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BEATTIE NESBITT PASSED AWAY ONE HOUR AFTER INDICTMENTS AGAINST HIM WERE QUASHED

Famous Politician, Organizer, and First President of Defunct Farmers' Bank Died After a Lingered Illness From a Complication of Diseases.

CRIMINAL ACTION DISMISSED BY JUDGE MIDDLETON

Mrs. Nesbitt Told Her Husband Before He Died That He Was a Free Man and Toronto's Best Known Figure Smiled and Died in Peace.

DR. W. BEATTIE NESBITT



Who died yesterday afternoon at his residence, 71 Grosvenor street. He will be buried on Monday.

Dr. W. Beattie Nesbitt, athlete, physician, politician, company organizer, bank president, mayorally aspirant, is dead. The man, large physically and mentally, who had had a steady share of ups and downs in life, passed to his reward at 3.30 yesterday afternoon at his home, 71 Grosvenor street. During the last twenty years he was prominently known in Toronto, in fact he was one of the city's most picturesque characters. Complications arising from Bright's Disease and heart trouble, combined with worry over the indictment against him in connection with the collapse of the Farmers' Bank, brought about the end. He was 47 years of age.

The death was no surprise. During the past month it was known by his physicians and friends that he would not survive. Six months ago when he was brought back from Chicago, where he had been in hiding from the police for one year, he was in a poor physical state and soon after went into decline. For some time he was confined in the Lyndhurst Hospital, College street, and then he was taken to his home, where he died yesterday in the presence of his wife and young daughter.

Until a few minutes before the end he was conscious. At 2.30—one hour prior to death—his home on Grosvenor street was called by phone by Hartley H. Dewart, his counsel, in the Farmers' Bank case. Mrs. Nesbitt answered the ring and Mr. Dewart's first enquiry was as to the doctor's condition.

"He is very low," said Mrs. Nesbitt, "but he is still conscious."

Indictments Quashed.

"Then, tell him," said Mr. Dewart, "that Judge Middleton quashed the indictments against him at 2 o'clock this afternoon."

Mrs. Nesbitt was quite relieved by the news and rushed to her dying husband's bedside. He was still conscious and apparently not suffering. He was told that he had been hearing over him for more than a year, and by his smile it was quite apparent that he understood the meaning of the few words spoken to him. One hour later he passed away.

On Thursday, after Mr. Dewart had presented his argument to the effect that the indictments should be quashed.

NESBITT FREED BEFORE DEATH

Five Indictments on Which Doctor Was Extradited From Chicago Were Quashed by Judge Middleton.

The success of a legal argument which took place in Mr. Justice Middleton's chambers at Osgoode Hall at 2 o'clock yesterday brought joy to the deathbed of the late Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, a tho his lordship and the two barristers who appeared before him hadn't the slightest idea that the doctor's condition was so low and were greatly surprised an hour later when they heard of his death.

The indictments against Dr. Nesbitt were quashed by Mr. Justice Middleton shortly after 2 o'clock in the presence of H. H. Dewart, K.C., Dr. Nesbitt's counsel, and W. G. Thurston, K.C., who represented the crown.

On Thursday Mr. Dewart moved for an order quashing the five indictments, but very little argument was heard, and Mr. Justice Middleton fixed Feb. 10 as the date on which he would hear the remainder of the argument. Yesterday, however, he seemingly changed his mind and notified both the defence and the crown.

When the court opened Judge Middleton said that he had given the mat-

TRIBUTES PAID TO DOCTOR'S MEMORY

Conservative Party Is Weaker Because of His Demise, Says E. W. J. Owens, Who Always Found Dr. Nesbitt a Good Fighter and a "White" Man.

"The Conservative party is weaker today because of his demise. Some may not have seen eye to eye with him in his methods, but he had at all times the sincere and honest purpose at heart—our party's cause."

In these words E. W. J. Owens, M.L.A., at the Ward Three Liberal-Conservative Association banquet last night referred to the sudden death yesterday afternoon of Dr. Beattie Nesbitt. Sincere regret was also expressed by the other speakers.

"It is with deep and heartfelt regret and with a feeling I cannot put in words that I heard of Dr. Nesbitt's death," said Mr. Owens. "He and I have stood shoulder to shoulder in many a tight corner, and he has always been white. He was a man who would go any length for a friend, and for friendship's sake would always give the best that was in him."

Claude Macdonell, M.P., said it was with the greatest regret that he learned of the death of his warm and personal friend. "We have all to go to our fate when our time comes," he said. "Dr. Nesbitt has gone to his rest and I trust to his reward."

For considerable attention since the day before, and had finally decided to quash each of the five indictments on which Dr. Nesbitt was extradited from the United States. His lordship said, however, he would reserve the reasons for his judgment until later, as they were of great importance.

Mr. Dewart said that he did not desire to argue the question on his own account, but that he had been definitely instructed to do so by Mrs. Nesbitt. His argument for the quashing of the indictments was on the ground that none of them disclosed an indictable offence at law.

Mr. Dewart lost no time in informing his client of the good news after Mr. Justice Middleton had given his decision. At a late hour last night Mr. Dewart was seen by The World.

"It's the most extraordinary thing I ever heard tell of," he said. "While I knew that Dr. Nesbitt's condition was very serious, the news of his death, an hour after the quashing of the indictments, came to me as a great surprise. I phoned Mrs. Nesbitt of the decision, and she was able to tell her husband before he died."

SKIRMISHING AT TCHATALJA LINE

LONDON, Jan. 31.—(Can. Press.)—A dispatch to a news agency from Constantinople says that advances received there are to the effect that there was outpost skirmishing on the Tchatalja lines today.

GOVERNMENT IS INVESTIGATING HIGH FREIGHT RATES ON OCEAN

OTTAWA, Jan. 31.—(Special.)—In the house today, W. F. Maclean (South York) called the attention of the government to the excessive increase in ocean freight rates, and asked if any corrective action were possible thru the subventions granted to the steamship companies.

Hon. George E. Foster said that the matter had been called to his attention by the Toronto Board of Trade and was under investigation.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux said that there was a marked diversion of freight from Canadian to American ports and urged the early establishment of a Canadian Lloyd's.

Mr. Foster said the government was quite sympathetic with the proposal to establish a Canadian Lloyd's, but the initiative must be taken by the mercantile and shipping interests.

CHANGES IN N. T. R. GRADING MAY RESULT IN GRAND TRUNK REFUSING TO TAKE OVER ROAD

Chairman Leonard Contends That Changes Are Slight and Desirable From Engineering Standpoint, But President Chamberlin Protests Strongly—Illuminating Correspondence Before House.

OTTAWA, Jan. 31.—(Special.)—What truth is there in the charges made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier last summer at Marquette, and repeated again in the house in the debate upon the address to the effect that the standard of the National Transcontinental Railway had been degraded under the direction of Chairman Leonard and with the approval of the Borden government? It will be remembered that the prime minister in replying to Sir Wilfrid in the house contended himself with saying that the subject would be fully and satisfactorily dealt with by the minister of railways and canals.

Since then there has been no opportunity for Mr. Cochrane to make a statement and the opposition has not repeated the charges, awaiting a return of the documents and correspondence ordered by the house on motion of Hon. Geo. F. Graham.

Chamberlin Made Protest.

The return has now been tabled and in due correspondence between Mr. J. M. Chamberlin, president of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, and Major Leonard, a letter from Major Leonard to the minister of railways, and considerable correspondence upon the subject between Chief Engineer Grant and the district engineer at Cochrane.

Some "momentum" grades were introduced, increasing the grade at certain points from 4-10 of one per cent. to one per cent. These changes were justified from an engineering standpoint by Chairman Leonard, but elicited a vigorous protest from President Chamberlin, who more than intimated that the change in the gradients, if persisted in, would justify the Grand Trunk, in refusing to take over the road.

On July 18 Mr. Chamberlin wrote to me: "The grades of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, as proposed by the minister of railways, are such as to require the Grand Trunk to take over the road. This is a most serious matter, and one which will result in the Grand Trunk refusing to take over the road. The grades are such as to require the Grand Trunk to take over the road. This is a most serious matter, and one which will result in the Grand Trunk refusing to take over the road."

Even at this late hour each side of the dispute is accusing the other of bluffing. The Turks declare that in their note to the powers Thursday the allies were given greater concessions as a basis for resuming the peace negotiations than they had expected to be made them at the commencement of the conference. The allies practically admit this, but they say what would have been acceptable even a fortnight ago cannot now be entertained, and that the Turkish game obviously is to lead them by the nose for months, counting on the allies' financial exhaustion and hoping that complications will arise to favor Turkey.

Conspiracy of Young Turks.

Dr. Danef, head of the Bulgarian delegation, said today that the feelings of the Balkan populations must be considered. Excitement among them, he declared, had reached the highest degree against their "fraudulent treatment."

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CANADIANS SHOULD UNITE IN BUILDING UP SEA POWER ON CONTINENT OF NORTH AMERICA

Plea of W. F. Maclean, M.P., That Parties "Run Like the Horses of the Sun, All Aboard," Applauded on Both Sides of House—South America Solution of Germany's Colonization Problem.

BRITAIN'S RURAL LIFE SHAME TO EMPIRE

LLOYD GEORGE DECLARES FOREMOST TASK OF LIBERALISM IS EMANCIPATION OF FARM LABORERS FROM SHOCKING CONDITIONS—DENOUNCES GRIP OF RUSTY, EFFETE SYSTEM.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—(Can. Press.)—The foremost task of Liberalism in the near future is the regeneration of rural life—the emancipation of the land of this country from the paralyzing grip of a rusty, effete and unprofitable system.

David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, made this momentous declaration tonight at the annual meeting of the National Liberal Club. The land question has been Mr. Lloyd George's hobby and the Conservatives have accused him of being ambitious to introduce the Henry George system of taxation in Great Britain. Recently they had been asserting that the cabinet had sidetracked his scheme, but tonight's speech by the chancellor of the exchequer indicates that the government soon will grapple with perhaps the greatest attempt in its extensive program of social reforms.

The unofficial commission Mr. Lloyd George selected to investigate the relations between landlords and tenants has been bitterly attacked by the conservative party, which is the party of the country squire, because its proceedings were in secret. Lloyd George said in his speech tonight that the result achieved by the commission had been startling.

Shameful Conditions Disclosed.

Speaking of the agricultural laborers, the chancellor said:

"When these reports are published they will prove conclusively that there are hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of men, women and children living under conditions with regard to wages, housing and the rest of labor conditions which ought to make this great empire hang its head with shame. They will prove by unchallengeable facts that this rich country does not provide decent homes for the laborers engaged in an occupation which is vital to our very existence."

Mr. Lloyd George also denounced what he called the land monopoly of towns.

John Drew's Leading Ladies.

Maude Adams and Billie Burke, to me leading ladies with John Drew, are now the two most popular of the stage stars. Mary Boland, present leading lady with the noted actor, is also a popular favorite. In fact, a John Drew company would now be considered incomplete without Mary Boland.

Men's Hat Variety at Dineen's.

All the good kinds of hats for men come to Dineen's. Established in Toronto in 1864, the firm has in that time become agents for all the reputable hat makers in England, France, Italy and the United States. There is a greater variety in hats for men to be found at Dineen's than in any other retail men's hat store in America. Hats for men at Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, corner Temperance street.

Mr. Maclean said that he could not consent to the proposition that a referendum should be taken upon the question of national defence. The safety of the nation is its supreme law, and neither the government nor parliament could shift the responsibility to the people. He believed in the referendum for social and economic questions, and believed constitutional machinery should be provided so that the people could be consulted upon questions like parcels post, the drink evil, and public ownership of public utilities.

"This policy before the house," Mr. Maclean continued, "is not a temporary policy, and I am not supporting it as a mere makeshift to meet some emergency. It is the beginning of a big permanent policy. It is a confession of our responsibility, a declaration of faith and a first attempt to help in the common naval defence of the empire. We have begun a permanent policy, also it has not been fully disclosed to us as yet, but we know that Canada is to be represented on the imperial defence committee and that Britain is to begin at once building ships in Canada."

Should Run All Aboard.

Mr. Maclean urged his fellow-members to lay aside party differences and to present a united front to all the world. Recalling an old work on fox-hunting, wherein the author said he liked to see a pack of foxhounds "running like the horses of the sun, all aboard," Mr. Maclean said he wanted to see all Canadians aboard on this question and to see Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and the other seats of the empire "running like horses of the sun, all aboard."

The German menace, he said, would soon disappear if the Germans were allowed to settle and colonize in South America, or much might be accomplished if Germany were allowed to take Persia. In any event German democracy should be assured that they

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MONETARY COMMISSION IS URGED IN MANY PETITIONS NOW POURING INTO OTTAWA

Request Sent by Sharbot Lake Residents Urges Immediate and Searching Probe into Affairs of All Chartered Banks in Canada—Western Farmers and the Dominion Grange Will Send Both Petitions and Delegates.

OTTAWA, July 31.—(Special.)—The popular demand for a monetary commission to inquire into the banking and currency situation in Canada is being exemplified by the petitions already pouring in upon parliament. This afternoon Mr. Speaker Sprule decided that a petition from a number of citizens of Sharbot Lake could not be received because the rules of the house requiring three signatures upon the first page of the petition had not been complied with. This technical defect will no doubt be corrected, and the petition will then be received, which prays for an immediate and searching investigation into the affairs of all the chartered banks of Canada.

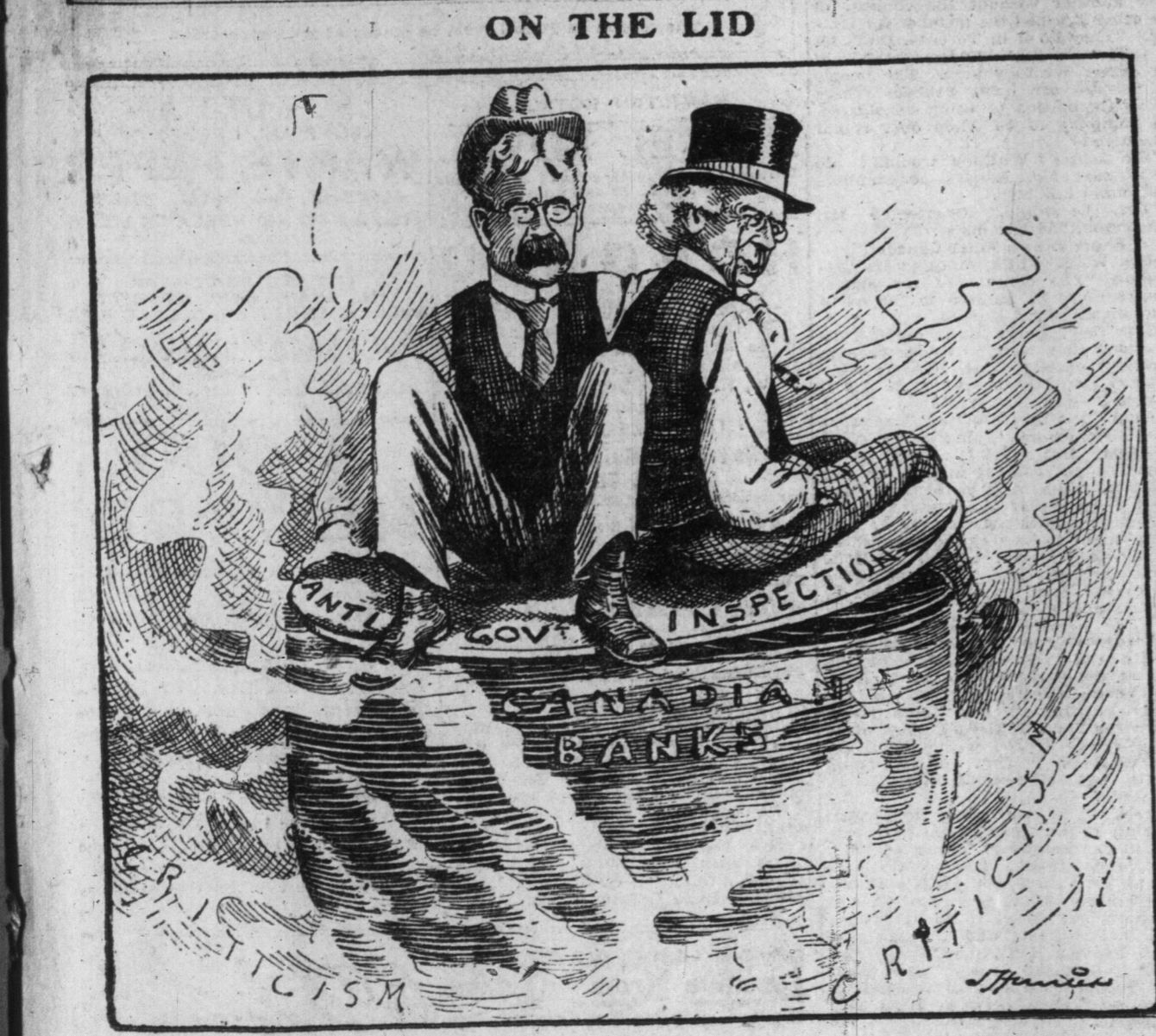
FARMERS UP IN ARMS

It is understood that the grain growers from Manitoba and Saskatchewan, the united farmers of Alberta, and the Dominion Grange are preparing to petition parliament respecting the banks and the banking system of Canada. These organizations will send delegates to the hearings before the banking and commerce committee, or in some other way impress upon the government that some relief must be afforded to the public, especially in the matter of safeguarding the money of depositors.

IZZET PASHA IS CHOSEN TO LEAD TURKISH ARMY

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 31.—(Can. Press.)—Izzet Pasha, chief of the general staff of the war office, who, after the resignation of Kiamil Pasha's cabinet, assumed provisionally the portfolio of minister of war, has been appointed commander-in-chief of the Turkish forces, in succession to the late Nazim Pasha.

Izzet today addressed a general order to the troops, notifying them of his assumption of command of the army and calling on them in this critical moment of Ottoman history to show themselves worthy of the glorious tradition of their race as true sons of noble ancestors.



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