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TWENTY-THIRD YEAR

# PREMIER ROSS BEDEFT WIFE'S SUDDEN DEATH

## Passed Away Yesterday After a Few Hours' Illness—Feeling References in Legislature.

While the country at large was yet deploring the loss sustained in the death of two of her distinguished prelates, in this city, within the past week, there came another shock yesterday morning, when the death was announced of the wife of one of her foremost statesmen, in the person of Mrs. G. W. Ross. The sad event was unexpected up to a few hours of its happening. Mrs. Ross was seized with illness on Tuesday morning, and her condition grew gradually worse until 4.30 a.m. yesterday, when she peacefully passed away.

The suddenness of her demise is emphasized by the fact that Premier Ross was in his seat on Tuesday afternoon. He knew that Mrs. Ross was not in her usual health, but did not consider her condition at all critical. Shortly after arriving home at midnight, however, he was alarmed



by Mrs. Ross going into convulsions, from which she did not rally, although everything possible was done by her physician to stay the hand of death. Dr. Stevenson's statement:

Dr. Stevenson issued the following statement: Mrs. Ross, wife of the Premier, the Hon. Geo. W. Ross, died suddenly at 4.30 o'clock this morning. The cause of death was acute uraemia. She appeared to be in good health until within 24 hours of her decease. Dr. Stevenson, the family physician, was in attendance on Tuesday afternoon, and subsequently Dr. W. E. Caven and Dr. Barrett were called.

Mrs. Ross was the daughter of the late Mr. William Boston, ex-M.P., of Lobo Township, Middlesex, and a brother of Mr. Robert Boston, ex-M.P., London. She was married to Mr. Ross in 1873, and was the mother of four children—Geo. W. Ross, Jr., Miss Kate, Miss Florence and Miss Mabel Ross.

Loss will be keenly felt. The decease of Mrs. Ross will be keenly felt, not only in her home, but also in her church (Old St. Andrew's, Jarvis-street), in the galleries of the legislative chamber and in a wide circle of friends in Toronto and other parts of the province. She was a devoted wife and mother, and to the Premier himself her death must prove an especially severe blow. For many years, during which the Prime Minister has been a semi-invalid, his wife has been his constant nurse and attendant. All his campaigns she shared with him, and in all of them she shielded his health and cared for his comfort. Had it not been for her tender and unswerving solicitude, Mr. Ross would hardly have been where he is to-day. In fact, it was only last summer, when the Premier returned from England that he referred to his loyal wife as "a strong tower of refuge" to him, and a great rock in a weary land."

Mrs. Ross and his family will, therefore, have the sincere sympathy of the entire public in this sore bereavement.

At Old St. Andrew's, Mrs. Ross was, with her husband and children, a constant attendant, and her influence stood for good in the congregation. Mrs. Ross's fine personality, pleasing presence and kind heart endeared her alike to the political friends and foes of her husband, and soon regret at yesterday's sad news will be felt in many Ontario homes.

**Funeral Friday Afternoon.** The funeral will take place at the family residence, 1 Elmley-place, to-morrow afternoon at 1 o'clock by the Rev. Pleasant Cemetery, and will be private.

Many telegrams of regret have been received by Mr. Ross in his bereavement, among the first being one from Mr. Calvert, the Chief Liberal Whip of the House of Commons.

**Adjourning Yesterday.** The legislature, instead of holding a morning session yesterday, adjourned until the afternoon, as a mark of respect and sympathy for the Premier, at the sudden death of Mrs. Ross. After prayers were over, the Premier, in a tremulous voice, that he could scarcely control, made the announcement that the death of the House, with a suddenness that was appalling, had been deprived of one of its most distinguished members—his wife. He did not think that the House, in view of this sad event, should meet to-day, but he proceeded with the ordinary business before the House, without marking in any way the significance of the day, as was sure was felt by them all for the Premier and his family in this trying moment.

**Beloved and Admired.** Mrs. Ross, the Attorney-General's widow, was known to all who held in the highest degree the respect and admiration of every member of the House.

**Centre Island.** I have for immediate sale on Lake Front, Centre Island, a detached summer house, containing ten bright, airy rooms, furnished, spacious verandas around front and east and west sides, hot water, electric light, fine long lease, ground rent only seventy cents per foot, price only sixteen hundred and fifty dollars. For keys and full particulars apply H. H. Williams, 10 Victoria-street.

**Death of Pico Colomini.** London, March 12.—Pico Colomini, the composer of popular songs, died to-day, a pauper, in a London lunatic asylum.

**Cock's Turkish and Russian Baths are the Best.** 121-123 Yonge.

**Try the Decanter at Thomas.**

**DOING.** Some people do so much to gain a butchery of this celebratory, and they forget the King of kings. May sometimes grant men grace for things which they have left undone.

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# The Toronto Standard

EIGHT PAGES—THURSDAY MORNING MARCH 13 1902—EIGHT PAGES

# London It is Feared That Methuen May Be Shot In Retaliation For the Killing of Burgher Scheepers

## An Alleged Description of the Latter's End Published Which Has Caused the Boers to Long for Revenge—Captive British General's Sanity is Questioned—His Bravery Vouched For.

Berlin, March 12.—Gen. Methuen, who was British military attaché at Berlin from 1877 to 1881, made many friends while here. Among the stories related of him is that upon one occasion, when he was going to the palace to visit Emperor William, in 1881, he jumped into the Sprea and saved the life of a drowning child. The time required to change his clothes made him late at his audience with the Emperor. For this he apologized, but did not give the reason for the delay. A few days later, at a reception in the palace, the Emperor drew the British attaché aside, and pinned the rosette medal on the lapel of his coat.

**MAY BE SHOT.** Chicago, March 12.—The Record-Herald's London correspondent writes: A painful war situation and an exasperating censorship have set London on edge. Nothing has been heard from Lord Methuen, since his capture, regarding his condition, and little is known of the movement of troops that formed part of his command, but who took no part in last Friday's combat. The city is full of rumors, one of which is that Methuen's life is in danger. It is said that an attempt will be made to retaliate for the shooting and hanging of Boer prisoners, Dewet and Steyn may be tempted to do away with their distinguished prisoner.

Pro-Boers, however, scout this idea, declaring that it might lead to reprisals that would shock the world; that even Cromie and other burghers might suffer at the hands of an outraged soldiery.

**Methuen Was in Error.** It is rather a singular coincidence that only a few days ago Lord Methuen wrote that he believed the war would be over in a few months. He based this belief on the alleged willingness of sections of the Boer combatants to surrender, and, as he declared, upon a change in the attitude of the Boer women, who, from being rancorous in their hatred of the British, were now, he alleged, inducing their husbands and brothers to yield. The general said in his letter that in many cases the women were acting as peace emissaries. The occurrences of the last few days have been mistaken in his beliefs. An incident at this particular time, that re-opens a distressing affair, adds greatly to the peril in which Methuen is placed. It is the publication of a private letter, purporting to give the details of the execution of Commandant Scheepers.

**Denied a Soldier's Death.** Here is the story of a soldier who formed one of the hollow square, included in which Scheepers met his doom:

"Commandant Scheepers was shot at 3 o'clock. They brought him from town in an ambulance van with a band playing and the firing party following behind. When they got him to his grave he begged to be allowed to stand up and face death, but they would not let him. The volley almost blew one side of him away, and it was not until he had been struck by a brave man, he did not flinch or turn pale. They buried him as he was and broke up the shell upon which he had sat, throwing the pieces on top of him."

When it is further added that the tone played by the band that conveyed Scheepers to death was a folk-song, and that the Boer women were suffering from severe wounds, the escape and horror excited among Boer women, the execution may be imagined.

**It is a feeling of revenge.** It is a feeling of revenge, that Methuen is now a prisoner, and in the circumstances their foe and in one of the most remarkable victories of the war.

**The latest disaster at Two-Bosch.** It is said that the British have materially swelled the British casualty lists in South Africa. The Boer losses are estimated at 25,000 lives. This is nearly 8,000 in excess of the mortality of the Crimean war.

**Pro-Boer Attack is Feared.** Captain of a British Mule Transport at New Orleans Asks Protection.

**DEPUTY SHERIFF DETAILED AS GUARD.** General Pearson and His Sympathizers Cause Alarm—Dynamite Hinted at.

**NEW ORLEANS, La., March 12.**—The officers of the British mule transports here are alarmed at the attitude of the Boer agents and sympathizers. The captain of the British transport Montreal, which is loading with mules at Chalmette, waited upon Sheriff Nimes and St. Bernard to-day, and stated that he had reason to believe that his vessel would be subject to an attack similar to that on the Mechanic, against which a dynamite torpedo was floated, and asked for protection. Deputy sheriffs were detailed to protect the Montreal against Boer attacks.

**DROWNED AT PORT HOPE.** William Douglas Loses His Life Flirting a Dan.

**Port Hope, March 12.**—A very sad accident happened this afternoon, by which William Douglas, miller, at the Harold Barrett Company's mill, lost his life. Shortly before 5 o'clock, while engaged in the work of mulling, he was struck by a large quantity of water coming down the creek, it was found necessary to take up some of the logs at the dam, and while engaged in pulling up one of the logs, one end suddenly slipped out, causing the other end to swing round, striking Mr. Douglas on the legs, knocking him into the water. The current drove him towards and carried him away. He was for an instant seen before going under the bridge at Walton-street, and unless the body had stopped at Helm's Dam has likely been carried out into the lake. The deceased had been an employe of the Barrett mills for 37 years, and was 44 years of age. He leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters.

**CAT KILLS DRUNKEN MAN.** Campton, Ky., March 12.—James L. Wireman of High Falls, three miles from here, was killed, while drunk, by a house cat. Wireman's wife was awakened in the night by his groans and struggles. She jumped out of bed and discovered her husband devouring him. She killed the cat.

**DROWNED AT NEWMARKET.** Newmarket, Ont., March 12.—About 1 o'clock this afternoon the 7-year-old son of Mr. A. J. Crispin fell into the water, and was drowned. Parties immediately commenced dragging for the body, but up to a late hour it had not been found.

**ON ADVICE OF CABINET.** London, March 12.—It was officially announced to-day that the proposed royal visit to Ireland this year has been cancelled upon the advice of the cabinet.

**Edwards and Bar-Smitth, Chartered Accountants, Office Canadian Bank at Commerce Buildings, Toronto.**

**Uxbridge Old Boys at the Grand.** The Uxbridge Old Boys will attend the Grand to-night in a body, to hear William G. Richards, who is known professionally as Richard G. Williams. He suggests the establishment of a reserve force, ready to take the field in any emergency. Arrangements will be made for rapid mobilization of the tenth New Zealand regiment, if its services are needed.

**PRESIDENT OF BRAZIL.** New York, March 12.—Senator A. Fontoura Xavier, Brazilian consul-general in this city, has received a private cable message from Rio Janeiro, announcing the election of Dr. Francisco de Paula Rodrigues Alves as President of Brazil.

**Patents—Fethergough & Co., Kingston, West, Toronto, Also Montreal, Ottawa and Washington.**

**FOUGHT OFFICER IN HOTEL.** Supposed Thief Had to Be Clubbed Into Submission on Taking Refuge There.

**HIS PAL RAN UP SIMCOE-STREET.** Boat Was Overtaken and Locked up—Men Tried to Sell \$25 Caparines.

**Police-men Lillburn and Archibald** had a hard cast exciting chase last night after William McDonald and Percy Sheppard, two well-dressed young men, who had attempted to dispose of a valuable Persian lamb cape, trimmed with sable. Both men were captured, and will be held until the police make some enquiries about the ownership of the cape, which, it is believed, was stolen.

**Only Nine of the Entire Boat's Company Were Saved—Families Bereft.** Vicksburg, Miss., March 12.—The steamer Providence, plying between this port and Lake Palmyra, was overturned at 2 o'clock this morning by a sudden squall at Lone Landing, and 21 of her passengers and crew were drowned.

**DEATH CAME WHILE THEY SLEPT.** The dead: Captain William Cassidy of Vicksburg, chief engineer; Clyde Scott, Vicksburg, cotton seed buyer; Dr. N. A. Lancaster, a prominent physician and planter of the Palmyra neighborhood; seventeen colored domestics and deckhands, whose names have not been reported.

**BROKE WOODSTOCK JAIL.** Eighth Escape in 21-2 Years Since on Tuesday Night.

**Woodstock, March 12.**—John McGahan, the wife-beater, did not appear before the Magistrate this morning, nor is it likely that he will do so, because, when Chief Wills visited the cell to look up the prisoner, the bird had flown, and all that remained to tell the tale was a broken chair and a broken window pane. McGahan's departure makes the eighth exit from the cells since the jail was opened by the police in two years and a half, and several of these departures were after a long and desperate struggle with the warden, a suspicious character, who was the seventh escape, and he effected an escape last May.

**MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION.** Occurred at Top of Canister Was Screwed on.

**WANT MORE PROTECTION.** Ottawa, March 12.—A deputation of cement manufacturers waited upon the Finance Minister to-day, and asked that the duty on cement be raised from 10 to 20 cents per hundred pounds, and that certain minor changes be made in the size and shape of imported packages.

**DROWNED IN MOLLASSES.** London, March 12.—A night watchman named Thain, at the Hammermill distillery, Fulham Palace-road, was on Sunday morning discovered dead in a vat containing many thousands of gallons of molasses. There was no evidence at yesterday's inquest to show how he had got into the vat, and a verdict of found drowned was returned.

**Monuments.** The McIntosh Granite & Marble Company, Limited, 3119 and 3121 Yonge-street, Tel. 4240. Terminal—Yonge-street car route. 146

**WHERE HUGH JOHN STOOD**

**Strenuously Opposed Purpose of His Supporters to Re-Submit Liquor Act to the People.**

**THE CONDITION OF HIS LEADERSHIP**

**Would Have Brought It Into Force as Soon as Courts Declared It Valid.**

**EXPENSIVE REFUSAL.** An Interesting Case Arising Out of the Census.

**Montreal, March 12.**—A case of much importance and interest to the general public was commenced before Judge Choquette to-day. The Canada Thread Company, 295 Viation-street, is charged by the Dominion government with refusing to answer the questions put by the census enumerators. The action is laid under the Census Act, and the Department of Justice recently decided that an incorporated company can be held responsible, as a company, where the directors decline to give the required information. The decision in this case will be watched with interest, because it may set a precedent in the case that is being heard, that there are people who are desirous of getting business information which could be used in competition. The minimum fine is one dollar, and the maximum forty dollars. In the case of conviction, the defendants can be fined every dollar of refusal after the judge has given his decision.

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**Examination of Accounts.** The presentation of the report to the Public Accounts Committee drew forth the remark from Mr. Matheson that it was impossible for that committee to properly examine the accounts of the Province. He referred, also, to the \$400,000 grant from the Dickson Lumber Company, and said it was a remarkable thing that the grant was made to the company after the money had actually been spent. There was nothing whatever to justify the grant, he said.

**These bills were read a third time.** Mr. Gibson—to amend the Jurors Act. Mr. McDonald—to amend the Village of Alexandria. Mr. Dryden—to amend the San Jose Scale Act. Mr. Gibson—to amend the Joint Stock Companies Winding-Up Act. Mr. Farver—to amend the Petrolia Rapid Railway Company. Mr. Dickenson—to amend the Hamilton, Ancaster and Toronto Railway Company. Mr. Flynn—to confer certain powers on the trustees of the will of the late John Bacon. Mr. Lathford—to provide for the removal of obstructions from rivers and streams in certain cases.

**Railway Subsidies.** The House went into committee on Resolutions, and passed the following railway resolutions, on the understanding that a discussion would ensue when the bill was introduced: "There shall be granted out of the Consolidated Fund—

**A PRINCE TO WED.** Nice, March 12.—The engagement of Mlle. Natalie Constantinovitch to Prince Mike of Montenegro is officially announced.

**A New Hat for You.** Your sister, your wife, or the other fellow's sister is out on the trail for a "spring bonnet." She has seen them all—tried a goodly number of them on her particular head, and is now thinking it over and talking about it. You need a new "bonnet." Your last season's hat won't do it. Look shabby. The "Dinen" Company have just introduced a new, never before in the United States or in Europe, and you can't say anything but "good" for them for they won't keep them. They are headed Dan's and they have a Canadian agent by every maker of repute in all designs. Silk hats \$5 to \$8. Derby hats \$2 to \$5. Alpines hats \$2 to \$5.

**A LITTLE COOLER.** Meteorological Office, Toronto, Ont., March 12.—(8 p. m.)—Rain is falling throughout the greater portion of Ontario and Quebec. Elsewhere the weather is from cloudy to fair. It keeps very mild everywhere, and there is still seemingly no prospect of any wintry conditions at present. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary, 24-44; Port Arthur, 22-30; Winnipeg, 18-38; Port Arthur, 20-31; Parry Sound, 32-46; Toronto, 42-54; Ottawa, 28-42; Montreal, 30-42; Quebec, 34-40; Halifax, 30-52.

**Lower Lakes very northwesterly and westerly clearing and a little cooler; not more than a few degrees below the freezing point.** Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Rain for the first part of the day; the clearing is westerly; generally fair, and slightly cooler. Maritime—Strong winds or moderate gales, with heavy rain; unsettled, mild and showery. Lake Superior—Generally fair; stationary; slight to lower temperatures. Manitoba—Mostly fair and mild.

**STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.** March 12. At. From. Esquimaux. New York. Antwerp. Montreal. New York. London. Toronto. New York. Genoa. Victoria. Queenstown. Belfast. St. John's. Liverpool. New York. Philadelphia. Southampton. New York. Lahn. Naples. Liverpool. New York. Ocala. Liverpool. New York.

**PROBABLES.** SCHENK—To Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Schenk, Hamilton, a son, March 10, 1902. Mother and child doing well.

**Settled by Apologies.** Washington, March 12.—It is stated that the trouble growing out of the collision between Russian soldiers and American sailors of the U. S. Steamer Vicksburg, at Nuchwang, has been settled satisfactorily through the preference of apologies by the Russian commanding officer, Captain Barry, the commander of the Vicksburg.

**Lost His Brief Bag.** T. C. Robinson, the well-known criminal lawyer, is looking for his brief bag, which disappeared from the General Sessions courtroom yesterday afternoon. The bag contained a lot of papers dealing with cases for trial at the Sessions, and Mr. Robinson is anxious that it should be returned at once.

**Struck by a Pile.** St. John, N. B., March 12.—Richard King, a well-known fisherman, was killed at St. Martin's to-day. He was one of the crew of the schooner Abana, and was struck by a piece of bilging.

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