

WORLD'S DEMAND FOR CHAMPAGNE CAUSE OF THE RIOTS IN FRANCE

Manufacturers Offered Other Wine as Famous Laughing Water

Small Vine Dressers Are the Chief Factors of the Up-rising

THE world's demand for more champagne than the champagne district can produce is at the bottom of the serious rioting that is now taking place in France's most famous wine growing departments.

To have the origin of the trouble understood it is necessary to go back thirty years, when every vine dresser owned his own strip of land. In those days there were 200 vineyard owners in Venteuil alone against only forty today.

Two years later many new champagne houses started business. These firms imported wine from other parts of France, gave it the same treatment as the real article and sold it as genuine champagne.

Germany Competes.

Then Germany began to compete with fake champagne, and the lot of the old vine dresser became steadily worse and worse.

The immediate cause of the bloodshed and sacking that have been going on started with the act of the government in excluding the sparkling wine of Aube from the champagne class.

On March 19 last the inhabitants of the department of the Aube joined in a demonstration of protest at Bar-sur-Aube.

FORGIVES MURDERER.

Widow of Former Governor Calls on His Slayer in Prison.

Behind the walls of the Idaho penitentiary Harry Orchard, murderer of former Governor Frank Steunenberg and confessed slayer of fourteen other men, stood face to face with the woman he had widowed and was forgiven by her.

The warden told her he would not compel Orchard to see her. When her message reached Orchard his face turned pale.

"Oh," he exclaimed, with a look of horror, "I can't see her!" Then he recanted, saying, "I would rather do almost anything else, but if Mrs. Steunenberg has asked to see me the least I can do is to grant her request."

It was a tense moment when the two were introduced. Mrs. Steunenberg was first to speak, saying: "Mr. Orchard, I have made this journey to tell you that God has told me to forgive you. I have forgiven you the great wrong you did me, and I think that I could not have perfect peace until I tell you with my own lips."

HONEYMOON WITH GHOSTS.

Bridal Pair Will Live in "Haunted House" in Wisconsin.

On a high bluff overlooking the Chipewewa river in Wisconsin is a big residence that in the nine years it has been vacant has been given a wide berth by superstitious tramps.

The "haunted house" is to be occupied when renovated by A. E. Warruth, who at the age of fifty-seven has become a benedict. His bride was formerly Miss Alice Wilson, and Mr. Warruth declares she fully shares his belief that there is no foundation for the ghost stories.

Poppoorn to Support Band.

Leon, a town of 400 persons in Kansas, claims the distinction of supporting a band in a more unusual way than any other town in Kansas.

end of March showed a determination to be stopped by nothing. They discarded their moderate leaders and put themselves under the orders of the United Socialists and revolutionaries.

A fresh outbreak of rioting occurred on April 8, when the committee on agriculture of the chamber of deputies, to which the government had referred the champagne question, recommended that the delimitation be arranged so as to include all the departments belonging to the old province of Champagne.

Recent Outbreaks.

On April 11 there were fresh manifestations in the department of the Marne against the restoration of the department of the Aube to the delimited district.

The majority in the chamber of deputies, as in the senate, probably opposes the system of delimitation. The chamber, however, is proceeding cautiously, as it does not desire a ministerial crisis at a time when the budget, now four months belated, seems within a few days of conclusion.

The administration is continuing to oppose the suppression of the delimitation because it hopes to have the system recognized internationally. The Madrid convention has already assured such recognition between France and Spain, Great Britain, Switzerland, Portugal and Brazil.

The Aube wine growers before the

GIRLS IN CAGES.

South Sea Islanders Keep Young Women Secluded Until Marriage.

In some parts of New Britain the natives have a custom of placing young women in strict seclusion before marriage by imprisoning them in cages for several years until they reach a marriageable age.

The Rev. George Brown, who has spent many years of his life in the south sea islands endeavoring to stamp out polygamy and cannibalism among the natives, describes how on one occasion he inspected a number of these human cages.

"The cage was quite clean and contained nothing but a few lengths of bamboo for holding water. There was only room for a girl to sit or lie down in a crouched position on the bamboo platform, and when the doors were shut it must have been nearly or quite dark inside.

"They are never allowed to come out except once a day to bathe in a dish or wooden bowl placed close to each cage. They are placed in the cages when quite young and must remain there until their marriage."

EARS TOO BIG FOR NAVY.

Would Be Recruit Barred Because Sailors Would Kid Him.

Charles R. Phillips, aged eighteen, of Carmi, Ill., applied to the naval recruiting officer to enlist him, saying the one ambition of his life was to be a sailor.

"Why, your ears are so big and attract so much attention that all the sailors in the navy would kid you so that you would find life miserable," said the officer. "We cannot accept you."

Hard Wood For Tomb.

Philippine hard woods are to be used in constructing the tomb of the late emperor of China. For the pillars giant trees will be taken from the Mindanao forests, some of them already cut being sixty feet high and four feet in diameter.

GOWN FOR MUSICALE.

The New Modish Style For Gowns of Every Type.



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The girl who sings and whose means are limited is often compelled to make the same gown do for both her afternoon and evening engagements. To find a gown that will be both simple enough for the one use, yet dressy enough for the other, is not so easy as it may seem.

Black and white stripes will naturally have first place in the early season's gowns, because we are under the seductive thrall of this combination. Several of the important dressmakers have already turned out gowns of black and white striped satin draped with black chiffon cloth or marquisette, with a touch of handsome heavy lace on the shoulders.

With these gowns go turbans or large hats of black net, with white alberts and green scarfs or Alsatian bows of black and white striped ribbon.

The whole idea is a good one for spring, for attractive as black is its universal usage the past winter rather depressed one. If it had not been for the freedom of wearing vivid colors as a contrast we would have been a sadder assemblage indeed.

The Awakening.

The hallway was dark. He softly came behind her and kissed her lightly on the cheek. She didn't scream. She didn't even look around. And he darted away undiscovered.

A little later he met her in the parlor.

"Then you knew who it was?" he said. "Knew who it was?" she repeated. "Knew who it was that kissed you?" She gave a sudden start. "Good land, was it you?" she cried. And there was something in her tone that sent him up to the dressing room, where he glared at himself in the glass and kicked his own shins vigorously.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

An Authority.

Peter McArthur was once talking with a friend when he quoted another man as a financial authority. His friend disputed the right of the person quoted to be considered an expert. Mr. McArthur insisted that the man had a right to speak like an oracle.

"What is your definition of an authority?" asked his friend. "My idea of an authority," retorted Mr. McArthur, "is a person who bluffs beyond my limit."

Severe Critics.

Allice—I like Tom immensely, and he's very much the gentleman, but he does like to talk about himself! Grace—Yes, dear, your knight hath a thousand 'I's.—Puck.

Not Wholly Educated.

She—So you have an educated dog! Do you let him go to the postoffice for your mail? He—No. I am afraid he might take it to my wife first.—Paris Rire.

Tucked Pillowcases.

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ELDERFELD IS RECKLESS.

Plans to Catch Ball Thrown From Washington Monument.

Kid Elberfeld, the Washington Americans' third sacker, plans to outdo Billy Sullivan and Charley Street, the only two players who have ever been able to catch a ball dropped from the top of the Washington monument.

Street and Sullivan, the two well known American league catchers, accomplished the feat with the use of a catcher's glove. Elberfeld plans to go them one better, as he hopes to turn the trick wearing a regular infielder's glove, which is as much protection as paper in comparison with the big mitt worn by the receivers. Here is the way Elberfeld does it out:

"The monument is 550 feet high, and the experts say that the velocity of the ball when it reaches the ground has a value of 600 pounds in weight. Maybe so, but I'll bet that line drives straight from the bat to me at third base come just as hard as any ball tossed from the top of that monument.

"At one base they come quicker, too, not giving a man much time to gauge their line, or movement. To catch a ball thrown from the famous monument means nothing more to a good ball player than judging its fall. I think I can do it."

Elberfeld may have the painful experience of losing one or both hands by the attempt, but he wants to try it, and his team mates know him well enough not to offer any advice.

The Lesson.

He—Yes, it's very true, a man doesn't learn what happiness is until he's married. She—I'm glad you've discovered that at last. He—Yes, and when he's married it's too late.—Dorfbarbler.

A Change of Opinion.

"I suppose, old fellow, your wife still thinks she married a treasure?" remarked a bachelor to a married friend. "No," said the benedict; "I have a distinct impression that she regards me as a treasury!"

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