

## A Requiem Mass

Over the Remains of the Late Sir John Thompson.

The Body to Remain in London Until Dec. 13.

When It Will Be Shipped to Canada—The Religious Ceremony—National Subscription for Lady Thompson.

Sir John has three daughters now in Paris at a convent school. The eldest left Tuesday. Lady Thompson has telegraphed that she wished them to remain there for the present.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S MESSAGE TO LORD ABERDEEN.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The following is the text of the Queen's message to Lord Aberdeen, through Sir Charles Tupper: "The Queen has personally commanded me to express to your Excellency her deep sympathy with the people of Canada in the sad blow which the country has sustained by the sudden and untimely death of the Premier."

SIR CHARLES TUPPER'S STATEMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Sir Charles Tupper yesterday gave the Associated Press reporter the following particulars of the Premier's death: "I learn that during the swearing in of Sir John Thompson as a member of the Privy Council, several persons remarked that he looked fatigued."

"However, the ceremony passed off all right, and Sir John adjourned with the others to the octagon room for lunch. About fifteen members of the Queen's household, and the Ministers who came for the ceremony were present. There was no member of the royal family present. Sir John sat between Miss Harbord, the lady-in-waiting, and Lord Pelham-Clinton, the master of the Queen's household. When Sir John awoke, Lord Pelham-Clinton and Lord Breadalbane removed him to the adjoining room, administered brandy and summoned Dr. Reid."

"When Sir John recovered he told Dr. Reid he had only a slight heart attack, returned to luncheon, and was apparently enjoying a quiet, when Dr. Reid happened to look in his direction and saw the Premier fall against Miss Harbord. "Dr. Reid instantly caught Sir John in his arms and laid him on the floor. When it was found that his life was extinct there was the greatest consternation. The ladies withdrew at the doctor's request, and the body of Sir John lay on the carpet surrounded by Dr. Reid, Lord Breadalbane and the officers of the household."

"The superintendent of police was summoned and the body was then removed to an adjoining apartment, the red dining-room. The police took possession of Sir John's papers, money, etc. They found a crucifix, a rosary and a portrait of the Saviour on the person of the deceased."

"The remains were then carried to a smaller room in the Clarence tower, which is situated at the bottom of the Queen's staircase."

IN LONDON.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Sir John Thompson's body arrived in London this afternoon from Windsor amid every sign of sorrow and respect. It is now being embalmed, and will be placed in the Lady Chapel of Westminister Abbey, where a requiem mass will be held.

SENDING THE REMAINS TO CANADA.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—It is learned that instructions have been received from Ottawa to have the dead body of the Premier shipped by the Cunarder Lucania on Saturday next for New York. The body will be in charge of a Canadian official.

AN UNHEALTHY PLACE.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily News says that Englishmen and Canadians in Paris regret the death of Sir John. The dispatch says: "His ill-health dated from the sitting of the Baring Sea Court. The weather was extremely hot and trying, and the room was not ventilated. It was either a case of Boreas or was filled with exhausted air. Moreover, the endless feasting could not be refused. Sir John and his wife, although grateful for the attention, were glad to get away."

THE LORD CHANCELLOR'S TRIBUTE.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Lord Herschell, the Lord Chancellor, presided at a meeting of the judicial committee of the Privy Council today. He spoke at length of Sir John's sudden death and the painful shock that it had given to his many friends in Great Britain and the colonies. "It is an especially heavy loss," he said, "to the country which he served so faithfully, intelligently and successfully. I desire, on behalf of myself and my colleagues, to express deep sympathy with the Government and people of Canada. We associate ourselves with them in their sorrow. Mr. Edward Blake, M.P., thanked the Lord Chancellor for his tribute of respect which, he said, Canadians would receive with gratitude."

A REQUIEM MASS.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—A requiem mass was celebrated over the body of Sir John Thompson in Lady Chapel in Spanish Place this morning. The service lasted 45 minutes. At the conclusion of the mass the mourners and friends passed around the coffin and looked upon the face of the dead Premier. The coffin is of mahogany, upon which is a heavy brass plate with the inscription: "The Right Hon. Sir John S. D. Thompson, P.C., K.C.T.M.G., M.P., Q.C., died at Windsor Castle, Dec. 12, 1894, aged 50 years. Requiescat in pace."

The coffin was removed this afternoon to the private mortuary of Messrs. Garsell & Sons, in Welbeck street, where it will remain until Dec. 18, when it will be taken to Liverpool and placed on board the steamer Majestic.

PLACED IN THE HANDS OF THE FEATURES.

of the dead statesman were taken early this morning. One of them was ordered by the Canadian Government and the other by the family of the deceased. Nothing is officially known as yet in regard to the suggestion of conveying the body to Halifax on board a warship, but it is understood the Government is willing that it should be done.

Among those present at the requiem mass were the Marquis of Ripon and Lord Hawkesbury, on behalf of the Queen; Baron De Courcel, Lady Russell, Mr. Cecil Rhodes, Dr. Jameson, the permanent officials of the colonial office, Sir George Osborne Morgan, M.P., the colonial agents of Queensland and Natal, and a number of other officials.

Miss Thompson, accompanied by Senator

and Mrs. Sanford, occupied a seat in front of the altar and facing the coffin. The service, anti-phonetic chanting, was very impressive. The wreath placed upon the coffin by the Queen was of bay and laurel leaves with white streamers. A wreath and cross composed of white flowers from Lady Tupper, and a wreath from the dead man's daughter, were placed upon the coffin after the body was brought into the church.

FUNERAL SPLENDORS.

When the body of Sir John Thompson reached the church the coffin was covered with a pall of rich velvet, with a golden cross. Upon the pall were inscribed in Latin the words, "I am the Resurrection and the Life." Acolytes carrying lighted tapers and a large cross preceded the coffin up the aisle. The coffin was placed upon a catafalque erected in line with the altar, and standing upon a purple and gold carpet. Six huge candelabra were placed on each side of the coffin. While the body remains in the mortuary in Welbeck street it will be surrounded with tapers, which will be kept burning without intermission.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE FAMILY.

OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—At a Cabinet meeting yesterday afternoon, the condition of Lady Thompson and her family was considered, and it was decided that the circumstances were such as to justify the colleagues of the late Sir John Thompson in asking for a national subscription to erect a fund for the support of Lady Thompson and her family.

THE BODY EMBALMED.

The body of Sir John Thompson was embalmed last evening by the French specialist, Charles Boyle. It was afterwards placed in a deal shell inclosed in a leaden coffin faced with plate glass. In order that the features may be visible upon the arrival of the body in Canada without disturbing the body or opening the coffin, the lid of the mahogany coffin which inclosed the whole is made removable. It has been decided that the body shall be conveyed to Canada on board a man-of-war.

A WARNING TO BRING THE BODY.

The admiral have sent a cable dispatch to the admiral of the channel squadron at Gibraltar instructing that officer to send the cruiser Blenheim to Spithead at once. She is expected to arrive there on Dec. 18 and to proceed at once from that place to Portsmouth, where the body of Sir John Thompson will be taken on board and conveyed to Halifax.

NOTES.

It is reported that there was only \$6,000 insurance on Sir John Thompson.

The certificates given by Dr. Reid, who was with Sir John when he died, and Dr. Travers, who had attended him for several weeks, agreed in stating the cause of death to be syncope, hence no inquest will be held.

## War Declared.

The French Envoy Said to Have Left Madagascar.

Li Hung Chang Can't Keep Back the Japs.

England and Russia to Co-operate in the Armenian Matters.

The Pope Said to Be Suffering From Severe Catarrh—Rubbish Displaces the Sandbag for Malevolent Purposes.

The Pope's Condition.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The Lancet publishes the statement that the Pope is suffering from catarrh, and has been forbidden by his physician to leave his private apartments.

Between Canada and France.

PARIS, Dec. 13.—The Dunkirk Chamber of Commerce, in response to an appeal from Montreal, has decided to do everything possible to establish a direct steamship line between France and Canada.

Hungarians Jubilant.

BUDA-PESTH, Dec. 13.—The signing of three religious bills by the King was celebrated this evening by a parade and an illumination of the city. Ten thousand men marched in the torchlight procession and cheered for the King and Premier Wekerle.

An Unpleasant Mistake.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Charles Wenyon, an English missionary, recently was arrested while passing through Turkey on his way to China. He was charged with active sympathy with the Armenians. After three weeks in prison he was arraigned before a Turkish governor, who released him after assuring him that his arrest was due to a mistake.

Nothing in It.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—That astounding discovery of a new element in the atmosphere which Lord Rayleigh and Kelvin boomed so triumphantly at the British Association last August has been gradually losing prestige under the criticisms of Wankly, Dewar and others, and this week Dr. Armstrong, president of the Chemical Society, challenged Lord Kelvin to a demonstration in terms clearly indicating entire disbelief in the whole thing.

The Irrepressible Japs.

A Shanghai special says: Since the capture of Port Arthur Li Hung Chang has secretly reported to the Government of Peking his inability to check the advance of the Japanese armies. He deplores the want of railways more than the lack of troops, thus getting even with the censors who formerly frustrated his schemes for the development of the railways of the empire. Internally China is unusually quiet.

The Central News' correspondent in Tokio says that the Japanese war Minister will go to Port Arthur probably to ascertain the basis of persistent rumors that the Japanese soldiers killed civilians after the capture of the town.

The London Times' correspondent at Tien Tsin says that Li Hung Chang's official position is firmer than ever as the court has found him indispensable.

War Declared in Madagascar.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The correspondent of the Times at Berlin telegraphs that the Berliner Tagblatt has a dispatch from

Port Louis, Mauritius, stating that a quarrel has broken out between the Queen of Madagascar and the Prime Minister, her husband. The dispatch further states that M. Le Myre de Vilars, the French special envoy, has declared war against Madagascar and has started for Madagascar.

Newfoundland's Difficulty.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—One of the officials of the Colonial Office stated this morning that the late Government of Newfoundland had asked the Home Government for assistance to weather the financial storm. Nothing had been done in the matter, he said, and it remained to be seen whether the successors of the late Government would renew the request. Such an appeal from a self-governing colony, he said, was unprecedented. The Government would be unable to take any action in the matter without the authority of Parliament.

Rubber Displaces the Sandbag.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Robberies with violence have been very numerous in Paris since winter set in. The victims have invariably been found senseless on the roadway, but neither wounds nor bloodstains have been found upon them. All the victims have the same account of their trouble. A rascal came along and accosted them, and while conversing with her someone crept up behind and dealt them a heavy blow upon the head. Through the confusion of a woman who was angered by the desertion of her paramour the whole gang of footpads have been arrested. They were found with them a thick india rubber tube, which is as deadly in its work as the American sandbag.

The Armenian Investigation.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The Standard's Vienna correspondent says: Germany, Austria and Italy have decided to allow England and Russia for the present a free hand in the Armenian question, and will decline to send delegates with the commission of inquiry. Hence the European commission which the Sultan desired will not be formed. It is understood that the cabinets of Rome and Vienna intended to show confidence in England and Russia, while the Berlin Cabinet did not oppose this course. Other information from Berlin and Vienna hardly confirms this view. The newspapers of Vienna, Berlin and Budapest cast doubt upon the whole narrative of the Armenian massacre as told by the London Press, and decide the manifesto of the Armenian society in London as ridiculous exaggerations. They also accuse England of raising the Armenian cry for ulterior political purposes.

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—It is reported that the Car will co-operate with England in Armenia, but will not allow a modification of the treaty stipulations concerning that country.

LOOKED LIKE A MURDER

But Turned Out Otherwise—An Indian Roughly Handled.

ARVA, Ont., Dec. 13.—A startling discovery was made by Mr. John Sinker this morning on the 6th concession, London township, about 300 yards west of the Point Line adjoining the farm of Mr. Charles Sifton. The find consisted of a cap, pair of pants, boots and socks, a pocket knife and an empty whisky flask. There was blood on the ground and the pants and evidences of a struggle. A buggy track also showed that it had been backed into the ditch and turned. Marks of bare feet were seen along the inside of the fence and the grass was smoothed down in one of the fence corners as if some one had lain there.

THE EXPLANATION.

This morning an Indian called at Mr. John Webb's, 6th concession, about one mile east from the place where the clothes were found. He was badly cut about the head and face, and showed signs of having had a struggle. He was bareheaded and barefooted. Mr. Webb dressed the wounds and gave him a cap and boots. The Indian was bloodied and clubbed and robbed by two unknown men, which evidently is the case, as his boots and pants had been removed in search for money. He said he had \$4 on his person. Detective Arthur Corbett is on the trail.

The Dominion Steamship Line.

MONTREAL, Dec. 13.—According to a cable received by General Agent Torrance, the Dominion Line has not been sold, but is simply being reorganized.

Frank Goes to Kingston.

GUELPH, Dec. 13.—Frank McLeay, of Brussels, who stole a horse and buggy from that place and tried to sell it here, was sentenced by Judge Chadwick to three years in the penitentiary.

Newfoundland's Dilemma.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 13.—It is now regarded as impossible for the Union Bank to resume operations. The property of the shareholders will be sacrificed to protect the depositors and note holders. The Bank of Nova Scotia at Halifax has sent two representatives to render whatever assistance is possible. Large consignments of specie are also on the way here, and it is hoped that this will help to restore public confidence.

Brutality at an Insane Asylum.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 13.—The report of the royal commission appointed to investigate the Provincial insane asylum at New Westminster has been laid before the Legislature. It shows a horrible state of affairs at that institution. Patients were treated with the utmost cruelty and barbarity, flogging, dark cells and ice-cold water baths being among the favorite methods of subjugating refractory patients. A reorganization of the staff will be instituted immediately.

Is Grace Allowable?

The question of whether a hotel must close sharp on time or have a few minutes' grace is exercising the police magistrate just now, and he enlarged the case of J. Fallah. He was rather dilatory one evening in closing up his bar, and fourteen minutes are alleged to have slipped by before he finally closed his doors and pulled up his curtains. Robert Henderson, license inspector, stated this morning that he had in cases where hotel-keepers were two or three minutes late would prosecute or not, but fourteen minutes was too much grace. Mr. Love appeared for Mr. Fallah, and the magistrate enlarged the case for a week before deciding.

## Truskey Hanged.

The Murder of William Lindsay Explained on the Gallows.

An Affecting Farewell Between the Victim and His Wife.

A Rush for Admittance to the Scene—History of the Crime—Truskey's Suicidal Attempts.

WINDSOR, Dec. 14.—Joseph Truskey was hanged in Sandwich jail at 10:45 this morning for the murder of Constable Lindsay, at Comber, in this county, in May last.

WINDSOR, Dec. 14.—Truskey was hanged at Sandwich this morning at 10:45, solar time. Bright and early a morbidly curious crowd of people wended their way to house, over which the Union Jack was floating, awaiting the time when the gates of the jail yard would open to those who held tickets. The scaffold was all in readiness, and inside the jail preparations for the solemn event were quietly going on. Just before 10 o'clock the sheriff, Rev. Mr. Hind (Truskey's spiritual adviser) and Redcliffe, the hangman, entered the ward in which was the cell where Truskey was confined. Truskey had been freshly shaved, and

LOOKED REMARKABLY WELL.

After a few words of greeting, followed by a brief awkward silence, the prisoner was made ready for the gallows. His hands were not pinioned behind, but instead a sort of harness was put upon him. It consisted of a heavy leather belt which buckled around his waist. On each side was a small strap. Into these his hands were fastened at the wrist so that as he stood up he looked from behind not unlike a man with his hands in his pockets. Finally all arrangements were completed. The clergyman addressed a few words of comfort and encouragement to the condemned man and the march to the gallows began.

THE MARCH TO THE GALLOWS.

First came Sheriff Her followed by Rev. D. H. Hind in full vestments; Redcliffe, the hangman, dressed in a black Prince Albert suit; Truskey and the guards, Jailer Sparks, Turnkey Her, Turnkey Elliott. As the mournful procession emerged from the condemned cell the tones of Rev. Wm. Hind were heard in the beautiful and impressive Church of England service for the burial of the dead.

After this followed the commendatory prayer for a person at the point of death. A hymn was sung and after a brief pause the awful stillness was broken with the words of the Lord's Prayer. The last human accents which fell on the ears of the doomed man. When the last clause was reached—"but deliver us from evil"—the weight was released, the body of Truskey shot upwards, a convulsive shudder passed over it, and the sentence of the court was fulfilled.

Mrs. Truskey and her son spent the night with Mrs. Richardson, wife of the death watch. This morning they, together with Latimer, called at the jail for the final farewell with Truskey. The scene was very affecting.

MRS. TRUSKEY BROKE DOWN completely and had to be carried away. There was an awful crowd around the jail yard and the deputy sheriffs and constables were obliged to use their clubs freely to prevent a rush through the gates when they were opened. Dr. Casgrain, the jail surgeon, summoned Dr. Anderson, of Comber, and at 3 o'clock there will be an inquest on the body, after which the two doctors will hold a post-mortem examination and will endeavor to trace the bullet with which Truskey shot himself when arrested.

THE BRUTAL CRIME.

SANDWICH, Ont., Dec. 14.—The crime for which Joseph Truskey paid his life on the scaffold had its commencement over a year ago, when William Lindsay, of Comber, a constable of Essex county, prosecuted Truskey for the brutal killing of a horse, for which the latter was fined \$60. Immediately after this Truskey began to threaten Lindsay's life, and a few days before the murder was committed he went to Lindsay and purchased a revolver and cartridges. On the night of May 30 last Truskey, who had been drinking, came out of Pizer's hotel at Comber, and meeting Lindsay fired three shots at him from a revolver. The constable was removed to his house mortally wounded and died a few hours later. Immediately after the shooting Truskey ran home, told his wife of the tragedy, and declared his intention of ending his own life, but overcame by the entreaties of his child he retreated to the woods on his farm, where he was discovered the next day by the police. He refused to be taken alive, and attempted suicide by shooting himself with the same revolver that had killed Lindsay. The shot, although lodging in his breast, produced no serious result and he was taken to the Sandwich jail for trial. The jury after a lengthy trial returned a verdict of murder. During the trial and on several subsequent occasions his counsel advanced the plea that Truskey was an epileptic and had committed the crime while under an uncontrollable impulse and was therefore not responsible. The case after being argued before the various courts was decided against him and the sentence pronounced by Mr. Justice Robertson on Sept. 22 was ordered to be carried out.

TRUSKEY SINGS.

WINDSOR, Dec. 14.—Truskey tried in vain to sleep last evening. He welcomed Rev. Mr. Hind at 10 p.m. Truskey expressed a desire to sing. Jailer Sparks was invited to join last night, and the three sang together until nearly 11 o'clock. "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Rock of Ages," and "Nearer, My God, to Thee" were Truskey's favorite hymns, and he expressed the wish that the latter be sung at the services previous to the execution.

After Truskey was tired of singing he delivered an earnest exhortation to Sparks to lead a Christian life. He wanted everybody to take a lesson from his awful fate, and declared that if he had lived longer he would not have had to die a felon on the gallows.

Truskey did not sleep all night but nervously paced the corridor, singing Gospel songs at intervals. He had been a Roman Catholic but under Mr. Hind's ministrations became a convert to the English Church and professedly deeply religious.

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## DRYGOODS CARPETS

## CHRISTMAS

What's it likely to bring? What to give? Time to think it over, turn thoughts into trading—parcels—packages. All over our stores there are signs of its nearness. Departments have donned their holiday, gift-giving garb, and stocks have been doubled and trebled to meet the demand that is and will be. For three weeks we have been busy buzzing travelers and warehouses, studying the interests of buyers of sensible Christmas gifts. The result is a most complete holiday stock and lowest prices. Do you think we would lead the trade eleven months in the year to be overtaken on the last lap? The cream of Holidaying Drygoods is here for your enjoyment.

- Much to See.
- Much to Enjoy.
- Much to Praise.
- Much to Admire.

This gift-giving idea is changing—Has changed, It would have seemed funny years ago to be advertising

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| Holiday Linens      | Holiday Gloves        |
| Holiday Dress Goods | Holiday Rags          |
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| Holiday Millinery   | Holiday Furnishings   |
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But it's pertinent now. They are the things everybody is buying. Holiday things take the useful turn more than ever this year. We're getting more and more utilitarian. In any event, whether your need be one of sentiment or practical utility, this emporium gives you abundance of choice dress things or wear things for young and old—representing the best and nicest of the world's products.

On, up, from one degree of taste and knowledge to another, until the "something" for each and everyone has been chosen. No single interest has been overlooked. The store caters for the holiday business of '94 with the grandest most comprehensive assortment of good, new things ever shown the ladies of London.

It Remains For You To Shop Early

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