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BERTILLON TESTIFIES

He Produces an Alleged Imitation of the Writing in the Bordereau.

GREETED WITH LAUGHTER

Appearance in Court Decidedly Comical—Others Testify for Dreyfus.

RENNES, August 25—At the opening of the Dreyfus trial this morning the clerk read a medical certificate declaring it impossible for Colonel Du Paty Clam to come to Rennes to testify. M. Labori asked the president of the court, M. Jouaust, to instruct two well known medical men to examine Du Clam. Jouaust refused.

Howland Strong, an English newspaper man, deposed that Major Count Esterhazy confessed to him that he wrote the famous bordereau.

The next witness was M. Gobert, an expert of the Bank of France, who was the first man in France to have declared in favor of Dreyfus. He reported on examining the documents in the case that Esterhazy, not Dreyfus, wrote the bordereau. The witness opened his deposition with a personal statement, protesting against being characterized as a "doubtful expert" by the military party.

"But," he added in tones of profound pity, turning towards Dreyfus, "I have no right to complain and am silent when I see before me the unfortunate man who sits there."

Gobert was emphatic in attributing the bordereau to Esterhazy. Answering the questions of the judges, Gobert declared his conviction that the bordereau was written in a running, natural hand and said there was no tracing or other trickery.

M. Bertillon, the noted anthropometrist, was called next. He entered with an infantry sergeant and four privates staggering under the weight of immense leather satchels bulging with

documents, charts, etc.

Laughter echoed throughout the court. The court room presented a curious scene while Bertillon, whom the Dreyfusards describe as a "dangerous maniac," spent the three remaining hours of the session in explaining in unintelligible terms his "infallible system," proving that Dreyfus is the author of the bordereau. A majority of the public was, however, utterly unable to comprehend Bertillon's theories and left the court room. Meanwhile, Bertillon with gestures and in a shrill, pitched voice, continued a monologue, producing every minute some fresh paper covered with wonderful hieroglyphics, copies of which he presented to the judges who, with an expression of owl like wisdom, carefully examined them.

The clearest utterance Bertillon made during his demonstration was that the handwriting of the bordereau "obeys the geometrical rhythm of which I discovered an equation in the prisoner's blotting paper."

The witness finally announced he would practically demonstrate the writing of the bordereau according to his system. Then he began copying the bordereau. Colonel Jouaust remarked a few lines would suffice. Bertillon then laid before the judges his copy. Judges, counsel, Government Commissary Major Carriere and clerk of the court clustered around in one group eager to see the result. Jouaust shrugged his shoulders.

Then the spectators knew that Bertillon failed to satisfy them. Bertillon said apologetically: "I was too badly placed."

M Demange of counsel for the defense, whispered a few words to Dreyfus, who appeared perfectly satisfied.

Col. Jouaust at 11:45 adjourned court. The newspaper men crowded around Labori, asking him for his impressions. Counsel said there was a certain resemblance to the bordereau, adding: "But that is all. Bertillon only did what dozens could do. It only proves he is a clever forger. That is all."

MORE RIOTING IN PARIS.

NEW YORK, August 25.—A dispatch from Paris to the Evening Post says there was serious rioting today between anti-Dreyfusites and friends of Dreyfus in the Rue Lafayette, St. Denis, in which twelve persons were badly hurt. The police charged upon the rioters and made many arrests.

WAIVED EXAMINATION.

Train Robbers Appear Before a United States Commissioner.

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SANTA FE, N. M., August 25.—Tom Ketchum and Frank McGinnis, the two train robbers, waived an examination before United States Commissioner Victory this morning and are held in \$1,000 bond.

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