

and dangerous to persuade them.
The populace insisted that Schmit
should first go away and then they
would go away and surrender
everything to the General. Of course
this was ridiculous. They were told
that the General would disperse
them at the point of the bayonet; they
said let them all kill us, and
put us to death at once. Thrice
they attempted to force the house
of the Governor and drag out
Schmit and accompany him to
Kermenchy. When Sunday morning
they heard that he ~~he~~ had passed
the night at Merkovitches and
was still there the people rushed
to force the house but were repulsed
by the soldiers whom they stoned.
Thanks to the wisdom of some who
surrounded Stolipine, on Sunday when
he attempted to bring Schmit to