

# MATTHEWS JAILED

Jury Returns Open Verdict in Case at Colborne, Ont.

## DEATH BY STRANGULATION

Henry I. Matthews, Jr., Arrested on a Charge of Murdering Josephine Brimacombe Tells a Straight Story When Put on the Stand and Does Not Waver In It When Cross-Examined by Crown.

Colborne, Ont., Dec. 23.—After a four-hour session, the jury empaneled by Justice Latta to enquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of Josephine Brimacombe at the Hotel Bristol on Saturday night last, returned an open verdict of death by strangulation, at 12.30 yesterday morning.

After the verdict had been rendered Henry I. Matthews, Jr., was arrested by High Constable Richard Jarvis on the formal charge of murder of Josephine Brimacombe on Saturday, Dec. 17, preferred by W. K. Kerr, K.C., county crown attorney.

Matthews comes from one of the best known families in this section of the province. His father is a well-known navigator, and is master of the "Maize." His uncle, Henry I. Matthews, sr., was at one time connected with the Cannons' Association, and he himself holds first mate's papers.

Matthews was mate on the steamer Argyle two years ago. His home was in Lakeport.

Matthews took his arrest at first quietly, but after the crown attorney read the warrant, he broke in with the words, pointing his finger at the document: "Do you mean by that that I am accused of killing the woman?"

There was suppressed excitement in the theatre where the inquest was held, as the crown attorney answered, "Yes, and the hearing will be adjourned until a week from to-day, to be held in the council chamber in the Town of Colborne."

W. J. Payne, K.C., is acting for Matthews, who was taken to Colborne Jail on the 31st inst.

The medical evidence conclusively showed that death came by strangulation, probably after an attempted assault, as the clothes of the victim were torn and out of place. Matthews' evidence was contradictory to that of other witnesses. The noises in the room above were heard before he was seen coming down the stairs, and, if they occurred at the time indicated in the evidence, should have been noted by him. He himself told a straight story in the box, and did not waver under cross-examination.

Church of England Rectory Burned. Brockville, Dec. 23.—News reached here yesterday of the destruction by fire of the Church of England rectory at Athens. The blaze originated during the absence of the rector, Rev. R. B. Patterson, and his family, and the cause is therefore unknown. No loss of life, and no valuable contents, including a well-stocked library, were burned.

At Portland, in the same vicinity, the residence of Robert Smith was burned by the explosion of a lamp. His daughter was alone in the house, and asleep at the time. She was awakened by fire and barely escaped with her life. The loss was partly covered by insurance.

## ACTION DISMISSED.

Hamilton Asylum Patient Was Not Abused, Says Court.

Guelph, Dec. 21.—At the sittings of the High Court at Guelph, before Chief Justice Falconbridge, the only case was that of Plath v. Hobbs. This was an action brought by George Plath of Grand Forks, North Dakota, against Dr. Hebbes, superintendent of the Homewood Sanitarium, claiming damages for his wrongful and illegal detention in the sanitarium, from Dec. 23, 1905, to Jan. 1, 1906. The plaintiff claimed that he was not insane, and that he was therefore wrongfully confined and restrained of his liberty. He was admitted to the sanitarium at the request of his brother, Dr. Plath of Dayton, and upon certain terms as to his lunacy, and from Drs. Lucy and Roberts.

The evidence showed that he was decidedly insane and very violent. He was discharged in his care of his brother after he had been at the sanitarium a week, and was, subsequently, about Jan. 20, arrested and committed to Hamilton Asylum, as a violent lunatic. He was discharged from the Hamilton Asylum, on the understanding with his brother that he would go back to Dakota.

Since his discharge he has persistently followed up the officers of the institution in which he was confined, and has reported the most extravagant tales of cruelty regarding the treatment of patients in Hamilton Asylum. These have been investigated over and over again, and found to be delusions on his part. A mass of evidence was taken, including that of the doctors who examined him, and Dr. Bruce Smith, inspector of prisons and public charities; Dr. Clarke, superintendent of Toronto Asylum, and Dr. Russell, who was superintendent of the Hamilton Asylum. All these physicians testified that Plath was at the time of his detention in Guelph and Hamilton, a violent and dangerous lunatic, and it appears from the evidence that everything possible was done for him in his interest, that he had received the best of care and attention at the sanitarium, and that only such restraint as was necessary to subdue his mania and protect other patients and nurses from his attacks was used.

The plaintiff conducted his own case and was afforded every possible latitude by Chief Justice Falconbridge, who patiently conducted the trial, giving the plaintiff every opportunity to put in evidence in support of his so-called claim.

At the conclusion of the evidence, and after hearing arguments from the plaintiff, the Chief Justice dismissed the action with costs.

# BODY IN A BARREL

Old Man's Corpse Found in Suspended Case of Poultry.

## MAY BE GRAVE ROBBERY

Employee of Montreal Storage Firm Finds When He Finds Cadaver in Barrel—Was Shipped From Jarvis, Ont., by Man Named McSorley, a Medical Graduate of Defunct Bishop's College.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—What at first seemed to indicate the discovery of a murder, apparently turns out to be the revelation of a grave robbery for a man not altogether accountable for his actions. In any event, John McSorley, aged about 55, living near Jarvis, Ont., was arrested at his home shortly before midnight by Provincial Inspector Reburn.

Yesterday morning, at Montreal, an employee of the Canada Cold Storage Co. knocked in the head of a barrel supposed to contain turkeys and faintly when he found, instead the body of an old man. The body sat with the head between the knees and the arms folded, the limbs having been doubled up and bound with a heavy cord. The doctors say it will require 48 hours before an autopsy can be made of the body, which must be thawed out. The body is clothed in a cheap suit of underwear and a pair of heavy ribbed woolen socks. The features are those of a heavy man. The hair is thick and white, and the man was about 60 years of age, with a short grey beard streaked with brown. The flesh is scraped on one of the shins almost to the bone, but this was probably caused by pushing the body into the barrel. There is no indication of foul play.

The barrel had been addressed to the Janitor of Bishop's College, Ontario street, Montreal, which, however, went out of existence in 1905. It had been shipped from Jarvis, Ont., and was first addressed to J. Bousfield, St. Lawrence Market, Toronto, and then sent to Montreal, the shipping being J. McSorley of Jarvis, who, it is believed, took his medical degree at Bishop's College thirty years ago, but never practiced his profession.

A despatch from Jarvis last night says: "Belief here is that the body found in the barrel at Montreal yesterday was stolen from a graveyard near here. Certainly no one is mysteriously missing from the neighborhood. Search of the burial records show that there were two interments of elderly men here shortly before Nov. 23, when the barrel was shipped from Jarvis."

"One was that of Matthew Johnson, a man of 70, with very white hair and a chin beard, the cheeks and jaw being shaven. He was buried Nov. 16. The other, buried in the R.C. cemetery three miles from the village, had no beard. Snow covers the ground; at present, so that it can't be learned from the surface whether the grave can be opened, but Inspector Reburn of the provincial police department will undertake the exhumation tomorrow."

McSorley is about 60 years of age and has been used by his family. He was educated for a doctor. He earns a livelihood now by poultry and cattle buying, painting and paperhanging, and doing other odd jobs. Since meeting with a serious accident some years ago he has been regarded as not altogether accountable for all he does. He has two or three brothers in this vicinity who are highly respected by the entire community.

McSorley was seen at the depot yesterday shipping poultry, but was not noticed to-day. Late to-night Inspector Reburn arrested him at the home of one of his brothers. He denies all knowledge of the body, saying he had shipped the barrel for another man whom he does not know."

## King Summoned Asquith.

London, Dec. 22.—Premier Asquith, who came down from Scotland especially at the command of King George, had an audience at Buckingham Palace yesterday. It lasted only three-quarters of an hour. It is understood that His Majesty wished to be fully advised as to the Premier's views and the Cabinet's plan for the future before leaving London to-day to spend Christmas at Sandringham.

## Fortitude Suits.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Federal Government filed nine complaints here yesterday against Duven Brothers, the international art dealers, in a series of civil forfeiture suits, aggregating approximately \$600,000. The suits are a sequel to the arrest in October of several members of the firm on charges of gross undervaluation of imports. The goods involved are all under seizure.

## Child Was Strangled.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Chief Coroner Johnson held an inquest at the morgue last night into the death of an unknown infant whose remains were found in a cardboard box in the waiting-room of a departmental store Saturday last.

The jury decided that the child had been strangled by some person or persons unknown to them.

## Wouldn't Accept Testimony.

Quebec, Dec. 22.—A very rare example of dignity has just been given by Hon. Auguste Riel Angers, ex-lieutenant-governor of the Province of Quebec. Hon. Mr. Angers was admitted to the Bar fifty years ago. His friends planned a celebration and golden jubilee purse, which he has refused to accept.

## Five Years For Bigamy.

Hamilton, Dec. 22.—John H. Martin, the 22-year-old prisoner who on Tuesday pleaded guilty to bigamy, was yesterday sentenced to five years at Kingston Penitentiary.

# COLLIERY HORROR

British Miners to the Number of Three Hundred Perish.

## FUNERAL SERVICE AT PIT

After All Hope of Bringing Out Victims of Explosion in Little Hulton Colliery Is Over, Bishop of Manchester Conducts Service at the Mouth of the Mine—Only Eight Men Were Rescued.

Bolton, England, Dec. 22.—More than 300 colliers lost their lives yesterday in an explosion in the Little Hulton Colliery of the Hulton Colliery Co. which is located a little distance outside this city.

The explosion occurred early in the morning, soon after the miners had entered the pit to begin work. It's force was terrific, and later investigation showed that the lower passages had been blocked. Heroic efforts were made by rescue parties all day long, but a fierce fire, which followed the explosion prevented the rescuers from penetrating beyond 400 yards into the workings.

At half-past nine o'clock last night all the rescuers were called out of the mine and a conference was held, at which Government Inspector Gerard, the engineers and the mine manager were present. Inspector Gerard issued a report after making a descent into the pit, in which he declares that it is impossible that any of the miners are still alive. He adds that nothing can be done except to bring up twenty bodies found lying near the shaft.

This report was communicated to the anxious crowds around the pit mouth, after which the Bishop of Manchester conducted a touching service in the open air, after which the crowd dispersed.

No explanation is given as to the cause of the explosion which completely wrecked the mine. This is the second great mine disaster in England this year, an explosion having occurred in the Wellington colliery at Whitehaven, Cumberland, on May 12, in which 136 miners were killed.

The explosion yesterday resulted in the temporary disablement of the machinery whereby the cages are lowered and drawn to the surface, and it was a considerable time before the first rescue party reached the bottom of the pit. In all they brought out eight men, still living, but the majority of these were in a serious condition from the noxious gases.

Ten bodies also were removed, and twenty additional bodies were found partly covered by heavy falls of coal.

One of the eight miners who escaped said that the force of the explosion was such that the limbs of many were blown off.

The report was heard several miles away. Last night thousands of persons from the surrounding country were still gathered at the pit head. The holiday garb of the city is already being replaced with emblems of mourning.

For a time the lives of 400 other men were in jeopardy, as a mine communicating with the one in which the explosion occurred was also damaged by the shock, and it was sometime before its occupants could be reached and brought to the surface.

## Toronto to Winnipeg Line.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—The Canadian Pacific contemplates shortening its Toronto-Winnipeg line by fifty miles by building a new line from Nepean to the northwest of Port William to Savanne, 71 miles northwest of Port William.

A party of thirty surveyors are now engaged in preparing a new winter's map. In all they brought out eight men, still living, but the majority of these were in a serious condition from the noxious gases.

The present main line now diverges to the south from Nepean until it reaches Port William, when it turns to the northwest, until it reaches Savanne, running from that point until it strikes Molson, when the line again runs south into Winnipeg.

This will give the Canadian Pacific Railway a shorter route between the east and the west as far as Toronto is concerned. The distance from Toronto to Winnipeg by the new line will be 1,125 miles, as against the 1,180 miles of the old line.

## Caught In Trap.

Chihuahua, Dec. 21.—Forty-two wounded Government soldiers were brought in yesterday, confirming reports that the troop train which left here Saturday was shot to pieces in the mountain trap known as Mal Paso, a few miles east of Pedernales. The official report states that the federalists lost 21 killed and 10 missing and 42 wounded. The latter include Col. Guzman, who was in command of the expedition.

The insurgents' loss is not known here.

His enemy was on the heights, sheltered by boulders, and poured in a deadly fire. He was unable to use his big guns effectively.

## Burned By Molten Metal.

Belleville, Dec. 21.—J. Connell, B. J. Conway, A. Draycott, H. Davidson and R. McLaughlin employed in the moulding shop of Marsh & Henthorn's foundry, were yesterday all more or less burned by molten metal. The spout of the cupola, where the metal is, blew out.

## Judge's Daughter Burned to Death.

New York, Dec. 21.—Burns received when her dress caught fire as she was showing her Christmas shopping to her little sister, caused the death here early yesterday of eight-year-old Ethel O'Connor, daughter of Judge X. O'Connor of the municipal court.

## Strangled Himself In Cell.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—Edward Morris, aged 43, civic chimney sweep, was discovered to have strangled himself in his cell in the police station on Monday night. Morris was suffering from the effects of a heavy drinking bout.

# LITTLE EXCITEMENT

Failure of Farmers' Bank Causes Scarcely a Ripple.

## BILLS ARE PERFECTLY GOOD

Paper Currency of the Institution Is Redeemable Anywhere Under the Bank Act—Other Banks Show No Intention of Coming to the Rescue—Depositors at Allenford Gather Around Bank Offices.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Apparently the suspension of the Farmers' Bank of Canada had been generally anticipated, for not in Toronto or in those places where branches were located, according to press despatches yesterday, was there any sign of panic or excitement around the offices, except at Allenford, where the farmers of the district are depositors, and many of them congregated around the closed office. At Millbank the Metropolitan Bank opened a new branch office.

The Canadian Bankers' Association took charge of the head office here, and G. T. Clarkson, assignee, was appointed curator, with Daniel Miller, formerly of the Merchants' Bank, as associate.

In case arrangements cannot be made for the bank's continuance at the end of 90 days, the courts will be asked to appoint a receiver for its winding up. Until either one or the other of these alternatives is adopted, those who have deposits with the bank will not be able to get their money, and it will be some time before the actual position of the shareholders will be known. Depositors are not guaranteed, but must depend on realization of assets for their accounts.

The note redemption comes first, and other claims after this. The depositors rank as creditors, and must wait for realization of assets before getting payment.

One financial man remarked that the episode was not of much more significance than the Sheldon affair in Montreal, and that except for the shareholders and depositors of the bank, little would be heard of the trouble in a short time. The comparative smallness of the bank's liabilities, a little over two millions, was not viewed as enough to cause any long felt disturbance.

When interviewed with respect to criticisms which had been made regarding his comments about the Farmers' Bank during the recent trial, Judge H. L. Limer said in a short time: "I really have nothing to add to what I have already said in court. I don't care anything about what the bank says. I did my duty in coming to a decision, and I stand by it. I thought I was perfectly justified."

"I think what I said on the bench was perfectly justified by the facts. I did not do it without forethought, and care not for the bank or any individual."

Contrary to what happened when the Ontario and Sovereign banks went under, there is no disposition on the part of the other banks to fly to the rescue this time. "That day has passed," a banker is quoted as saying yesterday. "The bank failed, and it is up to the depositors to look out for themselves. It is not the duty of the other banks to insure a certain amount of stability and so help themselves, but nothing of the sort will take place where the Farmers' Bank is concerned."

This, however, does not affect the value of the bills of the bank, which are perfectly good and redeemable at any bank. Provision in the Bank Act is made for the redemption of the notes of any bank which has failed or suspended payment.

Each of the Canadian chartered banks for its circulation has to deposit with the Dominion Government five per cent. of the total amount of its outstanding circulation. This amount is deposited with the Government, which allows a 3 per cent. interest to each of the contributing banks. The October bank statement showed that the notes in circulation amounted to \$35,392,266. Five per cent. of this amount would be over \$4,750,000, against which the bills of the Farmers' Bank in November only totalled \$223,490.

## Hotel Lost 2,198 Pieces.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Anthony Mitchell of Todmorden was found guilty of theft of 1,747 pieces of silver and 453 pieces of china from the King Edward Hotel by a jury in the quarter sessions yesterday. The jury was out for some time, but returned their verdict shortly after 7 o'clock. Mitchell was remanded to be sentenced.

After the jury had been out for an hour, they returned to ask whether they might find the prisoner guilty of wrongfully retaining articles. Judge Morgan told them that this would be equally as serious an offence as that charged in the indictment.

## Hospital For Port Hope.

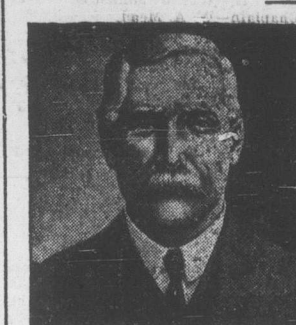
Port Hope, Dec. 21.—Monday the Port Hope Hospital Committee started an aggressive week's campaign to raise \$20,000 before Christmas to establish an up-to-date hospital in Port Hope. According to present indications the undertaking will be a huge success.

Among the first subscriptions received were \$1,000 from H. J. Scott, K.O. of Toronto, a former Port Hope; \$1,000 from A. C. Culverwell, the Governor King, who is a resident of Port Hope, and \$500 from R. Mulholland of Toronto, father of Mayor R. A. Mulholland of Port Hope.

Triple Murder Negro Jailed. Durham, N.C., Dec. 21.—Three charged bodies, found in the ruins of the burned home of L. L. Sams near Hester, twenty miles from here, on Monday night, and strands of a girl's hair discovered in a pool of blood, led to the arrest of Nathan Montague, a young negro, on charges of criminal assault, murder and arson.

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