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INHUMAN TREATMENT

Of Dreyfus as Disclosed Causes Excitement-- Dewey's Fever is Abating.

RENNES, Aug. 16.—(Special)—M. Labori passed a better night and his condition is more reassuring.

At the court this evening the Government solicitor refused to permit an adjournment till Monday, so the taking of evidence was continued.

Nothing incriminating Dreyfus was produced, but considerable excitement was created by reading a statement of his inhuman treatment while a prisoner on Devil's Island.

LEGHORN, Aug. 16.—(Special)—Admiral Dewey is suffering from fever but is much improved.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—(Special)—Moderate wind, mostly west and north-west. Fine day Thursday. Not much change in temperature.

25c A FOOT REST This amount invested in FOOT ELM will give you \$5 worth of comfort if your feet are tired, sweaty, swollen, blistered or tender. Do not accept harmful substitutes. See at Drug stores or postage paid from Stott & Jury Box 4, Bowmanville, Ont.

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CLERGY AND MARRIAGES.

A Sharp Criticism of American Methods by N.Y. Tribune.

This is an age of much complaint by good people over the looseness of the marriage tie. The low conception of its sacredness which bad laws and worse social tolerance have spread is a frequent subject of pulpit denunciation—and not without reason. The foundation of any healthy society is purity. Without it the State and the Church are poisoned at the foundation. Frequent divorce, unions which are marriages only by the courtesy of tongues that have lost the habit of frank speaking are educating minds out of the habits of honest thinking, cannot fail to degrade the standard of purity and cheapen the moral fibre, not merely of the persons who sin against true marriage, but of the whole community, who accustom themselves to the lax conditions and grow to regard them as normal. It is the fashion to lay this evil at the door of secularism, to say that people have become indifferent to religion and therefore to morality. But does the whole fault belong there? How can the married have robbed the institution of its sacredness without some help at least from the clergy who do the marrying and remarrying? The "Congregationalist" frankly raises this question of the share of the clergy in promoting the evil; they deplore it. It declares:

"The responsibility for maintaining the sanctity of marriage rests to a large extent with ministers. If they call on God to bless unions which they know he cannot bless, they degrade the institution on which more than any other the integrity of the State depends. If they consent to join in marriage persons of whose history and fitness for mar-



A German Idea of the Probable Result of Bicycling in the Future.

riage they know nothing and take no pains to find out, they make themselves liable to dishonor the Church they represent and to do violence to public morality.

"We have often been informed that clergymen have sometimes been persuaded to continue in ignorance of the facts they ought to know, and to officiate in doubtful cases by the offer of a large fee. Any man who thus prostitutes his office for a bribe ought to be deprived of his ministerial standing.

Nobody who faces the facts will, we think, say this is overdrawn. The vast majority of marriages in this country are made before clergymen. If those marriages in the first place are made in ill-considered haste, in thoughtlessness and irreverence, the ministers who officiate have something to answer for. I subsequent relations which violate the laws of morality, and perhaps of

the State, receive the countenance of the Church and are made respectable in the eyes of the guilty parties and of society, by the complacency of the recklessness of ministers who prostitute the offices of their religion to the blessing of vice, what wonder that a low view of marriage prevails? Too many ministers are ready to say the fatal words of a marriage service for anybody at any hour and under any circumstances. There is rarely any difficulty in getting a clergyman to marry people in a balloon at a country fair or in some shop window, to advertise a sock stove or a brand of soap. Mock marriages from time to time disgrace church entertainments and blunt the sense of modesty and reverence and dignity without which marriage loses its solemnity. Boys and girls run off in a prank and find some parsonage to receive them and to send them out married, with no questions asked. The "Congregationalist" speaks of a Congregational minister marrying a young woman who was publicly pledged to give herself to another man on the same day, and says it was abetting folly and wickedness.

This readiness to further ill-considered and even improper unions is sometimes defended as the choice of the lesser of two evils. It is said that greater strictness would only promote irregular relations. This may be true to some extent, but it certainly is not true in the many cases where men and women have no evil intentions and under proper advice could be brought to take a serious view of their undertaking, and when they did enter upon the marriage relations to do it seriously and decently. As for the others, it may be questioned whether publicly known immorality is any less harmful when covered with the mantle of respectability than when it is an open scandal, which is a warning as well as an offence. An unbecoming union which plumes itself on a ministerial "indulgence" to continue in sin will do as little to discourage evil as that same example presented to the world lacking the "indulgence" and under conditions which make it shameful to the eyes of the young and weak who might be tempted to follow it.—New York Tribune.

WAR IN THE AIR

Transvaal Situation is Not Improved.

PEROT'S CASE SETTLED

Insurrection in the Philippines Growing—Friendly Tribes Become Hostile.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—(Special)—The Transvaal situation is practically unchanged.

The War Office has an emergency fund and 20,000 men ready to leave in a week in fast steamers.

That war seems to be inevitable is the general public conviction.

Mrs. Perot's abduction case has been settled out of court.

The grandfather gets the child which Mrs. Perot's will be permitted to see and all proceedings will be dropped.

MANILA, Aug. 16.—(Special)—The insurrection is gaining in the Philippine Islands.

The Negroes and people of Cebu were formerly most friendly to the United States and conditions there are becoming critical.

Cebu Island is one of the smallest islands of the group, its area being about 1,800 square miles.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—(Special)—The following are the closing rates: Sept. wheat, —; corn, 31; oats 20½; pork, 8.20. Dec. wheat, 70½; corn, 30½; oats, 19½; pork, 8.20. May wheat, 73½; corn, 28½; oats, 19½; pork, 8.37½.

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POLLING OFFICER

Farr Makes a Strange Affidavit.

BLAMES THE BOTTLE

Reprieved Dawson Murderers Must Hang—Amateur Actor Fatally Burned.

TORONTO, Aug. 16.—(Special)—The Globe has published a four column affidavit by Returning Officer Farr who declares he conducted the election properly and fairly, doing nothing wrong, and that he personally voted for McLean the Conservative candidate.

He says he tore up the ballot which Robert Clarke picked off the floor and handed him because it had not his initials.

He had been drinking before the election. He had a bottle in the polling booth and says he started for Ottawa to give evidence but got off on a spin and does not know where he has been.

DAWSON, Aug. 16.—(Special)—The three men reprieved last November will be hanged on Aug. 14.

YARMOUTH, N. S. Aug. 16.—(Special)—Keith Pelton, aged 13, while dressing for a rehearsal of an amateur production of Cindere's set fire to his clothes and died from injuries received.

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HOLIDAY READING

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