

A SENSATIONAL TRIAL.

Eyraud and His Accomplice Before a Paris Court.

A Paris cable says: Yesterday at the Gouffe trial the judges' order that the trunk be opened led to intense excitement and noisy demonstrations in the court room.

Mlle. Bompard said she bought the trunk in London to pack linen in. In a colloquy between Eyraud and Mlle. Bompard, the former maintained that the latter was throughout cognizant of the intended murder.

The president of the court called these assertions absurd, whereupon the prisoner retorted, amid laughter, "There are many absurdities in this case."

Later Eyraud told the story of his visit to America with Mlle. Bompard. The latter asserted that on their arrival in San Francisco they were at the end of their resources, and Eyraud contemplated murder and robbery with the view of getting a fresh supply of funds.

Eyraud denied this, exclaiming: "Let them take my head. I have deserved it. But my past is unsullied." He gave a detailed account of his flight to Mexico, where he said he was tracked like a hunted animal.

During the proceedings Mlle. Bompard was seized with a violent fit of hysterics and was carried screaming and kicking to a cell. When she returned to the dock later she was very pale.

At the trial of Michael Eyraud and Gabrielle Bompard, for the murder of Notary Gouffe, to-day, Eyraud persisted in his statement that Mlle. Bompard conceived the details of the crime, and that she passed the noose around the victim's neck.

Mlle. Bompard denied Eyraud's statement. During the proceedings Mlle. Bompard was seized with a violent fit of hysterics and was carried screaming and kicking to a cell.

At the trial of Michael Eyraud and Gabrielle Bompard, to-day Dr. La Casagne, who performed the autopsy on the victim's body, was asked whether the fracture of Gouffe's neck was due to hanging or to pressure of hands.

The witness replied he was not certain, but it was probably caused by hands. Mlle. Bompard here stated that Eyraud threw the cord around Gouffe's throat. The cord slipped, whereupon Eyraud seized Gouffe by the throat and strangled him.

Eyraud interposed, saying, "That could not be. While the body remained suspended I let it slide into the sack feet foremost." The laborer who found the sack gave testimony confirming Eyraud's statement as to the position of the body in the sack.

Dr. Brouardel, who had been deputed to examine into the mental condition of Mlle. Bompard, expressed the conviction that she was perfectly responsible for her actions, although she would come under the category of the "morally deficient," being a person that would commit a crime with indifference.

Dr. Suoreste, the physician of the Bompard household, deposed that he had hypnotized Gabrielle, and that he believed it possible that she had been brought in a similar way under the influence of Eyraud.

Dr. Brouardel, being recalled, denied the influence of hypnotism, and a scene ensued. Dr. Voisin, a physician connected with the police department, who was called at the request of Mlle. Bompard, swore he had hypnotized the woman. He declined to enter into details on the ground of professional secrecy.

Mlle. Bompard's counsel declared that Dr. Voisin had important confidences given him by the prisoner, and that the courts must remove the seal of secrecy. The public prosecutors opposed this demand, and blamed Voisin for having resorted to hypnotism.

opinion of the Nancy School of Hypnotists in small esteem. All hysterical patients were found to be addicted to making assertions of pretended facts that existed only in their imaginations.

Every possible precaution to prevent a simulated trance had to be taken in examining subjects at Salpêtrière. He did not doubt the good faith of Dr. Liegeois, but the latter's statements wanted scientific proof.

Witness was not in favor of again hypnotizing Mlle. Bompard, as he did not wish to run the risk of letting the audience hear the revelations that might be surprised out of the accused.

M. Robert, Mlle. Bompard's counsel, here asked that his client be hypnotized in open court, and M. Decori, counsel for Eyraud, joined in the request.

The procurer opposed the request, on the ground that the experiments would not help to bring out the truth. In refusing to accede to the prisoner's demand he defended the imprescriptible privileges of justice against paradoxes put before the court.

The judges retired to consider the question. Returning several minutes later, they declared that the request was rejected.

Counsel for the relatives of M. Gouffe then addressed the court. He pictured the murdered man as a father full of tender solicitude for his daughters. He passed over Eyraud as having confessed the murder. Regarding the woman, he asked the jury not to believe her denials, but to punish both prisoners alike.

Death-Bed Sayings. Pizarro—"Jesu." Gouche—"More light." Knox—"Now it is come."

Byron—"I must sleep now." Charles Matthews—"I am ready." Arria—"My Poets, it is not painful."

Talma—"The worst is, I cannot see." Haydn—"God preserve the Emperor." Chesterfield—"Give Day Rollen a chair."

Addison—"See how a Christian can die." Lonis XVIII.—"A king should die standing." William Pitt—"Oh, my country, how I love thee!"

Rabelais—"Let down the curtain; the farce is over." Franklin—"A dying man can do nothing easy."

Napoleon III. (to M. Conneau)—"Were you at Sedan?" Sir Walter Scott (to his family)—"God bless you all."

Lord Thurlow—"I'll be shot if I don't believe I'm dying." Cromwell—"My desire is to make what haste I may to be gone."

Gen. Wolfe—"What! do they run already? Then I die happy." William III. of England (to his physician)—"Can this last long?"

Charles II. of England—"Don't let poor Nellie starve" (Nell Gwynne). Jefferson—"I resign my spirit to my God, my daughter to my country."

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

THE MODERN STUDENT. He jumps, he boxes, casts a stone, He's wily and gymnast— A moment to catch and bone Propelled by foot elastic.

He rubs and scrubs his giant frame, He strives to increase muscle; He takes a hand in every game, Or rough-and-tumble tussle.

—When whalebone comes it stays. —A good deal of the talk about potatoes in Ireland is rot.

—White lines for riding are affected by lady equestrians. —The do do will never be extinct in America. We are too much on the do.

"I know that you're fond of kissing," he said. She blushed to her finger-tips. "One dollar does the work of three, She sorts the grist in Santa's pack, And orders things for me, sleek!

—The sale of seats for the Josie Mills company is now open at Nordheimer's. —A man's angry sentiments may be candid, but they are not sugared. Not as a rule.

—What a difference there is between a girl being simply pretty and simply being pretty. MYSTERIOUS. She's here, and there, and everywhere, On these gay shopping days;

At every window she doth stare, Her face is drawn with woe and care; She seeks a score of ways Of buying toys for Kate and Jack— One dollar does the work of three, She sorts the grist in Santa's pack, And orders things for me, sleek!

—Miss Mary Garrett, of Baltimore, has a bath in her home lined with Mexican onyx that cost \$6,000. A MOVABLE FEAST. Now, Harry, I wish you'd behave! A kiss, heathen to the native's fair; But, now, disregarding the limits it gave, You're kissing me everywhere.

The mistletoe's rule is so old, To break it I never should dare; And, dear, if you'll notice, ere I was so bold, I slipped a wee sprig in your hair!

—To know the chrysanthemum in all its varieties is a course of study in itself. It is the Cleopatra of flowers, of "infinite variety."

—Ethel—Does this picture do me justice? Maud—It does something nobler, dear. It shows you mercy.

—A British professor has estimated that the cloud of smoke which hangs over London weighs 300 tons. GORBLE AND STUFF. A turkey stood in a barnyard, Gobbling as turkeys can, Far away from the maddening crowd— Far from the haunts of man, No thought of the fate so dire— The present held quite enough— No thought of the roasting fire; Of the hand that would pick and stuff.

Dead in his beauty and youth, On the Christmas board we lay Him bound to a turn forsooth— The others will gobble to-day, No more shall he strut to and fro; No more shall he strut to and fro; He is gone! Al! how will we know Just what it is to be stuffed.

—There are now 300 regularly ordained women preachers in the United States, where forty years ago there was only one. —Fangle—Does Dr. Pillsbury practice much? Cums—We'll, whenever anybody wants him to, he's willing to practice on 'em.

—Your number," said the warden to the prisoner, "is 306." "That's gratifying," said the unfortunate; "I'm in the 400 at last."

A WINDY WINTER THIS MUST BE. If Christmas day on Thursday be A windy winter ye shall see; Windy weather in each week And hard tempests, strong and thick, The summer shall be good and dry; Corn and beasts shall multiply; That year is good for land to till; Kings and princes shall die by skill. If a child born that day shall be It shall happen right well for he; Of deeds he shall be good and staid, Wise of speech and reasonable, Whoso that day goes thieving about, He shall be punished without doubt; And if sickness that day befall, It shall quickly from that side.

—The sewing machine is only forty-four years old. Matches have been in common use since 1829, and America's first street car line dates from 1826.

—John L. Sullivan has mistaken his line in the theatrical profession. "What do you mean?" "He is a failure on the stage, but he ought to do well in the box office."

—Paris has just adopted an underground way for rapid transit which is to carry not only tracks, but all pipes, cables and wires needed by a modern city, exclusive of sewers.

—She (reproachfully)—I didn't get a Christmas present. He (gallantly)—Probably Santa Claus was unable to see anything so diminutive as your stocking. And he basked in the radiance of her smile during the remainder of the evening.

—The first titled Englishwoman to become a laundress is Lady Wimborne, who has established a successful laundry on her husband's estate in Dorsetshire. The enterprise has been so well conducted that it yields the owners a profitable income.

MAMMA'S WAY. Oh, Johnny was tough as a young billy goat, He played all day in the gutter, And at night the copper who slept on that boat Brought him home half dead on a shutter.

—Where's the boss? "Down in the cellar." "Will he be away long?" "Not over a few minutes. He's just gone to make some ten-year-old wine.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

Adolph Belot, the French dramatist and novelist, is dead. Sir Richard Cartwright addressed a large meeting at Blenheim last evening.

The St. Lawrence is firmly frozen over at Montreal much earlier than usual. The estimates of the Toronto Public School Board for next year amount to \$432,000.

Nearly three hundred excursionists left Winnipeg for Ontario last night to spend the Christmas holidays. In the North Bruce election trial eleven votes have been struck off Mr. George's majority of seventeen.

Mr. Laurier, Mr. Davies and Mr. Fisher addressed a great meeting in the drill shed at Halifax last evening. Disease broke out recently among the horses on the Calgary and Edmonton railway contracts, and a great many animals died.

Mrs. Francis Wainman, Orilla, was convicted here yesterday of selling liquor to Indians and was fined \$100 or three months. Mr. Geo. Laing, of Bayham, has been appointed license commissioner for East Egin, vice Asa Miller, appointed license inspector.

Thomas Jeff of Scarborough Junction, a fireman of the Grand Trunk Railway, was accidentally killed yesterday at Sturgeon Bay. He was 25 years of age. There were very heavy snowstorms throughout a great portion of New York and Pennsylvania yesterday by which railway traffic was impeded.

A Kewatin despatch says that the lumbering season just closed has been a most active one, and that 60,000,000 feet of lumber was cut by the various companies. The Paris Anarchist LaBruyere, who aided Padlewski, the murderer of General Seliverskoff, to escape, and Mme. Duqueroy who concealed him in her house, have been arrested.

The mayoralty contest is being pushed with great vigor in Montreal, and the contest will likely narrow down to a struggle between Mayor Grenier and Mr. James McShane. On the 11th inst., while chopping in the woods, Edward Doonan, of Tyndinaga township, was struck by a falling branch and so injured that he died. He never recovered consciousness.

The city's case in the Toronto Street Railway arbitration having been opened the counsel make it appear that if Toronto takes over the concern the company will owe the city some \$25,000. The Washington Post, in an editorial, very strongly advocates reciprocal trade relations with Canada as being far more profitable than trade with the Latin American nations in the South.

The Kingston electors will be shortly asked to decide at the polls whether they think the city should encourage manufacturers by exempting their buildings and machinery from taxation. The London Daily Graphic's Rome correspondent says: The pope approves of the Irish bishops' anti-Parnell manifesto, but he declines to make a public statement on the dissension in the Irish party.

The steamship Corean, at Liverpool from Montreal, had her cattle stopped on suspicion of pleuro-pneumonia, but a cable was yesterday received in Montreal saying they were allowed to pass. Mr. Balfour's Irish Relief Bill, which asks an appropriation of £5,000 to enable him to supply seed potatoes to distressed farmers, passed its third reading in the House of Commons yesterday.

Silver Glance mine, near Port Arthur, owned by Mr. Arthur Harvey, of Toronto, and Messrs. Jeroux and Fedrat, of Port Arthur, is said to have been sold to an English syndicate for \$18,000 cash. Surrogate Ransom, of New York, has granted Mrs. Lily W. Churchill, the duchess of Marlborough, a further allowance of \$60,000 from the income of the estate of her first husband, Louis C. Hamersley.

The annual report of the Montreal Protestant Board of School Commissioners shows that there are now eighteen schools in the city under the control of the Board, with an actual daily attendance of 5,945 pupils. The ice bridge opposite Montreal has formed, and the first crossing from Longueuil was made yesterday. The first crossing was not made last season till January 23rd, and it is claimed this year beats the record.

While a funeral was en route to a cemetery in the country near Kingston last week the horses attached to the hearse ran away and the hearse was upset. The coffin fell out and was broken open, and the body, that of an old man, rolled on to the snow. Last night a young lady was stopped near Clergy street cemetery, Kingston, by a tall young man dressed in black, who seized her and kissed her several times, despite her screams and resistance. A gentleman came to her assistance and pursued the ruffian for several blocks, but could not overtake him.

A hectoring foreman in Montreal let the Federal Telephone Co. in for \$198. One wet day the men refused to work, pleading it was impossible to climb poles, as everything was so slippery. The foreman threatened them with dismissal, and being poor they were obliged to go aloft. One of the number fell and broke his leg. He took action against the company, and received the amount named.

The only important evidence at the inquest on Joseph Bire, the Grand Trunk engineer, adduced yesterday at Montreal, was that of Wm. Stephenson, the superintendent. He attributed the accident first to the switchman being asleep at his post, and secondly to the engineer not keeping a proper look out to see the light from the switch. Both men, he said, were guilty of a gross neglect of duty.

The Minnesota Supreme Court yesterday handed down a decision which disposes of the celebrated swamp land litigation. It assures to the Duluth and Iron Range Railroad Company the title to between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 acres of land in the Northern part of the State. In the French Chamber of Deputies yesterday M. Despres proposed that the

Government restore the nuns to their former position as hospital nurses. M. Constans, Minister of the Interior, opposed the proposal and argued in defense of lay nurses. The order of the day was voted by 361 to 176.

An English farmer named John Ellis, who lived near Calgary, was killed last night on the Morley trail, three miles from there. He had been up to the foot hills for a load of fence posts and when coming down a hill a part of the harness broke, causing his horses to run away. Ellis was thrown under the wheels, which passed over his face and skull, killing him instantly.

The Elclair publishes an interview with the Nihilist Saveroff, who declares that the Terrorist party still exists in Russia, but that it is disorganized. Instead of being a single body, directed by an Executive Committee, the party now consists of 25 groups, each acting under a different system, but all working to effect the same end.

Thirteen Chinamen were captured near Dungenes yesterday while trying to sneak into the United States. They resisted arrest, and one of them was killed by Inspector Fenn. The Chinamen at Port Townsend say they will call the attention of their Government to the killing. The inspector's superiors hold him blameless.

Mr. Peter McClary, a well-known London man, died on Saturday. Louis Eugene Lami, the French painter, is dead. He was born in 1800. A peculiar disease is carrying off many horses in parts of Kansas and Missouri.

It is now reported that nine men were drowned by the collapse of the wharf at Halifax. Alberdingk & Co's enormous oil depot in Amsterdam was burned yesterday. Loss, \$500,000. The ice bridge across the St. Lawrence at Montreal was yesterday reported to be fit for traffic.

The railway men in Scotland at a meeting Sunday decided to begin the general strike at once. Though the confinement of the Empress of Germany was premature, both she and her child are doing well. An alliance is on the tapis between Princess Margarethe of Prussia and Prince Willal, heir to the throne of Luxemburg.

The withdrawals from the Government Savings Bank continue to increase. The amount withdrawn last week was \$150,000. Home Secretary Matthews has declined to relieve Mrs. Nellie Pearcey, sentenced to death for murdering Mrs. Hogg and her infant. Prof. E. Stone Wiggins, of Ottawa, predicts that cholera will visit Canada next summer unless the strictest quarantine regulations are enforced.

A daring robbery took place in St. Boniface on Friday night. The butcher shop of J. B. Lanzon was entered and between \$800 and \$900 worth of Christmas beef stolen. It is semi-officially denied that Lord Salisbury has taken any steps for or against the British South African Company in regard to their occupation of Manicaland.

In the Quebec Legislature on Saturday Mr. Mercier's proposals in regard to a reform in the control of the lunatic asylums met with strong opposition, and the result was that the Government was sustained by a majority of twelve only. A disaster has occurred at Cordova, Argentina, where the canal has burst the embankment and destroyed hundreds of houses. One hundred lives are reported to be lost. General Roca, the Minister of the Interior, has gone to the scene to superintend measures of relief.

England and France have arranged for a continuance of the Newfoundland modus vivendi, the English Government undertaking to settle the difficulty during the interval. The exchange of France's rights on the French shore for the Burin peninsula has been hinted at as a solution of the question, but it is not at all likely to be considered by England. A 10 year-old son of George Sanve, Garden Island, was drowned Saturday evening. The lad was on a hand-sleigh, which was drawn by his brother on skates. He ran some distance and then gave the sled a push. It glided over the ice, struck an air-hole, and the sled and lad went underneath. The elder brother tried hard to save the little fellow, but failed, and he was nearly lost himself.

Jennie Greig, a pupil of Carleton Place High School, died on Wednesday last after an illness of less than two weeks. A pimple appeared on her face which, on being irritated, inflamed and spread malignantly. She fell into the conviction that the pustules would prove fatal, and no amount of expostulation or entreaty could dislodge the gloomy thought from her mind. She was unconscious four days before death came.

A Spanish coaster from San Francisco recently ran ashore near Athucemas, Morocco. A party of Moors boarded the vessel and carried off everything of value they could find. They made prisoners of the entire crew and a woman who was a passenger, and deprived them of all their clothing, even stripping them of what they had on. A detachment of native troops pursued the robbers and rescued the prisoners.

Prof. Koch visited United States Minister Phelps on Friday. Prof. Koch said his decision to benevolently give the lymph only to hospitals was due to the results that had followed its use in private practice. He added, however, that he was not personally cognizant of any death resulting from its effects, but he was quite convinced the lymph was too dangerous except when used under a constant watch by physicians. A patient, he said, ought to be seen at least every two hours. Such care could only be found in hospitals.

Major Gen. Albert H. Terry died at 4 o'clock yesterday morning in New Haven Conn., after a long illness. Saturday night Chown & Cunningham, Kingston, looked out eighty men in order to take stock. At the beginning of the new year those who accept engagement must do so in defiance of the Moulder's Union, which is very strong. The firm do not propose to reduce wages but will attempt to break the union. A struggle is expected.