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Justice Leagued With Murder.

The action of the Dreyfus court-martial, in refusing the accused's plea for an adjournment, in order to allow the recovery of Maitre Labori, without whose presence the case of the defense is in danger, will go a long way toward creating an opinion that the court is gratified to keep him out of the case, at least long enough to save the reputations of Mercier and the other conspirators of high position.

Indeed, there is some excuse for the opinion that the authorities at Brest, in not Colonel Jouan, were prepared for the assassination of Labori, Picquet, and Dreyfus, and, if not directly implicated in the plot which is known to have been formed for that purpose, were careful not to do anything that might interfere with its accomplishment. It will be remembered that, on the day preceding the attempt on the advocate's life, General Mercier, who had been cornered by Labori and had made himself and the anti-Dreyfus cause supremely ridiculous, claimed to have received two threatening letters. He turned them over to the police, who immediately devoted all their resources to his protection. The next morning Labori was shot on his way to the trial, with arrows in his quiver which, if they could have been used, would have confounded and convicted Mercier and his companions in crime, and left the government no alternative but to send them to the gallies.

Labori being here de combat, the president of the court refused to suspend the sitting, and forced the case forward, thereby deliberately acting to save the criminal generals. It is in the same interest that the petition for the two adjournments of forty-eight hours each, permitted by French military law, is refused. There can be no further illusion. In this cold-blooded decision the judges deliberately compassed the attempted murder of counsel before them, do so consciously, and have not civilized world will so record their action.

With that sort of justice on the military bench at Rennes, what next are we to expect? If Loubet and Gallifet can command enough honest men to protect the prisoner to the end of the trial, his acquittal is unavoidable. But we are seriously afraid that he may not survive to secure it. In effect, Jouan has winked at assassination in the Labori case. The motive being stronger in the direction of Dreyfus, who should be removed than that of justice, and perhaps assist in removing the defendant altogether?

In the event of a verdict in favor of Dreyfus, it need surprise no one to see an immediate and organized attempt to kill him and everyone prominently connected with his exoneration. And the movement may take the form of open revolution; if not it must lead to that. No one can critically contemplate the conditions in France today without a conviction that the republic totters to a fall that cannot be long postponed.

The Bubonic Plague in Europe.

The dreaded bubonic plague at last has secured a foothold on the Mediterranean coast of Europe, and in a place which renders its presence and spread a menace to the whole civilized world. Among other countries Oporto, the European situs of the disease at present, is in constant communication with the United States. A large commerce in wines is carried on between that place and New York. We ship many cargoes of California port wines to Oporto for the purposes of the trade in its specialty, genuine "port" wine; receiving the same back, blended with native juices or not, as the case may be.

The Commercial Intercourse between Oporto and British ports is even more intimate, and the danger of transmitting the plague to America, either directly or via Liverpool, is not to be ignored. The health authorities of Portugal may be able to destroy the unwelcome visitor, and the rigid quarantine which we presume all the leading countries will establish against Oporto may confine its ravages to that vicinity; but the conditions are not favorable to early extermination, as like all Latin cities the town is unsanitary in the extreme, while the inland relations of its people and inland trade are not calculated to promote strict localization of any epidemic disease. It would not be particularly surprising to see the plague work its way to the interior of Portugal, and thence across the border into Spain.

The report that already there have been twenty-five cases and eleven deaths is painfully ominous. The situation, unless speedily relieved, of which there is not much probability, will demand and doubtless receive organized international attention.

TRADE CONDITIONS IN PERSIA.

Germany Very Poorly Represented in the Shah's Domains.
Under the auspices of the "Persian Trade With Persia," a writer in a leading Chicago paper points out this Empire's position in that country. He says, among other things, that Germany is very poorly represented in Persia. In the northern part of the Shah's domains are no German houses at all. In the south, quite recently, a German company had made business connections, but as yet to little or no purpose, since no business is conducted in Persia by large concerns, and hundreds of the people is absolutely necessary. The imports, which, by the way, are very considerable, are almost entirely in England's hands.

Porto Rico's Calamity.

While we of Washington are congratulating ourselves on our escape from the West Indian hurricane, it is well to remember that the disaster it has caused in the American island of Porto Rico is now seen to be vastly worse than at first reported. The original estimate of the damage, estimated by Governor general Davis, thought that perhaps one-fifth of the area and people had been affected. Now, according to partial advices, it would seem that the entire island had been swept over, and that the conditions of loss, devastation, starvation, and threatened pestilence are as bad in one section as another. It is hardly exaggeration to say that nothing worse could have happened to Porto Rico, short of its being swallowed bodily by the sea.

We are in no position as yet to know the horror of the situation. The stragglers are yet in the condition of tents, and of bridges there is none; so, many districts have not been communicated with. But reports from every point so far reached tell the same awful story. The people are starving and, especially the children, are dying by hundreds from hunger and exposure. Thousands of dead cattle and homeless human corpses add to the dangers of the situation, and it will be a long time before the yellow fever does not break out epidemically within the next two weeks.

In spite of the terrors which confront him, General Davis expresses cheerful confidence that the generosity of the American people will enable him to fight the inevitable and bitter campaign against famine and pestilence, and to overcome it, just as soon as supplies can be given him, and he can organize and apply means for their distribution. All that can be done is to have no doubt that he and his brave officers and men will win with American pluck and devotion. But it is sad to think that at best hundreds and perhaps thousands must perish before the Good Samaritan of national charity can reach and succor them.

Against it is rumored in New York that the navy is active in pressing the plan to have Sampson go out and meet Admiral Dewey at sea, and welcome him to the shores of his native land. President McKinley should put his foot down on that scheme instantly! If he allows it to be carried out he will bitterly and quite unnecessarily increase millions of people many of whom have votes. This is not a time to slip public sentiment or resentments in his face. It is too near election day!

A fearful rumor is abroad regarding the formation of a bolting Republican, "anti-imperialist" party, with the ancient George S. Boutwell at its head, the purpose of which, of course, would be to stick a political knife in the regular organization next year, unless sooner bought off. It sounds like a calumny (or pipe peepe) dream, but it is a possible one, for Mr. McKinley to have a home-bred father and Buckner outfit, snarling at his heels in 1900, as Mr. Bryan had in 1896.

The Administration can be generous to its friends in large way, as witness the Cleveland and Alger sea junkets and the "hold up" of the parties by the use of a strict economist in small things. It compels the officers of the late battleship Maine to pay their board while they were in attendance on the Court of Enquiry under orders, and now it refuses to remit the duty on a lot of Dr. Sanarelli's yellow fever serum, sent over here from Europe as a free gift, in the interests of humanity, to the medical faculty of New Orleans. The tariff on the material amounts to two hundred and forty dollars, which the "New York Herald" is entitled to add a few editorial remarks too mild by half under the circumstances.

As we have had the pleasure to suggest, "General" Jiminez made a most unfortunate selection of his filibustering base in locating his headquarters in Wood's jurisdiction. The latter has seized his opportunity and has arrested Jiminez and his accomplices at Baracoa, Santiago, and if he is foolish enough to make himself much in evidence contrary to the peace of the Wood province, he will stand an excellent chance of doing something for the cause of good roads. Jiminez should have gone elsewhere and made a private deal.

Egypt is suffering severely from the foot and mouth disease, and it is not sure that it has not found its way thence to other countries, in whole or in part. The second half of the affliction is endemic nearly everywhere in the United States, and in places, as Kentucky, it is epidemic.

The British Royal Archers.

The Royal Company of Archers is one of the oldest bodies of the kind in Great Britain, its descent being traced to the twelfth century. Almost every notable Scottish family has in its arms the emblem of the bow and arrow, and at one time or another represented in this corps of archers, constituting the sovereign's body-guard for Scotland. Their captain has long been always a nobleman of high rank, as Gold Bruce, the first of the Stuart line, in England he was held by the edict of the Lord Guards. In terms of charter granted the Royal Company has the right to be taken out of a service of promoting three barbed arrows to the sovereign, which residing at Holywood, and Queen Victoria has received this offering three times.

Statutes in Dublin.

When the Dublin corporation decided to renege a title for a statue of St. Gladstone, it was the intention of the corporation to honor him in this way, similar honor had been done to Parnell, and it was thought that the same honor should be done to Gladstone. A large sum of money was expended in erecting a statue of St. Gladstone, and it was thought that the same honor should be done to Gladstone. A large sum of money was expended in erecting a statue of St. Gladstone, and it was thought that the same honor should be done to Gladstone.

The Icebreaker Yermak.

The new Russian icebreaker having been done to Admiral Makarov's icebreaker, the Yermak, during her recent voyage to Spitzbergen, it is not to be surprised that the work of this novel vessel was not restricted to the usual experiments on the ice of the Finnish Gulf, where she first made her appearance. The present year, Admiral Makarov received a most popular and enthusiastic reception at St. Petersburg, and it is not to be surprised that he had liberated a number of merchant vessels from the ice, and proved the possibility of shortening the winter period, which is a matter of communication with this port is at present impossible; but there has never been any strong belief in the practicability of the gallant admiral's proposal to do battle with the ice packs of the Polar ocean and keep open the Kara Straits. The Yermak is already undergoing repairs at Newcastle-on-Tyne. On arriving there from the north, according to information received here on the subject, she was shipping ten feet of water forward. One of the blades of the forward propeller had been knocked off, and the shaft was very much bent. The screw was taken out, and the propeller replaced by a pointed cup. Three new shafts were put on, and twelve other blades were put on, and the vessel was ready to start on her voyage to the north.

Like the Dictionary.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.
"Like the dictionary," says a man, "I'm a plain man." "Yes, that's so," he's painfully wordy.

TESTING OCEAN CURRENTS.

Experiments Conducted by the Naval Hydrographic Office.
Some information respecting ocean currents has been obtained by the Naval Hydrographic Office through floating bottles thrown overboard by steamers and recovered by passing ships, which report the exact points at which they were found. Frequently the bottles are picked up and again tossed overboard after the latitude and longitude and the number of the bottle have been noted, so that the office in Washington has a record of the direction in which the bottle since put into the sea or last sighted by some vessel. In this way the direction it has drifted and the strength of the current can be accurately estimated.

There are some recent returns which show that bottles have floated thousands of miles across the ocean in a matter of 2,400 miles in ninety-two days. This bottle was tossed overboard from the steamship Pierst Bismarck on May 1, 1898, about 300 miles west of Cape Race, and was recovered on August 1, in the vicinity of Gloucester, on the Elbe. The distance between the two points, following the route of the North Atlantic, is 2,400 miles, giving twenty-two miles to the lowest possible estimate of the daily average velocity with which the bottle traveled.

The longer distance made by any bottle was one thrown from the steamship Electric, which covered 6,300 miles in a little over three years, or an average of nearly six miles a day. Another bottle traveled 6,000 miles in 674 days, or an average of eight knots, while still another made 5,500 miles in 327 days, or an average of nearly sixteen miles a day. A record for a bottle is 200 miles in sixteen days, or an average of 12.5 knots a day.

In conducting its experiments the Navy Department has secured the services of the Russian Government, which on the cruises of two of its vessels had thrown in the sea 703 bottles, of which thirty have been recovered and reported. The direction, respectively, the paths followed by these floating bottles give a good idea of the drift currents of the North Atlantic. The most important of these are to be westerly, and are as indicated by the destination of the numerous bottles cast adrift between Madeira and Cape San Roque, all of which have been recovered and reported. To the westward islands, the Bahamas, or to the western shores of the Gulf of Mexico.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FRONT.

The Filipinos Flee From the Rifles of Americans.

Major A. W. Willis, postmaster at Nashville, Tenn., passed through Washington on his way to the South from Atlanta City. While in the city Major Willis called at the War Department to make arrangements in reference to the muster-out of the First Tennessee Volunteers, which regiment, it is expected, will return from the Philippines about the last of September.

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CONSOLIDATION OF ROADS.

Summers of Changes in Important Southern Railway Lines.
Baltimore, Aug. 16.—It is stated that the Atlantic Coast Line has secured a half interest in the Georgia Railroad, held by the Louisville and Nashville. The Southern Railway and Atlantic Coast Line, it is said, work together, and the Southern could reach Atlanta easier over the Georgia road than any other way. As there is a constitutional provision in the way of the Atlantic acquiring this lease direct, an understanding which has been reached between the Southern and Louisville and Nashville.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Raleigh and Gaston Railway Company will be held at Raleigh, N. C., on September 6 to consider the terms and conditions upon which that property may be consolidated with the Seaboard and Roanoke, the Raleigh and Gaston, the Carolina, the Carolina and the Georgia, Carolina and Northern, the Durham and Northern, the Roanoke and Tar River, and the Louisville, the Raleigh and Gaston, the Carolina, the Carolina and the Georgia, Carolina and Northern, the Durham and Northern, the Roanoke and Tar River, and the Louisville.

The financial details are being arranged by Mr. John Skelton Williams, director of both the Carolina and the Seaboard, and J. William Middendorf, of Baltimore.

COMBINATION OF CIGAR MEN.

Options on the Business of Leading Firms Secured.

New York, Aug. 16.—Reports that a combination of the leading cigar manufacturers in Key West, Tampa, and Havana is being organized are current in the tobacco trade in this city.

Many of the principal firms are said to have given options to the promoters of the scheme, but as yet no definite plans have been formulated. It was learned on good authority today that accountants are working on the books of the firms from which options have been taken, and considerable difficulty is expected in bringing about an agreement as to price.

It is said that in case a satisfactory basis of operations can be agreed upon, the leading firms will be included in the combination and scarcely one-half of the options now secured will be accepted. The change of the preparatory work expected to be completed by the end of this month.

MINERS WANT MORE MONEY.

An Increase of Ten Cents a Ton Is Asked.

Baltimore, Aug. 16.—Mr. H. Crawford Black, president of the Black-Sheridan-Wilson Company, received a letter yesterday from the superintendent of his mines, in Allegany county, relative to the miners' request for an advance in their pay of 10 cents a ton. In his letter the superintendent said: "The miners have asked for an increase of ten cents a ton, and I have no objection to it, but the company is unable to pay it at present. I have no objection to it, but the company is unable to pay it at present."

The miners held a meeting and appointed a committee to wait on the superintendent of the different mines for the purpose of asking an advance of ten cents a ton. If the same cannot be granted they ask for a conference with the companies owning the mines on or before August 19.

Mr. Black said that the miners had been taken yet and that he could not say what would be done. The president of some of the companies live in New York, and they may not get their notices until today. He thought that it will be impossible to arrange a joint meeting this week of presidents or their representatives of the companies. It is probable that a conference will be held at a later date will be satisfactory to the miners.

IN THE HANDS OF A SHERIFF.

An Execution Against a Sheriff That Was Never Built.

Chambersburg, Pa., Aug. 16.—The Path Valley Railroad Company is in the hands of the sheriff, an execution having been issued Monday night against the corporation by attorneys for S. H. Gring, of Newport, Perry county.

The road was chartered in October, 1893, and residents of Path Valley subscribed about \$12,000 toward its building. None of the subscriptions were to be paid until the Franklin county portion of the road had been graded. The road was to be five miles long, and was to be built by the New Germantown, Perry county, to Perry county, in this county. Right of way was secured and some grading done, then the work was abandoned.

A number of subscribers refused to pay the amounts of their subscriptions, and judgment was obtained against them for the amount of their subscriptions. Sheriff Pennington has sent the papers in the case to New Bloomfield to the sheriff of Perry county, who will serve them on David Gring, the president.

FATAL MISTAKES OF A HUNTER.

He Kills a Neighbor, Taking Him for a Groundhog.

Stroudsburg, Pa., Aug. 16.—Gedfrey Transue, living near Shawnee, a well-known farmer, was shot and instantly killed by Hampton Predmore, a neighbor yesterday. Predmore mistook Transue for a groundhog. Transue was lying in a crouched position waiting for a groundhog. Predmore secured a .32-caliber rifle and crept after the animal, mistaking him for a groundhog. Predmore following the usual custom in hunting the animals got within fifteen yards or so of the weeds and awaited a chance to fire. In a moment he fired, and the animal fell. Predmore thinking it was a groundhog fired.

MARINE MONSTERS CAPTURED.

A Huge Turtle and Giant Shark Caught in a Net.

Bayshore, L. I., Aug. 16.—A huge leatherback turtle, supposed to be the mate of a similar one captured off Blue Point in the early part of the season, was towed to the Great South Bay by W. W. Black, who caught the monster in one of his big fishing nets. A whiplash shark, measuring more than thirteen feet in length, kept the turtle company. The shark was also caught in one of the nets on the same haul. The turtle is alive, in healthy condition and measures nine feet across its back from fin to fin.

On the voyage in the shark objected to being towed, and cut up such capers that it was necessary to kill it in order to bring it ashore. Both monsters are now on exhibition in this place.

Blind Workers for Blind Strikers.

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 16.—The necessary work for the committee of the striking broom-makers of the Pennsylvania Working Home for Blind Men has borne results that place a somewhat different aspect upon the situation. The blind men made many friends in the town, among them a well-to-do business man named Kurtz, who has an office at 216 West Main Street. Mr. Kurtz has been manufacturing brooms himself in a modest way, and upon hearing the story of the Philadelphia strikers the idea suggested itself to him of enlarging his plant and