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THE CASE OF COL. PICQUART.

The case of Col. Picquart has succeeded to those of Captain Dreyfus and Emile Zola as of greatest immediate interest in the game that is being played in Paris, in which the lives and liberties of men are the stakes. The three cases are connected closely together and the same men and motives are behind the prosecutions in each case.

Col. Picquart is, like Dreyfus, an Alsatian by birth, but he is not of Jewish blood. He has been all his life a devout Roman Catholic in faith and strongly anti-Semitic in sentiment. Col. Picquart is 44 years of age and has seen service in the army since 1876. He served in Algiers and afterwards in Tonquin, earning a decoration and promotion up to the rank of major. On his return to France in 1888 he became a professor in a military school. In 1893 he joined the war office and later became head of the intelligence office. He held that position from 1896, subsequent to the time of the sentence and degradation of Dreyfus, whom he believed to be guilty. The knowledge that came to him in his new official capacity soon made him doubtful of the guilt of Dreyfus and suspicious of the integrity of Esterhazy and Henry. By comparison of the handwriting of Esterhazy with that of the bordereau he became satisfied that not only did not Dreyfus pen that incriminating document, but that the penmanship was Esterhazy's own. Picquart felt it to be his duty to inform the army chiefs of the conclusions he had reached. Thereupon he was sent away from Paris, first to the east of France and afterwards to Tunis, and Col. Henry, one of the most notorious of Dreyfus' enemies and persecutors, was made chief of the intelligence office in his stead. In the meantime Picquart had told Dreyfus' brother Matthew that Esterhazy was the real culprit, and Matthew had denounced Esterhazy to the Minister of War. The full effect of Picquart's discoveries did not appear till the trial of Zola came on, during which a personal altercation took place between Picquart and Henry. This resulted in a duel between them in which Henry was wounded. Subsequently Henry was arrested for alleged forgeries of papers in the Dreyfus case and after confessing his guilt committed suicide in prison. Esterhazy fled to London and there, in an interview, admitted that he was the writer of the famous bordereau.

General Zurlinden, who had been minister of war, after resigning that position, was appointed military governor of Paris, a position which he still holds. As a last step toward saving the little that remained of the credit of those of the army staff who had been connected with the prosecution of Dreyfus, and with a view to prevent, if possible, the re-opening of the case, General Zurlinden ordered the arrest of Col. Picquart. First he was brought before a court of inquiry and dismissed from the army. The offence for which he was dismissed was an alleged breach of discipline in stating that Esterhazy was the writer of the bordereau. Since then other charges have been made, that he conspired with Dreyfus and violated the military code by acquainting his own legal counsel with facts that he was obligated to keep secret from all but his military superiors. The real object appears to have been to prevent, if possible, his giving evidence before the Court of Cassation at the retrial of Dreyfus, or to discredit his testimony in advance, should he be called to testify before that tribunal.

Picquart is now, and has been imprisoned and denied the services of counsel to assist him in the preparation of his defence. His liberty has been taken away and his life might also have been taken, had not a revolution of public sentiment taken place in regard to the Dreyfus affair and all connected with it. Just now, as our despatches of yesterday told, the Court of Cassation has ordered a stay of proceedings in the court martial of Picquart, the effect of which will be to hold his powerful enemies at bay till he is given an opportunity to tell what he knows to the higher court.

The Boston Herald, which was a stalwart opponent of the "expansion" movement at the outset, has now so far fallen in with it that it says it is satisfied the flag will stay in the new dominions and it stays "with the flag."

The latest census of France shows an increase of 108,000 in the population within a year, and the French statisticians are delighted. It appears on analysis, however, that there has been no advance in the birth-rate. The gain is wholly in a decreased mortality.

France has apparently decided to give up not only Fashoda, but Bahrel Ghazal province as well. Her hopes of breaking the British chain of connection through Africa now rests upon King Menelik of Abyssinia, whose favor both France and Russia have been assiduously cultivating for years past. Menelik, with his 200,000 soldiers, elated with his victories over the Italians a few years ago, might be dangerous but that he has been much discouraged by the French back-down at Fashoda, the British triumph at Omdurman, and possibly the whipping that the British gave to King Theodore of Abyssinia 30 years ago.

SANTA CLAUS INTERVIEWED

One of our Staff Visits his Headquarters.

In response to a personal invitation from Santa Claus, conveyed by his Charlottetown representatives, Geo. Carter & Co., I paid the venerable gentleman a visit at his headquarters in Messrs Carter's establishment.

At the door of their store I found abundant evidence of the genial old pleasure giver's occupation. The shelves, the counters, the showcases, the very walls were eloquent of his presence, that he came well provided with an ample and varied supply to stock his Charlottetown headquarters was plain to be seen.

I was shown by Mr Carter into his private office, where I found Santa Claus seated in an office chair, looking merry as usual.

After being presented I expressed my pleasure at again seeing him—although my childhood's days were long past.

"Tut, tut," he replied, "wait till you're as old as I am before you talk of age!"

I promised to wait.

"Now, what I sent for you for," said the great Christmas King, "was to give you a pointer about—"

"The Election?"

"No sir!" he replied, with a snort, "though, by the way, I don't mind telling you to confound I've a Xmas box up my sleeve for one at least of the candidates."

I thanked the great man for his confidence, and remarked that—contrary to his record—he was not giving anything away.

"No," he shouted quite angrily—"I am not giving some things away, and I want you to tell your readers, and put it in Capitals that

I AM NOT GIVING MY HEADQUARTERS AWAY.

"See the point," he said heatedly. "I said I saw it. He looked so excited and gesticulated so that I was afraid he might make me feel the point."

"No, my solemn statement is this—"

"For years I have had my headquarters in this very building. You know I am thoroughly Conservative, in habits as well as politics."—I bowed, while Mr. Carter looked a little surprised at this last statement. "So I have not only made no change—but I intend to make none. This has been known for years by everyone in Charlottetown to be my headquarters, and here they must come if they want to be sure of purchasing to

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"But you had letters in the papers and telegrams to other parties."

"Letters and telegrams" he growled "yes—there were letters and telegrams, but who signed my name to them. You ought to know."

I was discreetly silent.

After this the old gentleman filled his pipe and soon became good-humoured. We all then made a tour of Messrs Carter's establishment, commencing on the ground floor where are displayed a handsome assortment of fancy goods, books, magazines, china, and ascending to the upper stories gazed upon the piles and piles of Toys and other goods laid in to assure a Merry Xmas for the boys and girls and their parents.

"And they say I'm coming over tomorrow, do they? Well I'm not, because you see I am here now, and I'll tell you something more. Do you see all those parcels packed away there? Those are mine. I have been choosing presents for some of the best children in the city, and putting them aside. I will be doing this right up to Christmas eve. There is a wonderful supply of children in this town and it makes me hustle to get around, I tell you."

"Will there be enough goods here for them?" I asked. "Yes, O yes," he said "The supply of goods in this big store is really wonderful."

Our examination of the immense stock of goods completed I prepared to take my leave.

"By the way" said I in going, "how do you find travelling?"

His old face was wreathed in smiles as he replied, "Bad, by the road, so I didn't come that way. But, I'll tell you on the quiet. There'll be big markets and the people from town and country will come to Carter's here if they know what is best for themselves." Ta, ta.

—Examiner.

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