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## TOLD BY A FOREIGNER

### Final Attempt of Prosecution to Overwhelm Dreyfus.

### MONEY BUYS ANYTHING

A witness who looks like a valet and claims to be a seton of royalty relates an improbable hearsay story attempting to prove that Dreyfus sold official secrets to the French government for an enormous sum of money.

Rennes, Sept. 4.—The surprise of the day in the Dreyfus court-martial was the deposition of Eugene Cernuschi, the new volunteer witness, who describes himself as a political refugee and a descendant of the Serbian royal family. His deposition amounts to this:

That in June, 1894, he became acquainted with Colonel Schneider, the Austrian military attaché in Paris, who at their first meeting, volunteered the information that Dreyfus and three other officers of the French army, whom the witness has not yet named, were a band of traitors, who systematically supplied embassies with all the military secrets of France.

A month later, according to the witness, Colonel Schneider opened envelopes in his presence and took therefrom plans for the mobilization of the French army, at the same time explaining that they came from Dreyfus. The witness added that he told the story to a French agent after Dreyfus had been arrested, and signed a statement which was reduced to writing. He further said that this statement should now be in the government files.

When the court recovered its breath after his astonishing declaration, Labori passionately demanded that the government should request Austria and other powers to furnish evidence confirming or denying these terrific allegations, and in the name of eternal justice to do so at once and for all time let the full light on this awful affair. There was no response to this appeal.

A little later came another surprise. This was the announcement by one of the headquarters underlings that there was still another secret dossier at the war office, of which nobody had heard before. Labori promptly demanded that this be produced, and later in the day the court acquiesced, ordering a secret session for the purpose tomorrow.

Such was the situation after a day full of dramatic events when adjournment was reached, and such is the situation which has aroused Rennes to a pitch of emotion which seems to threaten the sanity of some persons. It should be said at the outset of examining this sensational development that had it occurred in a normal trial it would be a matter of trifling importance.

The first explanation which came from Paris this afternoon would probably have been true, namely, that the volunteer witness is a lunatic. There is no corroboration of this explanation, however. On the contrary, there are indications that this desperate move of Dreyfus' enemies was carefully planned. It is learned that the first outline of the story was sent to Colonel Jonassaint, president of the court-martial, in August; also that all members of the court-martial were acquainted with the story.

Cernuschi will specify three alleged accomplices at the secret session tomorrow. It is easy to guess that Esterhazy and Weil will be named as Dreyfus' companions in guilt.

The proposition now definitely before the court is, that even if Dreyfus did not write the bordereau he is still a traitor, and the judges must deal with this theory instead of taking refuge in acquittal on the bordereau alone.

Some judgment and peaceful solution of the problem now appear to be simply impossible. It might almost be said that the verdict of the court-martial is no longer of much consequence, so far as public opinion is concerned, but will serve nothing beyond the custody of the prisoner's body, and it will be surprising if life is allowed to burn in that frail monument long after the verdict is rendered, whatever the verdict may be.

Despatches from Vienna say that families of Austrian records show no trace of Cernuschi, nor can anything be learned about him from other sources.

Despatches from Paris this afternoon proved General De Gallifet, minister of war, as saying that the so-called evidence dossier contained nothing reflecting discredit, and the court might examine it in open session. This was officially denied later.

## SCHURMAN WILL WRITE

### Cabinet Requests Him to Prepare a Special Paper.

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It was agreed that Schurman should be asked to prepare a special statement regarding his work as head of the Philippine Commission, to be made public within a few days. This will be independent of the report of the commission, which will be made later. The object of the forthcoming statement is to remove as much misapprehension as possible from the public mind regarding affairs in the Philippines and present the situation just as it appeared to Schurman, who had excellent means of observation. Secretary Root was present for the first time at the meeting of the cabinet.

## THE COLUMBIA WINS

### Right to Defend the America's Cup Conceded to the New Boat.

Newport, Sept. 4.—The Columbia won the right to defend the America's cup against the Shamrock in brilliant fashion today, by defeating the Defender over a triangular course of thirty miles by ten minutes and seven seconds. The Columbia ran away from her defender. It was Defender weather, but it made no difference to the Columbia, for she gave the old boat the worst beating yet. From all appearances the Columbia could have won by twelve or thirteen minutes, for on the last leg an unnecessary tack was made in order to lessen the lead. The wind held between eleven and twelve knots throughout. The two boats will race tomorrow for a cup offered by William Goodard, of Providence.

## CANNIBALISM AT SEA.

### Norwegian Consul Collects Information to Be Sent to His Government.

Charleston, S. C., Sept. 4.—Consul Witte, of the government of Norway, made a report today of cannibalism reported from the raft of the Norwegian bark Drot, and forwarded it to the Norwegian consul-general in New York. The substance of the report will be called to Norway. Consul Witte saw Andersen and Thomas, the survivors, and got the story from them. He is unable tonight to say if the counts of Norway will deal with the men. He has been instructed to make a rigid investigation, and will be governed by subsequent orders

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Washington	2 8 2
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Baltimore	1 10 4
Batteries:	Wilks and Bergen; Howell and Smith.
At St. Louis:	R. H. E.
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## TRAINING SHIP MISSING

### The Monongahela Now Forty Days Overdue.

Washington, Sept. 4.—Navy Department officers say there is no reason for any fear whatever as to the safety of the Monongahela. The vessel, they say, is now less than forty days overdue, and this need occasion no alarm. The Monongahela is a sailing ship, and has no other power. She is seaworthy; and though a storm might interfere with her sailing, the department does not doubt that she will turn up all right.

Admiral Crowninshield, of the Bureau of Navigation, called attention to the fact that officers of the navy who have made the trip from the Madeiras in sailing vessels have been greatly delayed at times, but have experienced no serious difficulty. Vessels have been delayed forty-five and even fifty days, and have turned up all right. As the Monongahela left Puntal July 27, it is pointed out that there is no reason yet to feel alarmed over her non-arrival. She is in command of Captain Hutchins.

## DEWEY AT GIBRALTAR.

### The Olympia Exchanges Courtesies with British Battleship Devastation.

Gibraltar, Sept. 4.—Admiral Dewey's flagship, the Olympia, was sighted off here this morning.

Washington, Sept. 4.—A cable dispatch received at the Navy Department this morning announced the arrival at Gibraltar of Admiral Dewey on the Olympia.

Gibraltar, Sept. 4.—The Olympia arrived here today. As she entered the harbor the crew of the British battleship Devastation manned the rails and the band played "Hail Columbia." The courtesy was acknowledged by the band of the Olympia playing "God Save the Queen."

An unfortunate accident occurred while the Devastation was firing a salute. While a gunner was ramming a charge it exploded, blowing off an arm.

## Habd Jew-Baiter Writes for the Press

Paris, Sept. 4.—A violent article in the Libre Parole by a writer, "Gyp," recommends that Jews and their sympathizers be driven out of the Army Society. The writer says also: "If one of the witnesses for the prosecution in the Dreyfus case were to shoot Labori public opinion would be on the shooter's side."

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