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HON. A. J. MATHESON IS DEAD SEIZED WITH HEART TROUBLE AT HIS OLD HOME IN PERTH

For Twenty Years He Represented South Lanark in the Ontario Legislature and Was Provincial Treasurer For Eight Years—Will Be Buried Tomorrow.

Hon. Arthur James Matheson, provincial treasurer, died suddenly at his home in Perth, Ont., at 11 o'clock Saturday night. In the death of Col. Matheson, Ontario loses one of its oldest public men. Since 1894 he had represented South Lanark in the Ontario Legislature, and during the reign of the Whitney Government, since 1905, he was provincial treasurer. His death was entirely unexpected, although he had been suffering from heart trouble for a number of years. He worked in his office at the parliament buildings until last Friday night. He left for his home town, Perth, on Saturday morning. Several hours after his arrival he was stricken and died at 11 o'clock.

Col. Matheson had never fully recovered from his illness of a year ago. Just prior to the opening of the legislature last year he was taken ill at the parliament buildings, and was conveyed to the Western Hospital. He was confined there for several weeks, and at times his condition was such that it was feared that he would not recover. However, he rallied, and before the close of the session, he was able to resume his duties as provincial treasurer.

Lawyer for Forty Years. Col. Matheson was born in Perth, Ont., on Dec. 8, 1842, and was a son of the late Hon. and Mrs. Roderick Matheson. His father was a senator for a number of years. Col. Matheson was educated at Upper Canada College and Trinity University, Toronto, from which he graduated a bachelor of arts in 1865. Five years later he was called to the bar and had for a number of years subsequent practised law in Perth. He served several years in the council of Perth and in 1883 he was elected mayor, which office he held for a long period. He was up to his death a member of the council of Trinity College.

A Fighting Stock. Col. Matheson came from a family of fighting stock, both military and politically. His father was lieutenant any paymaster in the Glengarry Light Infantry in the war of 1812. The late provincial treasurer, himself, took a first-class certificate in the military school and served in the Penton raid in 1866 on the St. Lawrence frontier. He was gazetted a captain in 1881, and major in 1885, and in 1889, after

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CHILDREN HAD NARROW ESCAPE

Locked Themselves in Their Bedroom and Were Rescued From Fire With Difficulty.

Two little boys had a narrow escape from being burned to death in a fire which broke out in the home of Harry Jezzel, 332 West Adelaide street, about 11.30 Saturday night. The two children, Albert, aged 12, and Thomas, aged 10, had gone to bed some time previously, and in childish fear of burglars locked their bedroom door from the inside.

The flames had a good start when Harry Jezzel, was awakened by cries from people in front of the house. He ran to the second floor and attempted to put the fire out. It was seen that the fire had burned its way thru the door and into the clothes closet on the second floor. Jezzel for the moment did not think the two boys were in danger, as his other two children and wife were out of the house.

The crackling of the fire in between the ceiling alarmed him, however. He ran upstairs and attempted to awaken the boys by pounding on the door. When this failed to awaken them he forced the door and pulled the children from their bed. Just above the bed the whole ceiling was in flames. The firemen rushed into the room and soon put out the blaze.

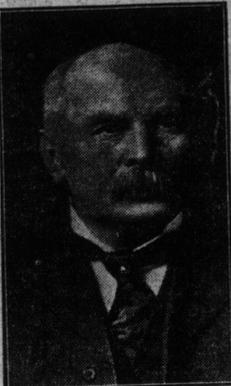
The houses at 332 and 334 are both owned by H. L. Locke, 10 East Adelaide street. The damage to the one occupied by Alex Wiesner is about \$250 with \$50 in contents. The Jezzel house and contents are damaged to the same extent.

BRYAN WILL BE STATE SECRETARY

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—A Washington special to The New York American says: At last it is an established fact that William J. Bryan is to be appointed secretary of state by President Wilson. Although this statement is unofficial, it is hoped the less irate, and any official denials that may be made will be simply denials as a matter of policy.

Mr. Bryan has received an intimation that he is the choice of President Wilson for secretary of state, and is preparing to accept the portfolio. He has cancelled all his lecture engagements after March 4, so that he may be absolutely free to assume his new duties.

Hon. A. J. Matheson



Provincial treasurer for the Province of Ontario, who died suddenly on Saturday night at his home in Perth.

PATRIOTISM IS COSTLY LUXURY

This is Viewpoint of Nationalist Organ, Which Says English Lords Get Benefit.

MONTREAL, Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Le Nationaliste, the weekly edition of Le Devoir, has discovered that the naval contribution of \$35,000,000 will take five dollars a head out of the Quebec farmers. The Bourassa writer calculates that the County of St. Hyacinthe, for instance, with a population of 28,000, will have to contribute \$140,000 to help England, while in the United Counties of St. Maurice and Champlain, with a population of 78,000, the amount raised will be \$390,000.

Of course Le Nationaliste takes pains to explain that a government agent will not go round amongst the farmers and collect five dollars from each house, but it states that every yard of cotton and every pound of sugar they buy will be subject to the impost on behalf of English lords, who are shareholders in the Krupp-Maxim-Vickers Trust.

"The price is too dear," he declares, "for the honor of being a British subject."

FRENCH TROOPS ROUT TRIBESMEN.

MEKINES, Morocco, Jan. 26.—(Can. Press.)—The French punitive expedition, under Colonel Rebell, has routed a large force of Beni-Melid and Beni-tribesmen, inflicting heavy losses. The French casualty list numbered four killed and 17 wounded.

FOSTER PICNIC IS DISLIKED BY STAUFFER

Cost Should Be Given as Part of Election Expenses, Says Minister—Farris Report on Ontario Hydro System Classed as Manifest Bundle of Misstatements.

Bribery afforded Rev. Byron Stauffer a congenial topic at Bond Street Congregational Church last night. After denouncing corruption in various United States cities, the preacher concentrated attention on Controller Foster. He had voted for Controller Foster and believed him to be honest. He believed in having a watchdog on the board of control—just one. He did not know that he would want two, but he was not favorably impressed by the Foster picnic on the island. It could not be given under considerable cost, and if candidates for the board of control had to spend \$3500 for summer picnics, men of moderate means would be shut out of the contest. Their cost should be given as part of the candidate's election expenses.

The lavish political picnics of Boss Devereaux of New York enabled him to deliver the east side vote to corrupt politicians. The appalling corruption revealed of late in New York pointed out the ultimate influence of such campaign tactics. If Mr. Foster desired to make public donations it would be better, when he was in civic affairs as a prospective candidate, for him to confine himself to worthy public charities.

A Corrupt Machine. In Ontario the Ross government went down because it was allied with a corrupt party machine.

In Manitoba the provincial government must be held responsible for the bribery by its party machine in the Macdonald election.

No elector could blame the opposite party while willing to condone like doings on his own side.

Dead-letter laws on the statute books afforded corrupt officials opportunity to secure bribes. That was one reason why he favored the three-fifths majority clause in the Ontario local option laws. Such a substantial majority assured a sustaining proportion of public sentiment behind it.

The militant suffragettes in England had set a dangerous precedent by proclaiming that the destruction of letters in mail boxes was a justifiable form of political war. In after years, when they have received the franchise, such a doctrine might be proclaimed against them.

The Farris Report. Ontario people had recently witnessed the strange spectacle of the senate committee at Albany reporting against the publicly-owned hydro-electric system of this province.

In Buffalo the papers either openly opposed public ownership of Niagara power or were dumb. The Farris report was a manifest bundle of mis-statements. The fact was that under trust ownership in Buffalo electric light and power cost double what it does in Toronto under public ownership.

ASQUITH MINISTRY IS IN STRAITS FRANCHISE ISSUE MAY SOUND DOOM

LONDON, Jan. 26.—(Can. Press.)—The cabinet council which assembles tomorrow has to decide the momentous question as to how to deal with the dilemma caused by the Speaker's ruling on the franchise question. This ruling, which was made Thursday in answer to a question asked by Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the opposition, was to the effect that if the form substance of the bill were materially changed by amendments it should be withdrawn and a new bill presented.

Such strong, conflicting opinions have been provoked by the thorny problem of the women's vote that fears have begun to be expressed as to whether the government will be able to weather the storm. It is faced on the one hand by the suffragists who are calling upon the premier to redeem his pledge to the women, and on the other by those, even some Liberals, who express the opinion that the government has no right to force thru parliament such a revolutionary reform as the giving of votes to women without first appealing to the country.

The ministers insist that the question cannot involve any cabinet resignations, and they argue that any alternative government would be faced by exactly identical difficulties on the women's question.

Fear of some new militant action on the part of the suffragettes if the bill is dropped causes great anxiety in official quarters. The Scotland Yard authorities are taking elaborate measures to protect the cabinet ministers against possible attacks.

BALKAN ALLIES WILL GIVE TURKEY TIME TO CONSIDER TERMS ARE NOT MODIFIED

Number of Delegates Were For Ending Negotiations and Resuming War, But Majority Favored Patient Waiting—Greeks Threaten to Bottle Up Constantinople.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—(Can. Press.)—The Balkan plenipotentiaries, who have received full powers from their respective governments, appointed a committee today to draft a note to the Turkish plenipotentiaries, explaining why the peace conference must now be considered broken off. It is hoped that the draft will be ready for the approval of the full delegation Monday night.

This action of the allies is part of a series of well-considered forms of pressure with which the Balkan delegates hope to obtain their object without resorting to the war.

The meeting today lasted for an hour and a half, and the course to be followed was given earnest consideration. Two distinct views were manifested—one for the immediate rupture of the negotiations, leading to a resumption of the war, and the other favoring a temporizing policy, in order to avoid irrevocable steps.

The latter course triumphed, and a committee was appointed, consisting of one member from each delegation, as follows: Michael Hadjaroff, Bulgarian minister at London; Prof. Georgios Streit, Greek minister to Austria-Hungary; Count Voinovitch, chief of King Nicholas' cabinet, representing Montenegro, and Dr. M. R. Vesitch, Serbian minister to France, with the addition of M. Politis, of the Greek delegation, owing to his knowledge of French and his thorough acquaintance with international law.

General Lines Laid Down. General lines were laid down on which the note is to be drafted, comprising the arguments already set forth many times as to why the league demands the surrender of Adrianople and the Aegean Islands as an indispensable condition to the conclusion of peace.

That the policy of the allies is to gain time is patent, and does not deceive anybody. The delegates decided that the advantages to be derived from the resumption of hostilities would be in proportion to the risks they ran, and that they would not take that step unless absolutely forced to do so. It is realized that even a partial reverse would have grave moral and material consequences.

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BURGLAR CAUGHT WHILE LOADING A WAGON

Captured After Chase Thru Lanes and Over Fences and After Policeman Fired Twice at Him—Expressman Claims to Have Been Duped—Third Man Escaped.

When two men were surprised by the police on Saturday night while attempting to remove a load of sugar from a lane off George street, a lively chase thru yards, over fences and along rooftops followed. During the pursuit of the fugitives, a constable fired two shots in the air, but one of the men managed to elude the officers and completely disappeared.

Constable Smith (294) strode up a lane off George street for the purpose of trying the rear doors of the stores which front on King street. He found a pile of filled bags up against a shed. As these were not there when he made his rounds previously, the officer became suspicious.

Investigation showed that the warehouse of Scott Bros. at 190 East King street had been broken open and the sugar placed in the lane.

The policeman concealed himself behind a fence and waited. Presently a wagon backed into the lane. Two of the men on it immediately got off and started loading the bags on the wagon.

Smith succeeded in slipping out of the lane without alarming the men. He ran to a signal box and notified headquarters. Plainclothesmen Norton and Knight were despatched to assist in the round-up.

Saw the Constable. When the seventeen bags of sugar were on the rig and the men ready to leave the police interfered. But the two who had taken such a prominent part in the work saw the police too soon. One sprang from the top of the load over the fence. Smith arrested the driver of the vehicle. He then joined Norton in the chase after the man who had gone over the fence.

Policeman Fired. There are several houses and yards in the vicinity of the warehouse. The fugitive took advantage of this fact. He jumped fence after fence to and fro, ran over roofs and sometimes disappeared in the darkness.

After calling upon the fellow to surrender, Smith drew his gun and discharged a shot in the air. The man ran faster. Another shot was fired.

This second one seemed to confuse the man for a moment, he hesitated before a fence and in that moment Plainclothesman Norton was on him.

In the meantime Knight was having a lively search for the second man. Owing to the darkness it was almost impossible to see where this fellow had run to.

At the station the man who gave the police the chase said his name was John Mara, 109 Berkeley street. The express driver's name was ordered as Raymond Ackerman, 273 East King. The last named prisoner convinced the authorities that he had been duped by the other two and thereby secured bail. He stated that Mara and the missing man hired him to move some furniture, and he was not aware that he was to move sugar, until they ordered him to do so.

Edward Griffith was arrested last night at a late hour, suspected of being the other man, but Ackerman declared that it was not the same person. Griffith is held on a charge of vagrancy.

Leading in Fur Reductions. This is the particularly favorable year for bargains in furs. Every year furs are cheaper in Toronto than in New York, Paris or London, and they are exactly the same kind of furs. But this has been a mild winter, and Canadian furriers have a larger stock in hand than is usual. It means admit the situation, and have made substantial price reductions. They lead in price sacrifice in some lines. Visit the show rooms and form your own judgment as to values. W. & D. Dinan Company, Limited, 170 Yonge street, corner Temperance street.

NOT RECEIVING—AT WASHINGTON



FEAR REVOLT IN MONGOLIA

China Will Check With Arms Threatened Movement Toward Secession of Province.

PEKIN, Jan. 26.—(Can. Press.)—President Yuan Shi Kai, in a formal reply to the contention of the Kutuktu, the Khan of Mongolia, that Mongolia could not remain united to China, declares that Urga should not be severed from China. He says that the Chinese administration is endeavoring and intends to maintain order in Mongolia, and while numerous Mongolian chieftains and soldiers in the province have asked permission to march against the Kutuktu, he, in a desire to avoid bloodshed, has persuaded the Chinese to wait, and ascertain whether a peaceful settlement can be obtained.

President Yuan Shi Kai asks for an early reply to his note. Seats for John Drew Engagement. The advance sale of seats for the important engagement of John Drew in his brilliant comedy success, "The Princess," is a record, does not open until Thursday morning at the theatre, but Managers Shopp, announce that mail orders will be filled in the order received.

WANT WARD ONE DIVIDED IN TWO

Ratepayers of Eastern Section Will Start an Agitation Tonight For New Boundaries.

The Ratepayers' Associations of the Beaches are to meet tonight to make known the stand of the residents of the eastern portion of Ward One on the question of changing the ward's boundaries. The claim is made that the residents of the east end of the ward are outvoted by the residents of the west end, from which all the three aldermen come, and that as a consequence the wants of the beaches and East Toronto are neglected. The meeting tonight is expected to be the start of a fight to have a large section of the western part of Ward One placed with Ward Two and thus give the eastern residents a larger voice in future civic elections.

Robbins, Hubbard and Walton, the three aldermen from Ward One, and several of the controllers, also the representatives of the other ratepayers' associations of that ward, will be present at tonight's meeting, which is to be held in the Masonic Hall, Balsam avenue, at 8 o'clock.

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