

gave his judgment against the prisoner on the ground that his writing was so dissimilar to that of the bordereau that the hand must have been disguised. . . Monsieur Lazare secured a fac-simile of the famous bordereau and submitted it to twelve of the most eminent experts in writing in the world, and they all declared that the writing was not, some said could not possibly be, that of Dreyfus. The conclusion is irresistible that Captain Dreyfus was convicted upon flagrantly insufficient evidence. This fact even the Anti-Semites do not attempt to deny. The world to-day beholds a sight that should make every justice-loving man burn with indignation: in Republican France, at the end of the 19th century, a citizen torn away from his family, immured in an island bastille, without any real trial, without any real evidence having been produced. We ask the question, why?—there is no other answer than "He is a Jew."

But the tragic Anti-Semitic farce has not yet all been played. On January 13th, 1898, there appeared in the "Aurore" a letter from Emile Zola to the President of the Republic, which concluded thus: "I accuse the first court-martial of violating the law of a free country by condemning a prisoner on the evidence of a document which was kept secret. I accuse the second court-martial (this was said with regard to Esterhazy's trial,) of screening this illegality by their order and committing in their turn a judicial offence, by knowingly acquitting a guilty man." The prosecution of Zola was ordered immediately.

The facts of the case are still fresh in every mind. We all remember how the jurymen were bullied by the press, how their names, addresses and professions were published in the daily papers; how they were warned over and over again that, unless they condemned the prisoner, they were ruined men; how Drumont and his friends threatened publicly, that if the Jew-defending Frenchman was acquitted, they would take law into their own hands and mete it out to Zola and all the Jews in Paris; how the prisoner was not allowed to defend himself, and how nearly all his witnesses fell sick