

THE DREYFUS CASE

Review of the Famous Trial That is Stirring France.

COURT SCENES AND INCIDENTS

Past Week's Events in Connection With the Celebrated Captain's Second Trial on Charge of Having Conveyed Military Information to Germany.

The Dreyfus case is an absorbing topic of conversation at present, and nearly every country under the sun is interested in the retrial of the famous French captain.

Captain Dreyfus was several years ago arrested for, tried and found guilty of having betrayed secrets of a military character to the enemy of France—the German empire.

Monday, August 14, the trial of Captain Dreyfus was full of sensations. The day started out with an almost successful attempt to murder M. Labori, Dreyfus's chief counsel.

General Mercier, who is the chief accuser of Dreyfus, was on the stand, and it is believed that the attempt on M. Labori's life was due to the fact that General Mercier's friends feared the able lawyer would crush Mercier in his testimony.

Tuesday, the 15th, M. Labori was getting well as rapidly as could be expected, and the trial proceeded without him. An attempt was made to have the trial postponed until the 21st but the request was not granted.

The proceedings of Wednesday, the 16th, were productive of several sensations. Dreyfus was on the stand and told the story of his sufferings on Devil's Island.

Thursday, August 17, the widow of Colonel Henry, the officer who is said to have committed suicide while in prison, was on the stand and gave evidence unfavorable to Dreyfus in contradiction to M. Bertullus who had preceded her in behalf of Dreyfus.

The tide is turning in favor of Dreyfus, however, owing to the fact that the censorship exercised in regard to the case. Madame Henry's effort to create a sensation by dramatic allusions failed of intended effect mainly because friendly witnesses for Dreyfus produced anonymous letters showing the whole scene had been prearranged.

Some of the correspondents at the trial believe Dreyfus will be recondemned, but that the sentence will be at once commuted through fear of excitement and uprising.

Dr. R. C. Warren, major and surgeon of the First Dakota volunteers, has been arrested and will be court-martialed for severe strictures upon his superior officer, Colonel Alfred D. Frost, whom he called a "low, contemptible cur" in a letter published last month.

Chicago, Aug. 21.—Jack McCormack of Philadelphia knocked out Kid McCoy in three minutes last night. The bout was to have been for six rounds and it was generally thought that McCormack stood no show at all.

LABORI RETURNS TO TRIAL.

Famous Counsel Resumes His Place in Court Room. The Dreyfus court-martial reconvened Monday morning at the usual hour. Maitre Labori was not present. His doctors considered that it would be inadvisable for him to attempt to take part in today's proceedings.

The trial of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus on the charge of treason began at 6:30 Tuesday. Maitre Labori was present. He drove to the court in a carriage and entered the hall at 5:30.

M. Demange, of counsel for defense, was more successful than usual in cross examining, and visibly disconcerted M. Gribelin. Counsel scored a distinct hint when he got M. Gribelin to admit that he mixed the intrigues of Paty de Clam and Henry to shield Esterhazy, and when M. Gribelin was finally disposed of his evidence had suffered badly.

M. Gribelin, the principal archivist of the headquarters staff, was the next witness. He testified with great volubility and expressed the opinion that when Dreyfus was arrested in 1894 he was enacting a role by systematically denying all the charges against him.

The witness said he was cognizant of Dreyfus's relations with loose women. In support of this assertion he mentioned an alleged voluntary statement made by Mathieu Dreyfus, brother of the prisoner, in the witness' presence.

Dreyfus created a better impression today. He entered the court room with a more confident bearing and replied to the witness in a calm voice without any theatrical gestures.

The session wound up with a scene, on account of the extraordinary conduct of Colonel Jonaus, president of the court, who permitted himself to make an unwarrantable display of partiality.

An outburst of hooting and hissing came from the audience at such a display of unfairness from the president. Judges and gendarmes quickly suppressed the noise, but Colonel Jonaus understood the well-merited rebuke administered him, turned red and adjourned the court ten minutes later.

MORE COMPLICATIONS.

Secret Dossier in Hands of Court-Martial Not Complete. According to the Echo de Paris, as a consequence of Captain Caignet's evidence, General Chanoine, who took the war office secret dossier to Rennes, has started suddenly for Paris.

"Captain Caignet's evidence shows that the whole secret dossier has not been communicated to the court-martial. A document has been withheld, which proves the existence of a vast network of espionage under the direction of foreign military attaches, and of negotiations of the subject of the Dreyfus case between several French notabilities and the representatives of foreign powers.

"The dossier, moreover, contains proofs that the sum of 35,000,000 francs was received in France from abroad for the purpose of prosecuting a pro Dreyfus campaign."

Major Russell Harrison Ill. Major Russell B. Harrison, inspector-general, is critically ill with yellow fever at Santiago. The disease has been progressing for three days, although not pronounced yellow fever until Sunday evening.

Fresh Proposals Advanced. The report that the Transvaal government had handed its reply to the British agent at Pretoria, to be forwarded to Sir Alfred Milner, British high commissioner for South Africa, and governor of Cape Colony, is confirmed. It is believed, however, that the proposition of Great Britain for a joint commission to investigate the effect which the franchise reform legislation would have on the outlanders has not been accepted, but that fresh proposals have been advanced.

BLOODY RIOTS IN PARIS.

Serious Disturbances in Many Parts of the City.

Paris last Sunday was the scene of some serious disturbances, recalling most aspects of the commune. In response to an appeal to the Journaux le Peuple, and La Petite Republique, groups of anarchists and socialists gathered about 3 o'clock in the afternoon in the Place de la Republique.

Suddenly, either at the word of command or in obedience to impulse, the column made a loop and curved toward the Church of St. Ambrose, where the rioters smashed the windows.

Proceeding thence toward the Faubourg du Temple, at the corner of the Rue Darboy and the Rue St. Maurice, they formed into a compact body. Hatchets were suddenly produced, with long knives stolen from the counters of shops; and a concentrated rush was made upon the church of St. Joseph.

The police arrived and after a desperate fight drove back the mob. Besides St. Joseph church two cafes were wrecked. At a late hour 2,000 people were in the Boulevard de Majenta, which runs past the end of the Rue Rue Chabrol. They were kept constantly moving by the republican guards, who made a remarkable display of force.

It appears that the anarchists' demonstration was decided upon at a meeting held Saturday night. The Journal du Peuple, edited by Sebastian Faure, published a manifesto denouncing the military party, the anti-semites, the monarchists and the priests, and urged its supporters to meet with force.

"Sould Dreyfus be convicted," said the manifesto, "it will be a triumph of the bandits. Should he be acquitted, the military section will be open to rebellion."

The prefecture of police gives the following statistics of yesterday's riots. Three hundred and eighty persons were injured. Three hundred and sixty were taken to the hospitals.

Fifty-nine policemen were wounded besides Commissaries Goutier and Dolmire. One hundred and fifty persons were arrested, of whom eighty are detained in custody.

Soldiers Create Trouble. A riot between the members of the Thirtieth volunteer regiment and North Leavenworth, Kan., negroes took place Sunday afternoon during which shots were fired and one man was wounded on each side.

The soldiers had trouble with a negro named Alexander Johnson a week before and when Johnson met a couple of volunteers near the Ft. Leavenworth reservation Sunday, he renewed hostilities by knocking a soldier down. Volunteers and negroes soon gathered in force and clubs, stones and guns were brought into play.

Corporal Johnson of the Third battalion was shot in the left leg. Alex Johnson was shot in the left shoulder and is seriously injured.

Sent His Brother the Tag. H. M. Bower of Ruby, in Seward county, has received a letter from his brother, Otis H. Bowers, who went to Manila on the hospital ship Relief, from Brooklyn, N. Y. He is an undertaker and embalmer and embalmed the body of Colonel Stotsenburg. When the body arrived at Manila it had a tag attached to it, on which was the following endorsement: "Colonel Stotsenburg, First Nebraska. Killed in action. Warne, Surg." The tag is covered with blood. Mr. Bowers writes to his brother that tags are attached to those killed in action, and when the body of Colonel Stotsenburg arrived in Manila and was turned over to him for embalming he preserved the tag to send to his brother.

Twenty Years for Zeitsen. BOWLING GREEN, Ohio, Aug. 21.—John Zeitsen, accomplice of his brother Paul in the murder of Attorney Westenhaver, at Hoytsville, last March, was sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment.

Wants \$20,000 for His Eyes. JOPLIN, Mo., Aug. 21.—James Bane of Duenweg, whose eyes were blown out when he went back on an exploded charge of dynamite in one of the Ground & Irwin mines last spring, has brought suit against that firm for \$20,000 damages.

Killed at Council Bluffs. E. E. Hunt of Monmouth, Ill., stepped from the running board of a switch engine in the Northwestern yards at Council Bluffs Monday, and fell in front of a passenger train and was instantly killed. The body was but little mangled, the chief wounds being on the top and side of the head, where the scalp was laid open a distance of several inches, and the skull was crushed.

FIGHT FOR RIGHT OF RANGE.

War Between Sheep and Cattlemen Causes Killing.

Another fatal shooting in Dawes county as a result of a quarrel over the right of range occurred about twenty-five miles southwest of Chadron one recent morning. George Coil shot and instantly killed Tom Ryan on account of the differences between the sheep and cattle range lines and the trespass of one on the other's range.

Coil is a young man just past twenty-one, son of Frank J. Coil, a sheep rancher who was formerly a prominent business man and politician of Burt county. He is the only living witness to the killing, and says that he did it in self defense. It is the result of a feud. Almost every week some of the factions meet on the range and threaten each other. Ryan, it is claimed, had driven several sheepmen off the same range with a gun and scattered their flocks and had repeatedly intimidated Coil's younger brothers. Coil says Ryan rode down onto the sheep range and abused him and called him the vilest names and threatened to kill him. Coil warned him to stop calling him names three times, and was told by Ryan that he would kill him. Coil turned abruptly and fired. Ryan fell lifeless from his horse. Coil was shot at by Ryan a few weeks ago and was afraid. He came to town and surrendered.

TEST CASE TAKEN HIGHER.

Shall Insurance Companies Pay Moore's Shortage.

A remnant of the suit of the state to require ex-Auditor Eugene Moore to refund over \$20,000 of insurance fees retained by him, reached the supreme court Monday. The suit in question is a suit of the state against the Home Insurance company to require that company to pay \$272 to the state treasurer. This amount is said to have been paid to Eugene Moore in the year 1896, but the money never reached the state treasury. As the money has not been turned into the state treasury a suit was commenced in the Lancaster county district court to test right of the state to recover. The company paid the usual fees to Eugene Moore and transacted insurance business in this state on the authority of a certificate issued by Moore. The supreme court had previously decided that Mr. Moore was not authorized to receive the money for the state, but that all insurance fees must be paid direct to the state treasurer.

Mayor Ensor Must Resign.

By a vote of six to one the council of South Omaha adopted a series of resolutions, winding up with the demand that Mayor Ensor immediately resign his office. This action is the result of a long drawn out war between the mayor and the council over the Sunday closing question. For some time past the mayor has compelled the saloons to shut up on Sunday and the other officials and the council have resented his action. The resolutions recite this fact and assert that the mayor has not heeded a request of the council that a certain bawdy house be closed. Mayor Ensor was not present at the meeting.

Boy Suffers an Accident.

William Crasier, a boy about sixteen years old, and a son of Thomas Crasier, section foreman on the Missouri Pacific railroad at Weeping Water, met with a very painful accident Saturday. He was practicing with an old shot gun, and it burst, driving a piece of the end of the barrel, 2 3/4 inches long, and 1 1/2 inches wide, through his left arm below the elbow, entering on the inside of the arm and sticking out through the skin on the outside, this was taken out by Dr. Butler, and also a smaller piece out of the elbow. The arm is badly mangled, but no bones are broken and he rested very well last night, but the wound is a terrible one, being made by that ragged chunk of iron.

Declare Against Scott.

The Douglas county democratic convention passed a resolution instructing the delegates to the judicial convention to vote against Judge C. R. Scott for the district judgeship. The resolution was offered by Ed P Smith. A motion to amend it to read to vote for democrats only was defeated and a motion to lay it on the table was also lost. The vote on adoption was 122 for and forty against.

Allen is Out of It.

A letter from Wm. V. Allen to J. A. Connor of Omaha states that the ex-senator could not accept the nomination for Supreme Judge. Ex-Governor Holcomb is in the lead for the nomination, although some Democrats lead by Oldham of Kearney are opposed to him.

Hoyt Picks the Plan.

Judge Munger has appointed Richard C. Hoyt clerk of the United States district court and fixed bonds at \$3,000. The appointment takes effect September 1.

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