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## DREYFUS HOPELESS

### Expects to be Condemned Today by Court Martial.

### His Wife Leaves the Prison a Weeping, Despairing Woman.

### Demange Makes His Argument in the Prisoner's Behalf.

### Extraordinary Arrangements to Preserve the Peace at Rennes.

### Sad Parting Between Dreyfus and His Wife—Demange and Labori Appear to Be at Variance.

Rennes, Sept. 8.—The most pitiful feature of the situation tonight is the fact that Dreyfus himself expects to be condemned tomorrow. This transpired at what may prove the last interview with his wife. She paid her usual daily visit to her husband at the prison today full of hope and confidence. She came away a broken down, weeping, despairing woman. Dreyfus had been previously advised by his counsel to nerve himself against any eventuality. This was not necessary for he had already formed the conviction that the majority of the court were against him. How he conveyed the information to his wife none but they themselves know.

**VERDICT TODAY.**  
The court martial decided to render a verdict tomorrow. There are only two hypotheses for tonight's extraordinary situation. Either the great majority of observers at Rennes will be astonished by the acquittal of the prisoner, or tomorrow will witness the first act in the wickedest revolution of modern times.

It is no longer possible to put an honest construction upon the verdict of condemnation, if Dreyfus is pronounced guilty it will be the first move in a bold and carefully arranged conspiracy for the establishment of a military dictatorship. Indications are that the government is fully aware of the terrible crisis which confronts it. Preparations to meet the crisis, so far as Rennes is concerned, are most extraordinary, and similar arrangements undoubtedly have been made elsewhere. Such is the ominous, despairing view taken by almost the whole Dreyfus party tonight.

The departure of the generals by order of the government leaves few prominent anti-Dreyfusites at Rennes. Such as are here, however, are by no means confident of the condemnation of the prisoner. On the whole, although there are many signs unfavorable to the accused, it would be a rash man who would prophesy what the verdict will be.

**LABORI WILL NOT SPEAK.**  
Jouaust, president of the court martial, informed the press this evening that the court will adjourn when Demange's plea is finished. Carrière, the government prosecutor, and Labori will not speak. The court martial will reassemble at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, deliberate and deliver judgment as soon as reached.

**THE DAY IN COURT.**  
Rennes, Sept. 8.—The hall of the Lycee was crowded this morning at the opening of the court martial of Dreyfus. There was a large attendance of ladies and newspaper writers who sat up all night to secure front places. At an early hour a long line formed of people awaiting admission. Standing room at the back of the court now commands fifteen and twenty francs for places and the demand is increasing as the trial approaches the end. Among the privileged witnesses today was Baron Russell, of Killowen, lord chief justice of England.

Demange opened his speech for the defense. In eloquent terms and with impressive delivery he brought out the strong evidence against Esterhazy. During the course of his remarks he said:

"Do you think if Dreyfus and Ester-

hazy had been before the court martial of 1894 that the court would have condemned Captain Dreyfus?" As he asked this question the counsel pointed to the prisoner before him and added: "No."

Dreyfus today appeared cheerful. He smiled and shook hands with his counsel on entering the court. The lawyer gave a fine performance so far as his audience was concerned. His voice was exquisitely modulated, sometimes soft and persuasive, and at other times sharply argumentative. The gestures and features of M. Demange were equally expressive. The front rows of chief witness seats were empty except for the presence of Trarieux, former minister of justice, and Cavaignac, former minister of war, all the generals having left Rennes by order of the minister of war, De Gallifet.

Dreyfus listened to the oration of Demange with impassibility resembling his frozen attitude during the first days of the trial. Demange announced that he would need another two hours and a half to finish his plea, and court adjourned until 7:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The fact that Labori has to speak and probably Major Carrière will reply, makes it practically certain the verdict will not be given before Monday. There was a rumor after the adjournment of court that Labori decided not to speak, the idea being that abstention from so doing, in view of the irritating effect his every utterance has on the court, would be rather an advantage than otherwise to Dreyfus.

It was generally noticed today when Labori entered the court he spoke to Demange in a depreciating tone and a sharp discussion ensued, almost bordering on a dispute. Quite an interest had been aroused here by the arrival of Max Regis, former mayor of Algiers, and a notorious Jew biter. He was attended by a couple of Algerians in native costume, and a crowd of people followed him about. He stopped to take refreshments at a principal cafe here and the place was immediately invaded by a gaping crowd. Regis was present in the court end of the Lycee this morning and discussed the situation with leading anti-Dreyfusards. His presence is not a good omen for the peace of the town.

## MONETARY STRINGENCY IN NEW YORK CITY.

### Government Will Come to Aid of the Banks if Necessary.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Information received by the secretary of the treasury from private sources states that a financial stringency is developing in New York. The treasury department has been watching the monetary conditions in New York for some time. It was gleaned from the weekly bank statement several weeks ago that a situation would develop that would require relief from the treasury department. Recently it was learned that the expected stringency had actually arrived and that the bank statement to be issued tomorrow will show that the bank reserves are only four or five millions above the minimum required by law. prompt assistance will be rendered. The banks may be allowed to retain deposit moneys belonging to the government instead of turning them over for deposit in the sub-treasury. It is believed this will greatly relieve the situation.

## TO MANUFACTURE LIQUID AIR IN ATLANTA

New York, September 8.—The General Liquid Air and Refrigerator Company, the largest institution of its kind in the world, will shortly build additional plants in half a dozen of the larger cities, Atlanta being one of them. The company is to be reincorporated and the capital increased to \$10,000,000. One of the inventors of the process under which liquid air is manufactured is at present in Europe arranging for the manufacture of the commodity there, and familiarizing himself with European processes now used. The company's New York plant will soon be turning out 2,000 gallons daily.

## ANOTHER HURRICANE

Washington, Sept. 8.—The weather bureau today issued the following special storm bulletin: "11:10 hurricane signal displayed at Saint Ketz, W. I., storm central east of that island, apparently moving northwest. Willis L. Moore, chief weather bureau."

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## A BIG FIRE AT HOT SPRINGS

### Barytes Company's Works Entirely Destroyed--Narrow Escape of Two Men.

Special to the Gazette.  
Hot Springs, N. C., Sept. 8.—This evening at 6:30 o'clock the boiler room of the Hot Springs Barytes company's works was discovered to be on fire, and in a few minutes the entire plant was in a sheet of flames. Within three hours the works were a mass of ruins. The loss as far as can be ascertained tonight is about sixty-two thousand dollars, with only nominal insurance.

## A TRANSVAAL DECLARATION

### Holds England Responsible for any Eventualities Leading to War.

Pretoria, Sept. 8.—The volksraad adopted resolutions today declaring that the concentration of British troops on the frontier while negotiations were progressing is calculated to have a disturbing effect; that in case of eventualities leading to war the cause would not lie with the Transvaal. It was further resolved to drop the matter until further information was supplied by the government.

London, Sept. 8.—The cabinet council today attracted a greater public interest than any meeting of the ministry for years past. A well dressed crowd of people cordially greeted the most prominent of the cabinet ministers and impatiently thronged the precincts of the foreign office. The war spirit was evident, and the generals were enthusiastically cheered as they appeared, the crowd evidently understanding that they had been summoned to be in readiness in the event of the ministers wishing for advice.

## PORTO RICAN TOBACCO TO BE TAXED IN CUBA.

### Report Well Received in Havana—Spanish Consul Criticised.

Havana, Sept. 8.—Unofficial news from Washington states that McKinley will not allow Porto Rican tobacco to enter Cuba free. The news has created a marked feeling of relief. Spaniards here criticize Spanish consul general for failing to protest officially against the recent attempts to lynch ex-Spanish guerrillas. There is talk of holding a meeting to recommend his recall. The Spaniard Camacho recently attacked on the wharf here probably died.

## MORMON WORK IN THIS STATE.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 8.—Presiding Elder Lewis Swensen, in charge of the Mormon church work in North Carolina, with headquarters in Goldsboro, says fifty-seven counties are in the North Carolina conference, and that the seventy states mission embraces fourteen conferences and 500 elders. Forty-five elders are ordered to work in North Carolina, also eight local workers. He regards North Carolina as one of the best fields for work.

## MISTRIAL IN DELEGAL CASE.

Darien, Sept. 8.—The jury in the case of Henry Delegal were unable to agree and after being out fifteen hours at 9 o'clock this morning Judge Seabrook declared a mistrial and granted a change of venue to Effingham county or members of the Delegal family will be tried for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Townsend.

The correspondent of the Times at Newcastle, Natal, says: "There would be little surprise here if the Boers assumed the aggressive immediately. It is a matter of astonishment that so few British troops are in the country, especially on the western border."

The cabinet council was concluded at 3 p. m. A reporter of the Associated Press asked the president of the board of agriculture if any conclusion was reached. He said: "All I can say is that we must have patience." Many ship owners called at the offices of the admiralty and offered British vessels as transports today. The Evening Standard today says: "The general feeling prevailing in public de-

partments and clubs is that hostilities are inevitable." A special from Ladysmith, Natal, says British troops are actively engaged in mano-uvres over hilly country subsequent to a parade of force. Continuing it says: "With transportation and equipment the largest ever seen in South Africa, and the health of the men excellent, everything is ready for war. All advices confirm the presence of armed Boers on the border. They are described as bellicose and it is rumored they have completed arrangements to poison all pools and springs that might supply the invading forces."

## FUNSTON WAS MISQUOTED REGARDING DIPLOMACY

### He Believes Time is Past for Anything but Aggressive War.

Chicago, Sept. 8.—The Record's special correspondent at Hong Kong cables: "General Frederick Funston, who arrived yesterday from Manila on board the United States transport Tartar, which brings 800 Kansas troops on their way back to the United States, denies having said that he favored the use of less gunpowder and more diplomacy in dealing with the Filipinos. On the contrary, he believes that the time for diplomacy is past."

"We must fight the Filipinos," he says, "until they yield. I believe in dealing diplomatically with the Mohammedans of the southern islands, for those natives are not in sympathy with the insurrection. They were hostile toward the Spaniards only because the Spanish interfered with their religion; because of General Bates' assurance that they will not be molested in the practice of their religion, they are friendly to the Americans."

"There is and can be little doing in Manila, for the country will remain impassable for military purposes until the end of the rainy season, in November, when active operations will be resumed."

"Cases of sickness in the army are numerous but not serious. The health of the troops as a whole is better than is represented."

General Funston is staying while in Hong Kong at the United States consulate. Consul General Wildman denies that he is responsible for the alleged interview misrepresenting the general, whom he says he never met until he became his guest.

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## THE FEVER SPREADING

### Mississippi City Has Thirteen Cases of Yellow Jack.

### Key West Has a Hundred and Six and Three Have Died.

### Hurrying Work on the Detention Camps for the Unacclimated.

### New Orleans Reports no Spread of the Disease—Quarantine Arrangements.

New Orleans, Sept. 8.—The suspicious cases of fever heretofore reported in Mississippi City were today officially declared yellow fever. They have been isolated. The summer residents are fleeing to avoid quarantine. The state board of health of Mississippi has declared a quarantine against the place. Louisiana has declined to quarantine. One of the two yellow fever cases here was discharged today as cured.

## KEY WEST'S BAD FLIGHT.

Jacksonville, Sept. 8.—A despatch received this evening from Dr. Porter at Key West states that there are now over 100 cases of yellow fever there, and three deaths have occurred. The despatch states that the fever is spreading and will doubtless seize all the unacclimated. Great efforts are making to get the detention camps in readiness and remove the unacclimated there as speedily as possible. Many improvements and additions have been made to the Key West hospital. All the sick unable to pay for the service of a physician are attended by doctors of the board of health.

## RUMOR STILL BUSY OVER GEN. OTIS' REMOVAL.

### Unconfirmed Report That McKinley and Root Differ on the Subject.

Washington, Sept. 8.—After the cabinet meeting today a story was circulated that the president and cabinet had considered the question of relieving Otis, and that there was a difference of opinion between McKinley and Root as to the selection of Otis' successor. The story could not be verified. While officials are reticent, there is every reason to believe that the question was not mentioned at the cabinet meeting, and that there is no difference between McKinley and Root.

## DREADFULLY WARM.

Maryville, Mo., Sept. 8.—Unless rain falls in northwest Missouri within a few days late corn will be irreparably damaged. No moisture has been precipitated here for two weeks. Yesterday was the hottest day here for six years, the thermometer reaching 103. It registered 100 today. This afternoon the Maryville public schools closed on account of the heat.

## NUMEROUS SKIRMISHES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Manila, Friday Evening, Sept. 8.—There has been no rain for several days and this has encouraged numerous skirmishes by the divisions north and south of Manila.

## RELIEF FOR PORTO RICANS.

Baltimore, Sept. 8.—The United States transport Wright, loaded to the gunwales with relief supplies of food and clothing contributed by the citizens of Baltimore and Washington for the hurricane sufferers of Puerto Rico, sailed yesterday for San Juan.

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