

THE GAMBETTA DUEL.

How Mark Twain Distinguished Himself as the Statesman's Second.

Mark Twain writes for the February number of the *Atlantic Monthly* an account of the participation in the recent duel between Gambetta and Fortou. When he had heard of the outbreak in the Assembly he says that he called on Gambetta, whom he found 'steeped in a profound French calm.' Mr. Twain after being embraced began the conversation:

I said I supposed he would wish me to act as his second, and he said, 'Of course,' I said I must be allowed to act under a French name, so that I might be shielded from obloquy in my own country in case of fatal results. He winced here, probably at the suggestion that duelling was not regarded with respect in America. However, he agreed to my requirement. This accounts for the fact that in all the newspaper reports M. Gambetta's second was apparently a Frenchman. First, we drew up my principal's will. I insisted upon this and stuck to my point. I said I had never heard of a man in his right mind going out to fight a duel without first making his will. He said he had never heard of a man in his right mind doing anything of the kind. When we had finished the will, he wished to proceed to a choice of his 'last words.' He wanted to know how the following words, as a dying exclamation, struck me:

'I die for my God, for my country, for freedom of speech, for progress and the universal brotherhood of man!'

I objected that this would require too lingering a death; it was a good speech for a consumptive, but not suited to the exigencies of the field of honor. We wrangled over a good many ante-mortem outbursts, but finally got him to cut his obituary down to this, which we copied into his memorandum book, purposing to get it by heart:

I die that France may live

I said that this remark seemed to lack revelency; but he said revelency was a matter of no consequence in last words--what you wanted was thrill.

I then wrote the following note and carried it to M. Fourton's friend:

'SIR: M. Gambetta accepts M. Fourton's challenge, and authorizes me to propose Plessis-Piquet as the place of meeting; to-morrow morning at daybreak as the time; and axes as the weapons. I am, sir, with great respect,

MARK TWAIN.'

M. Fourton's friend read this note and, shuddered. Then he turned to me, and said, with a suggestion of severity in his tone:

'Have you considered, sir, what would it be?'

'Bloodshed!'

'That's about the size of it,' I said. Now, if it is a fair question, what was your side proposing to shed?'

I had him there; he saw he had made a blunder, so he hastened to explain it away. He said he had spoken jestingly. Then he added that he and his principal would enjoy axes, and indeed prefer them, but such weapons were barred by the French code, and so I must change my proposals.

After proposing Gatling guns, rifles, navy pistols and brick-bats, Mr. Twain left the choice of weapons to the other second, who fished out of his vast pocket a couple of little things which I carried to the light and discovered to be pistols. They were single barrelled and silver mounted, and very dainty and pretty. I was not able to speak for emotion. I silently hung one of them on my watch-chain, and returned the other. My companion in crime now unrolled a postage-stamp containing several cartridges and gave me one of them. I asked if he meant to signify by this that our men were to be allowed but one shot apiece. He replied that the French code permitted no more. I then begged him to go on and suggest a distance, for my mind was growing weak and confused under the strain which he had been put upon it. He named sixty-five yards. I nearly lost my patience. I said:

'Sixty-five yards, with these instruments? Poppans would be deadlier at fifty. Consider my friend, you and I are banded together to destroy life, not make it eternal.'

But with all my persuasion, all my arguments, I was only able to get him to reduce the distance to thirty-five yards; and even this concession he made with reluctance, and said with a sigh:

'I wash my hands of this slaughter; on your head be it.'

There was nothing for me but to go home to my own lion-heart and tell my humiliating story. When I entered M. Gambetta was laying his last lock of hair upon the altar. He sprang towards me exclaiming:

'The weapon, the weapon! Quick! what is the weapon?'

'This!' and I displayed that silver-mounted thing. He caught but one glimpse of it, then swooned ponderously to the floor.

(Conclusion in our next.)

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FRANCIS KELLY, Mortgagee.

Prince Edward Island.

IN CHANCERY.

SILAS BARNARD, Executor of the last Will and Testament of James Coles, deceased, Complainant.

AND-

THOMAS REILLY, CATHERINE REILLY and MARY G. REILLY, by her Guardian, Hannah Reilly, Defendants.

In pursuance of a decree made in this suit by His Honor the Vice Chancellor, bearing date the nineteenth day of November, instant, A. D. 1878, there will be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of February next, A. D. 1879, at twelve o'clock, noon, at the Supreme Court House in Charlottetown, in Queen's County-

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