

LABORI AND JOUAUST CLASH OVER MERCIER

General Upheld in His Refusal
to Answer Counsel.

A HOT COLLOQUY ENSUES

Colonel Maurel, Who Was President
of the First Dreyfus Court-martial,
Goes on the Stand and is Lashed
With Pointed Questions.

RENNES, France, Aug. 24.—When the fourth session of the third week of the second trial by court-martial of Captain Alfred Dreyfus, charged with treason, opened at the Lyceum here at 6:40 a. m. today, Colonel Jouaust, president of the court-martial, ordered that the evidence given by M. Penot, a friend of the late Colonel Sandherr, chief of the intelligence department, be read by the clerk. It was to the effect that Colonel Sandherr said the Dreyfus family offered him 150,000 francs on condition he would clear Dreyfus.

M. Penot, however, for the defense, disposed of this allegation by reading the actual note on the subject written by Sandherr, thereby proving that the colonel's remarks had been distorted. Dreyfus' brothers having only said, "We are convinced of the innocence of our brother and will spend our entire fortune to discover the truth."

The testimony of the first witness of the day, M. Linoile, a former official of the government, was also in favor of Dreyfus as it was in direct contradiction of M. De Brel, who deposed in regard to the alleged intimacy of Dreyfus with the German attaché at the house of M. Dolson, a mutual friend.

The president of the court then called the next witness, Colonel Maurel, who was president of the Dreyfus court-martial in 1894. Complete silence fell upon the court as the infantry sergeant, who was acting usher, conducted Maurel to the witness box.

The colonel was seated in a black frock coat and with the red ribbon of the Legion of Honor at his buttonhole. His hair is gray and he has a ragged, iron gray mustache. His face showed anxiety.

Lashed With Questions.
As M. Labori lashed him with pointed questions the colonel hesitated and then answered in a short, choppy manner, and when M. Labori finally disposed of him, the witness left the platform with the pale face and scared look of a man who has awakened from a nightmare.

Counsel had drawn from the colonel a confession that the secret dossier was communicated to the judges of the court-martial of 1894 by Colonel Du Paty de Clam. This avowed production a sensation in court and Maurel's declaration that he only read one of the documents did not affect the main fact, while the reading of the document had no effect upon him, as the red was already made up, was nullified by his subsequent declaration that this one document sufficed to convince him.

M. Labori then put a series of searching questions to General Mercier with reference to the communication of the secret dossier for the court-martial and his attitude in 1894 and an interesting scene ensued. The general refused to reply to all the questions and there were sharp passages at arms between counsel and Colonel Jouaust, who upheld General Mercier, while the dialogue between the general and M. Labori became very heated and showed it in his voice and gestures. The general, however, troubled his mind, seldom departed from the calm demeanor characteristic of him.

The lawyer made a strong point on the part of Esterhazy played. Mercier said he did not know Esterhazy and only saw him once at the Zola trial. "That is very interesting," exclaimed M. Labori, "but surely General Mercier was present at the Esterhazy trial?"

Mercier Pleads Ignorance.
The general replied that he was not there and that he knew nothing about the evidence in the Esterhazy prosecution.

"What?" cried M. Labori, "General Mercier, who was the chief member of Dreyfus' court-martial, did not even follow the proceedings in the Esterhazy case?"

A loud murmur of surprise and indignation came from the audience, but Colonel Jouaust immediately suppressed it.

Counsel then brought General Mercier to his assertion that 35,000,000 francs had been spent by the defenders of Dreyfus and asked the general to say how he knew this, who spent it and other awkward questions which the general was unable to answer.

A question as to how the bordereau arrived at the office of the general staff, its date, etc., was then introduced, which led to a strange scene for a court of law.

General Rogot, on mounting the platform to give explanations, was followed by General De Boisdeffre, M. Gribelin, Major Lauth and other military witnesses, all holding up their hands to signify that they desired to speak, while at the same time M. Labori was firing questions. The result was a perfect babel until the president of the court could stand it no longer and when the government commissary, Major Carrière, also interpellated a few remarks, Colonel Jouaust turned to the general and asked him to be quiet, remarking that the judges could not hear half a dozen people at the same time.

During the course of the morning M. Labori questioned General Mercier with reference to a document in the secret dossier, which, it is affirmed, existed prior to 1894, and yet was not produced at the first court-martial of the prisoner.

The general confessed that he did not know of its existence and the same statement was elicited from General Gouze, who declared that Colonel Sandherr was responsible for its nonproduction.

Defence Seeks Twice.

These replies were tantamount to a confession that Colonel Sandherr and Lieutenant Colonel Henry played with the secret dossier of war and even that General Gouze, assistant chief of the intelligence department, kept from the two latter just what he pleased.

Then M. Labori proceeded to take up the Panizzardi dispatch and to bring out

WHITECAPS CRUELLY BEAT A POSTMASTER

W. C. Crum, In Charge at Peck,
Fla., Roughly Handled.

ACID POURED ON WOUNDS

Affair Brought to the Attention of the
Authorities at Washington and the
Office Will Probably Be Immediately
Discontinued.

TAMPA, Fla., Aug. 24.—Editor W. C. Crum of The Florida Republican was brutally beaten by whitecaps at Peck Monday night. He is postmaster at that place and has been going out there attending to the mail at night and returning to the city in the morning. Some weeks ago he appointed Dan Morrison, a negro, his assistant, so that the office could have a man in charge all the time.

Morrison was made to give up the office by a committee of citizens, who are unknown, and Mr. Crum had to go out and attend to the office himself. Monday night after he had completed his work he started to a house he owns a short distance away, where he sleeps when there.

He was held up on the road by a mob of masked men with guns, who made him dismount. He was tied with a rope, hand and foot, and given a brutal beating. He also sustained severe bruises about the head and shoulders from the kicks administered by the mob.

After they finished beating him they cut off the whiskers from one side of his face and applied carbolic acid to the deep gashes upon his naked flesh made by the whipping. The mob threatened to kill him if he ever appointed another negro assistant there. He has closed the office and his resignation has been accepted at Washington.

POSTOFFICE TO BE CLOSED.

Assault Will Cause a Discontinuance
of the Service at Peck.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The assault of the whitecaps at Peck, Fla., on Postmaster W. C. Crum and his assistant there probably will result in the discontinuance of the postoffice.

Crum, in a letter, said he accepted the office because no one else there could qualify for it and that those making the trouble rarely use the mails. He has asked to be relieved immediately.

Postmaster Crum says the stamp cancellations on which the salary is based amounted to \$2.77 last month and 30 cents for the five days this month. He has never spent one continuous day at the office, he says, as he lives at Tampa, and he employed assistants.

An inspector may be ordered there tomorrow, but it is quite probable the Peck citizens will be left without a postoffice.

A COUNCILMAN ATTACKED.

W. S. Thompson of Atlanta Knocked
Down by H. M. Atkins.

ATLANTA, Aug. 24.—H. M. Atkins, a local capitalist and promoter, attacked Councilman W. S. Thompson on Alabama street last night, knocking him down by a blow with the fist. An officer separated the men before any serious damage was done and made cases against both parties for disorderly conduct.

The encounter had been expected several days. Atkins is at the head of a company that is seeking street railway franchises before the council. Thompson, in a bitter speech, accused him of being responsible for a published article that severely criticized the city fathers for their action in the matter.

A clash on the floor of the council was only prevented by the calling out of the police reserve and the interference of friends.

Sculptor Dead in His Studio.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Caspar Bubert, a sculptor whose works brought him fame, and who was engaged on the Dowe arch, was found dead in his studio in this city by one of his workmen. He had suffered a stroke of apoplexy. He finished his last great work, a statue of Admiral Semmes of the confederate navy, the commander of the cruiser Alabama, at the time he was sent to the bottom by Admiral Winslow with the Keisersage. This statue was ordered by the state of Alabama and will place in the city of Mobile, to which it was shipped only a week ago.

Didn't Ask Son's Release.

MOBILE, Aug. 24.—Congressman G. W. Taylor did not visit Fort Thomas to get his son released from the volunteer duty, nor did he go to Fort Thomas, as reported by the press on Saturday. He has but one son, a boy of 15. He visited Cincinnati to inquire for a young Alabamian and obtain an assignment for him to the Twenty-ninth regiment at Fort McPherson, which he accomplished.

Torres Favors Revolution.

CAPE HAYTIAN, Hayti, Aug. 24.—General Victoriano Torres, commander of San Jose de las Malas, Santo Domingo, has declared for the revolution. It is reported that Santiago has also pronounced in favor of the revolution.

Richardson Succeeds Davis.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 24.—The governor has appointed Hon. W. R. Richardson, editor of the Jasper Gazette, to be tax collector of Walker county, to succeed J. W. Davis, who recently defaulted for some \$7,000.

Columbia's Canal Sold?

DARLINGTON, S. C., Aug. 24.—It is rumored here among the financial element that the Columbia canal has been sold to a northern syndicate for \$1,000,000.

Texas Cotton Crop Short.

DALLAS, Aug. 24.—The hot winds which have prevailed for the past month have destroyed all chance of a large cotton crop in Texas.

WARLIKE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Agents of President Kruger Invade
Natal and G. P. Points.

CANDIDATES ARE NAMED

Platform Adopted Declares For the
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Support in Philippine War.

HARRISBURG, Aug. 24.—The Republican state convention today nominated Colonel James Barnett of the Tenth regiment for state treasurer, J. Hay Brown of Lancaster for supreme court justice and Josiah Adams of Philadelphia for superior court judge. The nomination for the supreme judge is equivalent to an election, by reason of the vacancies, and no elector being entitled to vote for more than one person.

A feature of the convention was the presence of Senator Quay as a delegate from Beaver county. A demonstration was made in Senator Quay's honor when he entered the hall, accompanied by State Chairman Ekins.

The platform as adopted begins as follows: "We congratulate the American people upon the results of the campaign of 1896, the establishment of a sound currency, the securing of proper protection to American industries and the election of that champion of the common people, William McKinley, to be president of the United States."

"The Republican party has been in control of the national government for little more than two years and during that time every promise made by it has been fulfilled. Business is active and remunerative, labor is employed at good and increasing wages; capital has ample field for investment and an era of unexampled prosperity has been inaugurated."

"Much of the success of the Republican policy adopted in 1896 is due to the good judgment, wise counsel, administrative ability, far-reaching diplomacy and untiring labors of our patriotic president. We firmly support and fully endorse his administration and place on record the wish of the Republicans of Pennsylvania that he be renominated to lead our hosts to victory in 1900, and this we recommend the election of delegates who will give his candidacy earnest and vigorous support in the next national convention."

The platform reaffirms the St. Louis platform; declares for the maintenance of the gold standard and against the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1; renews allegiance to the policy of protection and congratulates the country on the successful termination of the war with Spain and promises President McKinley faithful support in the prosecution of the war in the Philippines.

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MISSISSIPPI Democrats Reaffirm in the
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JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 24.—The state Democratic convention met here, nominated Judge Longino for governor by acclamation and adopted the following platform: "The Democracy of Mississippi, in convention assembled, acknowledging the beneficence of Democratic rule in the state and nation, enunciate the following principles and earnestly endorse and reaffirm the declaration of principles promulgated by the party in convention assembled at Chicago in 1896, and recognize in the Hon. W. J. Bryan of Nebraska the ablest exponent of these principles; the statesman and patriot, the great tribune of the people."

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GRIGGS ON CARTER'S CASE.

Attorney General Says He Must Hear
MacVeagh Before Reporting.

PRICE OF MATCHES HIGHER.

Twenty Per Cent Advance Within the
Last Sixty Days.

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—Matches have advanced in price from 20 to 25 per cent within the last 60 days and dealers say there is reason to expect another advance before the end of September. During June and earlier in the year the independent match manufacturers were at war with the Diamond Match company and prices were demoralized, the cheaper grades selling as low as 63 cents a gross. The war on prices, however, was brought to an end by the Diamond Match company buying several independent companies. The Continental, bought from Edwin Gould, was among the first to be absorbed.

The Continental sent out a price list Aug. 1 which advanced the 63-cent grade to \$1.15 and the 65-cent grade to \$1.20 a gross. The Diamond Match company has also furnished the trade with new quotations, which show an advance all along the line of from 10 to 20 per cent.

SOUTHERN FURNACES LEAD.

Large Tonnage of Pig Iron Placed
For Delivery in 1900.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—The Iron Age, in its weekly review, says today: "The excitement in the iron markets is growing and spreading. A very large tonnage of pig iron is being placed for 1900 delivery at advancing prices. The bulk of the sales are for the first six months, but a number of important orders have been placed for delivery far into the second half of 1900, the southern furnaces leading in this transaction. They have even placed some round lots of grey forge in Pittsburgh."

"It is a fact which does not anger us for the supply of pig iron for the central west for the spring of 1900 that a number of the lake mining companies are even now announcing to their customers that their allotments of ore will have to be cut down from 10 to 20 per cent."

"In Pittsburgh the scarcity of Bessemer pig is illustrated by the fact that one of the largest concerns paid \$22.50, delivered, for a lot of 5,000 tons of pig, October and November delivery."

AN INTERVENING PETITION.

Fight Being Made in Court on New
Tennessee Road.

CHATTANOOGA, Aug. 24.—Samuel R. Felton, receiver of the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway company, has filed an intervening petition in the federal court here in the case of Samuel Thomas and others versus the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific railroad for the purpose of preventing the Tennessee Central from crossing five spur tracks of the Cincinnati Southern in Roane county, this state.

A temporary restraining order has been granted by Judge Clark and was served on the Tennessee Central contractors today. It is probable this is the beginning of long drawn out litigation to prevent the completion of the Tennessee road.

The petitioner, among other things, charges that the Tennessee Central Railway company is insolvent.

Two Lynched For His Crime.

LITTLE ROCK, Aug. 24.—Wiley Bunn, a negro who recently surrendered to the authorities of East St. Louis, has been convicted at Fayette of murder in the first degree, after pleading guilty to the charge of having killed A. Martin, a prominent white man of Calhoun county, four years ago. Two negroes were lynched for the crime of which Bunn confessed himself guilty, and a third was killed by a posse who supposed their victim to be Bunn. Sentence has not yet been passed on Bunn.

Bryan Will Tour Kentucky.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Aug. 24.—It has not been decided where Mr. Bryan will make his first speech for Goebel in Kentucky. Secretary Haly of the campaign committee said today that Mr. Bryan had not yet set the date for his arrival further than that it would be in September. It has been decided that Mr. Bryan shall make a tour of the state on a special train, accompanied by Mr. Goebel, other nominees on the Goebel ticket and ex-Senator Blackburn. A barbecue will be given at Lexington.

Mexicans Tortured in Prison.

AUSTIN, Aug. 24.—The recent torture inflicted upon six Mexican prisoners confined in the Hidalgo county jail by officials of that county in an effort to extort confessions has become an international affair. Four of the prisoners claim to be citizens of Mexico and they appealed to President Diaz for aid and redress. The appeal was referred to the Mexican ambassador at Washington. The latter has taken the matter in hand.

REPORTS ON COTTON FROM EIGHT STATES

Texas Crop Short and In a
Bad Way Generally.

MUCH INJURY BY DROUTH

Alabama and Tennessee Suffer Heavy
Losses as a Result of Rust and the
Intense Heat Which Has Prevailed
For Several Weeks.

MEMPHIS, Aug. 24.—Special telegrams from reliable correspondents of The Appeal this morning report the condition of the cotton crop in the principal cotton producing states to be as follows: Texas—The Texas cotton crop is in a very bad way just now and there seems no hope of redemption for the first crop. The plant has now withstood the drouth for seven weeks; on July 1 the crop was estimated to be ten days late; receipts at Houston are now far ahead of the last season, same date, evidencing rapid opening. Reports from every county in the state received by The Post tell of shedding, rust and from many of them report of insect damage. A majority of the buyers and the brokers recently interviewed estimate the cotton crop at about 15 per cent short, while the hills and taylor districts are severely damaged and will be 30 per cent short.

Oklahoma and Indian Territory—In the Indian Territory the crop is in good condition and in Oklahoma they have the finest crop of both corn and cotton they have ever had.

Louisiana—In the majority of the cotton growing parishes of the state the condition of the crop has improved somewhat as compared with last week. Complaints of shedding, however, are still numerous.

Mississippi—The condition of the cotton crop in this section and adjoining counties in comparison to last year will show a decrease of 8 to 10 per cent in acreage.

Alabama—Cotton experts here who have received reports from all over the state declare that the crop as a whole has been injured at least 10 per cent by the severely hot and dry weather during August.

Tennessee—Cotton has suffered materially in per cent of condition from rust and the intense heat, causing premature opening; the crop is opening rapidly and picking, which has already begun, will be general during the coming week. In some sections the drouth conditions are again becoming serious.

CROP REPORT FOR AUGUST.

Stevens Tells the Farmers of Georgia
to Grow More Wheat.

ATLANTA, Aug. 24.—Commissioner of Agriculture O. B. Stevens has just issued the crop report for August, in which he renews his appeal to farmers, made a year ago, to grow more wheat. The best soil for this grain, how to prepare, proper depth and when to sow, etc., are given at length.

Mr. Stevens says that on account of the severe drouth the greater portion of the state has been subjected to during the past five or six weeks, the cotton crop has been very badly damaged.

Corn has also suffered, and in noting this fact the commissioner says: "The necessity of small grain for feed corn constrains me to urge the farmers to plant oats for another season, as the drouth has cut off our corn crop considerably this year."

The report contains several replies to inquiries on subjects of especial interest to farmers.

TRIMBLE ASKED TO RESIGN.

A Cousin of McKinley Will Succeed
Him as Court Clerk.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 24.—Judge David Shelby, recently appointed circuit judge by President McKinley, has called for the resignation of Nathan W. Trimble, clerk of the United States court for the middle district of Alabama, a position Mr. Trimble has held for 20 years.

No charges are preferred against Trimble. Judge Shelby simply exercising the power conferred upon him of naming the clerk for the Alabama divisions of his jurisdiction.

It is stated that Charles J. Allison, who recently moved here from Knoxville, Tenn., and formerly of Ohio, will be Trimble's successor. Allison is a cousin of President McKinley.

Fowler's Sentence Commuted.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Aug. 24.—Governor McSweeney has commuted the sentence of A. R. Fowler to serve on the chain-gang, instead of imprisonment in the penitentiary. There was a numerous signed petition asking for the change of sentence. Fowler is a white man, who was convicted of forgery in Greenville county. His case attracted considerable attention on account of his being one-armed and his ministerial work. The petition states that Fowler wishes to do outdoor work on account of his health. The remainder of the 3 year term is to be spent on the chain-gang in Greenville county.

New Wharf at Pensacola.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Aug. 24.—Commander W. W. Reisinger, who is now in Washington, has notified Senator Mallory that he has secured a sufficient allotment of money to build a steel coal wharf at the Pensacola navyyard and provide other facilities for making this a first-class naval coaling station.

Peter Jackson Knocked Out.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 24.—Jim