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## LABORI IS NO FAVORITE

Lays Bare Weak Points in Evidence Against Dreyfus.  
STRICT CROSS EXAMINATION  
Witnesses Attempt to Sully Dreyfus' Private Character—Trial Will Last Twenty Days.

RENNES, Aug. 23.—The depositions read in the Dreyfus trial today were not productive of any really thrilling incidents. The systematic production of the flimsiest trash, which the prosecution deems profitable and which later accept as evidence, was proceeded with. Much of the ridiculous testimony of the morning was devoted to an attempt to blast Dreyfus' private character, though when Maître Labori and Demange had finished with the witnesses their bubbles of little-tattle were badly pricked. Much of the time was occupied in reading the testimony of Esterhazy and Mms. Pays before the court of cassation, during which many left the court.  
M. Labori distinguished himself in laying bare the weak points of the evidence. He was less fierce, however, than yesterday, though quite aggressive enough to arouse the latent of the judges, which showed itself in various ways. M. Labori is no favorite, either with Major Carrière, government commissary, and the latter makes no serious efforts to conceal his feelings toward the lawyer.  
M. Labori bore little trace of the effects of the outrage upon him. He rose, sat down and moved his body and limbs apparently without much difficulty. Only occasionally he put his hands to his back as though suffering pain.  
During some of the depositions, M. Labori appeared very nervous. He was unable to remain still an instant, twitching his fingers and shaking papers in his hands. Counsel was almost too impatient to wait until the

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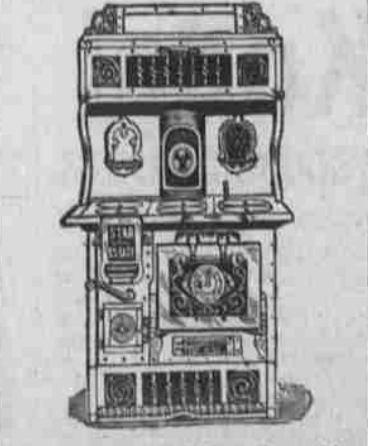
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witnesses concluded their testimony. The only dangerous opponent of Dreyfus today was General Gonz, who mounted the stage with a quick step and apparently light heart, but he left it badly mauled by M. Labori.  
General Gonz began by declaring he came to defend his honor against those "drivelling" against him. But when his cross examination was finished he returned to his seat with his tail between his legs, for M. Labori had driven him into a corner on the attempts of the general staff to shield Esterhazy, and had shown that the general staff for which Gonz was responsible, had engineered Esterhazy's escape from the hands of justice. The confident tones of the general had by then dwindled into a proverbial still, small voice, and his defiant bearing had changed into the abashed air of a schoolboy caught telling a lie.  
The day proved certainly a poor one for the general staff. Two good samples of the men put up to sully Dreyfus' private character were the third and fourth witnesses. The first, Major Duchatelet, repeated an alleged conversation with Dreyfus regarding the lady at whose house Dreyfus is alleged to have gambled and lost money, but when cross-examined Duchatelet's memory failed him entirely, especially when asked the name of the lady and the street she resided in and the sum Dreyfus lost. The next, M. Drubul, showed equally astounding forgetfulness of the important points of his evidence concerning Dreyfus' acquaintance with the foreign attaché, and when M. Demange capped his successful examination of these points by showing that the diabolical record in the law courts is far from clean, the witness left the stand badly discredited.  
A correspondent of the Associated Press talked this afternoon with M. Jaures, the socialist leader, who with Mathieu Dreyfus visited Maître Labori every day after the session, and who is acquainted with the tactics of the defense. M. Jaures said:  
"I am convinced that Dreyfus will be acquitted. He must be acquitted, for no new fact has been brought up against him. The generals, I believe, are going to make their stand on the Bertillon system, which they intend to submit as proving Dreyfus guilty."  
"Intelligent men laugh at it, but it is very ingenious and has merit in the eyes of generals of being incomprehensible to the ordinary man, and thus calculate to impress him, if supported by puppets of the general staff. Bertillon's theory has already been introduced by some of the military witnesses, who declare their confidence in it. The trial, in my belief, will last about another twenty days."

**SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST AN ASSYLUM DOCTOR.**  
Dr. Sponagle Removed From Agnews Insane Asylum at San Francisco For Gross Immorality.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—The state board of lunacy commissioners met today to hear the report of Governor Gage on the result of the investigations of the board into the conditions existing at Agnews asylum for the insane, situated near San Jose, in Santa Clara county. Governor Gage's report is doubtless one of the most startling papers of its kind ever presented to similar board for its consideration.  
It is based principally upon the career of Dr. Sponagle, medical director of the asylum, previous to his installation as such. As a result of the investigation, Dr. Sponagle and two of his assistants, Dr. Sterling and Dr. Crystal, have been summarily removed, the assistants not being charged with anything more grave than incompetency. The investigation of the affairs at Agnews was the result of the birth of a child to one of the patients. Sensational charges were made at the time and an investigation followed.  
Governor Gage included in his report the testimony of reputable people tending to show that Sponagle's career was one of gross immorality and crime.

**DEWEY PREPARING FOR NEW YORK RECEPTION.**  
Officers and Men Making Ready to Take Part in it—Crew to Land at Ville for Drill Purpose.  
NICE, Aug. 23.—Admiral Dewey and officers and men of the Olympia, now at Ville, France, near here, are already anticipating their New York reception and are preparing for their part in it. The admiral has received permission from the authorities to land the Olympia battalion at Ville, France, for drill purpose, during the remainder of the cruisers stay here.  
M. Grenat, prefect of Alpes-Maritimes, visited Admiral Dewey today. The former expressed the pleasure of the French government at the admiral's visit, adding his assurances of personal admiration.  
It is expected that Admiral Dewey will come to Nice tomorrow and return the prefect's and other official calls.

**SHERMAN ARRIVES WITH CALIFORNIA VOLUNTEERS.**  
Will Sail in Through Golden Gate Today—Great Rejoicing Over Their Arrival.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—The United States transport Sherman, bearing the First California regiment of volunteers, was sighted four miles outside the heads a few minutes before six this evening. No one living anywhere within the boundaries of San Francisco was long in ignorance of the arrival of the transport. Steam whistles shrieked, sirens screamed, bells rang and the streets were soon filled with shouting, cheering throngs.  
In expectation that the Sherman would arrive tomorrow, a tug conveying the customs officials had gone out to the Farallone Islands and boarded the incoming transport two hours before she was sighted, by the lookout at Point Reyes. The task of the inspectors was easily accomplished, and then the federal quarantine officer examined the soldiers, giving the Sherman a clean bill of health.  
No obstacle then intervened to prevent the docking of the transport tonight, but as this would mar the plans of the citizens committee, which for the past month has been planning a suitable reception to the returning soldiers, Major General Shafter, commanding the department of the Pacific, ordered that the Sherman remain outside all night. She is now anchored a mile beyond the heads, but will come in at 10 tomorrow morning.  
The Call scored a triumph in the development of wireless telegraphy in connection with the Sherman's arrival. Receiving stations were established at the Cliff House and on the lights, nine miles out, and when the news came "The Sherman is in sight," it was soon followed by the cheering intelligence received the same way, "All well on board. No deaths during the voyage."  
This premature arrival of the Sherman has disarranged the civic plans to a certain extent, but it has been decided that tomorrow there will be an imposing naval pageant as the transport sails in through the Golden Gate.

**FIVE KILLED, TEN WOUNDED.**  
Result of a Fight Between Gendarmes and Unpaid Cuban Soldiers.

**SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Aug. 23.**—Five men are dead and 10 wounded as the result of a fight last night between gendarmes and disappointed Cuban soldiers at Cevitas, three miles from Santiago, where payment of the Cuban troops is progressing.  
Five thousand Cubans had gathered

## OTIS SHUTS OUT CHINESE

American General Applies Exclusion Act in Philippines.  
STATE DEPARTMENT AWED  
No Reserve Force Will Be Held Back—Disgusting Reports From Transvaal.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The state department has been informed through diplomatic channels that General Otis has applied the Chinese exclusion laws to the Philippines. The information was a surprise to the authorities here.  
The matter was brought to the attention of the state department by the Chinese minister, and an inquiry made as to how the action was brought about, as the Chinese government has been solicitous since the American military control was established in the Philippines, and that the United States exclusion law should not be extended over these islands.  
The Chinese officials were advised that any action taken by General Otis in applying the exclusion laws to the Philippines was not the result of instructions sent from here.  
There is little doubt that the Chinese will seek to have General Otis' order held in abeyance until the authorities here pass upon the general question which has been under consideration between the two governments.  
The state department has received an important letter from Mr. Williams, former consul at Manila, who still remains there in a confidential capacity. He says the native Filipinos are strongly opposed to Chinese labor, and in his opinion the exclusion of the Chinese from the islands would materially aid in bringing the war to a close. He places the Chinese population at 52,500.

**GREAT GUNS AT FORT STEVENS.**  
Distinguished Party of Astoria Visitors Take a Run Down to the Mouth of the River.  
It was a jolly and distinguished party that boarded the trim government tug Mendell yesterday morning and sailed forth for an inspection of the jetty and the government fortification works at Fort Stevens. First there was Governor Geer, tall, stately and wearing the characteristic smile and unruffled temper which has endeared him to the hearts of a loyal constituency. Then came United States Senator McBride. At first blush the senator seems cold and unresponsive, but as introduction quickly breaks the seeming frigidity and a flood of good-fellowship follows in the wake of his company. Congressman Moody was also there. Mr. Moody's name is by no means an indication of his temper. He is vivacious and entertaining and tells good stories for the diversion of his hearers. A committee of the chamber of commerce, Mayor Bergman and a number of prominent citizens completed the personnel of the excursionists. The Mendell tossed a bounding spray from her cut-water as she speeded westward towards the mouth of the Columbia.  
The first point of observation was the great jetty which Uncle Sam is constructing to make Astoria a future rival of San Francisco. Fort Stevens was the next object to demand the attention of the sightseers.  
Evidently Commander Patterson had scented the celebrity of the party, for the vessel had no sooner approached her moorings than she was shaken fore and aft by a thunderous discharge of ponderous cannon that quaked the earth and winced the eyes of the startled visitors. After 11 shots had deafened the hearing, Governor Geer explained that it was the customary salute always accorded the state's chief representative. The party then disembarked and were cordially received by the officers of the fort. Captain Holbrook, who has just relinquished command to Lieutenant Patterson, assisted the lieutenant in escorting the gentlemen about the defenses.  
The disappearing gun was an object of special attention and admiration. The gigantic piece of ordnance was loaded with a projectile weighing about 400 pounds and charged with 572 pounds of powder. It was then trained seaward, the lanyard was pulled and in exactly 20 2-5 seconds the steel missile sent skyward a geyser of water over five miles distant from the Fort Stevens shore. This was but one of the many edifying diversions which the hospitable officers provided for their illustrious guests. The return trip was made in time for an excellent luncheon which was served at the Occident.  
Captain Holbrook leaves Fort Stevens this morning for Jefferson barracks, Missouri, where he will henceforth assume the title of major. His promotion attaches him to the 38th United States volunteer infantry and he will accompany that regiment to Manila when equipped and trained for service in the Philippines. His connection with Fort Stevens has popularized him with a large number of Astorians who will regret his departure but glory in his advancement.

**TRANSVAAL TRAIN FIRED ON.**  
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The Minnesota people expect to take the regiment home in a special train, and by landing here several hundred miles will be saved. Both the Northern Pacific and Great Northern have direct lines from Portland to St. Paul, and it is understood both lines have offered a favorable rate.

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JACKSON, Miss. Aug. 23.—Hon. A. H. Longino, of Washington county, was nominated for governor of Mississippi by the democratic state convention today without opposition.

## ROOT HAS NEW PLANS

Determined to Push Campaign in Philippines Vigorously.  
WILL POUR IN TROOPS  
Was Understood Law Should Not Be Extended Over the Islands—Applied to End the War.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Secretary of War Root returned to Washington tonight from his visit to the president at Lake Champlain.  
That the campaign in the Philippines is to be pushed vigorously and promptly is evident from the remarks of the secretary made to reporters. He was determined, he said, that every man belonging to the twenty regiments of volunteers now being recruited, shall eat Christmas dinner in that country. This statement was brought out by reference to the published report that ten of these regiments were to be held in the United States as a reserve force.  
Regarding the report that General Merritt, who had also been at Lake Champlain in conference with the president and his war secretary, is to succeed General Otis in command of the troops in the Philippines, Secretary Root was non-committal. He evaded all questions on this point.

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