

SHOT BY AN ASSASSIN

An Attempt to Kill Labori Dreyfus Counsel

RENNES, Aug. 14.—Two men ambushed Maitre Labourie, counsel for Dreyfus, and one shot was fired, hitting Labourie in the back. M. Labourie fell in the roadway. He is still alive.

Only two or three laborers going to work saw the crime committed. The spot was well chosen as the murderers could not be seen by M. Labourie until they rushed out upon their victim, the entrance to the lane being hidden by bushes. Moreover they were afforded an easy means of escape by passing back through the lane which led to the country.

One of the laborers named Patoux, who witnessed the shooting said:

"As I was passing along the road I saw a tall man walking quickly in the direction of Rennes. He was on the path of the Vilaine. He was attired in a dark suit and wore a Bowler hat. It was M. Labourie. Just as he reached the bridge crossing a stream falling into the Vilaine, two men about medium height and wearing dark suits and round soft hats emerged from a rural path entering the main road. One of them carried a heavy stick. They approached M. Labourie, from behind. Suddenly one drew a revolver and fired point blank at Labourie. He was so near that it was quite impossible for him to miss.

A sharp report was heard and M. Labourie threw up his arms and cried "Ho La La," (which is a common French exclamation) and fell flat upon 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 afterward Mme. Labourie."

Labourie on falling retained presence of mind enough to arrange his dark, morocco wallet, in which he carried his papers, under his head for a pillow until help arrived when he half raised himself and dropped his head in his wife's lap.

A number of laborers, who were unloading a barge of stones beside the river, heard the shouts of "Murder," "stop him," raised by the pursuers, and one of them placed himself in the way of the murderer, who, covering him with a revolver, shouted: "Let me pass I have shot Dreyfus."

The man was so taken back that he drew aside and allowed the assassin to proceed.

After shooting the lawyer, the murderer ran across the fields until he reached the railroad. He crossed the embankment and followed the track until he arrived at the level crossing. 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 Chantepie, where he was lost to view.

Col. Picquart and his brother-in-law, M. Gast, who, it appears, from later reports accompanied M. Labourie on his way to the Lycee, pursued the murderer for some distance, but as they were both heavy men they were unable to continue the pursuit and so returned to the side of the wounded man, leaving the chase of the murderer to a number of laborers and peasants, who declare they heard the murderer say when crossing the marshy fields before he reached the railroad: "If I can get away I will go for them."

Mme. Labourie, wife of the wounded lawyer and who is an American, was promptly notified of the crime and rushed to her husband's side. She found him with his head on the sidewalk and his body in the roadway. She threw herself by his side and took his head in her lap and fanned him with a colored paper fan which she had evidently snatched up as she left the house.

M. Labourie was perfectly still. Not a groan came from his lips as his head rested in the lap of his wife. As she fanned him and tried to comfort him he endeavored to smile back the tears which glistened in his wife's eyes.

It is reported that the famous lawyer said as he lay wounded on the ground, "I may die from this, but Dreyfus is saved."

Further details regarding the shooting of M. Labourie show that the sky was overcast when he left his house accompanied by Col. Picquart and the latter's brother-in-law, M. Gast. M. Labourie was laughing and chatting with his companions. The party was passing the Quai Richond and was about to cross the Chateaubriand bridge when a man hidden behind a wooden fence, at a corner of the Quai, stepped up and fired at M. Labourie.

The wounded man fell to the ground and tried to rise. He put his hand to the wound in his back and it became covered with blood. As he lay there with his clothes covered with the dust in which he had fallen,

he said in a faint voice. "I beg you to give me my stick and my papers."

"Go and tell them," he added with a final effort, "to suspend the proceedings." The shot had been heard 200 yards away from the Avenue de la Gare, where a crowd had gathered as usual to witness the arrival of the principal personages connected with the court martial. These spectators ran in the direction of the spot where the shooting had occurred, followed by the gendarmes on horse back.

The shot was also heard at the St Georges barracks across the river, where it was soon known that M. Labourie had been attacked.

The wounded man had in the meantime asked to have a carriage called to convey him to his residence and to have Dr Reyclus summoned. The spectators were all deeply affected, some, indeed, crying like children.

The scene of the pathetic picture was a dusty high road, the new Vilaine on one side and on the other, scattered houses.

The road that M. Labourie had followed, way back from the scene of the tragedy, was lined with a row of trees, under which he had walked.

A cordon of mounted gendarmes was drawn up as quickly as possible, about 15 yards apart and in the space within which were the groups already described.

An ambulance arrived with four attendants of the military hospital, bearing an ordinary stretcher. On this, M. Labourie was tenderly laid and the stretcher was borne by friends of M. Labourie and some newspaper men, with Mme. Labourie walking beside it.

The only cry that M. Labourie gave after his first groan was when he was lifted to the stretcher, when the pain caused by the movement drew from him a moan.

The party proceeded slowly to M. Labourie's temporary residence where he had rented a furnished house for use during the court martial. It is situated in a somewhat deserted neighborhood, the site on which it is located leading into the main road running to Rennes.

DESCRIPTION OF ASSAILANT

Accounts of the shooting related by eye witnesses differ considerably especially respecting the appearance of the would-be murderer of whom the following is the official description:

"Twenty-five to thirty years; flat, peaked hat; dress like a workingman in a blue blouse."

A force of gendarmes, headed by M. Hennion, sub chief of the French police, is scouring the country in search of M. Labourie's assailant and a company of infantry has been despatched to surround and search the wood wherein the man is supposed to be hiding.

An incredible size of the outrage is the fact, it is asserted, that several passersby saw M. Labourie shot and passed on indifferently, neither offering to help the victim nor joining in the pursuit of the assassin.

Still more incredible is the fact that an individual who went to the side of M. Labourie as he lay wounded on the ground, is said to have searched the pockets of the suffering man on the pretext of ascertaining his identity and stole their contents.

The assailant fled after the shooting, holding his revolver in his hands with his finger on the trigger and threatening several men who showed a disposition to block his way.

At 10.45 o'clock this morning one of the doctors at M. Labourie's house, said that M. Labourie was bearing the agony he was suffering with marvelous fortitude and added: "He has been put to bed and is being watched by his wife. He has spoken but not of himself, always about the trial. We have strong hopes that he will pull through and have sent a telegram to his family. It will be a few hours, however before we can speak with certainty of his condition. We have to thank the military surgeons for almost the first attention given to the sufferer. He came on hearing the news, without hesitation. But a deplorable length of time elapsed before the ambulance arrived. M. Labourie lay on the ground half an hour with the sky menacing a storm which came within a few minutes after he reached home."

Further particulars show that M. Labourie and his wife left their house together. Just before the outrage she turned back, having forgotten her card of admission to the court. While she was gone M. Labourie met Col. Picquart and M. Gast immediately afterwards he was shot, and Col. Picquart and M. Gast were pursuing the murderer. M. Labourie told his wife in words already cabled, "Go to court and ask them to suspend the sitting."

Mme. Labourie ran to the court, gave the news that her husband had been shot and ran back, arriving where M. Labourie was

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NEWS OF THE HOTELS.

Capt. George Livingston is building a large hotel at Big Leas Dor C. B.

No town in Nova Scotia wants a good hotel more so than North Sydney C. B.

The Seaside hotel at Mulgrave, N. S. has been well filled with tourists for the last month.

The Queen and Windsor Hall Hotels at Fredericton have been doing a rushing business lately.

As can be seen by the St. John daily papers the Victoria and Dufferin hotels capture a large proportion of the tourist travel.

A new hotel will be built at Sydney C. B. which will have accommodation for 300 guests. The site will be in the vicinity of Muggalis Creek.

Mr. Doughty late of the American hotel Truro took charge last Thursday of the Dufferin hotel Oxford. It is to be hoped he will run a good house.

The best one dollar a day hotel in New Brunswick is the Waverly Hotel, Fredericton. It puts to shame most of the \$1.50 aday houses in the Province.

The Queen and New Victoria hotels, a Halifax are doing a rushing business, both houses being taxed to their utmost capacities to accommodate their guests.

J. D. Cameron of the Camerou House, Mabou, returned home this week by the St. S. La Grande Duchesse, after a very pleasant two weeks vacation spent in Boston.

The Bay shore hotel at River Charles N. S. is considered by commercial men one of the most comfortable houses to stop at the North shore of New Brunswick.

Wm. Cameron, of the Cameron House Mabou C. B. returned Friday morning from a trip to Boston. He came by the Plant Line to Hawkesbury, and says he had an elegant time.

The Windsor Hotel, St. Stephen is getting more popular among commercial men every day. It would be very difficult to find a better conducted house in the Provinces.

Advertising pays so says Manager Ride out of the Commercial Hotel, Hartland, N. B. A good house well looked after, and advertised in the "Railway News" is sure of being well patronized.

All the good hotels in Cape Breton have been taxed to their utmost capacity to accommodate the tourist travel this season and were the accommodation doubled they could easily have been filled.

The Wilmot House Canso, gets a large share of the commercial and tourists travel. The house has been full up for the last three weeks. This house has the reputation of making all its guests comfortable.

The Grand Narrow's hotel if it had been three times its size, could easily have been filled with tourists this month. This house is one of the best on the Island of Cape Breton, and every guest is a walking advertisement of this statement.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leferts of New York have been guests of the Bay View hotel Whycoomagh C. B. for the last four weeks. The Bay View is one of the most popular resorts for tourists in Cape Breton, and Tom Mitchell its proprietor one of the best stewards in the provinces.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm S Perry, Miss Elizabeth and Albert C. Perry A. H. Perry of Worcester Mass, and Mrs. and Mrs. R. D. Perry of Portland Me, have been guests of the Telegraph House Baddeck for the last four weeks. The Telegraph House had more tourist stopping there in July than in any previous year of its history.

Mrs Anson Mills and Miss Mills wife and daughter of General Mills Washington D. C. Judge Dodd and Mrs Dodd, Mr and Mrs Dodd, Mr and Mrs Blowers Archibald of Sydney and Mr and Mrs W. H. Archibald of North Sydney were guests of the Bra's d'or House Baddeck. This popular hotel has been filled with tourists for weeks past.

The Glendale hotel at Keswick every fine day has been crowded with visitors from Fredericton and vicinity. On Sunday scores drive out to this deservedly popular resort, where they are always served with meals which would be a credit to the best city hotel in the province, and at charges which are considered moderate in the extreme.

J. D. McIsaac is running the old Smith hotel at Port Hood C. B. If at all well managed he should make a success of it.

Many improvements have been made to the house and Mr. McIsaac says he intends to do all in his power to accommodate the Commercial travellers who might patronize him.

Tom Mitchell's Hotel at Whycoomagh C. B. has had a number of distinguished American tourist stopping there for some weeks past. This lovely situated house is always well patronized.

C. P. R. DINING CARS.—As the "A La Carte" luncheon which has proved so popular with the transcontinental travel on the "Imperial Limited" from Montreal to the coast has not met with the approbation of the travelling public in this section, the Canadian Pacific is again giving the travelling public further evidence of their willingness to meet the requirements of travellers on every section of their vast system and on after August 21st will serve on the dining cars between Truro and Mattawamkeag the usual American plan luncheons at 75 cents each which we are sure will be generally appreciated especially by the local travel in the maritime provinces.

WRECKED AT PORTO RICO.—It is now learned that the schr Brudenell owned in Prince Edward Island is among the vessels wrecked at Arroyo Porto Rico, by the recent tornado. She was loading molasses there for Halifax and was driven ashore and was pounded to pieces on the rocks: The Brudenell has been in St John several times and was well known here. Her crew were all saved.

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