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Ripe For Revolt.

Paris, August 15.—The warrant for the arrest of M. Guerin, president of the Anti-Semite League, who with sympathizers, has been barricaded since Saturday last in the offices of the league, has been placed in the hands of Magistrate Fabre. Guerin is now regarded as an outlaw in a state rebellion since his notification of the issue of the warrant. He cannot claim the right of a citizen of exemption from arrest from sunset to sunrise, and the persons garrisoning the headquarters of the league, numbering about forty, are in the same box. Strict orders have been given to arrest every one attempting to enter or leave the building.

Three of Guerin's friends who attempted to have the place this morning, were arrested. They all carried six-chambered revolvers and hatchets and what Frenchmen designate as "American knuckle-dusters," otherwise brass knuckles. The perfect of police is still awaiting orders from the government in regard to what action is to be taken against Guerin.

M. Guerin this evening displayed an Anti-Semite tri-color flag on the roof of the Anti-Semite headquarters. On the flag was a motto reading: "France for Frenchmen."

M. Waldeck-Rousseau conferred several times during the day with M. Lepine, the prefect of police, and, in consideration of the fact that a recourse to force in the arrest of M. Guerin might lead to a useless sacrifice of life, entailing still graver demonstrations at the obsequies of the victims, the premier decides not to expose the life of any man—soldier, policeman or fireman—but to leave M. Guerin a choice between self-imprisonment and arrest.

Meanwhile it looks as though this affair would have a rather tame ending. The friends of M. Guerin are busy themselves to rescue him from an impossible and foolish position. Mr. Stevens, son of the well-known artist, obtained from the government a permit to enter M. Guerin's house and advise him to surrender at discretion, assuring him that no one doubted his courage, but that he ought not to compromise his friends and be the cause of placing human life at stake.

Joseph Lasies, anti Semite, deputy for Gers, who was furnished with a similar permit, visited M. Guerin at 9 o'clock this evening and conferred with him for three quarters of an hour, making every effort to persuade Guerin and his associates that further resistance was vain and dangerous. At about 10:30 o'clock M. Lasies went to see M. Waldeck-Rousseau. In the premier's absence he was received by his chief of cabinet. In the course of an interview afterward, M. Lasies denied that he was in charge of any negotiations or represented either side. He said he was simply acting on his own responsibility because he was anxious to avoid strife.

There was considerable excitement, accompanied by demonstrations and scuffles in the Rue Chabrol in the course of the evening and the police made several arrests.

As an anti-Semitic group was standing at the corner of the Foubourg Saint Denis and the Rue de Valenciennes, this evening, some passers by were greeted with cries of "Down with the Jesuits;" whereupon they were surrounded and threatened by the demonstrators. A supposed anarchist then fired several revolver shots, wounding three men. One of them, a man named Camille, was taken to a hospital seriously wounded. The alleged anarchist was arrested.

At the annual banquet of Bonapartists today, M. Mignol presiding, a telegram from Prince Victor Napoleon was read, saying he relied on the various committees to act energetically under the present grave circumstances. The reading of the telegram was greeted with shouts of "Vive L'Empereur," "Vive Guern."

The young royalists also assembled at a banquet at Saint Maur today, in honor of the name day of the Duchess of Orleans. Violent attacks were made on the recent measures of the govern-

ment.

The leading Jews in Europe are arranging for a meeting in Switzerland in order to form an international association for their defence against the crusade of the anti-Semites and to protect the Jews in France after the Dreyfus court-martial is ended.

The correspondent of the Associated Press here obtained complete corroboration today of the statement that the pocket of M. Labori's coat were rifled yesterday while he was lying on the ground, wounded. Not only were the pockets of his coat emptied, but an attempt was made to steal the wallet in which were important papers referring to the court-martial, including his notes for the cross-examination of General Mercier.

M. Labori himself related the incident. He had just fallen and saw one of two men run to his side. One of these said: "His coat must be taken off. He will be too hot."

The speaker took the wounded advocate's coat off and another man seized the wallet. M. Labori, however, retained his presence of mind, and refused to allow the wallet to be taken of his hands, putting it under his head for a pillow and holding it with one hand. The coat was shortly afterwards put on again. On arriving at his residence, M. Labori asked his wife to look in his pockets and see if their contents were safe.

Madame Labori found the pockets completely emptied. Luckily, no papers of importance were in the pockets, which only contained personal letters, including menacing letters received on the previous day.

The rifling of the lawyer's pockets of the papers and the attempt to steal his wallet, while no effort was made to appropriate his watch of money, are regarded as clear evidence of a plot in which several men were implicated.

The man who actually fired the shot, it appears, was only one part of the machinery of the conspirators. In spite of the extensive search made for the would-be assassin, he is still at large, and the impression is gaining ground that he is being aided by the anti-Dreyfus country people.

The doctors in attendance upon M. Labori have sent to Paris for an X-Ray apparatus in order to locate the bullet.

Dreyfus has written two letters to M. Labori. The first, on hearing the news of the attempt to murder the lawyer, is a spontaneous expression of his shocked feelings. The second is a touching epistle expressing the prisoner's keenest regrets at the dastardly outrage, profound gratitude to M. Labori for his heroic championship and heartfelt wish for his happy recovery.

Paris, August 15.—The *Matin* today makes the announcement that Maitre Labori, after he was shot yesterday, declared that, as the outcome of his injury appeared doubtful, he wished to make known the fact that M. Chambern, who has charge of secret documents in the Dreyfus case, has discovered a new forgery in the dossier.

The anarchist organ *Le Journal Du Peuple* says that in retaliation for the outrage upon Labori the anarchists will hold Gener Mercier and MM. Drumont, Rochefort and Jadet as hostages and personally responsible for anything done against the anarchists.

LATER.—Rennes, France, August 16.—Immediately after the witnesses had entered the court room this morning Maitre Demange, counsel for Captains Dreyfus, applied for an adjournment on account of Maitre Labori's absence. Major Carriere, the government commissary, unexpectedly arose and opposed the application in the most vehement manner. Major Carriere dwelt upon the fact that the entire world was anxiously awaiting a decision, and upon the necessity of ending the suspense. The court retired for twenty minutes, during which time the audience animatedly discussed the probable results. Colonel Jouaust, on his return, read a unanimous decision of the court, rejecting the application on the ground that the reasons advanced were insufficient.

Captain Dreyfus listened to the announcement with characteristic com-

posure. This was considered a severe blow by the Dreyfusites and caused considerable depression all day, but to-night it is understood that Maitre Demange will to-morrow repeat the application for an adjournment, in consequence of a hint that the government commissary, Major Carriere, has received instructions not to oppose it.

The feature of the day's proceedings was the story of the sufferings of Dreyfus on Devil's Island, his prison off the coast of French Guiana. Dreyfus wept in court when the clerk read a document recounting the details of his incarceration.

M. Labori passed a better night. He had some sleep, and his condition is more reassuring. The assailant of the lawyer has not been captured.

At 5:20 P. M. the following bulletin was issued: "The condition of the patient is satisfactory, in spite of a slight fever. The X-ray has showed the bullet traversed the subcutaneous cellular tissue and muscles around the spinal column, flattening against the right side of the fifth or sixth dorsal vertebra." The bulletin was signed by the four doctors in attendance upon M. Labori.

A Business Scheme.

The Raleigh and Eastern Railway Company was granted articles of incorporation yesterday by the Secretary of State.

The company is incorporated for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating a railroad from Raleigh to or near Wakefield, Wake county, or to or near Earsboro, Johnston county.

The length of the road is to be twenty miles, passing through parts of Wake and Johnston.

The amount of capital stock is \$100,000. The number of shares is 1,000 of the par value of \$100.

The company is incorporated for a term of ninety-nine years.

The stockholders are J. S. Carr, E. B. Barbee, C. B. Barbee, John Gatling Herbert Jackson, J. R. Ferrall, E. H. Lee, J. B. Pearce, Julius Lewis, Thomas Pescud, William Boylan, W. F. Wyatt, T. B. Crowder, N. M. Rand, M. T. Norris, W. C. Norris, J. W. Norris, J. W. Barber, C. G. Latta, W. M. Russ, W. H. Hood, W. E. Jones, John W. Cross, B. F. Montague, John Stronach, J. B. Hill, Frank Stronach, T. H. Briggs, Joseph S. Correll, N. W. West and Armistead Jones.

The directors of the corporation for the first year shall be J. S. Carr, E. B. Barbee, C. B. Barbee, T. B. Crowder, John Gatling and Armistead Jones.

The officers of the corporation, in addition to the board of directors, shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and superintendent or manager.

The first meeting of the corporation shall be held in the office of Armistead Jones, Esq., in the Commercial and Farmers' Bank building, in the city of Raleigh, August 16, at 12 m. At this meeting the president and other officers of the corporation will be elected.

Mr. E. B. Barbee, one of the chief promoters of the new road, was seen yesterday and asked as to the plans of the new company.

"We are simply going to build a railroad from Raleigh into what we believe is the garden-spot of Wake county," said Mr. Barbee. "Those of us who have been in business in Raleigh during the past dozen years know that our best trade comes from east of Neuse river. We know that this is one of the best rural sections in North Carolina. We know the people and have known them for years. We know that they are industrious and prosperous. We know, or we think we know that along the line of the proposed road there is an abundance of resources that are calculated to make a local railroad profitable. We know of splendid water powers, fine timber lands, a magnificent farming section, good country produce and other advantages that are inviting, and we are simply going down with a railroad to give them the facilities they need, and turn all the traffic into Raleigh."

"What about your connections at Raleigh and at the other end of your

line?" was asked.

"We are not yet awhile even studying about connections there or here. We know that Raleigh needs lots of the resources of this section, and we know that those people need and will encourage the construction of these facilities."

"Will you build beyond Wakefield or Earsboro?" was asked.

"Our charter calls for an eastern terminus at or near Wakefield, or at or near Earsboro. We will go where the compass and conditions direct. There many details and preliminaries to settle, but these will be settled, as we move along with the scheme."

The idea of building a railroad through this section is not a new one. It has been speculated on for many years, but this is the first real business proposition that has yet materialized. If the experience of other local railroads in the State may be taken as a criterion, there are big possibilities in this proposition and a great future for the new Raleigh and Eastern Railroad.

M. Labori Shot By An Assassin.

Bennes, Aug. 14.—The drama at Rennes grows tragical. That long becalmed town is being stirred into a more violent passion than Paris. The Parisians are laborious. The Bretons are silent and possessed by their belief or idea, whatever it may be.

This morning at six o'clock a well nigh successful attempt was made to kill M. Labori, who defended Zola last year and who came here to defend Dreyfus, with M. Demange. The would be assassin was evidently a crank and looked a workman. His was a revolver, the theatre of the crime the Quay Richemont. It was while Labori was going to the court with Col. Picquart and his cousin M. Gast.

When Madame Labori came up she was sent to fetch the doctor, but not knowing the town she lost a good deal of time. At last she thought of going to the court and asking there for a military surgeon. Doctors Vidal and Reclus were at hand at once accompanied her. They had the presence of mind to send gendarmes to the barracks for an ambulance with a stretcher and bearers.

With deep thankfulness they found that M. Labori could move his limbs at will. The spine therefore was not injured. The ball had entered at the sixth vertebra, behind the thorax. It might be embedded in the muscle of the back or have penetrated deeper, injuring the lungs.

However the thing was to bear the wounded advocate to the pretty and gay looking villa he had hired for use during the trial, a villa adorned with green slabs of faience, bright with flowers and in the airy part of Rennes. But why go further into details? The lesson of the event was foreshadowed in my cable last evening. The two opposite forces are in line of battle. Fanaticism has been appealed to and has answered the call.

Col. Picquart describes the would-be murderer as swarthy and thickset, resolute and intelligent looking. He thinks the man might be a Southron. If so, he must have been known the country around Rennes. It is a country of small, patchy fields, separated by hedges, which he was evidently familiar with.

Apparently he knew places in the thicket into which he could dive, and in doing so remained concealed for some time from a pursuer. The gendarmes that Colonel Picquart met joined in the pursuit, but fleet running and knowledge of the locality enabled the would-be murderer to escape.

Suffering Porto Ricans.

Washington, August 16.—The appalling conditions existing in Porto Rico were made more fully known to the War Department today by General Davis in dispatch which says the deaths outright in the island will reach 2,000 while many are dying daily from injuries and privations.

By direction of the Navy Department the auxiliary cruiser Panther, now at the League Island navy yard,

has been temporarily transferred to the War Department, for use in the transportation to Porto Rico of relief supplies collected in the cities of Baltimore and Philadelphia. The vessel will be loaded at Philadelphia and will proceed direct to San Juan.

Leghorn, August 16.—Admiral Dewey who had been suffering from a fever, is now better and, this morning, he remained on the deck of Olympia. It is believed the Admiral will give official reception before leaving for Florence.

ELM CITY ITEMS.

Aug. 16, 1899.

Mr. T. S. Hedgepeth went to Wilson Friday.

Mr. J. L. Bailey was in Rocky Mount Friday on business.

Mr. John H. Land spent Sunday here with his parents.

Miss Mattie Williams, of Florence S. C., is here visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dixon paid friends in Rocky Mount a short visit last week.

Mr. A. A. Haynes, of Tarboro, was here Friday on a visit to his father-in-law, Capt. W. L. Grimmer.

We were glad to see our clever and efficient Register of Deeds W. B. Barnes here Friday evening.

Mrs. T. E. Keel, of Wilson, was here last week visiting the family of Mr. E. O. McGowan.

Rev. C. L. Reed returned Saturday from a visit to his old home in Mecklenburg county Va.

We regret to learn that Mrs. W. D. Carter is quite sick at her home in Nash County. We hope she will soon recover.

Miss Bertha Pridden left last Saturday for Conetoe, where she goes to spend sometime with her friend, Miss Lizzie Hightsmith.

Mr. A. A. Haynes, accompanied by his wife, and Misses Nora Hedges and Bertha Day, left Saturday morning for Wrightsville Beach. They returned Monday night.

Mrs. Theo. B. Winstead left last Friday for her old home in Leggett's Edgecombe Co., where she was called by the sickness of her brother, Master Aubrey Leggett.

Rev. Mr. Wooten, of South Rocky Mount, was here Thursday, where he was called to preach the funeral of Mr. J. M. Joyner who died Wednesday night at his home, about three miles from here. Mr. Joyner had for several months been a patient sufferer with consumption. He was buried Thursday evening at Mount Zion in Nash county.

The Wilson County Medical Society held its regular monthly meeting in our town last Wednesday. They were royally entertained by Dr. E. G. Moore and his most estimable wife, at their beautiful home. The dinner was a most elaborate one, was served by the fair Misses of our town whom Mrs. Moore had invited as attendants for the occasion. We are informed that the doctors one and all enjoyed the occasion very much, and voted Dr. and Mrs. Moore an ideal host and hostess.

PHANTOM.

A very amusing thing occurred Friday between Selma and Wilson. The intense heat had warped the rails on the bridge and the train had to stop there two or three hours, in the withering sunshine. A lot of Wilson firemen were on board, and these decided to go in bathing in the creek. They went, and then the engineer and the conductor concluded to have some fun. So they gave out that the train would run back to a station nine miles away. The whistle blew, the bell rang and here came the firemen on the jump, in stages of undress. The other passengers roared with laughter. The firemen joined in the laughter at their own expense.—Asheville Citizen.