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LABORI IN COURT

Resumes His Task, and Attacks General Mercier.

Seeking Information Regarding the Latest Discovers Forgery.

The Famous Lawyer Puts New Life Into the Trial.

Some Witnesses Refrain From Testifying Against Dreyfus, Fearing His Cross-Examination.

Rennes, Aug. 22.—The five hours' session of the Dreyfus trial today was crowded full of dramatic situations and incidents. Maitre Labori, the man who has become scarcely less a prominent figure than the prisoner himself, returned to the stage of action, and the whole atmosphere of the scene changed instantly. Nobody can understand the spectacle which they watched with wondering eyes. Labori, wounded, is a giant in strength and energy. He seemed more than a man as he plunged into the fray, striking mighty blows which speedily drove the enemy into their last defences, and now it is known at last what their defences are. Labori insisted upon a full disclosure and the genesis of the famous or infamous Schneider forgery. General Mercier, with the tacit support of the court, resisted every demand and finally refused, for diplomatic or state reasons, to answer any question. It was the old story of the first court martial and the bugaboo of the past five years. Disclosure and examination of pretended evidence against the accused is again to be denied on account of this outrageous factor of danger to the state.

Labori's voice rang with contempt as he finally exclaimed I have many more questions to put to Mercier, and I foresee many refusals, too."

It should be borne in mind that the court martial is now virtually in open

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defiance of the decree of the court of cassation which simply ordered it to be ascertained whether Dreyfus ever furnished to a foreign power the information which is imputed to him in the bordereau. Not five per cent. of the evidence has any bearing on this point, the principal inquiry being whether Dreyfus wrote the bordereau, of which the court of cassation definitely learned the negative.

Another feature of the testimony during the past two or three days, which terribly humiliates decent Frenchmen, is the revelation of the low social instincts of French officers. They have not hesitated to reveal private confidences which have not the remotest bearing on the question of treason. This has revolted many of the audience, even those whose sympathies are against Dreyfus.

"These men are not fit to rank as policemen," exclaimed a disgusted Frenchman "who was sitting near the Sun's correspondent today. "They have not the rudimentary instincts of gentlemen."

One result of Labori's fighting policy was that only one-half of the witnesses assigned for examination today gave their testimony. It is difficult to see the end of the trial within three weeks. Labori took a long drive this afternoon and subsequently received many of his friends. He declares he feels better instead of worse owing to his exertions today.

Dreyfus' maintenance of his strength is scarcely less remarkable. He is still unable to take solid food and lives on bread and milk. His greeting to Labori on the platform this morning was most affectionate. He took no notice of him on his entrance until he approached the platform with his usual military precision and saluted Colonel Jouaust. Then he turned and extended his hand, which Labori clasped, and they stood thus for some little time, lawyer and client, and moreover two firm friends.

THE COURT MARTIAL.

Rennes, Aug. 22.—A great crowd gathered about the court room today when it was known that Labori had resumed his connection with the case. Labori's arrival was the signal for scenes of extraordinary enthusiasm. The crowd about the Lycee building rushed to his carriage and a number of people eagerly thrust their hands through the windows to greet him. In reply to questions he said: "I am going on well, my friends; thank you, thank you."

As M. Labori entered the court room the audience greeted him by standing and there was a general roar of applause, accompanied by clapping of hands. Tears sprang to the eyes of the wounded man, who was deeply affected by the warm welcome.

Among those who greeted Labori was General Elliot. The lawyer looked well considering his recent experience. He walked briskly but held the left arm close to the side in order not to disturb the wound. Mme. Labori, who entered the court room ahead of her husband, also received a hearty greeting.

Labori shook hands with Generals Billot and Mercier, who congratulated him on being able to reappear in the case, and thanked them.

Dreyfus entered the court room soon afterward, and having saluted the judges turned to Labori with outstretched hands, a smile of keen pleasure lighting up his pale and usually impassive features. The lawyer took the prisoner's hand and shook it warmly, whereupon Dreyfus gave him another look of gratitude and took his seat in front of the counsel's table, with his back toward them.

Colonel Jouaust next read an address to Labori, the tone of the president being quite sympathetic. Labori made an impassioned reply, which considerably fatigued him and he sat down fuddled and holding his side. He afterward once or twice nervously twitched his fingers and an expression fitted over his face as though suffering.

The first witness today was M. Grenier, former prefect of Belfort. His testimony was favorable to Dreyfus.

Major Rollin, of the intelligence department, was asked by Labori during the course of the former's testimony, how a certain document of a later date than Mercier's ministry, came into General Mercier's possession. Rollin said it was not his business to explain. Finally M. Labori asked Colonel Jouaust to request Mercier to explain.

The general rose and said he declined to answer. Labori insisted, but Mercier refused to answer, and Major Carriere supported him on the ground that the examination was upon a matter which ought not to be discussed publicly.

M. Labori then declared in a loud voice that he would take measures to obtain information.

The document under discussion was the letter alleged to have been written by the Austrian military attaché at Berlin, declaring Dreyfus had relations

with Germany, mentioned in the testimony of Generals Mercier and Roguet, and which a few days ago Schneider, its alleged author, declared was a forgery.

A secretary of the war office named Ferret testified to seeing Dreyfus preying into other officers' work during their absence and the prisoner replied excitedly that Ferret's statements were concoctions by the former minister of war, which caused a sensation.

The next witness, Colonel Bertin, who was the head of the Dreyfus office in 1894, showed himself as most virulent enemy of the prisoner. He had evidently learned his testimony by heart and declaimed in a strident, aggressive tone which grated upon the ears of the audience.

After hearing the deposition of M. Gendron and a number of minor officers, who did not give any interesting evidence, the court adjourned for the day.

Labori last evening received two mysterious parcels believed to be infernal machines. The police are examining them.

MERCIER IN A TRAP.

London, Aug. 22.—There are persistent rumors from Paris that the government will take radical steps in connection with the Dreyfus case by making arrests of persons responsible for the forgeries of evidence. Military Attaché Schneider's telegram from Ems places Mercier and Roguet in a terrible position. If they do not now come out bravely and say that they have employed a forgery, unconscious of its falseness, they will be liable to punishment, according to article 151 of the penal code, which says: "Whoever makes use of a false document shall be liable to punishment by the same term in prison as is the forger of the document himself."

As things stand today the generals mentioned have only one choice—they must confess that they used a forgery, thinking it to be genuine, or they must leave it to be inferred from their silence that they were conscious of the falseness of the document.

The defendants' lawyers are not ready to announce how they will deal with the important development of Schneider's denial of the genuineness of a document which is one of the chief reliances of Dreyfus' accusers. It is expected that they will promptly demand that General Mercier disclose the source of this forgery.

A coming event of importance in the Dreyfus case will be the confrontation of the Paty de Clam by Picquart. Picquart's evidence, convincing and conclusive as it has been, will be still more striking when the Paty de Clam will have to tell what he knows of Esterhazy and his confederates. Picquart and the defense will insist that Clam be proved that they were conscious of the falseness of the document. Lord Salisbury is credited, with believing there will be a serious upheaval in France after the Dreyfus trial, however it may result. Personally, he is a staunch supporter of the republic, and will prevent any pretensions from using England as a base for the hatching of a coup d'etat.

GUERIN STILL HOLDS THE FORT AND DEFIES PARIS POLICE

His Supporters Attempt to Throw Food Within His Reach.

Paris, Aug. 22.—At ten o'clock tonight the situation in the rue de Chabrol, where Guerin is still defying the authorities was unchanged. A number of Guerin's supporters made attempts today to get provisions into the building. They showered hams, fowls and boxes of sardines from the window of a neighboring house, but the aim was bad and most of the supplies landed in the street, where they were confiscated by the police.

This evening, Guerin armed with a revolver, appeared at a window and threatened to shoot Police Prefect Puybaraud.

THE DEAD IN PORTO RICO.

Ponce, Aug. 22.—It is now estimated that the bodies of 2,500 victims of the recent hurricane have been buried, and that 1,000 persons were injured during the storm and that 2,000 are still missing.

Ponce is healthy, though bodies continue to be found in the fields. The authorities have decided to burn the ruins of Yabuco.

ADMIRAL DEWEY'S PROGRESS.

Ville Franche, France, Aug. 22.—The United States cruiser Olympia arrived here this morning. The usual salutes were exchanged.

J. D. Blanton & Co's auction sale of shoes commences today at 10 o'clock.

VICTIMS OF THE STORM

How the Fourteen Fishermen Lost Their Lives on Carolina Coast.

Charlotte, Aug. 22.—Later news from Beaufort regarding the drowning of a party of fourteen fishermen shows the following among the lost: Kiley Smith, Wallace Smith, John and Elijah Smith (brothers), James W. Ellis, Henry Willis, John Lewis, Joe Lewis, William Salter, John Salter, Bart Salter. The four Salters are also brothers.

The fishermen had moored their fleet near Swan Island in Pamlico sound, and established a camp on the island. Friday evening the coast storm came upon unawares and they barely had time to get their small boats under way before the island was completely inundated. The men started for the mainland, about ten miles distant, but seven of the eight boats were overturned by high waves and their occupants drowned. Only two escaped. They were witnesses of the terrific battle of their fourteen comrades, but were unable to assist them. The fortunate occupants of the only boat which rode the storm saved themselves by throwing everything overboard and letting the craft drift as she would.

GEN. LAWTON SAYS THE END IS IN SIGHT

Letter Received by the War Department That Sets Rumors at Rest.

Washington, Aug. 23.—A private letter received today at the war department from General Lawton, dated July 12, contains some important information and refutes the allegation made in various despatches from Manila that he had said one hundred thousand men were needed to suppress the insurrection. Near the close of the letter he expresses a belief that the end of organized opposition to the authority of the United States is in sight.

EFFORT TO PREVENT WAR IN THE TRANSVAAL

Petitions From the Home of the Universal Peace Congress.

The Hague, Aug. 22.—Interest in the Transvaal situation grows in intensity throughout Holland as the news from South Africa becomes more warlike. The committee of nineteen appointed at Thursday's great mass meeting at Dordrecht is arranging for a monster meeting at Amsterdam to protest against Great Britain's interference in the internal affairs of the Transvaal republic. Dr. Leyds, the Transvaal representative in Europe, has expressed his thanks to the committee for its activity.

The Dutch popular petition appealing to Great Britain to abandon the coercion of the Boers has received 150,000 signatures.

KILLED NEAR FLAT ROCK.

Special to the Gazette. Saluda, N. C., Aug. 23.—Wilson Gray, a farmer, was killed by the Spartanburg train tonight two miles south of Flat Rock. Passengers and crew did all that was possible to revive the man but to no avail.

THE LOSSES AT VICTOR.

Victor, Col., Aug. 22.—The total number of buildings destroyed by fire yesterday is estimated at 300. Nine-tenths were wooden and the fire spread with great rapidity. Fourteen blocks are in ashes. The total loss is estimated from \$1,000,000 to \$2,500,000, and insurance from \$400,000 to \$500,000.

REED HAS RESIGNED.

Augusta, Me., Aug. 22.—The resignation of Thomas B. Reed, representative in congress from the First Maine district, was received by Governor Powers today.

THE NEW WAYNESVILLE INN.

Waynesville, Aug. 22.—The new

Waynesville Inn, now under the able management of Mr. J. E. Montague, is enjoying a splendid business—such as an excellently conducted hotel well located amid such natural beauties as Waynesville possesses deserves. The house is full of very pleasant guests and many gayeties add to their enjoyment. Progressive eucles, and whist parties, dancing and music are among the festivities at the inn. The new hotel has already done much to increase Waynesville's reputation as a delightful resort.

BASEBALL GAMES YESTERDAY

At New York— R. H. E.

New York	.....	2	2	7
Philadelphia	.....	13	11	2

Batteries: Gettig and Wilson; Bernhart and McFarland.

At Boston— R. H. E.

Boston	.....	2	7	1
Brooklyn	.....	5	13	0

Batteries: Meekin and Clarke; McJames and McGuire.

At Cincinnati— R. H. E.

Cincinnati	.....	2	6	2
Pittsburg	.....	1	9	3

Eleven innings. Batteries: Hahn and Wood; Tannehill and Schriver.

Second— R. H. E.

Cincinnati	.....	4	9	5
Pittsburg	.....	4	4	1

Called at the end of the ninth inning on account of darkness. Batteries: Taylor and Peitz; Sparks and Schriver.

At Baltimore— R. H. E.

Baltimore	.....	15	20	3
Washington	.....	5	7	5

Batteries: McGinnley and Smith; McFarland and Roach.

Second— R. H. E.

Baltimore	.....	6	8	1
Washington	.....	5	11	1

Batteries: Howell and Robinson; Weyhing and Duncan.

At Cleveland— R. H. E.

Cleveland	.....	6	13	8
Louisville	.....	15	18	5

Batteries: Knepper and Sugden; Phillippi and Powers.

At St. Louis— R. H. E.

St. Louis	.....	5	10	0
Chicago	.....	1	6	4

Batteries: Cuppy and Criger; Garvin and Donohue.

WHERE THEY PLAY TODAY.

Louisville at Cleveland.
Pittsburg at Cincinnati.
Chicago at St. Louis (2 games).

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Clubs	W.	L.	Pc.
Brooklyn	70	35	667
Philadelphia	68	41	624
Boston	66	41	617
Baltimore	64	41	609
Cincinnati	57	47	548
St. Louis	58	48	517
Chicago	54	50	519
Pittsburg	53	54	495
New York	46	58	442
Louisville	46	59	438
Washington	36	71	336
Cleveland	18	90	167

ASHEVILLE SUMMER SCHOOL.

The Institution May Give the City Something Truly Great.

A meeting of the directors of the Asheville Summer school will be held soon to discuss the plans for the next summer season. At the meeting Prof. Gramm will make some suggestions regarding the future of the school and outline his idea of what steps should be taken to make the concerts next year more attractive than ever before. Mr. Gramm is of the opinion that the nature of the approval given the concerts this season and the manner in which they are patronized would justify some additional recognition. He will suggest that the original New York sextette of the school as well as the quartette should be brought here next year, and that there be a general increase of the forces. Prof. Gramm also favors the idea of bringing a good tenor soloist to Asheville next year.

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WRECKS AT HATTERAS

Eleven Vessels Meet With Disaster Near the Cape.

News of the Awful Work of the Storm Brought in by Survivors.

Unknown British Steamer Ashore Near New Inlet.

Fate of the Crew Yet to be Discovers—Shore Strewn With Wrecks of Sailing Vessels.

Norfolk, Aug. 22.—News was received here today of the loss of eleven vessels near Cape Hatteras during the recent hurricane.

Six wrecks are reported to be lying on the shore between Cape Hatteras and New Inlet.

News was brought here by the survivors of some of the wrecks, who arrived by rail from Elizabeth City, N. C., and were sent to their homes in Philadelphia, Baltimore, New York and other cities tonight.

The vessel upon which the greatest number of lives were lost, so far as known, is the barkentine Priscilla, bound from Baltimore for Rio, which went ashore on the night of August 14. The captain's two sons, his wife and a number of passengers were drowned. The captain and crew were rescued by life savers.

The captain and four of the crew of the schooner Aaron Peppard, another of the wrecked vessels, were drowned. A British steamer is reported ashore tonight near New Inlet and going to pieces. Her name is unknown, as is also the fate of the crew.

CAVALRY ENLISTMENTS.

First Men For Volunteer Cavalry Recruited Yesterday.

Thomas Cordele, of Haywood county, and Michael Reed, of Canton, applied for enlistment yesterday in the Eleventh volunteer cavalry, and were accepted. They will be sworn in and leave today for Columbus barracks, Ohio, where they will be drilled.

John H. Carson left for Washington barracks, D. C., yesterday, having been assigned to the hospital corps there.

Cleveland Bryant, of the Thirty-fifth, who misused connections at Salisbury, and has been waiting here several days for instructions, left to join his regiment yesterday.

Sergeant Hart was ill yesterday and was unable to be at the office in the afternoon.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Argument Will Today Be Begun on an Important Case.

In the superior court yesterday afternoon a motion was made by Judge Charles A. Moore to abate the suit of the National Bank of Asheville against J. E. Rankin and A. C. Patterson, administrators of the estate of R. O. Patterson. The motion was refused.

The court is at present engaged in hearing the case of the National bank of Asheville and others against the West Asheville and Sulphur Springs Street Railway company and the Falls of Neuse Manufacturing company as intervenors. The jury in this case has been selected and arguments will begin today.

Judge Charles A. Moore appears for the plaintiff, while the defendant is represented by Davidson & Jones and Merrimon & Merrimon.

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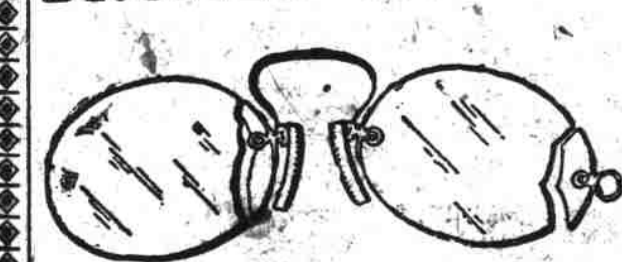
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