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## AIR FILLED WITH RUMORS

Feeling That Something Will Be  
Revealed in Dreyfus Case.

## GENERALS ARE DIVIDED

Various Cliques for Prosecution Dis-  
gruntled and They May Expose  
Bordeau Authorship.

RENNES, Aug. 30.—The air of Rennes this evening is filled with rumors of conspiracies and predictions of a coup de theater, but nothing precise can be ascertained. General Mercier's attitude during the last few days has mystified his followers in the case. He is extremely clever, and the general feeling is that he is preparing something the existence of which will be revealed in a few days.

It is now accepted as beyond question that there is a serious division of opinion on the part of the generals. While the case was running smoothly against Captain Dreyfus, they all pulled together, but since the date of the evidence began to turn in his favor, as was notably the case during the testimony of Captain Freymont and Colonel Cordier, which has proved much more damaging to the general staff than the latter anticipated, certain dividing lines have become manifest between the various cliques. General Rogez, Major Lauth, Captain Cugnet and M. Gribelin, the principal keepers of the archives of the war office, form one coterie; General, Mercier and General Gonz, form another; and General Billot and General De-Bolsedre, a third.

According to one report the first two coteries intended to throw General De-Bolsedre, whom they feel to be faltering and declare that he is responsible for all the errors and illegalities of the court-martial of 1894, thus making him a scapegoat. According to another report General Rogez, who was not implicated in 1894, will cut himself loose from Generals Mercier and Gonz and De-Bolsedre.

This is a plausible hypothesis, since

Rogez has assumed throughout the role of defender of the army, thus making himself popular with the army and with a large section of the country, and he would probably not lose by separating himself from the wrong-doers of 1894 and declaring that his opinion had been changed by the evidence given during the present trial. Yet another story is that the generals are going to give way to the authority of the bordereau in view of the strong expert evidence, and will admit that Esterhazy wrote it, alleging however, that Dreyfus furnished the information, not direct to Esterhazy but to another person who acted as intermediary without Dreyfus knowing Esterhazy. These rumors may be without foundation but in any event are symptomatic of the feeling in Rennes that something is going on under the surface and that the complexion of the trial may be altered by some coup at any moment.

In the matter of evidence today, it was quite a Dreyfus day, only the deposition of the last witness, General de Loya, being unfavorable.

## AN AMERICAN DREYFUS

Captain Carter's Counsel Says His Client Has Not Had a Fair Trial.

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—Frank P. Blair, counsel for Captain O. M. Carter, of the United States engineer corps, in the court martial which convicted that officer of robbing the government and sentenced him to dismissal from the army, to a term of five years in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$10,000, has received a brief prepared for his client by Wayne McVeagh, of Pennsylvania. The brief is addressed to Attorney General Clegg, who is expected to review it and present his opinion of the case to the president.

The brief places the convicted man on a pedestal with Dreyfus. Mr. McVeagh arguing that there is the closest analogy in the cases of the two men. The attorney also devotes a considerable proportion of his 38,000 words to attacking members of the court martial. Mr. McVeagh declares that his client has not asked and will not ask for "mercy," from the president. It is not a pardon which he is demanding but a fair trial and the "orderly and natural reference of the case would be to the attorney general, the appointed law advisor of the president," where it has been taken. Under the circumstances, however, the lawyer comes forward with another proposition—to subject the whole case to the review of a civil court.

## THE CUBAN CENSUS.

Intended as a Preliminary Step to Establish a Permanent Form of Civil Government.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—It is expected that the president's proclamation relating to the taking of the census in Cuba will be made public at Havana very soon. Although it is well known that the taking of the census is intended as a preliminary step to the establishment of a republican form of government in Cuba, it is positively stated at the war department that there is nothing in the census proclamation to conflict the assertion that the United States intends to give immediate independence to Cuba.

The taking of the census will be followed by municipal elections and the inauguration of autonomy in localities where it is practicable. The withdrawal of American troops and the termination of the existing military government is not looked for, at the earliest, for several months yet.

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## CHOSEN ON FIRST BALLOT

Democrats Nominate McLean for  
Governor of Ohio.

## CHAIRMAN MOONEY'S SPEECH

Chicago Platform Endorsed, Trusts  
and Anglo American Alliance Op-  
posed, Imperialism Condemned.

ZANESVILLE, O., Aug. 30.—The democratic state convention closed today after a day of dramatic plays. While there were a half dozen other candidates for governor, the John R. McLean men claimed everything with such confidence that they undertook to be magnanimous in minor parts, although they were at the same time careful that their star candidate was not eclipsed.

They stated early in the day that the first ballot would have none of "the second choice" vote for McLean, that none of the reserves would be called out till the second ballot and that all the candidates would have their respective votes on the first ballot. In this play McLean was nominated on the first ballot by half a vote, and the figuring was so close that the dramatic scene of the changes on the second ballot with the "second choice" reserves flocking to McLean's standard, did not take place.

It is claimed that McLean could have had 475 votes, out of the 902 on the first ballot instead of 402½, and that he would have had over 500 on the second ballot. At any rate the delegates all voted for their local favorites on the first ballot, and thus the program for complimenting them was carried out without the leader drawing from any of his competitors. After the adoption of the majority report on credentials, the McLean men felt that they could make any play of balloting that they desired.

The ticket, as completed, follows: Governor, John R. McLean, Hamilton.

Lieutenant governor, A. W. Patrick, of Tuscarawas.  
Supreme judge, Dewitt C. Badger, of Madison.  
Attorney general, J. W. Dore, of Seneca.  
Auditor, George W. Sigafos, of Drake.  
Treasurer, James L. Gorman, of Lawrence.

Member of the board of public works, Fletcher D. Marlin, of Lake.

## CHAIRMAN MOONEY'S ADDRESS.

Hon. William Moody, temporary chairman, on opening the convention made an address, in part as follows: "There will be today no contest as to the platform declarations which our party will make. There is no difference of opinion. The democratic party of Ohio stands squarely upon every plank of the Chicago platform of 1896. We believed in it then and we believe in it now.

"The people who sent us here do not believe in a double standard of democracy. In 1896 the test was 'Are you loyal to the platform?' and that is the Ohio test today.

"The party in Ohio is too thoroughly honest, too completely convinced, too desperately in earnest to desire to be misunderstood. The reaffirmation of the national platform does not eliminate, and does not fail to both recognize and emphasize that we demand the free and unlimited free coinage of both gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 without waiting for the consent or assistance of any nation on earth.

"We charge that the trusts of the country own this administration and that their title to it was acquired by purchase, and until Mr. Hanna is de-throned, we insist that the trusts will continue, as now, to be in possession of their property so acquired.

"We charge that the republican party, as at present controlled stands for, if it has not already entered into, an Anglo-American alliance. The democratic party has no desire to adopt for the United States, upon any subject of governmental concern, any but an American policy. We have no desire, we perceive no necessity to aid Great Britain in the maintenance of a British policy anywhere, and with full confidence in the strength of our cause and country, we ask no aid from Britain in maintaining an American policy anywhere that it is necessary or desirable to maintain one. We adhere to the Monroe doctrine.

"In condemning the doctrine of imperialism we in no manner abandon our soldiers in the field. But, at the same time, whenever a purse proud, trust

controlled administration dares our flag or forces against a people fighting for the God-given right to rule themselves—whenever the sum total of a peoples' offending is that they desire to be free, it will be the duty of the democratic party to be brave enough to expose the pretence, to tear the mask from the covered face of fraud and greed and avarice and proclaim that the recognition of such a war for such purposes is un-American and must be brought to a close.

"We affirm that the war in the Philippines, as at present conducted, is one of criminal aggression and we find no difference in the situation, the administration occupies than the one occupied by Spain in the Philippines before the surrender. Whatever rights we have were acquired by purchase from Spain; our right is no higher.

"The name of the candidate for the presidency next year appears in the resolutions of every committee of every convention held in the state of Ohio this year. True to the people, devoted to their interests, gifted with wisdom to discern the right and possessed of eloquence and courage to declare and defend it, the exponent of every principle declared to be democratic, the uncompromising foe to all at variance with the peoples best interest, the unquestioned leader of a reunited democratic, his name trembles on your lips, and trust and confidence in his honesty and capacity abide in your hearts: an ideal candidate, stronger in defeat than his opponent in victory, he is demanded by the democracy of Ohio and the democracy of the country as our standard bearer in 1900—William Jennings Bryan."

## EXPECTS WAR TO COME.

A British Resident's Opinion on the Transvaal Situation.

SEATTLE, Aug. 30.—David L. Wilson, who claims to be an agent of the British government and to have important papers for the home office has arrived here en route to London from the Transvaal.

Mr. Wilson says that he has no doubt that there will be a war. "I have been three years in the Transvaal, and know the leaders of the Boer government well. President Kruger does not want war. He is now an old and infirm man. As such he has not the control of the cabinet that he had once. The cabinet is composed of young blood, who want independence and who, I may say, will never give up until they have either attained it or been wiped out of existence by the English forces. This is why I say there will be war.

"The story sent out that General Joubert has found that the reserve shells in the Pretoria forts are ineffective is probably true. A partial knowledge of this fact has been known for some time in British military circles. There will be no trouble in replacing the ammunition however.

"General Joubert, I know personally, is opposed to war. He will lead the Boer forces when war comes. He is a fighter, a man of courage and will simply be a sacrifice to his ambition.

"When the blow is struck it will be a fatal one in the Transvaal. The British have for months been massing troops and are practically ready at this time, if necessity demanded immediate action."

Mr. Wilson takes issue with the suggestion that Hon. Joseph Chamberlain is in any way responsible for the trouble.

## SQUIRE AN EXPANSIONIST.

The Ex-Senator Sees Great Possibilities for Trade Between Pacific Coast and the Orient.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—Ex-Senator Watson S. Squire, of Washington, who is about to leave for Seattle, said tonight:

"I am an expansionist. I would not be happy without it. The gold in Alaska and the other minerals as well as the wealth of lumber have given that country a great impetus and the United States is benefited thereby. I believe that under the wise control and guardianship of the United States the Philippines will expand and grow and flourish wonderfully as will Hawaii and our other possessions. All of this traffic must go through the Pacific coast cities and Seattle is situated in an ideal position to reap a wholesome harvest. I think that the people of that section of the country realize this and much capital is being invested in permanent enterprises that will help the country wonderfully. The people are happy and labor is hard to get at any price. I am going home to participate in the jubilee."

## LAWS FOR PORTO RICO

Insular Commission Submits Re-  
port to Secretary Root.

## AMERICAN SYSTEM PROVIDED

Code Abrogates All Spanish Laws and  
Royal Decrees—Will Be Sub-  
mitted to Congress.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—The insular commission, which has been preparing a code for Porto Rico, has completed its labors and submitted its report to Secretary Root today. This code is drafted with a view of engraving the laws of the United States upon the old Spanish laws in force in the island at the time of the cession. The commission will cease to exist tomorrow.

While the United States maintains control of the island, this code could be regulated by promulgation by the president. It is said, however, that the whole matter will be submitted to congress. The code abrogates all Spanish law and royal decrees and all systems of procedure.

The American court system is provided; the supreme court, the district court, the probate court, justice of peace and police courts in the cities. Also the federal court to have exclusive jurisdiction over all federal questions, and concurrent jurisdiction in civil and criminal matters. The island is divided into seven districts, with complete system of country and town-ship organizations.

No provision is made for elections, the commissioners stating they are abundantly satisfied that the people of Porto Rico are not ready to exercise the election franchise.

## NEW RABBI FOR PORTLAND.

Rev. Dr. Wise of New York Will Pro-  
bably Accept a Call to the Port-  
land Synagogue.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—Rev. Dr. Arthur Stephens Wise, who has been a rabbi of the B'Nai Jesurun synagogue, Madison avenue and 65th street, for the last six years, has received a call to the synagogue at Portland, Oregon. Although he has made no official response, it is probable that he will accept. His call asks that he take charge of the synagogue at Portland on August 1, 1900, for five years at an annual salary of \$5,000.

Dr. Wise last night said: "I cannot state at the present time what my decision will be, as I have not yet had time to speak with my friends. Still I cannot conceive of a more inviting and promising field of religious work for a Jewish minister than that offered in a populous city in the great west. There one can find large Jewish communities without the benefit of religious ministrations. I believe I will find in those western cities abundant opportunities for spreading the cause of Zionism, in the furtherance of which I have sought to labor during the last three years."

## LATIN-AMERICAN ALLIANCE

Mexican Plan to Control the  
Oceanic Canal and Afford  
Mutual Protection.

CITY OF MEXICO, Aug. 30.—An eminent lawyer, belonging to the conservative party, publishes in El Tiempo, an elaborate plan for an alliance of all Latin-American republics in league for mutual protection.

According to this plan the league is to be formed for a period of 25 years and so commence its existence with the first year of the coming century. There shall be a general assembly of delegates from all nations in the league. The supreme assembly shall have control of the combined fleets of the contracting powers and shall also have eminent control over an inter-oceanic canal, which the new confederation shall construct in Central America. The nations in the league shall submit to compulsory arbitration of all international questions. The supreme assembly shall establish concord between church and the members of the confederation.

El Mundo ridicules the scheme as impracticable and opposed to the wishes of the liberal party in the Latin-American countries.

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