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# LABORI SHOT!

## A Startling Episode of The Dreytus Trial.

## Attempted Assassination of the Prisoner's Leading Counsel.

### The Case Pressed Ahead Although Dreyfus Was Deprived of His Chief Advocate.

RENNES, Aug. 14.—Two men ambushed Maitre Labori, counsel for Drayfus, and one shot was fired, hit-

brayins, and one shot was area, miting Labori in the back. M. Labori fell in the roadway. He is still alive.

Maitre Labori left his house alone for the court at about six o'clock this morning. His residence is situated in the suburbs of the town, about a quarter of an hour's walk from the lycee. The route is along a solitary road beside the river. He had reached a point half way on his journey when two men, who had evidently been lying in wait for him, rushed out of a narrow lane, and one of them fired a single shot from a revolver. The murdarers were only a couple of yards behind their victim and the builet struck Labori in the back. The wounded man uttered an agonized cry and fell flat on his face, and the murderers fied through the lane from which they emerged, and both escaped.

Only two or three laborers going to

aine, two men, about medium height, and wearing dark suits and round soft feit hats, emerged from a rural path entering the main road. One of them carried a heavy stick. They approached M. Labori from behind. Suddenly one drew a revolver and fired point blank at Labori. He was so near that it was quite impossible for him to miss. A sharp report was heard and M. Labori threw up his arms and cried:

tion) and fell flat on his face. I and one or two others who saw the deed ran up, but the murderers had vanished down the lane. Help was immediately sent for and the gendarmes quickly arrived, and soon afterwards Madame Labori."

The following builetin has been issued: "Maître Labori was shot from behind, the ball penetrating the posterior region of the thorax, on the right side, at the height of the fifth or sixth dorsal vertebrae. The heavy flow of blood prevents, for the moment, the exploration of the depth of the wound. The undersigned doctors hope that the ball is lodged in the muscles enveloping vertebrae column. They must, however, maintain today full reserve respecting the integrity of the lung and spinal cord."

The builetin was issued by four doctors—Renaud, Rechis, Brissaud and Vidal, and is timed at 8.20 o'clock this morning.

lowed the track until he arrived at the level clossing. A train was just arriving at full speed and the murderer dashed across the line in front of the train and towards the woods in the direction of the village of Charnteple, where he was lost to view.

Col. Plequart and his brother-in-law, M. Gast, who, it appeared from later reports, accompanied M. Labori on his way to the lycee, pursued the murderer for some distance, but as they were both heavy men they were

readway. She threw herself by his side and took his head in her lap and fenned him with a colored paper fan, which she evidently snatched up as she left the house. M. Labori was perfectly still. Not a groan came from his lips and his head rested in the lap of his wife, who, by the way, is an American As she fanned him is an American. As she fanned him with her right hand, she caressed him with her left, gazing lovingly upon his upturned face. He tried to smile back the tears which glistened in his back the tears which glistened in his wife's eyes, and she, mastering her feelings, heroically did everything possible to ease her husband's agony. It is reported that the famous lawyer said as he lay wounded on the ground! "I may die from this, but Dreyfus is soved."

the murderers fied through from which they emerged, escaped.
The shooting of M. Labori took all the life out of this morning's session of the court martial, and but for the synpathy the attempt is certain to synpathy the attempt is certain to excite throughout the country for M. Labori and Dreyfus, the deprivation of M. Labori's invaluable services to the lane peing hidden by Moreover, they were afforded means of escape by passing out the lane, which led to the laborers, let the prisoner would be a severe blow to the latter's prospects. The murderer apparently chose today for the atempt because it was known that M. Labori would crush General Mercier, the former minister of war, with his cross questioning. The news caused

present gave a gasp of horror and surprise, and then every man jumped to his feet and a volley of questions was hurled at M. Jaunsy's head, who crying, "That's all I know," yushed out of the court again, followed by a number of his hearers. The remainder of those present were compelled to remain, as the proceedings were about to commence, and they excitedly discussed the crime and vigorously denounced the author. Colonel Jounust, president of thee ourt, when the news reached him, auspended the sitting of the court martial until 7.15 o'clock, It appears that Madame Labori herself broke the news to the court, and informed M. Jouaust of the crime, having rushed from her hushand's side to the court, crying for a doctor and shouting that her husband had beel shot. When the court martial was re-assembled, General Mercier was confronted with M. Casimir, Perler, the former president of France. The latter declared that Mercier's story, told on the witness stand on Saturday, of the imminence of war between Germany and France was grossly exaggerated, and complained of the action of the then minister of war (Mercier) in moving sixty thousand troops to the frontier without consulting him.

RENNES, Aug. 14.—Gen. Billot's expressions of esteem for Col. Picquart and M. Scheurer-Kesther came as a surprise. He raised his voice only when he explained that he sent the colonel to Tunis, owing to his meddling in matters foreign to his duties, but he insisted in giving Col. Picquart a mission of danger, and at the same time entrusted him with a post of honor.

M. Cavaignar gave his testimony in an oratorical manner, with marked intonation and in the way he might have delivered a speech in the chamber of deputies.

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resist provocations from whatever party they may emanate.

The reiteration by Gen Zurlinden of his firm belief that Dreyfus wrote the Bordereau created lively excitement.

M. Demange suggested that if Col. Fabre had not thought of examining the handwriting of the probationers the Bordereau would then have been eternally buried in the archives of the ministry of war. "And," he remarked, "if this is the case, it must be plain that there was nothing in the Bordereau which indicated Dreyfus."

Gen. Zurlinden in a troubled voice acknowledged this fact. In reply to further questions Gen. Zurlinden said that in order to know the whole truth in regard to the Bordereau they must have the four notes therin mentioned. They must be secured.

At this point Dreyfus interjected: "I associate myself with those words, my colonel. I also desire the truth. I only ask for the truth."

These statements caused excitement in court.

Gen. Chanoine next testified. He briefly affirmed his better in the culpability of the prisoner.

M. Hanotaux, former minister of foreign affairs, followed and in the witness box. M. Hanotaux declared he had nothing to add to his evidence given before the court of cassation.

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denied the allegation that he had told
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M. Monod that he believed Dreyfus was guilty.

M. Demange inquired whether M. Hanotaux was aware of the uncertainties connected with the translation of the telegram dated Nov. 2, 1895.

The former foreign minister replied that uncertainty was the rule in such cases. He was only aware of the one drawn up in the foreign office which alone was communicated to the war minister. The representatives of the government having excused M. Casimir-Perlet, Gen. Mercier and M. Hanotaux from further attendance unless re-summoned, the court adjourned until Wednesday

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RENNES, France, Aug. 14.—The attempt made upon the life of M. Labori was evidently the result of a plot. A letter was sent to the commissary of police this morning, warning him that it was intended to make an attempt upon the life of General Mercier. Consequently the police and detectives surrounded the general and left the other principals in the drama unprotected.

sion on his hearers.

During the adjournment of the court, in consequence of the announcement of the attempt on the life of M. Labori, the audience engaged in violent altercations over the incident.

M. Mercier, editor of the Gaulois, expressed the opinion that all the newspapers ought to regard themselves as responsible for the outrage, whereupon Mme. Sevrine 'oudly protested, saying: "No, 'tis you who ought to be held responsible for what has happened."

The clamor finally become so violent that gendarmes were forced to separate the combatants and take away the sticks of all those present, but calm was finally restored.

M. Jaures, the socialist leader, who was in court at the time, remarked

the some talk of M. Albert Clemthe two brothcoming as a substitute for Labori,
question, however, with he defidecided tomorrow.

Clemenceau was one of Zola's
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### OTTAWA.

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67th battalion Carleton infantry—Major A. D. Hartley is granted brevet rank of lieutenant colonel.

73rd Northumberland battalion of infantry—Paymaster and Honorary Major L. J. Tweedle resigns commission and is permitted to retain honorary rank of major.

which, as a follower of Sir George E. Cartler, he warmly supported. He sat in the sommons for Laval until 1873, when he was called to the senate. In politics Senator Bellerose was a conservative.

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PRETORIAL Aug. 14.— The Volker rand has amended the Grondwet (constitution of the South African Republic), cospelling persons who are not in the Mospital last night.

Rev. Prof. Rose of Montreal Presbyterian church tonight, spoke of the West Huron election scandals as a blot upon the actional tife, impliced and the suppression of mandlum.

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### HALIFAX.

The woman's Baptist missionary convention will be held at St. Martins, N. B., on 16th and 17th of this month. A number of missionaries will be present, also Miss Eva D. Frazer, a lady form Inlia. All these will deliver addresses, Delegates from St. John will need to leave on the 5 p. m. train. The St. Martins train will not leave Hampton until the other train arrives.

### PARLIAMENT.

gation had tailed. He gation of Dr. Rnnis, wh paign on behalf or his son, who defeated Ennis and is now the sitting member. It is charged that Lemieux neglected his duties and devoted himself solely to campaign for his son. What is more serious is the declaration that Inspector Lemieux acted at a poll in Gaspe as the representative of Lemieux, and that he took the oath and acted at the poll under the assumed name of Lanurand. His son, the candidate, is charged with having furthered the fraud by addressing the scrutiner by this bogus name. The records of the clerk of the crown con-

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Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:
Gentlemen of the House of Commons:
Relieving you of your duties during this protracted session, I desire to thank you for the Maily important measures which have been submitted for your consideration. I am glad to observe that the action of Canada in deciding to unite with the mother country and the Australian colonies in the construction of a Pacific cable has met with general result. I congratulate you on the evidence of continued prosperity that prevails in all parts of the dominion and which has stimulated the formation of so many companies having for their object the development of enterprises that must tend to increase the wealth of the country.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons—I thank you in her majesty's name for the supplies you have granted for the public service.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons: In bidding you farewell I desire to express the hope that Canada may long continue to enjoy the prosperity that at present prevails.

CLERGYMAN IN TROUBLE.

Rev. W. W. Brewer of Marysville Accused of Conduct Unbecoming a Methodist.

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