

GENERAL McDONALD COMMITTS SUICIDE.

Read a Newspaper Containing His Portrait and a Resume of the Grave Charges, and Then Shot Himself Through the Head Was to be Tried for a Misconduct in Ceylon—A Gallant Soldier With a Fine War Record.

PARIS, March 25.—Major-General Sir Hector MacDonald, commandant of the British forces in Ceylon, and one of the foremost officers in the British army, against whom charges based on immoral acts were filed some time ago, committed suicide today at his home here.

He shot himself in the right temple shortly after noon and expired a few minutes later. The general was alone in his small chamber on the Mezzanine floor of the hotel at the time of the tragedy. One of the female attendants heard the pistol shot and, opening the door, saw the general's figure outstretched on the floor, with the blood gushing from a bullet wound in the head. She ran screaming to the balcony overlooking the lobby of the hotel, where many guests including a number of ladies, were assembled. The proprietor of the hotel was the first to reach the expiring man.

Medical help was immediately summoned, but was found to be useless, death ensuing quickly on the fatal act. The commissary of police was notified and, accompanied by a doctor, proceeded to a preliminary investigation.

No money or papers of any kind were found in the general's baggage. Two notes, written in English, were found lying on a table in his room, and these were taken possession of by the authorities, but it is understood that their contents have no bearing on the suicide.

In the general's coat, lying on the bed, were found some photographs. The British embassy and consulate were notified later, and Consul-General Inglis visited the hotel and took charge of the body. The French officials took possession of the revolver, which was of nine millimetres calibre and apparently new.

Sir Hector MacDonald arrived in Paris last Friday evening, from London, on his way back to Ceylon, where, it was understood, an immediate courtmartial would be held to clear up the charges made against him.

On reaching the hotel at 11 o'clock at night, he was told that only a small and indifferent room was available. He replied that that was quite sufficient. He was not accompanied by any aides-de-camp or a valet. He said he only intended to stay a day or two in Paris.

Little was seen of him since his arrival. He was, however, in the hotel lobby this morning about noon, and it is believed that a newspaper printed in English, containing a resume of the grave charges brought against him and embellished with the general's portrait in full uniform, came under his attention. He left the lobby, going to his room, and the pistol shot followed soon after.

No arrangements have yet been made as to the disposition of the

body which is subject to the orders of the British authorities. Both the British embassy and Consul-General Inglis have advised London of the tragedy, and are awaiting instructions. The general's suicide has profoundly shocked the British officials here. Those about the hotel who had conversed with Sir Hector MacDonald recently say he showed no signs of excitement or mental worry.

In contrast to the sad circumstances surrounding the death of general MacDonald, was the gaiety of the scene tonight near his death chamber. Owing to precautions taken to conceal the death, few people in the hotel were aware of it, and the corridors and lobby of the hotel were filled with joyous parties of guests, going and returning from theatre and opera parties. Nothing indicated that the dead body of the distinguished general lay in an adjoining chamber. There are no watchers by the side of the corpse.

THE CRIME.

COLOMBO, Ceylon, March 24.—Charges of the most serious nature have been brought against Major General Sir Hector MacDonald (who is an aide-de camp to King Edward) commanding the British forces in Ceylon in consequence of which the governor of that island, Sir Joseph West Ridgeway, has been authorized to convene a courtmartial to try General MacDonald. The charges, it is alleged, are based on immoral acts.

LONDON, March 24.—The announcement from Colombo that Major General MacDonald is to be tried by courtmartial on most serious charges of immoral conduct will undoubtedly prove the greatest sensation in British military circles since the case of Col. Valentine Baker, who was sentenced August 2, 1875, to pay a fine of \$25,000 and to undergo 12 months imprisonment for assaulting a lady in a railway carriage.

General MacDonald was regarded as one of Britain's great soldiers. He rose from the ranks in the Gordon Highlanders to his present position and the service list shows no more honorable war record than that of MacDonald, while few officers possess more harder won decorations. He was extremely popular in army and in civil life.

While the army officials and many of his brother officers were aware that charges were pending against General MacDonald, no intimation of their nature leaked out until the dinner of the officers of a Highland regiment March 21, at which MacDonald was not present.

Lord Roberts, the commander-in-chief, paid tribute in a speech on that occasion with distinction, but he did not mention MacDonald. This attracted considerable notice and the sensation was increased when another speaker who was not aware of the facts in the case, lauded MacDonald as a typical Highland soldier, and found that his remarks were received in cold silence by the majority of the officers present.

General MacDonald, it is announced left England for the continent some days ago and it is understood that he is returning to Ceylon under the advice of Lord Roberts, after hearing MacDonald's version of the charges.

I see that Andrew Carnegie thinks Homer didn't amount to much, after all. That's queer. Surely Homer must have had one good point in Andy's estimation. He didn't die rich.

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THE BEAVER.

The various attempts to save the Canadian beaver have been only partially successful. To a great extent the woods have been stripped of their native animals, and the beaver has suffered more than most animals. Its pelt is of sufficient value to make it a great prize. It is highly valued by the Indians as an article of food. Its habits are such that it is easy for the trapper well-nigh to exterminate a whole colony in a single day.

The Canadian law for the protection of the beaver does not seem able to reach the Indians. The latter remain for so long a time in the woods and are then so far from civilization that no official can keep watch over their movements. So the officials watch the dealers and attempt to prosecute them for buying the skins. Beavers are good to eat, and if a hungry man kills one he goes free. The Indians of the far north go to the woods every winter with small rations, and if they eat the beaver they kill it would be hard to get any man who had ever faced starvation in the north to stand for their conviction.

The dealers who buy beaver skins employ various schemes for getting them to market. One fur buyer, for instance, has a store where he keeps his furs. When an Indian comes in with a bunch of beaver the dealer has these taken to another house whose owner is supposed to be in no way interested in furs.

When there is a fairly large supply the dealer takes a run to Quebec or Montreal and arranges for a sale. The persons who take the furs have a third person in their confidence. The third person is not a fur buyer. Consequently when a barrel of beaver skins labeled "Glassware" arrives, sent by a man who does not deal in furs, no one suspects the deception. The skins are sent to American markets, are seen only by American customs inspectors, who have no great concern with the enforcement of Canadian laws, and the danger to the dealer is past.

The great hope of the lawmakers was that the vast region to the north of the settlements, where the Hudson Bay Company has control, would become a great reservoir from which the animals would scatter southward, for the company is said to be strictly conscientious in its obedience to the law.

The Indians consider the beaver the delicacy of delicacies, and has a special fondness for the flesh of the animal when it is cooked after the ancient method of singeing off the fur and roasting it whole in the skin. Even after the pelts became valuable he would resort to this method on special occasions.

When the company would no longer buy the skins the Indian, too far from civilization to deal with any other fur buyer, resorted to old-time customs, and there was feasting in the land, feasting on beaver roasted in the skin.

This sort of thing could not last long, however, without attracting fur buyers from the outside world. The outside dealers began sending their men into the woods. These found what was undoubtedly a snap, a chance to buy beaver with no competition. There were fortunes in the business and little risk, for the buyers were practically safe from any possible detection.

This sort of thing was bad for the Hudson Bay Company, for when men penetrated its region for the purpose of buying beaver they bought other furs as well, lots of them, and the company found itself often unable to get furs enough from successful trappers to pay for the supplies which always awaited on credit before the winter hunt.

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