

# SITUATION AT RENNES

## The Air Full of Rumors in Connection With Dreyfus Trial.

### THE ATTITUDE OF GEN. MERCIER

Serious Divisions Become Apparent Among the General Staff—The Tide of Evidence in the Prisoner's Favor—Dividing Lines Have Become Manifest—As to the Guilt of Esterhazy.

RENNES, Aug. 21.—The air of Rennes is filled with rumors of conspiracies and predictions of coups de theatre, but nothing precise can be ascertained. General Mercier's attitude during the last few days has mystified his followers, and the general feeling is that he is preparing something, the existence of which will be revealed in a few days.

It is now accepted as beyond question that there is a serious division of opinion on the part of the generals. While the case was running smoothly against Captain Dreyfus they all pulled together, but since the tide of evidence began to turn in his favor, as was notably the case during the testimony of Captain Freystaetter and Colonel Cordier, which proved much more damaging to the general staff than the latter anticipated, certain dividing lines have become manifest between the various cliques. General Roset, Major Lauth, Captain Caignet and M. Grillein, the principal keeper of the archives of the war office, form one coterie; General Mercier and General Gense form another and General Billot and General De Bosedeffre a third. According to one report, the first two coteries intend to throw over General De Bosedeffre, whom they feel to be faltering and declare that he is responsible for all the errors and illegalities of the court-martial of 1894, thus making him the scapegoat.

According to another report General Roset, who was not implicated in 1894 and who only fought against Dreyfus because he inherited from his predecessors the responsibility for so doing and placed over-confidence in the accounts of the matter furnished him by the general staff, will cut himself loose from Generals Mercier, Gense and De Bosedeffre. This is a plausible hypothesis, since Roset has assumed throughout the role of defender of the army and with a large section of the nation, and he probably would not lose by separating himself from the wrongdoers of 1894 and declaring that his opinion had been changed by the evidence given during the present trial.

Yet another story is that the generals are going to give way to the authorship of the bordereau in view of the strong expert evidence, and will admit that Esterhazy wrote it, alleging, however, that Dreyfus furnished the information, not direct to Esterhazy, but to a third person, who acted as intermediary without Dreyfus knowing Esterhazy.

Today's proceedings behind closed doors will deal with the question of whether Captain Dreyfus was in a position to divulge the information regarding the artillery which was promised in the bordereau. The session will be very important and is bound to have a tremendous influence upon the judges one way or the other, because they are all artillery officers and will be able to appreciate such evidence better than the cryptographic intricacies that have been laid before them by the handwriting experts.

### M'LEAN HEADS THE TICKET.

Ohio Democrats Name an Editor as Candidate for Governor.

Governor.....JOHN R. M'LEAN  
Lieut. Governor.....A. W. PATRICK  
Supreme Judge.....DEWITT C. BADGER  
Attorney General.....J. G. DOORE  
Auditor.....GEORGE W. SIGAFOOS  
Treasurer.....JAMES I. GORMAN  
Member of Board of Public Works.....FLETCHER D. MALLIN  
ZANESVILLE, Aug. 31.—The democratic state convention closed tonight after a day of dramatic politics. While there were a half dozen other candidates for governor, the McLean men claimed everything with such confidence that they undertook to be unanimous in minor parts, although they were at the same time careful that the star candidate was not eclipsed. They stated early in the day that the first ballot would have none of "the second choice" vote for McLean, that none of the reserves would be called out until the second ballot and that all the candidates would have their respective votes on the first ballot. In this play McLean was nominated on the first ballot by a half vote and the figuring was so close that the dramatic scene of changes on the second ballot with "second choice" reserves flocking to McLean's standard did not take place. The ticket in full as nominated is given above.

A Democrat Succeeds Bland.  
ST. LOUIS, Aug. 31.—Returns from four-fifths of the voting precincts in this state and close estimates of the remaining one-fifth give the following vote for each candidate: Judge D. W. Shackelford, democrat, 19,830; William J. Voshell, republican, 16,801; W. R. Hale, populist, 614. This gives Shackelford a plurality of 3,029. Bland's plurality in 1896 was 4,581 and in 1898 it was 2,843.

Found After Twenty-four Days.  
BRainerd, Minn., Aug. 31.—The body of Frank East, the aeronaut, who fell in the lake twenty-four days ago while making a balloon ascension, was recovered today by the crew of the government boat Edith. The body was buried by the county.

Wants \$50,000 More for Relief.  
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 31.—The Porto Rico relief committee will issue an appeal to the public for \$50,000 more to send a second cargo of food and supplies. Subscriptions to the relief now amount to nearly \$30,000.

## FIRST NEBRASKA REGIMENT.

Country, Town and City Give the Boys a Most Hearty Welcome.

OMAHA, Aug. 31.—All through the state the Nebraska First regiment was given enthusiastic greetings. In this city clanging bells and screaming whistles, fluttering flags and ringing cheers, welcomed back to home and loved ones the boys who, sixteen months ago, shouldered their muskets and marched away to bring it back stained and bullet-torn, but wreathed with the brightest laurels of the long campaign. It was a greeting worthy of the city, worthy of Nebraska and worthy of the gallant regiment that is the proudest possession of the Prairie state. The soldiers came home to find that they were greater heroes than they had ever dreamed of in the miasmatic rice fields of Luzon or facing it in the murderous storm of Filipino bullets. Every face they saw was jubilant with welcome, every hand was outstretched in cordial greeting and every cheer that rose from 50,000 patriotic throats voiced the love and sympathy of friends who were proud to do them honor.

Almost before daylight the pilgrimage to the depot filled the motor trains, and long before the hour at which the first section was to arrive the viaduct was jammed with people, and hundreds of busy hands were preparing the breakfast that was to be the first offering to the boys, who were presumed to be hungry for home cooking. The march from the depot up town was one continued ovation from thousands of people who lined the streets. A little over half of the regiment came through to this city.

Major Killian said: "I wish we could have brought in all the boys, but home pressure was too strong. When I took a vote of the men of my battalion there were 229 in favor of coming here and only twenty-three who were opposed. On reaching Denver they began to hear from home, and the committees that were sent out began to get in their work. Last night, just before we reached Lincoln, the Beatrice company voted to come to Omaha in a body, but a few minutes later, after the people there had a chance to work with them, the company decided that it would go directly home in a body. Yes, we are all tremendously glad to get back and no one can blame the boys for wanting to see the folks at home."

Lieutenant Colonel Eager, just as the assembly call sounded for the parade, said: "Two days ago it looked as if we would have nearly the whole regiment in line here, but after we struck Denver, and still later on the way across Nebraska, the home ties began to draw irresistibly. The boys' folks just picked them up bodily and carried them away. When a mother threw her arms around her boy and wept over him there was no more Omaha and no more anything but home."

FALLS CITY, Neb., Aug. 31.—The old town was all bedecked with flags and bunting and hundreds of Falls City citizens, headed by the band, marched to the depot to welcome home the members of the Fighting First Nebraska, who went from here, in all about twenty-five.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Aug. 31.—Jacob Windnagel, the only Grand Island boy in the Fighting First Nebraska, left the special train at Hastings and came home last night. Seven members of Company M of Broken Bow also left the train there and came through here on their way home.

KENESAW, Neb., Aug. 31.—There was a hearty greeting for the First Nebraska here. The whole town was out with flags.

GENEVA, Neb., Aug. 31.—Company G, First Nebraska volunteers, was welcomed home by almost 10,000 people on its arrival at 8 p. m. Excursions from Hebron, DeWitt, Exeter, Grafton, Shickley and other points along the Burlington helped to swell the crowd, all anxious to give three cheers and a tiger for the home coming soldiers.

YORK, Neb., Aug. 31.—Company A of the First Nebraska arrived in York at a late hour. Their arrival was heralded by shrieking whistles and ringing bells. About 3,000 people crowded and jostled them at the station, but they slipped through the crowd and vanished almost at once. Ample preparations have been made for a reception to them on September 6 in which the entire county will join. The boys are in good physical condition.

### SAY AGUINALDO IS DEAD.

Japanese Paper Reports the Alleged Murder of the Filipino Leader.

HAMILTON, O., Aug. 31.—F. O. Maya and Z. Tang, Japanese tea merchants in this city, today received a copy of the Chu Kizo Shinko, a newspaper printed in Nagoya, Japan, July 22, which contains a dispatch from Manila that has not yet become public in America. Under the heading, "New Philippine Information," the paper prints the following: "In the latter part of June near San Fernando, Aguinaldo was killed by General Pio del Pilar. Pilar visited him to inquire about the death of General Luna and Aguinaldo answered that he never knew anything about this case and told Pilar to mind his own business. General Pilar then called Aguinaldo a liar and pulling a pistol shot Aguinaldo in the forehead, killing him instantly."

Capt. Quay Resigns.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Captain Andrew C. Quay, son of Senator Quay of Pennsylvania, has resigned from the army to go into private business. He is a graduate of the military academy, class of 1888. His resignation has been accepted by the president, to take effect August 31.

Three Regiments Arrive.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 31.—The transport Grant, bearing the Wyoming, Idaho and Dakota regiments, was sighted shortly before 11 o'clock. The Grant left Nagasaki, Japan, on the 17th inst.

Many Iowans Poisoned.

MARENGO, Ia., Aug. 31.—At a harvest picnic near Ladora twenty-five persons were poisoned by eating ice cream. The entire force of physicians here were called to that vicinity. Fatal results are feared in several cases.

## FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

SOME GOOD STORIES FOR OUR JUNIOR READERS.

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A rivulet gabbled beside her and babbled, As rivulets always are thought to do, And dragon-flies sported around and cavorted, As poets say dragon-flies ought to do; When, glancing aside for a moment, she spied A horrible sight that brought fear to her.

A hideous spider was sitting beside her, And most unavoidably near to her!

However unsightly, this creature politely Said: "Madam, I earnestly vow to you I'm penitent that I did not wear my hat.

Should otherwise certainly bow to you," Though anxious to please, he was so ill at ease

That he lost all his sense of propriety, And grew so leapt that he clumsily stepped In her plate, which is barred in society. This curious error completed her terror; She snudged, and, growing much paler, not Only left tuffet, but dealt him a buffet

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## Selling Patents.

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David Bradley Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill.  
Vaughan Machine Co., Portland, Me.

International Facsimilegraph Co., Cleveland, O.  
Whitman & Barnes Mfg. Co., Akron, Ohio.

General Electric Company of New York.  
Crosby Steam Gage and Valve Co., Boston, Mass.

Berlin Machine Co., Beloit, Wis.  
Keyes-Baker Cigar Rolling Machine Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

American Locomotive Appliance Co., of Virginia.  
Ball and Socket Fastener Co., Boston, Mass.

Out of the 450 United States inventors who obtained patents the past week 145 had sold either a part or their entire interest in the inventions before they were issued.

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Of 124 law students admitted to the bar in London nineteen have Oriental names.

My doctor said I would die, but Piso's Cure for Consumption cured me.—Amos Keizer, Cherry Valley, Ill., Nov. 25, '98.

Adversity borrows its sharpest sting from our impatience.—Bishop Horne.

\$18 buys a new upright piano. Schmolzer & Mueller, 1313 Farnam St., Omaha.

The town of Hartford, in Oxford county, Me., has a Custard Pie association, which meets annually in a hemlock grove on the margin of Swan pond and gorges itself with custard pie. It grew out of a custard pie eating contest between two residents of the town on the annual fast day, thirty-nine years ago. The match was adjudged to be a tie, the association was formed, and everybody in it now strives to beat everybody else eating custard pie.

Governor Roosevelt, addressing some firemen the other day, took occasion to mention four callings which subject those following them to as great dangers as those the soldier meets in war, and which evoke as many qualities as are ever required of the soldier. They are the firemen, the policeman, the railroad men and the fishermen on the Newfoundland banks.

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