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DREYFUS' CHANCES

Many Believe Verdict Will be Unsatisfactory Compromise

Policy of Prisoner's Enemies to Cause Disorder at Rennes.

The Aggressive Laborer May Reappear at the Trial Monday.

Cuignet Testifies That He Thinks Dreyfus is Guilty and the Prisoner Shouts That it is a "Manifest Lie."

Rennes, Aug. 19.—Most of the foreign correspondents came to Rennes with the impression that after a full hearing of the evidence Dreyfus' acquittal would be inevitable. The trial has now proceeded a fortnight, and nothing worthy of the name of evidence has been adduced against the accused, yet scarcely any one is confident of the result. This change does not imply that the prisoners' judges are dishonest or corrupt, but means that the jury is incapable of forming an impartial verdict and its members are victims of illegitimate influences and pressure, which require extraordinary heroism to resist. The policy of Dreyfus' enemies has been to bring forward the reasons of the state, based not on the pretended danger of a foreign war, but of a civil war, which they say his acquittal would precipitate. This they have done by plotting uprisings at Rennes and elsewhere, designed to demonstrate to the court martial that the country must be saved by again sacrificing the accused. The government is cognizant of the plot and it remains to be seen if they will further succeed in forestalling it.

Dreyfus' defense is handicapped by refraining from impugning the honor of the chief witnesses for the prosecution, because they fear such tactics would be fatal to the defendant. Laborer may reappear Monday and he may end this by his rigid cross-examinations. Regarding the verdict many believe it will be an unsatisfactory one—such as 4 to 3 against the prisoner, resulting in his discharge without restoration to rank.

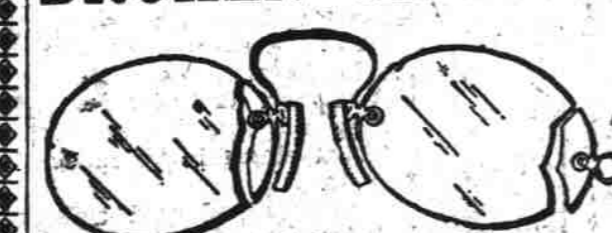
THE COURT MARTIAL.

Rennes, Aug. 19.—When the court martial of Dreyfus was resumed this today, Major Cuignet, formerly attached to the ministry of war, was called to the stand. The witness, who declared he was convinced of the prisoner's guilt, was cross-examined by M. Demange, who pointed out that several of his statements contradicted previous depositions. Major Cuignet recounted in detail the task which General Conze assigned to him in May, 1898, of classifying the documents in the Dreyfus, Esterhazy and Picquart cases.

"The first question I will ask," said the witness, "is Dreyfus guilty? My conviction of his guilt is based on three grounds: "First, his confession to Captain Lebrun Renard. "Second, the technical nature of the contents of the bordereau. "Third, the results of the examination of the secret dossier. "I will add the evidence of the expert Bertillon (laughter) as indirect proof of the means employed by the Dreyfus family to secure the prisoner's rehabilitation. I protest that a campaign has been undertaken against justice, truth and our country."

The major's outbursts of heroics evoked cynical smiles and indications of dissent coupled with marks of assent from the assembled generals. The witness invited the court's especial attention to the secret dossier, in which he said would be found ample proof of the prisoner's guilt. At this stage of the proceedings

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Dreyfus rose and interrupted the witness, shouting: "That is a manifest lie."

After this the witness recited in detail reasons for his belief that the agent supplying the information was a French staff officer. He then endeavored to show that the traffic with the foreign military attaches could only have been carried on by a probationer in the department occupied by Dreyfus. Replying to M. Demange, Major Cuignet insisted that if Henry committed the forgery "it was in the interest of the country." To this statement counsel retorted, "You did not say that to the court of cassation." At the request of Demange the major's deposition before the court of cassation was read. It showed that Cuignet emphatically declared before that he was convinced an investigation would easily show that Patty de Clam was the principal author of the Henry forgery. When Dreyfus was asked if he wished to reply to the witness, he declared he had never asked Major Cuignet for documents except by the desire of his chief, Major Bertin.

"All the details which Major Cuignet has given on this subject," said the prisoner, "sprang out of his own imagination and are due to the same state of mind which prompts the unreasonable bitterness even against an innocent man." The condition of M. Labori, who was shot from ambush, was improved this morning.

SENSATIONAL STORY BY WAY OF LONDON

Stated That Gen. Mercier is to be Arrested and Dreyfus Case Withdrawn.

London, Aug. 20.—A Paris special to the Sunday Special says that the government has decided to arrest General Mercier, and that it is rumored that Major Carriere, the government representative at the Dreyfus trial, will be ordered to withdraw the case, it having been proved that the documents showing Dreyfus' guilt are forgeries.

The sending of large numbers of troops to Rennes, under command of officers of known loyalty to the government, is said to be part of the plan for the withdrawal of the prosecution. The government will be able to quell any disturbance that may arise as a result of its action.

COMEZ MAKES APPEAL FOR CUBAN SOLDIERS

Says They Are Starving While Waiting for Promised Pay.

Havana, Aug. 19.—General Gomez had a conference with General Brooke and explained the terrible condition of the Cuban troops, who were starving while waiting for the money promised them in accordance with the supplementary lists, adding that there was danger of these men becoming bandits. Brooke promised that the payments would be resumed.

TRAGEDY IN LOUISIANA.

One Man Kills Three Opponents Before Yielding Up His Own Life.

New Orleans, Aug. 19.—At Lake End, Red River parish, La., a difficulty arose between R. E. Freeman and Callie Brown and shots were exchanged without results. Brown left and returned soon after with his brother Robert and Dr. Glover. All opened fire on Freeman, who, however, fired so straight that Callie Brown and Glover were killed and Robert Brown wounded. The latter begged for his life, which was granted. He left by the front door, but re-entering the building by the back he shot Freeman, inflicting a mortal wound. As Freeman fell he fired, his bullet going through Brown's heart. Both fell dead.

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SILVER ISSUE PARAMOUNT

Bryan Says 16 to 1 Will Not be Subordinated to Any Issue.

Omaha, Aug. 19.—The allied silver forces of Nebraska held a love feast here today as a preliminary to three conventions here Tuesday. Bryan and Champ Clark, of Missouri, were speakers. Bryan took occasion to deny the story sent out recently from Des Moines Ia., that he is willing to subordinate the silver question. "I have insisted at all times and in all places," he said, "that the money question will be before the country until bi-metallicism is restored and that 16 to 1 is the only ratio at which the mints can be opened. I have never for a moment thought a compromise desirable or possible." Then Bryan launched forth into his well known arguments for bi-metallicism and insisted that the gold standard was responsible for the evils of trusts and imperialism.

TEXAS WHITECAPS WARN OWNERS OF LUMBER MILLS

Bloody Riots Threatened if They Employ Negro Labor.

Austin, Tex., Aug. 19.—The situation in the Orange lumber district of Texas is extremely critical and according to private advices a bloody race war is imminent despite the presence of a cavalry troop and a detachment of state rangers. Whitecap organizations have warned every negro to leave and hundreds have already fled. So far they have killed one negro and seriously wounded two others. They have sent notices to the lumber men threatening death if negro labor is employed. Governor Sayres today offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest and conviction of members of the mob.

COLONEL ARMFIELD APPOINTED MAJOR

Of Forty-Sixth Volunteer Regiment—Offer Unexpected.

Statesville, Aug. 19.—Colonel J. F. Armfield, late colonel of the First North Carolina volunteer infantry, received a telegram late this afternoon from the war department offering him a majorship in the Forty-sixth U. S. V. I. The news was entirely unexpected, as Colonel Armfield has never asked for any position for himself. It is evident that the offer was made purely on account of the splendid record and high standing that Colonel Armfield has with the war department. Everyone in Statesville is pleased with the appointment. Colonel Armfield will, as yet, give no intimation as to whether he will accept or not. H. R. S.

THE POLITICAL BARBECUE AND SPORTS AT OLD FORT

Asheville Defeats Marion—Feeble Keynote of Campaign.

Old Fort, N. C., Aug. 19.—The political barbecue and the match game of baseball between Asheville and Marion and other sports attracted between 300 and 400 people to this town today. The speeches—arguments for the passage of the constitutional amendment limiting the suffrage—were delivered in the grove. The speakers were M. H. Justice, of Rutherford; W. A. Guthrie, of Durham; J. A. Roebing, of Asheville; E. Ellis Gardner, of Yancey, and Locke Craig, of Asheville. Guthrie appealed to populists to come to the aid of the democrats on the amendment. Mr. Roebing spoke from the standpoint of what he regarded as northern sentiment in favor of Anglo-Saxon supremacy. Locke Craig declared that "the proposed amendment disfranchises the negro. It will rob him of his power in North Carolina." Gardner declared that "sordid personal ambition" was all that prompted opposition to the "people's measure." This first of the political campaign meetings by the amendment support-

ers has been regarded as important in striking the key-note of the coming campaign, but it is chiefly significant as showing the educational effects of the teachings of Chairman Simmons' literary bureau. Only one speaker discussed the probable unconstitutionality of the grandfather clause of the proposed law. In fact the avoidance of the features of the law, whether it is constitutional or not, that makes it a disfranchising measure applying to both races was noteworthy.

The athletic sports were well enjoyed. Asheville and Marion played the best game of baseball seen in this part of the state this season, and but for a misunderstanding between the umpire and the Asheville team in the tenth inning would have won a hotly contested game.

The following is the summary of the game:

Asheville	R. H.
Marion	5 6
Struck out—By Honeycutt, 14; by Malone, 9; home runs, Turner, A.; double play, Fox to Waites. Time of game, 2:30. Umpire, W. W. Neal, of Marion. There was also a tournament, won by G. W. Sandlin. A ball in the evening ended the day's program.	

DEAN OF THE LAW SCHOOL

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 19.—Ex-Judge James C. McRae was elected dean of the university law school today.

PORTO RICAN RELIEF COMMITTEE

Prominent Men Named by Secretary Root to Superintend the Work.

Washington, Aug. 18.—Secretary of War Root today appointed a central Porto Rican relief committee to take general charge of relief work. This was done at the suggestion of Governor General Davis, who sent a message today saying that one thousand tons of food should be shipped weekly for the present. Davis placed the number needing assistance at 100,000, but said he hoped to get a large number on the self-sustaining basis by starting public works.

Root appointed the following on the central committee: Ex-Secretary B. B. Blinn, Brigadier General Henry, Bishop Blenk, of Porto Rico, now in the United States; President Van Norden, of the National Bank of North America; Secretary Barwine, of the Mercantile association of New York; and the mayors of their respective cities, Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

REED WILL RESIGN TUESDAY.

Alfred, Me., Aug. 19.—All doubts of Speaker Reed's resigning from congress were ended today when his private secretary announced that the resignation would surely be in the governor's hands before next Tuesday, and that it would take effect September 4.

BASEBALL GAMES YESTERDAY

At Pittsburgh— R. H. E. Pittsburgh 11 16 1 Cleveland 1 9 5 Batteries: Tannehill and Schriver; Hughey and Sugden.

Second— R. H. E. Pittsburgh 3 10 3 Cleveland 8 15 3 Batteries: Leever and Schriver; Knepfer and McAllister.

At New York— R. H. E. New York 2 9 3 Philadelphia 4 5 2 Batteries: Doheny and Warner; Frazer and McFarland.

At Baltimore— R. H. E. Baltimore 11 13 2 Washington 1 7 2 Batteries: Nops and Robinson; Mercer and Roach.

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CAVALRYMEN WANTED.

Recruiting Station Wants Men to Ride Fiery Steeds of War.

Joseph H. Runyon, of Madison county, John West, of Haywood county, L. H. Chandler, of Buncombe, and Woodfin Glenn, of Asheville, were applicants for enlistment at the local recruiting station yesterday. Their applications will be acted on Monday. The station received telegraphic instructions yesterday to take no more men for the Thirty-third. Besides other volunteer enlistments were authorized for the Eleventh cavalry, a new regiment of volunteers. Recruits for this regiment will be sent to Columbus barracks.

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ULTIMATUM TO KRUGER

Said to Have Been Sent Yesterday by Great Britain.

Boer Government Incensed by Detention of War Munitions.

Serious Signs Bloodshed May be Precipitated by a Raid.

English War Office Prepared to Send Thirty Thousands Troops to Cape Colony.

London, Aug. 19.—The People says it learns through a person occupying a high official position that Milner, British commissioner to South Africa, being convinced that the diplomatic conflict had reached a critical stage, cabled the government requesting authorization to insist upon the Transvaal government accepting the terms offered by Great Britain, and that Chamberlain thereupon despatched an ultimatum to Kruger, through Milner, based upon the terms already offered. The People also states that the war office is prepared to send 30,000 troops to Cape Colony, half of the number coming from India.

THE BOERS INCENSED.

Pretoria, Aug. 19.—The Boer government is incensed at the detention of war munitions in transit to the Transvaal by the Portuguese authorities at Delagoa bay. It is said the government was on the point of returning a favorable reply to England's invitation for a joint inquiry when the news of the Delagoa bay episode arrived and the reply consequently withheld.

ANOTHER JAMESON RAID?

London, Aug. 19.—There are serious signs that bloodshed will be precipitated in South Africa by means of a stroke similar to the Jameson raid and in the same interest—that of adventure. Rhodes probably is not personally active, but his henchmen are carrying on an active anti-Boer campaign. There is considerable astonishment that Portugal, at Great Britain's instance, refused to forward the Boers' munitions, but it is certain Chamberlain won't allow Kruger to turn the Transvaal into an arsenal. Rather he himself will take the aggressive.

ENGLAND'S PREPARATIONS.

London, Aug. 19.—There is no cessation of war preparations by the Boers or England. The Transvaal government are beginning to move troops to the border and police on the frontier have been ordered to strictly prohibit any cattle leaving the country, while the treasury of the republic is receiving large amounts of gold beyond the ordinary requirements. Lord Wolseley, commander in chief of the British army, was in consultation at the war office yesterday with General Littleton, assistant military secretary at headquarters staff. Tenders for an immediate supply of large stores of forage and general stores were under consideration.

A TRAMP SHIP ASHORE.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 19.—The Merritt Wrecking company was advised this evening that a tramp steamer was ashore at Thimble Light in the Chesapeake bay, and a tug was sent to the scene. It is impossible to learn tonight what ship it is or the extent of the damage.

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