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Yesterday's Ruling of
Court Martial So
Regarded.

Rejection of Testimony Of-
fered by Germany and
Italy.

The Closing Arguments of
Counsel Will Begin
Today.

American Correspondents Divided in
Their Opinions as to Whether the
Prisoner Will be Acquitted.

Rennes, Sept. 7.—It is impossible to believe in the light of the ruling made today by the court martial that it is the intention of Dreyfus' judges to bring in a verdict of condemnation. They deliberately refused to receive the evidence which can solve all doubts and rescue France from the moral and political chaos towards which the country has been drifting for five years past. The rejection of Schwartzkoppen's and Panizzardi's testimony by the court today is interpreted in some quarters as foreshadowing the acquittal of Dreyfus.

The trial is now practically at an end. There remain only the closing arguments for the defense, and then the verdict. This may not be rendered until Monday, unless possibly the court decides to sit tomorrow afternoon in order to avoid the suspense of two days' delay.

Demagogues will speak during the greater part of the session tomorrow morning. He will be followed by Labori, who will speak from one to three hours.

Before today's extraordinary decision rejecting the offer of Germany and Italy to reveal the truth through military attaches the opinion of Rennes by a strong majority was that the verdict would be against the prisoner. This opinion is now somewhat shaken, for even some of the anti-Dreyfusites don't believe the court martial has the stupendous audacity to convict the accused after refusing to hear the only real evidence which has been tendered during the trial. It is significant of the present state of mind of impartial spectators here that of the nine American correspondents sitting at one table tonight four expect acquittal, four condemnation and one dishonorable acquittal by a vote of four to three against the prisoner.

THE COURT MARTIAL

Rennes, Sept. 7.—At the opening this morning of the Dreyfus court martial Labori announced that he had received a semi-official intimation, that Colonel Schwartzkoppen and Major Panizzardi would be unable to appear personally before the court. The counsel proposed that the interrogatory commission be telegraphed to receive the depositions. The court declared itself incompetent to grant the application. Labori then drew up a formal application that Colonel Schwartzkoppen and Major Panizzardi be cited as witnesses and that certain questions be telegraphed to them to answer under oath. The first question was, if they had received the documents mentioned in the bordereau; if they had received the firing manual; when they received it and from whom; whether either sent Esterhazy a petit bleu, and if they had any relations with Dreyfus.

M. Cochefert deposed favorably regarding the attitude of Dreyfus when du Paty de Clam dictated the bordereau to him. The clerk of the court read a letter from Captain Humbert to the effect that Dreyfus expressed a keen desire in 1894 to enter the statistical station of the war office and saying that he met Dreyfus once carrying some voluminous packets of maps and documents and remarked that he was acting very imprudently. General Mercier afterward came to the bar and said he felt the deposition of Captain Freystaeter was bound to have produced a considerable impression on the minds of the judges. He spoke of the attacks made on him since the cap-

tain testified, saying the Dreyfusard press had been calling him a false witness, etc. He asked the judges not to allow the captain's evidence to shake their confidence in his depositions, but to lend him the same credence as though the Freystaeter incident had never occurred.

The court then retired to deliberate on Labori's application and its probable decision was eagerly discussed. Everyone in the court stood up when the judges returned. Jousaust read the announcement that the judges had decided that the president was not competent to order the interrogatory commission, and that the judges as a body, according to the military code, were not competent to do so. Labori thereupon asked Jousaust if he still maintained his refusal to appoint the commission. Colonel Jousaust replied "Yes," and the evidence of Colonel Schwartzkoppen and Major Panizzardi with regard to relations with Dreyfus was thus excluded.

The refusal of Jousaust seemed inexplicable because it appeared to be his duty to receive all evidence directly bearing on the case and more especially the evidence of the two attaches, the refusal of whose evidence was equivalent to a slight on the respective countries. That Colonel Jousaust's decision means the condemnation of Dreyfus was the unanimous opinion of the anti-Dreyfusards, and a majority of the Dreyfusards whose last hope is that Jousaust only dared to refuse to take the evidence of Colonel Schwartzkoppen and Major Panizzardi because the court had already made up its mind to acquit the prisoner.

Major Carriere, at 10:30 a. m., began his speech closing the case for the prosecution. All the generals and other officers present rose and left the court room just before the government commission opened, in accordance with orders of the minister of war to leave Rennes within two hours after the pleading began. Demagogues, counsel for the defense, will probably occupy the whole of tomorrow in his speech for the defense and Labori will speak on Saturday.

PHILIPPINE RECEIPTS INCREASED.

Washington, Sept. 7.—The war department received today by cable from Manila a statement of the receipts from all sources at the three principal ports in the Philippines in the month of August. The total receipts amounted to \$667,618. The customs receipts are \$618,903. By ports the customs receipts are: Manila, \$429,000; Iloilo, \$111,000; Cebu, \$127,900.

The receipts from all sources exceed those of July by \$135,618, and those of any previous month since the date of occupation by the United States by \$18,242.

MR. BRYAN'S PLANS.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 7.—Mr. Bryan has finally decided that conditions justify his spending some time in Nebraska this fall, and it is now announced that he will swing around the circle for two weeks, beginning September 18, making from two to five speeches a day, and covering the central and northeastern sections of the state. After that he goes to Kentucky.

DELEGALS ON TRIAL.

Darien, Sept. 7.—At 9 o'clock this morning the trial of the Delegals began. At that hour the jury having been secured the trial commenced and Judge Sealock cleared the court room of every spectator. It may take longer than at first thought to finish the case as a number of witnesses on both sides have been called.

GOLD VEIN STRUCK.

Boylston Mining Company Finds Vein In the Tunnel.

J. S. Rhodes of Mills River, was in the city yesterday. He informed the Gazette that the Boylston Gold Mining company have struck a vein of gold in the shaft which is being dug, which has assayed \$22 to the ton. The shaft is now down 145 feet, and will be continued to 1000 feet. If that much is satisfactory another 1000 feet will be dug. Then they will be ready to branch out and commence active mining. Representatives of the company are in Chicago buying mining machinery which will arrive the last of the week.

Mr. Rhodes also said that a company has fifteen hands employed about eight miles up the Boylston river mining magnetite. Work began last Monday. The magnetite is of excellent quality and is already being shipped north and east.

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MILES WISHES NEW COMMANDER

But There is no Evidence that
McKinley or Root are
Dissatisfied With
Otis.

Washington, Sept. 7.—If McKinley and Root are contemplating a change in the command of the army in the Philippines they are keeping the matter close. Those most intimate with the president profess entire ignorance of his intentions. General Miles believes that a change in command is desirable. Carefully inquiry today in usually informed quarters failed to disclose anything indicating that either McKinley or Root had given any consideration to the subject. Otis is not without staunch influential friends here.

Whatever may be done in regard to Otis it is certain that the government campaign shall be vigorously pressed and the impression general in the army that the aggressive movement will begin much sooner than people believe.

With regard to the alleged friction between Otis and Lawton a letter recently received by a friend from Lawton shows that no friction exists. He speaks in the kindest manner of Otis and says he is convinced of his military ability. It was ascertained today that Otis recently sent a message showing that he is a staunch supporter of Lawton. All evidence obtainable fails to indicate that McKinley or Root are dissatisfied with Otis.

PROMISSORY NOTES TO CUBAN OFFICERS

To be Cashd When Republic
is Formed.—Census
Plan Favored.

Santiago, Sept. 7.—Copies of McKinley's proclamation providing for the taking of the Cuban census arrived here yesterday. The papers today comment favorably thereon, saying that the Cubans realize the situation and will do all in their power to aid the work.

TOBACCO TARIFF WANTED.

Havana, Sept. 7.—Tobacco manufacturers held a meeting tonight and sent a despatch to President McKinley protesting against the proposed admission of Porto Rican tobacco into Cuba. The work of dividing the province of Havana into districts for census purposes begins tomorrow.

FUTURE FORTUNES.

The executive committee of the late Cuban assembly has commenced the distribution of promissory notes to members of the army to be redeemed by the future republic. Each general received a note for \$20,000 and each colonel one for \$11,000. The total amount to be paid is over \$20,000,000.

IF HOBART DECLINES IT WILL BE ROOSEVELT

McKinley Said to Desire the Latter's
Nomination.

New York, Sept. 7.—A prominent republican who returned from Washington today stated that it was possible Vice President Hobart would not be re-nominated, but that he could have the nomination if he wanted it. In the event of Hobart declining Roosevelt is spoken of as a probable candidate, and it is even intimated that McKinley may request his nomination.

THE COLUMBIA SAID TO BE PLAYING POSSUM

American Yacht Not Nearly so Slow
as She Appears to be.

Bristol, Sept. 7.—The Columbia left this afternoon for Newport. She will subsequently go to New Rochelle, where she will remain about ten days and indulge in occasional races with the Defender. The belief that the Columbia was held back in the races with Defender is borne out by recent devel-

opments. It is common talk here that her speed was retarded by a number of devices on the part of the skipper in the way of trimming sails, making unnecessary tacks, etc. There is no doubt that Columbia has speed in reserve which will be shown when she races with the Shamrock. In the last trial race off Newport it is claimed if put to the test she could have beaten Defender sixteen or eighteen minutes instead of ten. Every man aboard the Columbia is confident she can defeat the Shamrock three straight races.

CHARLESTON TAKES PRECAUTIONS.

Charleston, Sept. 7.—The board of health discussed matters looking to the protection of Charleston in case the yellow fever reported from Key West and New Orleans should spread from its present confines. Health Officer Horbeck made a statement showing just what has been done here and the board unanimously confirmed his report. The action of the health officer in refusing to allow troops from Key West to be sent here for shipment to Atlanta was likewise confirmed. A determination was expressed by the board to take all steps necessary in times of an emergency. There is no fear of a general epidemic but the matter of such extreme importance that precautionary steps should be taken, and there is hope here that the hot season can be ended without a spreading of the disease.

CONDUCTOR NEILL DEAD.

Special to the Gazette.
Hendersonville, N. C., Sept. 7.—Conductor Joseph E. Neill, who was in the recent wreck on the Transylvania railroad near Broadway, died last night from injuries he received at the accident. He was paralyzed from his waist downward.

ONE MORE CASE IN NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 7.—The Louisiana state board of health reported one case of yellow fever today, making the third.

BASEBALL GAMES YESTERDAY.

At New York— R. H. E.
New York 0 5 4
Baltimore 10 14 1
Batteries: Gettign and O'Neil; Kitson and Smith.

At Brooklyn— R. H. E.
Brooklyn 1 6 3
Boston 2 4 0
Batteries: Kennedy and McGuire; Willis and Bergen.

At Pittsburg— R. H. E.
Pittsburg 4 11 5
Louisville 7 16 2
Batteries: Tannehill and Schryver; Peck and Zimmer.

At St. Louis— R. H. E.
St. Louis 2 7 1
Cincinnati 4 6 1
Called in the seventh inning on account of darkness. Batteries: Powell and Criger; Hahn and Peitz.

At Cleveland— R. H. E.
Cleveland 6 12 2
Chicago 7 12 2
Batteries: Taylor and Chance; Knepper and McAllister.

At Washington— R. H. E.
Washington 5 16 2
Philadelphia 1 2 2
Batteries: Dineen and Kittridge; Orth and McFarland.

WHERE THEY PLAY TODAY.
Boston at Brooklyn.
Baltimore at New York.
Philadelphia at Washington.
Chicago at Cleveland.
Pittsburg at Louisville.
Cincinnati at St. Louis.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Clubs.	W.	L.	Pc.
Brooklyn	82	37	.689
Philadelphia	76	47	.618
Boston	74	46	.617
Baltimore	69	48	.589
Cincinnati	67	52	.563
St. Louis	69	55	.556
Chicago	61	59	.507
Pittsburg	60	60	.500
Louisville	54	65	.454
New York	50	69	.420
Washington	42	57	.353
Cleveland	19	108	.150

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BELLICOSE SPEECHES

In Volksraad on the
Reading of Eng-
land's Reply.

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People in the Gal-
leries.

Both Countries Gathering
For Inevitable Con-
flict.

Kruger Urges Moderation on Those
Most Angry at Great Brit-
ain's Course.

Pretoria, Sept. 7.—In the volksraad today the reply of Milner, British high commissioner to South Africa, to the Transvaal's query why England is concentrating troops on the border was read. It was to the effect that they were concentrated to guard British interests and as a preparation against contingencies.

The speeches which followed this statement were bellicose, and were applauded by the people in the galleries. One speaker said he had had experience in the past of British treachery. If there be war the Afrikaners would stand together. The Transvaal could go no further than she had done. He declared the Transvaal should follow British example and mass a force on the frontier.

Another speaker declared that Chamberlain was attempting coercion and there was no reason for the presence of troops in conducting peaceful negotiations. While still another declared that Milner's reply was tantamount to a declaration of war.

Others declared that the Jameson raiders were robbers and murderers. Kruger urged moderation. He added that if war came the Almighty would be the arbiter. No definite action was taken by the volksraad in regard to Milner's reply.

BOERS' DEFIANCE.

London, Sept. 7.—If the Transvaal situation has changed since yesterday it is worse. The Boer request for an explanation as to the massing of British troops on the frontier in the Transvaal was an ominous note of irritation and impatience, which at such a critical stage is scarcely interpreted as anything but defiance. Both here and in Cape Colony the tension and arming continue.

The second edition of the Morning Post today contains a special from Pietermaritzburg, the capital of the Natal, saying an ultimatum would be forwarded to the Boers today. The same correspondent adds that the Boers have received or will receive a despatch from Sir Alfred Milner demanding the release of Mr. Pakeman, editor of the Transvaal Leader, who was arrested September 2 on a charge of high treason.

The London edition of the Standard Digger News, the official Boer organ, says: "We can state that diplomatic correspondence between the Transvaal and the colonial office is of a reassuring nature and the dispute has narrowed to an issue which should make a settlement possible and even speedy."

The special correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette at Capetown, in a despatch dated today says: "It is believed in Afrikaner circles that the Transvaal intends forcing matters to a sudden issue and that war may possibly break out within forty-eight hours. It is supposed that the first act on their part will be an advance on the Laings neck, the sole route from the Transvaal to Natal. It is rumored there is a plot at Pretoria to simultaneously blow up the British agency there."

It may be pointed out in connection with the foregoing despatch that the

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