

MERCIER IS MENACED

Ministers of France Are Considering the General's Immediate Arrest.

CAPT. FREYSTAETTER LAYS HIS GUILT BARE

Apprehension Can Only Be Delayed Until the End of the Trial.

HASTE MIGHT PROVOKE PUBLIC CONVULSION

Rumors that Suspected Officer Has Fled to the Island of Jersey.

REPORT, HOWEVER, IS NOT WELL FOUNDED

Gendarmes Are Still on Duty About His Quarters and Say Mercier Has Not Departed—House Is Apparently Deserted.

RENNIS, Aug. 27.—(New York World Telegram—Special Telegram.)—A high political personage who wishes his name withheld writes to me that he has just talked over the telephone with the private secretary of M. Waldeck-Rousseau, the premier of France.

He learns that the cabinet is now considering whether General Mercier must not be immediately placed under arrest. In consequence of the revelations by Captain Freystaetter at yesterday's session of the court-martial, Mercier's guilt is now glaring. M. Waldeck-Rousseau says the only question discussed by the ministers was the expediency of arresting Mercier before the end of the trial and thus taking the risk of provoking a great public convulsion.

A dark rumor was circulated here today that Mercier, deeming the game lost, has fled to the island of Jersey. Your correspondent investigated and disproved the rumour. All the window shutters are closed on the house where Mercier lives and the place seems abandoned, but Mercier and his wife are still there.

Gendarmes Still Stand Guard.

RENNIS, Aug. 27.—This evening it is rumored that the government has also decided to arrest General Mercier, but the rumor is not confirmed. Last evening a report was in circulation that General Mercier had fled to the island of Jersey, but this report proved to be without foundation. Early this morning the gendarmes were still posted outside the residence of General St. Germain, military commander of this district, with whom General Mercier has been staying during the trial. Their presence indicated that he had not fled and in reply to questions they declared that they had not seen him leave the grounds.

This afternoon he was undoubtedly at home, although he declined to receive callers. No one who has studied his character and methods before, that General Mercier would flee at the prospect of arrest. He has altogether too much doggedness in his composition.

General St. Germain's house is in one of the suburbs of Rennes.

MUST ANSWER FOR AN OLD TALE.

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Mercier in Witness Seat.

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CUBA MAKES BOTH ENDS MEET

Receipts Exceed Expenditures Under Military Rule by Handsome Sum.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—The War department gave out today for publication an interesting statement of the financial condition of the island of Cuba. It shows that under the management of the United States government the receipts of the island from January 1, 1899, to June 30, 1899, were \$4,982,016; disbursements, \$5,601,988. Of the money disbursed \$1,713,014 was expended in sanitation; \$506,368 in the erection and improvement of barracks and quarters; \$443,563 in the establishment, etc., of the rural guard and administration; \$259,574 on public works, harbors and forts; \$293,881 in charities and hospitals; \$242,116 for civil government; \$728,281 on municipalities; \$88,944 in aid to the destitute; \$42,206 in quarantine matter; total, \$4,448,924.

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STATES TO CONFER ON TRUSTS

Twenty-One Governors Appoint Delegates to Join in Dispassionate and Non-Partisan Discussion.

Outlaw is Still Debauch and Friends Outside Boast That He is Provided with Food Through Underground Passage.

(Copyright, 1899, by Press Publishing Co.) PARIS, Aug. 27.—(New York World Telegram—Special Telegram.)—Guernin explains this evening that the black flag was hoisted as a sign of resistance.

At 5 o'clock the chief of police descended the main drain close to Casle Guernin with the supposed view of making a subterranean attack in the meantime revolvers have been added to the belts of the police. Guernin is heard practicing shots inside the house and the cafe opposite the famous No. 51 was closed today.

By order of Charles Richard, the archbishop, imposing ceremonies were celebrated in all Paris churches to expiate the sacrilege at St. Joseph's last Sunday. Public prayers are everywhere offered up as an amende honorable and the Miserere was sung at Notre Dame.

Hosts of Guernin's Friends.

PARIS, Aug. 27.—The anti-Semites assert they are conveying food supplies by an underground passage to Jules Guernin, the anti-Semite agitator, and his beleaguered companions at the headquarters of the Anti-Semite league in the Rue de Chabrol.

DEMOCRATIC CAMP IS ASTIR

Party in Ohio Begins the Strife for the Division of the State Nominations.

ZANESVILLE, O., Aug. 27.—Some of the workers for candidates arrived here today for the democratic state convention which meets here on Tuesday and Wednesday. The delegates meet by congressional districts Tuesday afternoon to select members of the new state central committee and of other committees, including a new one on "party reorganization." These committees meet Tuesday night, so as to report on the assembling of the convention on Wednesday morning. There will be no contests over the resolution, which will favor 1 to 1 and the rest of the Chicago platform, endorse Bryan, denounce McKinley and imperialism. There will be contests before the nomination of credentials, especially at Cuyahoga county, though the McLean men claim that the result of the contests cannot affect the lead of their favorite. The Kilbourne men have claimed that much depends on the committee on credentials, but they are not making any claims today.

SIRDAR PRAISES AMERICANS

Athava Bridge Built by Philadelphia Firm in Heart of Africa is Formally Opened.

CAIRO, Aug. 27.—In the course of his speech yesterday at the opening of the Athava bridge, which was constructed by a Philadelphia firm after competition with British firms for the contract, the sirdar, Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, said:

"The construction of this magnificent bridge, I think, fairly be considered a record achievement. So far as the failure of the efforts to place the construction order in England is concerned, I think it demonstrates that the relations between labor and capital there are not such as to give confidence to the contractor. I am glad to take the risk of establishing up-to-date workshops that would enable Great Britain to maintain its position as the first construction nation in the world.

BRITONS OVERAWK COSSACKS

Hostile Act of Russians at Hankow at Once Resented by Bluejackets.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 27.—As the outcome of a dispute regarding the ownership of some lands at Hankow on the Yang Tse Kiang, about 700 miles from the sea, which were purchased in 1863 by the concern of Jardine, Matheson & Co., but were subsequently sold to the Russian consul, the British consul, Mr. Hurst, under the advice and protection of the British consul, sent workmen to fence in the tract.

IRISH BID LIPTON FAREWELL

Owner of Cup Challenger Leaves for America to Board His Yacht.

QUEENSTOWN, Aug. 27.—A throng of friends boarded the Cunard liner Campania, from Liverpool for New York, on its arrival here today to welcome and to bid farewell to Sir Thomas Lipton. The owner of America's cup sailed for New York yesterday to participate with the arrangements of the New York Yacht club.

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WELCOME AWAITS QUAKERS

National Guard of Pennsylvania Gathered to Meet in Reception to Tenth Regiment.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 27.—The first regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, from Philadelphia, arrived here this evening, to be in readiness to take part in the reception to be given to the Tenth Pennsylvania tomorrow on its return from Manila. The regiment, with its full complement of officers and men, made a fine appearance as it marched through the streets from the union station to the city hall, where luncheon was served. A large crowd was lined up along the route and gave the soldiers a hearty welcome, very different from the reception given to the regiment on its last visit during the Homestead riots. Then the men were received with boots and derision, this time with cheers and praise. After luncheon the men were taken to their quarters, in a large warehouse on Liberty street, which has been specially prepared for their accommodation.

RUDENESS OF THE LEGATES

Embassies of Empress Dowager Are Said to Have Wantonly Exhibited Her Letter.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 27.—The steamer Tacoma arrived today from the Orient. After discharging its cargo at Tacoma the Tacoma will enter the United States trans-Pacific service.

SIGHTLY CRYPT FOR RECORDS

Kansas Masons Make Deposit on Pike's Peak to Be Restored in One Hundred Years.

SUMMIT PIKE'S PEAK, Colo., Aug. 27.—The crypt in which the Crypts Masons of Ellsworth, Kan., buried their records has been completed and sealed. It is cut in solid gray granite at the north end of the log railroad, overlooking the bottomless pit, 300 feet below, in full view of all the plains, the Kansas line on the east, New Mexico on the west, and Wyoming on the north. Upon the tablet surrounded by a triangle cut in the rock is the following inscription, in deep raised letters:

"Deposited August 11, A. D., 1899, A. D., Dep. 2599, by Ellsworth Council, No. 3, R. and S. M. Ellsworth, Kan., Edward W. Wellington, Th. H. M."

LAW IS AFTER WHITECAPPERS

Seven Persons Said to Have Beaten Florida Postmaster Are Placed Under Arrest.

TAMPA, Fla., Aug. 27.—Postoffice Inspectors Tate and Bess, Deputy Marshal Whitely and Chief of Police Pack yesterday afternoon with warrants for the arrest of seven persons charged with participating in the whipping of Postmaster Crum by white cappers and also the intimidation of his colored assistant, Dan Morrison. They effected the arrest of George E. Blythe, grand master, John Webb, Gary Smith, Horace Tupper, Harry Bess and Madison Barber, all of whom claim to be innocent. Crum is not yet able to leave his room.

STONE WILL FORSAKE BRYAN

Missouri Does Not Approve of Silver Leader's Radical Views on Evacuation of Philippines.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 27.—A special to the Star from Aux Vasse, Mo., says: "That ex-Governor William J. Stone is preparing the way to drift away from Bryan cannot be doubted by those who heard Bryan at Tipton Friday and Stone at Aux Vasse Saturday. While both are against the evacuation of the Philippines, Bryan insists that the flag should be pulled down immediately, our forces withdrawn and the Philippines given their independence, while Stone's views are radically different. So pronounced has the belief become that Stone is preparing for the parting of the ways that Bryan and certain state officers are discussing it under their breath."

Silver Wedding at Plainville.

PLAINVILLE, Neb., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—The silver wedding of Mrs. John Johnson of Plainville and G. H. Johnson of Lyons, Ia., was celebrated here yesterday. They are twin brothers and were married twenty-five years ago at Marshalltown, Ia. A large number of relatives and friends spent a pleasant day at the hospitable home of Louis Johnson. The Grand Army of the Republic hall was secured to accommodate the invited guests.

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TRAITORS IN FRIENDLY GUISE

Native Mayors Use Their Position to Aid Insurgent Filipinos.

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"In reference to the smoker it is a matter to give for the men, that is a matter that comes within the province of the captain of the ship, but I have little doubt that you would be pleased to accept for them. I am much pleased for various reasons that you have eliminated a dinner from the program and thank yourself and the committee for the careful arrangements made to spare me any unnecessary fatigue."

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