

SHOT BY AN ASSASSIN.

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lying with the perspiration pouring from her face. She sat down on the ground beside her husband and took his head in her lap.

During the interval while Col. Picquart and M. Cast were pursuing the murderer and before Madame Labourie arrived M. Labourie thinking himself mortally wounded, said to a bystander: "If I die, tell my wife my last thoughts were for her."

At 4.15 p. m. Mme Labourie was still watching by the bedside of her husband. The patient's condition, it was said, had grown worse, his agony had increased and a fever set in. Doctors in attendance were very anxious in regard to M. Labourie's condition and feared that even if he should recover his left leg would be paralyzed as he had been unable to move it since he was laid on the bed. He was conscious and talked to his wife freely, but all his remarks were about the court-martial.

Mme. Labourie was bearing up wonderfully and doing all she could to cheer her husband.

It appears that M. Labourie received two letters, threatening that he would be shot, but he treated them as he had treated others of a similar nature, which he had received frequently for months past, with contempt.

PARIS, Aug. 15.—A despatch from Le Mans, 130 miles southwest of this city, says a commissioner of police has arrested at the railroad station a man named Guerin, a marine engineer, who was on his way from Rennes to Havre. His appearance corresponds with the description of the man who attempted to assassinate M. Labori.

This afternoon a fresh warrant was issued for the arrest of M. Guerin. According to a French statute his efforts to evade arrest for a political crime are punishable with penal servitude.

A strong police force now guards the office of the Anti Semite league, where a crowd numbering thousands completely blocks the traffic. Windows in the vicinity are filled with people anticipating the storming of the building. Shopkeepers nearly have closed their shutters.

While a general officer in uniform was riding along the street the crowd pressed up around his carriage crying "Vive L'armee" and "mort Juifs."

LONDON, Aug. 15.—The correspondent of the Times at Rennes, who comments upon the "prodigious drama being enacted here" and the "loss to the Dreyfus cause through the disablement of Labori" says:

"There is a terribly suggestive timeliness in the crime. If the fates have been combining against Dreyfus, they could not have armed a more efficient agent of their designs than the unknown man who shot Labori just as he was about to riddle with shot and shatter with his invective, irony and scorn, the last arguments of the public accuser, Mercier."

"It was a master stroke. The one indispensable man was thrown hors du combat just at that moment when most was expected of him. I do not exaggerate the general impression when I affirm that with Labori absent, the bottom seems to have dropped out of the defence. The examination of Mercier by Maitre Demange was one of the weakest exhibitions of forensic ingenuity and presence of mind which it is possible to conceive. Mercier, Billot and Cavaignac, with the others held the floor just as their predecessors in the trial of 1894, while the prisoner was left almost without defence."

"Doubtless Maitre Demange is a great lawyer and he may well have been upset by the terrible events, but his formal and antiquated method stood him in sad stead today, and it was today that was most dreaded by the adversaries of Dreyfus."

Then to cap all, Mercier called upon Mme Labori to offer his sympathy. It must be that M. Labori had but just recovered from the typhoid fever; and his ardent, nervous organization overstrung by the tension of his trial, in a bad condition for combatting a fresh shock. The worst news would surprise no one. For reasons which I am bound not to give the event is a national calamity.

PARIS, Aug. 14.—Any one visiting 51 Rue de Chabrol yesterday afternoon would have seen a curious sight. Within fifty yards of the house on either side two lines of blue coated, white trousered policemen prevented the passersby from approaching the two storied building bearing a flaming sign board:—

"Grand Accident de France—Rite Anti Semite."

This is the headquarters of the Anti-Semitic League. Heavy iron shutters

cover the windows, and the massive door is kept closed. Within are M. Jules Guerin president of the league, for whose arrest a warrant is out; the notorious anti-Jewish former Mayor of Algiers, Max Regis, and forty of Guerin's most faithful followers. The "terrasses" of the cafes across the street are filled with types of men who are always "en evidence" when street troubles are in the wind, shouting "Vive Guerin!" "Vive l'Armee!" and "Down with the Jews!"

Inside the house resembles an arsenal. Rifles, carbines, revolvers and cartridge belts hang round the walls and are stacked in gun racks. On the gallery round the roof ten men with carbines on their shoulders mount guard. At the large gate below a vigilant watchman is on duty. If any one rings, the slide of a grated "Judas" is pushed aside and the visitor's name and business are asked in curt terms.

Inside, Jules Guerin, six feet tall, broad chested and black bearded, commands the garrison.

"The house is impregnable," he declared to an interviewer. "The walls are sixty centimetres thick and the windows and doors sheeted with iron. We have rifles, cartridges. Whoever tries to lay a hand on us will be a dead man. We shall never surrender. We would rather blow up the house. They can cut off our water and gas we don't care. We have 10,000 cubic metres of water in the reservoir, 2,000 bottles of mineral water in the cellar and a large quantity of petroleum."

"We do not fear starvation. We are provisioned for two months. As to taking the house by storm, let them come and try it."

JULES GUERIN THE MAN TO CARRY OUT HIS THREATS OF RESISTANCE.

M. Guerin and his garrison are, however, becoming distrustful, and are probably afraid that the police may rush their citadel for when a reporter called last night, about ten o'clock, the Cerberus behind the wicket declined to open the door at that late hour and suggested a visit by daylight.

The authorities, however, it would appear have no intention of making M. Guerin bring his garrison in action, and will not attempt to take the anti Jewish fortress by storm. They are convinced that in spite of M. Guerin's confidence in the powers of resistance of his stronghold they could capture it in ten minutes if it were once really decided to take it by assault. An attack might lead to bloodshed, and they prefer to wait till M. Jules Guerin and his followers become tired of their voluntary prison.

The police have also failed to lay hands on M. Georges Thiebaud. On Tuesday that

gentleman was, undoubtedly, in his house when the police arrived, for when "Open in the name of the law" was pronounced he called through the door that he was about to put his clothes on, the early visit—half past three in the morning—having surprised him in bed.

The officers waited ten, twenty, thirty minutes in vain. They then decided to force the door, but when they effected an entrance the bird had flown.

How M. Thiebaud escaped is still a mystery. The exit from his house was guarded and two police officers were on the back staircase. The only possible way that he can have got away is by the roof.

He probably went out by one of the windows on the upper floor, crossed over to the next house and got clear away. This was the more easy as the chimneys were being swept and the traps on the roof were open.

M. Jules Guerin, judging by his previous career, is quite capable of carrying out his boast of strenuous armed resistance. He is quite a Parisian character.

Some few months ago he was up before the courts on a charge of having organized a brutal attack upon a Dreyfusite journalist, and he then acknowledged that he represented the "strong arm" of the anti Semitic movement. He has generally been at the head of all the anti Semitic street demonstrations of recent years.

Demonstrations occurred this evening outside the offices of the Anti Semitic League.

Fifty anti Semites took up a position in a restaurant opposite and M. Guerin harangued them from a window. Finally the police closed the thoroughfare to prevent the demonstration becoming serious.

In the course of the evening M. Godetroy, president of the committee of the Jeunesse Royaliste, was arrested, and a despatch from Saint Lo, capital of the department of the Manche, announces the arrest also of M. Le Manuet, secretary of the League of Patriots.

It appears that the report of the arrest of M. Marcel Habert, member of the Chamber of Deputies for Rambouillet, and M. Deroulle's fidus Achates, was incorrect. He is still at large.

Out of thirty seven warrants issued, some twenty five have been executed.

Those already arrested include the Comte de Sabran Ponteves, Comte de Chevilly, M. de Monicourt, secretary of the Jeunesse Royaliste, and M. de Frehencourt, vice president of the Oeillet Blanc, another royalist organization.

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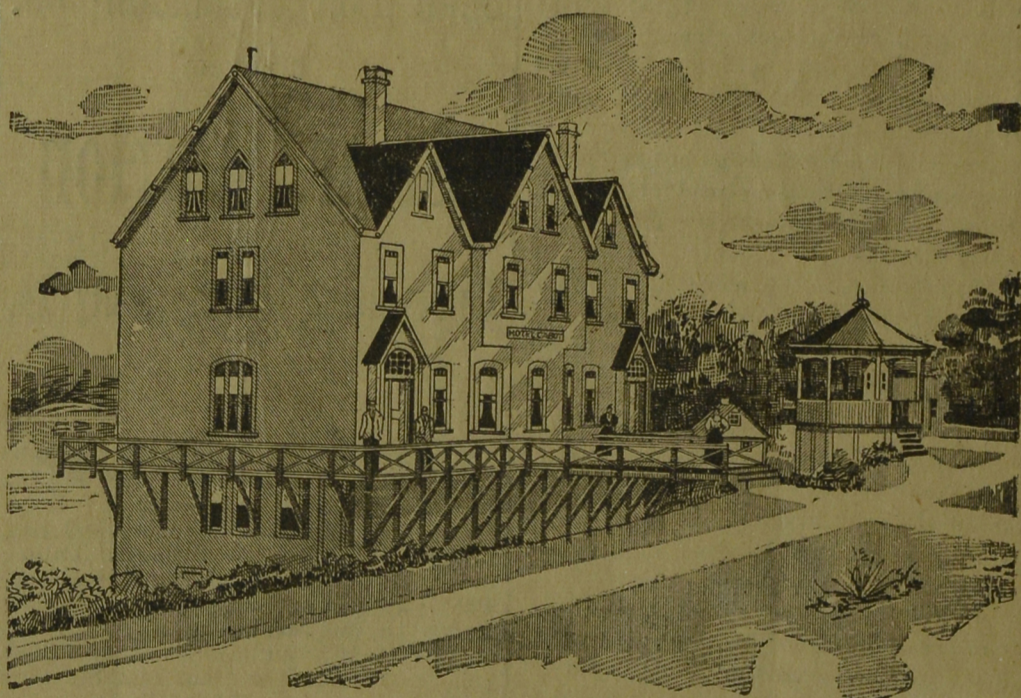
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