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### Boulanger's Manifesto.

Boulanger has at last answered the terrible charges of treachery and dishonesty that have been so rapidly piled up against him in his absence. In a manifesto signed by the general, Count Dillon and Rochefort, the counter charge is made with vehemence and due vivacity that the government has used money and power to subvert witnesses against him among the "jail birds in their very cells." It appears to be true that much of the evidence against Boulanger has been furnished by convicted forgers, and he makes the most of this, calling his enemies thieves, bandits subversives of liberty, and ending with the slogan, "Long live regenerated France! Long live the honest republic!" Just before issuing this very manifesto, he announced that he would be a candidate in eighty cantons, in spite of the recently enacted law against plural candidacy. He defied the government and the law, and now he proclaims a bitter war of the ballot, and bullets may fly before it is ended.

This defiant reply of General Boulanger to the recent damaging attacks upon his character is not at all surprising. As he refused to go back to France and stand the fair trial offered to him on less heinous charges, it could hardly be expected that he would adopt any other line of defense than a counter attack, when charged with stealing. That a public man of Boulanger's importance, should have to meet such charges would be almost beyond belief, if we had not learned by sad experience that many leaders, or men who passed, for great men, have been found guilty of equal dishonesty. Boulanger's ambitions are of a kind that require the lavish expenditure of money, and he may be all that his enemies assert, but it is a question whether he will be at all damaged by their accusations. He need not meet them save by counter charges and his friends will firmly believe all that he may say of the enemy, while the large element that in every land is always found searching for a just means between extremists will be inclined to think that Boulanger is too much abused. He is the under dog in the fight, and if he is jumped on too heavily popular sympathy will go with him. He has very wisely added to his manifesto the names of Henri Rochefort and Count Dillon. The first named carries more weight in France than might be thought possible for so violent a radical. No one doubts his bravery and sincerity, though all admit him to be hot-headed, reckless, and a dangerous man to gain the lead of a party of people. But he has fought many desperate duels in a land where duels are usually very trifling affairs, and he never hesitates to use the most violent and cutting language against his enemies in power. People like pluck and honesty, and the fiery radical is added to Boulanger's side of the scale, while Count Dillon acts as a balance to his extreme radicalism. It is a little curious to hear a man accused of corruption as minister of war, closing a counter charge by the cry of "long live the honest republic," but whether innocent or guilty there was nothing else for him to do. If innocent the mere fact of the charge is proof enough that he would not have either a fair or safe trial at the hands of a government that could stoop to such methods. From what has been written of his character the general looks guilty, but his reply shows that he is not yet out of French history.

### A Suggestion.

Inasmuch as the city councils are of the opinion either that we do not need a park or are too poor to buy one, we have a suggestion to make. There is no one thing that strikes the visitor to New York or Philadelphia or any well-built large city with so much force as the number of bright green squares laid out in walks, flower beds and running fountains. They are beautiful at all seasons, whether covered with a white stretch of snow or presenting a spot of green earth in the midst of the dull monotony of stone and brick. From an artistic point of view they undoubtedly improve the appearance of a city. But besides that they are decidedly useful. Lancaster city has not one place where her population can stroll there hot evenings to catch a breath of fresh air and come in contact with a patch of green earth, except perhaps the cemeteries. And among graves and grave stones the merry shout of playing children even sounds somewhat incongruous. The Conestoga furnishes a playground for those who care to go on the water, but hardly a place for women and children to go alone.

Our suggestion is that the city buy on the outskirts here and there a large field, build a substantial fence around it, plant trees, lay it out in places, benches at intervals and throw it open to the public. If possible erect a fountain or two, and make it beautiful with flowers and shrubbery. This we think could be done with comparatively little expense. While only a city of perhaps 30,000 people we ought to be building a home for 100,000. In this way we could be gradually getting in our midst a number of these small parks, which in a few years would be in the populous part of the city. Or if our city fathers do not see the wisdom of this suggestion perhaps some one of our wealthy public-spirited citizens will buy such a piece of ground, lay it out properly, and present it to the public and let it bear his name.

The experiment could thus be made and its usefulness demonstrated to our inert councils. Such open squares we think would prove so beautiful as well as useful that the large public park lately contemplated by some of our philanthropic citizens and vetoed by the councils would follow as a natural consequence.

### Graham's Experiments.

On Sunday afternoon, in the presence of hundreds of people, a barrel, in which was strapped a live New Zealand dog, was sent over Niagara Falls. Of course the barrel was smashed to pieces and nothing was seen of the poor brute. Instead of fastening a dumb animal in the barrel it would have been a better thing

had the insane owner placed himself there. His sure destruction would not have been mourned long and his death would have been a good riddance. It seems to be a morbid influence which impels some weak-minded men to make such experiments. They are of no scientific value, and in this case cost the life of an innocent dog, whose life was of more value than that of his heartless and crazy owner. Such nonsensical experiments which only gratify the morbid tastes of curiosity-seekers ought to be made absolutely unlawful and forbidden.

THE state board of health of New York has been used by a certain Dr. Segnit to recommend the prohibition of the marriage of consumptives, on the ground of hereditary tendency to the disease. He wants all applicants for marriage licenses examined and license refused to consumptives. It is very evident that the medical gentleman is a crank on this topic, for otherwise he would hardly suggest so gravely a thing so absurd in these days of personal freedom. Old Spartus tried his plan in the days when the welfare of a nation depended chiefly upon the physical development of all the people. We can not now dream of enforcing Spartan laws, and the state that tries to regulate marriage by prohibitory laws is doomed to failure. Cupid is the most dangerous warrior any state can fool with, and the consumptives are too many to suffer any infringement of their personal rights. Their malady is terrible and fatal, but while they live in comparative health, they undoubtedly enjoy life. If under Providence science cannot save the race from consumption, there is no hope from law.

SECRETARY TRACY has promised to have eight ships of the navy at Baltimore on the twelfth of next September, to assist in a military and naval spectacle at the opening of the Maryland exposition. This looks as though he wants to keep the war ships close at home. We have only one poor broken down ship in European waters and very few anywhere else.

THE fresh air enterprises for sending poor city children out into the country were so thoroughly successful last year that they have started again with greater vigor. A fine example is the New York Tribune's air fund, which is expended in sending out parties of children from New York to cities and towns of New York, New Jersey, New England and Pennsylvania, where they are dispersed among country people who call for them. There are many kind-hearted farmers who are very glad to take a child or two for a week, and the managers of the scheme have no difficulty in expending the fund to the satisfaction of all, the chief expense being for transportation. To-day six hundred children left New York by special trains to be scattered among the farmers for a week. Many of them never saw a field of corn or an out-of-country landscape.

THE interview of Quay and McManes at Philadelphia on Saturday afternoon was decidedly interesting. The former with considerable difficulty held his temper while from all accounts the latter gentleman must have lost his. It must have been a beautiful picture to see the Oily Gammom from Beaver smoothing down the ruffled feathers of Philadelphia's boss cook. Quay is for harmony, of course. He always is. He is filling all the offices to suit himself, we notice, while McManes and some of the other fellows are getting mad. They cannot understand that kind of harmony by which they are getting nothing.

It is said that Guy, Beaver incaniously remarked that Hastings should be careful not to do his work at Johnstown as adjutant general, but simply as the governor's representative, and the conclusion is drawn that Beaver is jealous of that office. With all his faults the governor is hardly the man to scheme over the Johnstown's relief

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