.



"HEARTED" HE BROUGHT OUT THE WORD

to work again. At other times he would ask her advice in the matter of an office boy or as to the choice of two samples for a summer suit or whether he looked fit to make a call without getting his hair cut, and he would sometimes lay a case before her to get another point of view.

To all of these friendly manifestations she responded gladly, with an inward thrill at the pleasantly intimate basis on which it seemed to place their relations.

Then this friendly glow would be suddenly dimmed by a sweeping realization of the fact that she was only a stenographer and that she probably talked to her during the day because there was no one else at hand. Still there had been times when he impulsively called her into his room to watch a thunderstorm or an unusually beautiful sunset across the Hudson, and standing close beside him at the window, she wondered if he had not felt some of the emotion that throbbled in her own pulses. If he did, however, he never spoke, and so the most gorgeous sunset was veiled in a gray mist for her, and it was not until before a gold lined cloud appeared on her own horizon.

That was when she overheard a fragmentary conversation between Lee and one of his friends, who was supposed to be Mr. Lee had said, "I don't know what I would do without her."

The other laughed and responded: "Well, she's too pretty a girl to spend her life in an office. Somebody will be carrying her off some day."

Lee's reply ended indistinctly in "top it some way" as he closed his book. She moved as one with a purpose, out the door she heard the friend laugh again and say, "Do it yourself, eh?"

From that day she was a changed girl. She moved as one with a purpose, her hair she had a dreamy softness in her face and manner that seemed to envelop her as an atmosphere. Lee, looking at her closely, wondered that he had never seen her so beautiful. He was looking at her dark eyes and how fascinating the gold and copper lights in her brown hair. Gradually she told him about herself; that it was her grandfather who had won a certain gallant fight for the Confederacy, her father who had held an honorable

office in a southern state and her brother who had won recognition for bravery in the Philippines; how she had been suddenly obliged to work after her father's death and stenography was the most immediate thing, but that she had no intention of being a stenographer all her life.

When he asked her what she would do or what she wanted to do she first looked at him and then blushed deeply, looking out of his window toward the Pallades, and he felt strangely disturbed. He had accepted her in his office as a matter of course. Companionship with her on that basis seemed natural and easy, but as a matter of reserve and a departure from the conservative routine disquieted his phlegmatic nature. Their conversation kept the old friendly note of everyday talk, but there was a subtle difference, and he began to feel her presence more and more.

Finally one spring afternoon when the sun was flooding his office with a primrose yellow glow she looked in and asked if she might talk with him. "Why, certainly," he responded, with a smile, "and I wish you would sit in that yellow light just suits you in that brown dress."

She sat down, but did not speak at first. Her lips trembled, and she seemed to be seeking courage from the yellow light. Suddenly she turned to him. "Mr. Lee," she said, "I have been with you four years."

"Is it as long as that?" he questioned.

"Four years this day."

"They have been busy years," he said, "and I hope, happy ones."

"Yes, they were happy," she answered, "but they were a sad day spread over her face. "But now I must go away."

"Go away? Leave me? Why, Helen, you mustn't. I can't spare you. Where would you go?"

"I don't know," she said, "but I have been called here for the first time, and her heart leaped. She turned to him tremulously and said, almost timidly, "I am going to get married."

"Married!" He brought out the word incredulously. "Why, I thought—"

Here he broke off and walked to the window, where he stood, his hands in his pockets, gazing moodily across the river.

She sat silent until he turned to her again. "Why do you do this?" he questioned.

Womanlike, she began with the reason she felt least. "Because I want a home. I am a girl by myself, and I am tired of living in a boarding house. It is nothing but a travesty on life for a domestic woman to divide her time between an office and a boarding house. Besides I have worked for four years, and I want to stop for awhile."

"Just for awhile?"

"Yes, for I mean to study law and keep my other work in practice so I can help."

"Help! Whom?"

"Help—him."

"He is a lawyer, then?" Lee almost choked over the question.

"Yes."

"What is he like? Is he all right? Is he worthy of you?"

She looked at him, he thought, a little sadly. "Like? He is the finest man in the whole world."

He walked swiftly to her. "But, Helen, Helen!" he exclaimed, "I don't understand it at all. I thought you were happy here, and I supposed, of course, you understood things a little better. I haven't had a home for six years, and I thought that some day—Helen, don't you mind leaving me?—Helen, you miss me at all? Haven't you seen, since you left, what you are to me?"

He took her hands and drew her up beside him. "Didn't you know, Helen?"

"Know what?" She lifted her brown eyes to his.

"That I love you and want you to be mine?"

"You never said so," she answered.

"That's because I thought you knew and because I always blunder. I need somebody to love me all the time, you see, Helen. You're the biggest part of my life. Come and make a home for me."

He folded her suddenly in his arms, and his heart thrilled as he felt her lean on him.

"Sweetheart," he whispered, "I love you! I love you!"

She lifted her face to his. "Dear," she breathed so softly that he had to bend to catch it, "I have loved you for four years."

He held her close in the gathering dusk for one ecstatic moment. Then she drew away. "I came back to earth slowly. Not letting her go, he looked away and out of the window, where the golden light had been merged into a dull purple streaked with red and where the evening star glowed radiant in the upper blue. "This other chap," he began.

"What other chap?" she asked.

"The one you were—were going to marry."

She raised on her tiptoes and kissed him. "There's only one," she whispered, "and it's you."

"Then she fled into the other office."

Everybody says that Lee's wife is the better lawyer of the two.

Butter in Holland.

In various parts of Holland are "butter control stations," which are instituted to detect the agricultural editors. A chemist is at the head of each station, with a staff of analysts under him. Inspectors, instructed by the chemist, unexpectedly visit dairies, creameries, etc., and collect samples of butter, and all materials used in it. These samples are analyzed, and the results are registered, so that the officials connected with the "control" know almost exactly what the chemical composition of the butter at each creamery, etc., and at any time of the year.

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