

PLOTTERS MAKE NEW MOVE.

MAY NOW ACCUSE DREYFUS OF ACTING WITH ESTERHAZY.

Gen. Mercier surprises the Court by Calling Attention to Esterhazy's Change of Writing After He Was Accused—Defence Still Has Faith in the Honesty of the Judges—A Secret Session To-day.

Everybody, the defence included, was mystified by to-day's developments in the court room and the prospects thereof. Gen. Mercier raised a point in regard to the article of the bordereau, which appeared before strongly in the prisoner's favor. He insisted upon the importance of the declaration made by one or two witnesses that Esterhazy, from the date his name was first connected with the bordereau, changed his style of handwriting.

Gen. Mercier, however, made no attempt to follow up his suggestion about Esterhazy's change of handwriting, and the lawyers for the defence acknowledge themselves as somewhat puzzled by this manoeuvre. They are also disappointed that the breach among the Generals has been apparently healed, for Gen. Boisdeffre no longer holds himself aloof from Marrier, Rogot and the other extremists among Dreyfus's enemies.

The latter showed a marked revival of spirit, which was made manifestly depressed during the past three or four days, by the overwhelming evidence of their victim's innocence. One of the best signs of the situation is the fact that the Generals are making a most determined struggle on every point that arises. This excellent evidence that there is no collusion with the Judges and that the trial is genuine in every sense of the word. There is no doubt that the Court will make every possible use of appeals to esprit de corps, professional prejudices, etc., but they must convince the Judges that the prisoner is guilty in order to obtain a verdict to that effect. The defence has full confidence on this point and therefore they do not fear to attempt to force the Judges to decide the case upon the merits instead of upon the technicalities alone. In fact, Maitre Labori and Demange will welcome the desperate move of the Generals, which they still expect.

Mercier's surprising move, which failed to affect the attendance of spectators at the Dreyfus trial in the Lyceum, but Mercier was the only general present at the trial. He was accompanied by three other Generals, Maitre Labori and Demange, three experts for the defence, who repeated with considerable amplification the testimony they had given before the Court of Cassation. Each asserted the bordereau to be Esterhazy's. The judges followed up the witnesses closely and the cross-examination by Col. Jonast, Capt. Souvassier and other judges was keen.

Presently Gen. Mercier rose and for the first time interfered with the proceedings in a matter with which he had no remote connection. He asked the Court to read the deposition of Capt. Grenier before the Court of Cassation. This expert had testified that Esterhazy evidently changed his handwriting the moment Mathieu Dreyfus accused him of writing the bordereau. Gen. Mercier declared that his point seemed to him to be of the greatest importance.

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M'LEAN THEIR CANDIDATE.

NOMINATED FOR GOVERNOR OF OHIO BY THE DEMOCRATS.

Scenes of Unprecedented Disorder and Bitterness in the Convention—McLean's Name Hissed When It Was Presented—The Platform Stands for Bryanism.

ZANESVILLE, O., Aug. 30.—After a four-hour session of the largest and the most turbulent Democratic Convention held in the State for the past twenty-five years, John B. McLean, owner of the Cincinnati Enquirer, was nominated for Governor of Ohio to-day. As was generally anticipated and freely predicted, he won the nomination with comparative ease. That the convention was never for a moment lost their confidence, and the result came to them without surprise. Indeed, the only thing that surprised them at all was the unexpected strength of the field. To the more acute observers of the struggle, the result confirmed the conviction that with the aid of the Bryan campaign, the concentration and confederation of all the forces of the opposition, the Cincinnati man might have been defeated.

The tone and temper of the speeches have cast a doubt on the value of the prize which McLean carried off. Never within the memory of any old-time Ohioan has there been such bitterness in the nominating speeches. The first speech plaining a candidate in nomination was made by J. C. Adams of Coshocton, for James A. Rice. His utterances breathed in almost every sentence a malignant spirit of unrelenting hostility against the nominee. It was unimpaired and unrelenting, that of the veteran silver leader and orator, Gen. A. J. Warner, was tenfold more so. Embittered by his defeat for membership on the Committee on Resolutions and believing that it was brought about by the corrupt means of the major, Warner came in to the open to attack McLean. Never before within the memory of any delegate was such a remorseless and venomous attack made on a candidate. His reference to the home of Col. Kilbourne, wherein he declared that his candidate did not have to move back to the State to gain a residence because he had never been in it except to take his place on the battle-field, was dramatic and sensational. It aroused intense enthusiasm, and even those on whose ears the caustic arraignment fell hardly did not venture to interrupt the rugged old orator from Marietta.

When Warner finished the statement of McLean, J. A. Norton, Member of Congress from the Thirteenth district, arose to reply as well as to present the name of McLean. His first reference to McLean was greeted with a chorus of hisses, but these in turn were presently drowned in mighty cheers. Norton declared that McLean was big enough to live either in Ohio or out of it, and asserted that three years ago the Ohio Democrats who sent him to Chicago, and there voted for him for President, did not think any less of him because he had a Washington home. He declared that McLean was big enough to live either in Ohio or out of it, and asserted that three years ago the Ohio Democrats who sent him to Chicago, and there voted for him for President, did not think any less of him because he had a Washington home. He declared that McLean was big enough to live either in Ohio or out of it, and asserted that three years ago the Ohio Democrats who sent him to Chicago, and there voted for him for President, did not think any less of him because he had a Washington home.

Other candidates nominated were C. N. Haskell of Putnam county, Gen. Isaac H. Sherwood, James P. Seward, Democratic Elector from Erie county, and James A. Rice, Democratic Elector from the same county. The convention then took a recess for an hour to enable the delegates to refresh themselves and the McLean managers to determine who should be his associates on the ticket.

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When the convention reconvened, the candidates were brought in to address the delegates. Col. Haskell left the city. McLean spoke briefly and announced that if the Democrats would take their part, he would do his. Messrs. Kilbourne, Rice, Seward and Sherwood all pledged themselves to work for the ticket.

BOY KILLED IN A CHURCH.

Chorister Fell From Foot—Was Singing "The Holy City."

Robert Richards, 15 years old, a boy soprano in the choir of St. Clement's Protestant Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, fell from the foot of the floor of the church, a distance of forty feet, yesterday afternoon. His neck was broken and he died within a few minutes. He lived long enough to reach his home, a street near the Eastern Parkway, in East New York. As the soprano soloist of the church he had become well known both in the musical and the religious circles of the borough. He had a remarkably clear, sweet voice, and unlike the majority of boy singers, he sang with his mouth open and his eyes shut. On Sunday, the Rev. Charles A. Hamilton, the new rector of the church, preached his first sermon. The boy sang the anthem "The Holy City." He sang so well that after the services the pastor stopped to talk to him and warmly complimented him on his musical attainments. He was so pleased by the compliments of the pastor that he announced to his mother yesterday that he was going to spend more time than usual at the church, practicing his music for next Sunday, in order that he might do better than last Sunday. He attended the regular Sunday morning services yesterday, and at their conclusion went home to dinner. Then he said that he was going again to the church and would be gone all the afternoon. When he arrived at the church, the only persons there were the organist, Prof. Post, Kool, and another, Edward Downes. The organist tried an anthem a couple of times, when the janitor noticed that the window in the front gable of the church was open. He pulled on the cord and found that it had become fouled in the pulley. He announced to Richards and Prof. Kool that he was going to take the window to remedy matters, and said that he thought it was pretty hard for an old man to have to climb stairs so often.

"You star down here," Richards suggested, "and I will go up there and fix that cord. I can do it easily." The janitor gladly accepted the offer. He and Richards went to the window for the stairs, and he walked along the boards, which overlay the unenclosed garret timbers, affording a walk to the window. The boy was singing "The Holy City" to himself as he went about his task. When he had fixed the window, he started back for the stairs, but he thought he would walk across the timbers. The organist and the janitor heard a scream and a crash and the boy next instant tumbled through the ceiling. He struck the floor head first and did not speak again. It is supposed that he lost his footing, and fell on the ceiling being of lath and plaster gave way beneath his weight.

Dr. Francis H. Miller of 649 Pennsylvania avenue, who is one of the directors of the church, and Ambulance Surgeon O'Connor, from St. Mary's Hospital, were sent for. Before either the janitor or the boy's body had been removed to the morgue, a permit had been issued by the Coroner. His mother became hysterical when she realized that he was dead. At first she refused to believe the evidence of her eyes, declaring that Robert could not have been killed, and she had left her presence but a few minutes before. It was necessary to give her relatives. Her son was one of four children. His father, James Richards, is a carpenter employed on the Kings County Elevated road.

NEW YORK LEGISLATION.

Insular Commission Makes Its Report to Secretary of War.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—The Insular Commission appointed by the President some months ago to inquire into and report on conditions in Porto Rico and draft a code of laws for the island, completed its work to-day and presented its final report to Secretary Root.

As to the preparation of the code the commission takes certain United States statutes applying to general subjects has been adopted. The report says: "The code will be found to embrace every subject for a complete government, and to be a code of laws complete in itself, supplanting or embodying all former laws, customs, and usages of the common law and equitable principles as construed and enforced in the United States."

The commission recommends adoption of a system of public improvements throughout the island, regulated by laws similar to those prevailing in the United States. The commission also recommends that the United States should be granted waterpower proper. As to entering upon the work of a territorial or State Government, it is thought best to wait until the people have had an opportunity to become better educated.

The report is signed by Robert P. Kennedy, Charles W. Watkins and H. G. Curtis.

M'KINLEY TO THE CUBANS.

RENEWING OUR PROMISE TO AID IN ESTABLISHING A REPUBLIC.

Taking the Census the First Step—President Urges the Necessity of Giving Accurate Information—Autonomists Have Not Given Up the Idea of Annexation.

HAVANA, Aug. 30.—President McKinley's proclamation addressed to the Cuban people was received by mail this morning and was made public this afternoon by Governor-General Brooks. The document, which was dated August 17, says: "The disorganized condition of your island, resulting from the war and the absence of an generally recognized authority aside from the temporary military control of the United States, has made it necessary that the United States should follow the restoration of order and peaceful industry by giving it a assistance and supervision to the success of all the efforts which you are making to re-establish an effective system of self-government."

"As a preliminary step in the performance of this duty I have directed that a census of the people of Cuba be taken, and have appointed competent and disinterested citizens of Cuba as enumerators and supervisors. It is important that the most accurate arrangement of your new Government that the information sought shall be fully and accurately given, and I request that by every means in your power you aid the officers appointed in the performance of their duty."

The Separatists are indignant because of the active part the old Cuban Autonomists are taking in favor of the new Government. The Autonomists are determined to secure their object if possible, and on Friday José María Gálvez, who was chief of the Autonomist Government in 1895, will sail for New York to meet Señora Govin and Garcia, Ignacio Rodriguez of Washington will, it is said, urge the adoption of the commission's plan.

It is reported here on good authority that the Plant system, Mr. Flieger and the owners of the Tacón Theatre have joined interests, and will build a right-story steel structure for theatrical purposes on the site of the present theatre, retaining that playhouse as it is by building around it. Work will commence this fall. It is estimated that the hotel will cost \$500,000.

Gen. Chaffee, Gen. Brooks's Chief of Staff, is very angry at the New York Herald's account of his cooperation in its fake story from Gibraltar murders by American soldiers. Gen. Chaffee emphatically denies that he ever affirmed that the story was true in any particular, for the reason that when he investigated the reports he found that they were absolutely untrue.

BURIED BESIDE JOHN BROWN. Remains of Seven of His Followers Lie With Those of Their Leader. SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., Aug. 30.—The remains of seven of John Brown's followers who met death in the South struggling for the freedom of the slaves, were re-interred this afternoon in the cemetery at North Elba, beside the grave of their beloved leader. The cemetery is part of the farm once owned by John Brown, and sometime ago purchased by the State to perpetuate and honor his memory. This was the forty-third anniversary of the famous battle of Osawatimie. About 1,500 persons were in attendance at the exercises to-day.

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SHOT IN A STAGE BATTLE.

Chester Temple, Playing in "Northern Lights," Dangerously Hurt.

ELIZABETH, Aug. 30.—Chester Temple, 17 years old, of 423 East Jersey street, in this city, was badly wounded to-night by a load of wadding shot from a gun in a mock battle on the stage of the Lyceum Theatre where the play "Northern Lights" is running. Temple was acting as a supernumerary and was taking the part of an Indian on the stage. In one of the scenes where the band of Indians is ambushed by United States soldiers, the soldiers fire several volleys. Temple was seen to drop down on the stage and was picked up unconscious. The play ended abruptly, the curtain was run down and the audience dismissed.

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Mr. Kohr's main argument was that new legislation repealing the statute of 1892, which forbids pools and combinations, and even if this were not held to be the case the statute was defective by reason of the fact that it provided two distinct penalties for the same offense, and there was no way of determining which penalty should be applied. The indictments were also held to be defective, and this decision was affirmed by the Court of Appeals all the fines recently imposed by the State upon insurance companies and other corporations may be recovered.

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A full State ticket was nominated by the convention, as follows: Governor, Charles A. Llord, Muscatine county; Lieutenant-Governor, S. M. Harvey, Polk county; Judge of the Supreme Court, L. H. Weller, Chickasaw county; Superintendent of Public Instruction, C. Worth, Benton county; Railroad Commissioner, Robert L. Dunning, Wapello county.

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FIERCE ATTACK ON THE CONTRACT IN THE IMPROVEMENTS BOARD.

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CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—President M. J. Sullivan of the Chicago Stonecutters' Union has directed that, in case the cornerstone of the new Post Office, which is to be dedicated by President McKinley in the autumn, has been set or is being set by non-union labor, a new one shall be cut on the stone cutters' side. Mr. Sullivan asserts that his union will have the solid backing of the Building Trades Council. A meeting of a special committee was held to-night to discuss the matter, and it was decided to lay this ultimatum before the Post Office contractors. Two legal representatives of the contractors committee have warned Sullivan that he must not delay the ceremony by causing a strike.

KILLED CROSSING THE STREET.

Mrs. Lovett Tripped and Tumbled as a Wagon Approached.

While Mrs. Margaret Lovett, of 70 Green street was crossing Trinity place at Becher street last night she was run over and instantly killed by a United States Express wagon driven by Matthew Foster, of 149 Fifth street, Jersey City. The woman had just got half way across the street before she saw the wagon. She started back and as she did so slipped and fell. The driver could not stop his horse, and one wheel passed over the woman's breast and head. She died before an ambulance arrived.

DREW'S START FOR GIBRALTAR.

He Leaves Villefrance To-day—The Admiral in Good Health.

NICE, Aug. 30.—The United States cruiser Olympia will leave Villefrance to-morrow afternoon for Gibraltar. Deputy Mayor Achard, accompanied by Attilio Piatti, American Vice-Consul at Nice, visited Admiral Dewey this afternoon. The former explained to the Admiral that the Mayor would have called on him had he been at home, but he was unavoidably detained in Switzerland. He, however, sent salutations and the best wishes of the municipality through his deputy. Admiral Dewey thanked Mr. Achard for the courtesy shown him, and expressed his best wishes for the future of Nice.

VIPERS SENT TO A BISHOP.

Eight Deadly Serpents in a Package Marked Dried Fruits.

ROME, Aug. 30.—Bishop Riccardi of Nardo to-day received a package marked dried fruits. The Bishop handed it over to the police. When it was opened eight deadly vipers crawled out of the package.

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