

FATHER MEAHAN, OF MONCTON, SUDDENLY CALLED TO REWARD

Beloved Pastor of St. Bernard's Church Died While Resting

Went to His Room After Dinner for a Little Repose Before Resuming His Busy Day's Work--Called at Hour Named and Responded, But When Housekeeper Later Went to Call Him Again It Was to Find Priest Dead.



THE LATE REV. H. A. MEAHAN

Moncton, N. B., June 21--(Special)--Rev. H. A. Meahan, the beloved pastor of St. Bernard's church, died suddenly this afternoon.

Citizens who first heard the sad news and had seen Father Meahan on the street's during the day scarcely credited the report, which gained circulation about 5 o'clock, but which proved only too true. The beloved priest of St. Bernard had been suddenly called to his rest while in the midst of his pastoral duties.

Father Meahan had not been feeling well for the past month, but he continued to attend to the duties devolving upon him and his medical adviser did not anticipate any serious consequences. He had been about as usual in the morning making some sick calls and went home at noon feeling about as usual. He ate a light dinner and about 1 or 1:30 o'clock went to his room below stairs to take his usual after dinner rest.

His last word with his housekeeper to call him at 2:30 as he intended going to Mary's Hill to look after work going on there on Mary's Home, and at 6 o'clock intended going to St. Joseph's College to take part in the closing exercises.

The housekeeper called him at the hour named and Father Meahan answered that he was getting up. An hour or so later the housekeeper discovered that Father Meahan had not come from his room and she went to the door a second time to call him.

She called several times and receiving no answer she entered the room, when she was shocked to find him cold in death.

She hastened for his physician, Dr. Myers, who, upon investigation found Father Meahan had been dead half an hour or more. The doctors came to the conclusion that death was caused by affection of the heart from which Father Meahan had been suffering for the last few weeks.

While he had been troubled with his heart yet his sudden death was a great shock. Yesterday he had been out for a long drive in the country and that week he had been in St. John. Today he had seemed to be more active than usual and was looking forward with pleasure to attending St. Joseph's College closing, intending to go down on the train leaving here at 6 o'clock.

As soon as the news of his sudden death spread the members of his congregation and prominent citizens gathered at the priest's home to learn the particulars of the sad occurrence.

Father Omer, assistant pastor of St. Bernard's church, had gone to St. Joseph's during the afternoon and a message informing him of Father Meahan's death

was sent to him. He returned tonight at 10 o'clock.

Father Meahan's illness dates back two years. A year ago last May he spent some time in the Hotel Dieu Hospital in Montreal and was treated for liver trouble. He returned much improved in health and again took up his pastoral duties. A year or so later he was advised by his physician to take rest and accordingly last October left in company with Bishop Casey, of St. John; Bishop McDonald, of Charlottetown, and others, on an extended trip to Europe. He returned after five months and seemed to have recovered much of his energy and health.

He expressed himself as feeling almost as well as ever again and entered upon a work that he had greatly at heart, the erection of an orphanage home to be known as Mary's Home. A couple of years ago he had purchased the McEweney place, splendidly adapted for the purpose and ready funds for the work. The corner stone was laid by him last month.

Father Meahan was imbued with this one great purpose of governing his noble work in connection with St. Bernard's by the erection of Mary's Home. The project caused him many anxious moments and he was probably given some worry. St. Bernard's large stone church was built by Father Meahan two years ago, when his congregation celebrated his sacerdotal silver jubilee.

Father Meahan was born at Bathurst, June 29th, 1833. He was a son of the late John Meahan, of Bathurst, who for many years represented Gloucester in the local legislature. After attending the public schools in Bathurst where he studied for some time under Dr. Geo. M. Parker, he took a course at St. Joseph's. He took his theological course at the Grand Seminary, Montreal, and was ordained by the late Archbishop Fabre. He spent four years in St. John as assistant at the Cathedral and assumed charge of Moncton church in November, 1882. He was the first priest having Moncton as an independent and separate charge. He was loved not only by his congregation but he enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all classes and to-night the community feels that a great and good man has gone from them. His active participation in all good work and his deep and sympathetic interest in affairs affecting the city's welfare made his name respected and loved by all.

The entire city mourns his death. He is survived by several brothers and sisters, one brother is a priest in the Holy Cross Order, St. Lawrence, Montreal. Mrs. Henry White and Miss Ellen Meahan, of Bathurst, are sisters of deceased.

The school board tonight passed a resolution expressing deep regret at his death.

The funeral will probably take place Saturday morning.

Oar Ferry Service for P. E. I. Suggested.

The Charlottetown Patriot says it is understood the island government will meet soon to consider a petition signed by leading merchants and shippers of Charlottetown in favor of a car ferry service between the island and the mainland.

The petition is to the minister of marine and fisheries, Ottawa, and sets out that it would be an incalculable benefit to the farming, fishing and all the mercantile interests of the province, if the powerful ice-breaking steamer which it is now proposed to build for this province was fitted to carry railway cars across;

that it would save the time and expense of handling into and out of steamers, and would enable them to ship pork, beef, eggs, cheese, butter, etc., through to their destination in proper cars without rehandling, which would mean hundreds of thousands of dollars a year increased value of these products.

You Melancholy Women

Can't even sleep at night and night brooding over imaginary troubles all the time. The disease is in the brain, but in the blood, which is thin and impure. The right thing now and yet before it is too late, get take Ferron's. It cleans everything you eat into nourishment, consequently food containing lots of fat and excess is formed. Ferron's cleanses blood, feeds nerves, restores in week, cures quickly. You'll live longer, feel better, be free from melancholy if you take Ferron's. Fifty cents a box of this good tonic (fifty chocolate tablets in every box) as all

Japs Drive Russians in Northern Korea

Tokyo, June 21, 9 p. m.--It is officially announced that a Japanese detachment in Northern Korea, completely occupied Kangsang on Tuesday. A few thousand Russians with artillery retired toward Hwang, 12 miles northward.

P. E. Island Farmer Drops Dead.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., June 20--Edward Coffin, a highly respected and successful farmer, of Greenwich, Kings Co., dropped dead last evening. He had been in his usual good health and was engaged in farm work. His wife heard a fall, and going to the kitchen found her husband lifeless on the floor.

BOWEN STRIKES HARD AT LOOMIS

Declares He Was Offered Promotion After He Preferred Charges

THOUGHT IT A BRIBE

Spurned the Offer and Notified Washington of Rumors That Were Current in Caracas Affecting the Integrity of Former Minister--Scandal a "National Disgrace."

New York, June 21--Herbert W. Bowen, formerly minister to Venezuela, today made public a long statement in reply to President Roosevelt's letter dismissing him from the diplomatic service as a result of the investigation made by Secretary Taft into the controversy.

Mr. Bowen declares the "Venezuelan scandal constitutes a national disgrace." He asserts that the Loomis scandal pervaded Caracas and constantly "grew worse and worse."

Mr. Bowen says that shortly after he called the matter to the attention of the department of state, he received a cable offer from Washington of diplomatic promotion that would remove him from Caracas.

"I admit," he declares, "that I regarded the offer as an attempt to bribe me, veiled under the offer of a higher position and inspired by Mr. Loomis. I make no doubt that in the course of the recent inquiry it has been sufficiently plain that I did not think Mr. Loomis an honest man, and that I did not believe his conduct as minister to Venezuela had been honorable."

When he went to Venezuela in 1901 as successor to Mr. Loomis, Mr. Bowen declares he found current rumors seriously affecting the honor and integrity of his predecessor, both as a man and as representative of the United States government. Epitomizing the rumors, Mr. Bowen says:--

"Mr. Loomis, while minister, was reported to have used his public position to facilitate the recent execution was held today in the court house, Warden C. E. Gallagher in the chair. Those present were: Aberdeen, David Lamont, Edward Wiley; Brighton, C. J. Connelly, Allen Bradley; Kent, C. E. Gallagher, Ambers Giberson; Northampton, Alex. Brown, C. A. Phillips; Peel, Wm. Tompkins, David Phillips; Richmond, John Hay, Alex. Bell; Simons, W. E. Raymond, Oliver Miller; Wilmet, Harry Carvell, J. E. Williams; Wakefield, Albert Bell, F. R. Shaw; Lowell, Chas. Giberson; W. W. Jamieson; Woodstock parish, F. B. Bull, Henry Smith; Woodstock town, Wm. Macdonald, Joseph Kewer, A. G. Bailey.

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CUTS DOWN BILL OF SHERIFF HAYWARD FOR EXECUTION

Woodstock Council Reduces Amount to \$150 and Orders It Paid

CAUTIOUS ABOUT CHANGE IN COURT HOUSE SITE

Councillors Evidently Have in Mind Approaching Elections--For Government Ownership of Telephones--Motion to Repeal Scott Act Defeated--Delegation to Ottawa to Urge Valley Route.

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CLAIM A BIG SMUGGLING END

Arrests in Maine, and It is Charged Huge Conspiracy is Behind

SAY CLOTHING WAS THE ARTICLE HANDLED

Authorities Allege That Montreal House Has Been Engineering Underground Business Extensively--Leading Residents of Maine Border Declared to Be Involved.

The Bangor News of June 21 says: "On Tuesday night Raymond Albert, merchant and town clerk of Madawaska, Alexis Albert, stage driver between Madawaska, Fort Kent and Van Buren, Thomas Daigle, ferryman between Madawaska and Edmundson, and Eli St. Anent, a hotelier of Van Buren, were brought to Bangor by Deputy United States Marshal Haskell and Hasty, charged with having smuggled goods from Canada into Maine. Their arrests, United States officials say, reveals the most gigantic and perfectly organized system of smuggling known in this country for years.

"For several months treasury officials have been working on the case, but so perfectly were the plans of the alleged conspirators laid, it was not until Tuesday morning that sufficient evidence was collected to warrant them in making a decisive move. A small army of Aroostook county residents have been summoned to Bangor as witnesses, and it is expected that at the preliminary hearing sensational details will be brought to light.

"It is claimed by the authorities that Gibbs & Co., a large clothing establishment of Montreal, had made carefully arranged plans to flood the United States with manufactured clothing upon which no duty was to be paid; that it selected Fort Kent and Van Buren, in Aroostook county (Me.), as the American base of operations, and, so it is charged, enlisted for a surprisingly large monetary consideration the services of several Aroostook residents who hitherto have held positions of influence and respect. The clothing, it is claimed, was shipped from Montreal by way of the I. C. R. to Riviere de Loup, Canada, from which place it was reloaded to Edmundson (N. B.), directly across the St. John river from Madawaska (Me.).

"The services of a ferryman were needed at this point, and the first step of Gibbs & Co. is alleged, was to enlist the services of Thomas Daigle. Huge cases of goods were daily conveyed in this manner across the St. John, but so skilfully and apparently so openly, that for some time no suspicions were aroused. Once arrived in Madawaska, they were conveyed to the establishment of Raymond Albert, town clerk, prominent merchant, and one of the most respected men in town, who put them upon the stage for Fort Kent and Van Buren. In both of these places the goods were sent to the office of the American Express Company, and thence to hundreds of points throughout the United States. Exactly how deeply the two Alberts and Daigle are implicated in the conspiracy is not known, but it is alleged that the chief conspirators, Messrs. Gibbs & Co.

"Much of the evidence was collected by W. F. Jenks, a well-known government official of Aroostook county, assisted by Frank E. Johnson, of Boston, special agent of the treasury department, both of whom, together with several witnesses whose names are not disclosed, arrived in Bangor at 11:30 o'clock Tuesday night. When interviewed by a Bangor Daily News reporter, Mr. Jenks said:

"So far as I know, this is the biggest international conspiracy ever unearthed in Maine, and one of the most important ever known in the country. The firm of Gibbs & Co. is an old offender. Formerly their goods were shipped by way of Boston; but about two years ago their operations were discovered by the Massachusetts authorities. I do not know how directly the conspiracy was brought home to the concern, but I do know that they considered it advisable to transfer their base of operations. For various reasons they decided upon Maine, and had not the conspiracy been virtually nipped in the bud, there is no telling to what gigantic extent it would in all probability have grown.

"The goods stored in the office of the American Express Company in Fort Kent and Van Buren were sent to at least 27 states--even so far west as Detroit, and to many other points distant from Maine. The conspiracy, however, had been in progress only a few months, and therefore the goods illegally transported amount in value to not more than a few thousand dollars. It really is seen, however, that in the course of time--and not a very long time, either--the United States would have been cheated of duties amounting possibly up into the millions.

"No, I do not care to say just what turn the hearing before Commissioner Haulin will take. We have several witnesses here now, and more will come Wednesday. That there is likely to be important developments it is unnecessary to state.

"Being located in Canada, Messrs. Gibbs & Co., the principal offenders, cannot legally be brought to justice under the United States laws."

Circle of Life Nearly Complete. Stephen P. Steele, who practiced law in Peterboro (N. H.) for a generation, was employed by a Boston man, who had purchased a piece of real estate in that town, to clear the title. This necessitated the purchase of a life interest in it, owned by an old lady. This interest was converted into an annuity, figured upon the probability of her life according to the regular tables.

After this period had expired by many years the Boston man wrote Mr. Steele, through whom he had made the annual payments, asking him how much longer he thought the old woman would live. Steele replied that she was then bent nearly double with age, and in a few years he believed her extensive would meet, and that she would live forever.

Every week the canal commission imports 250 tons of sugar from the West Indies, and 200 tons of sulphur from Panama. These are used in exterminating the mosquitoes.

THE LOCH LOMOND WATER EXTENSION

The progress of the work on B. Mooney & Sons' sections of the water works extension to Robertson's Lake on the Mississippi is shown in the photographs on this page which were taken recently by a representative of The Telegraph.

The first picture shows the outer edge of the coffer dam, a temporary structure ground will be used to bring out the materials for the dam which will be built thirty feet higher up the river. The picture was taken looking down stream. Nearly half a mile, or one-third of a mile, of the dam, which extends from the dam to Latimer is composed of rock. Five steam drills are con-



On the Coffor Dam, Lake Robertson, Looking Down Stream

stantly at work here making holes for dynamite. The second photograph shows a portion of the trench already blasted and is present full of water. The pipe to convey the water to Latimer



Looking Down the Pipe Line--Part of Rock Section Already Blasted

and the log sluice which will be near the right bank, the water is being pumped from inside the coffer dam by means of a powerful centrifugal pump. At the time the picture was taken the pump was at work, and the stream of water discharged into the lake. The trellis work bridge in the back



In the Trench Section of the Reinforced Concrete Pipe in Position

KEEP THEM OUT OF THE CITIES (Winnipeg Free Press.) While American politicians and newspapers are wrestling with the problem of immigration, the Brooklyn Eagle has come forward with a novel suggestion. Commenting upon the proposal to put a tax of \$25 upon immigrants, it says that the receipts could be used in forming a new department of the immigration bureau, the purpose of which would be to see that the immigrants go to the places where they are needed and kept away from the places where their presence simply means an increase in poverty and distress.

A GREAT COUNTRY (Gloster Times.) America makes more beer than Germany, more caviare than Russia, is rapidly overtaking Italy in the spaghetti business and as for Dutch cheese Holland is now in a competition with us. We have a practical monopoly of cotton, are far in the

\$20,000 Pension to Ex-Speaker Gully. London, June 21--The house today voted the late speaker, Mr. Gully, \$20,000 yearly on his retirement so as to enable him to fittingly maintain the title which the king intends to bestow on him.

Last season the naval target practice with the big guns had to take the responsibility for the disappearance of the mackerel, and now the war department is in receipt of a complaint from "Scott (R.L.)" alleging that the fishing industry is being ruined by the