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ANOTHER RUSSIAN TRAGEDY.

Events of a tragic character are crowding closely on the stage of the Russian empire. The latest tragedy is the assassination of the Grand Duke Serguis, an uncle of the Czar, and alleged to have been the head of the war party and opposed to the extension of freedom to the prople.

The Grand Duke whilst driving in his carriage at Moscow today was killed by the explosion of a bomb, no doubt lighted by members of the revolutionary party.

It is only recently that the governor-general of Finland was murdered and since then the streets of St. Petersburg, Moscow, Warsaw, and other Russian cities have been dyed with the blood of innocent people who were cut down by the military for seeking their rights.

Russia has evidently come to her day of reckoning, for all the long years her despots have wickedly ridden over the necks of the people. There is a God above who punishes nations as well as idividuals for oppression and other forms of wrong doing.

A LONE REFORMER.

It is a crying shame that the duty of reforming the entire civic government of Fredericton should be left to one solitary man who in these days of lagrippe, influenza and other seasonable diseases must be kept very much engaged in his private business.

Where is the great reform wave of which we hear so much? Are we to understand it is all covered by the spacious hat of one gentleman, who is said to direct it in channels that might lead to his own nomination for the mayoralty?

Surely the ratepayers of Fredericton are not so lost to all responsibility that they will longer permit the ex-alderman who makes civic slates and disposes of the chairs at the aldermanic board as readily as he could perform an operation for appendicitis, to bear the entire burden of getting Fredericton an efficient government.

No doubt the gentleman is entirely disinterested in his labor. His sense of the indignity of longer permitting this city to remain under its present ruler prompts him to arrange tickets on paper every working hour of the day, with a certain gentleman with whom he is very intimately acquainted, as one of the central figures in them all.

Will nobody come forward and aid in the great enterprise of electing an aspiring somebody to the mayor's chair, or failing that, to a seat at the aldermanic board? Doctors may prescribe, but if the patient declines to take his medicine there is not likely to be a cure.

Reform, reform, reform, evidently haunts only one man's active waking hours and disturbs his sleep, and the city goes forward to self appointed destruction.

Martin Luther led a great reform, Calvin and Wesley aroused great religious enthusiasm and founded new creeds; Baldwin, Lafontaine; Howe, Wilmot and Fisher laid the foundations of responsible government in the Canadian provinces; Sir John A. Macdonald, Tilley, Tupper Mitchell and their associates carried Confederation, but they were not compelled to labor unaided; they had the masses of the people behind them, but our reformer seems to have no such aids.

Why and wherefore do not the people arise to their opportunity and give an aspiring young man a chance to wipe out alleged civic mismanagement, and incidentally bestow on him the highest place in the civic machine.

Tomorrow will be official nomination day in the Carleton bye-election, necessitated by Hon. W. P. Jones' acceptance of the solicitor generalship, and that gentleman will be re-elected by acclamation.

WHITNEY'S TROUBLES.

Premier Whitney, who now rules the Tory roost at Toronto, is subjected to many criticisms since he announced the personnel of his ministry. In trying to please everybody he seems to have excited the antagonism of several important classes. It is complained that there are too many Anglicans in the cabinet, that no Presbyterian holds a portfolio, the first time such a condition has existed in Ontario since confederation, and that the Baptists have been entirely overlooked. It is also noticeable that the Salvation Army the Disciples and Adventists and the Christian Scientists have been overlooked in the distribution of cabinet favors, but horror of horrors, the ultra Orange element which is the backbone of the Tory party in Ontario has been ignored, while two Roman Catholics hold important portfolios. This will no doubt reseve condemnation in the lodge rooms, and Mr. Whitney may have to make his cabinet all over again.

The trials of the politician are many and severe, and Mr. Whitney is duplicating the experience of the old man and his ass.

It is stated that Mr. E. F. Clarke, M. P., for Toronto, is willing to retire from political life if he can secure the appointment of commissioner of assessment and property in the Queen city, a position carrying a salary of $5,000. Mr. Clarke, if the Conservatives had secured power at Ottawa, would have been a cabinet minister and his present willingness to forsake the Tory wigwam is evidence that he has not much hope of his party's success in tne near future.

Members of the Tory party in Parliament are very sore on Nova Scotia because it refused to send a single member of that party to Ottawa, defeating even Mr. Borden who had to seek a seat in Ontario. These gentlemen show their ammosity by unreasonably opposing the votes proposed by the government for needed public works in the sister province, but it has a powerful friend at court in the person of Mr. Fielding.

The Sun is coaxing Sir Mackenzie Bowell not to answer the speeches of Messrs. Haggart and Foster on the "Nest of Traitors."episode. The Tory organ does not want the skeleton in the Tory closet fully exposed to view but we doubt if Sir Mackenzie can be hushed into silence when his motives and acts are impugned by the men who treachously assailed him in a trying hour, but were glad to crawl back to their offices and salaries.

The Balfour government is evidently safe for the present session. In a test vote Thursday it had a majority of sixty-three, the same number as Sir Wilfred will be able to marshal in the Canadian House of Commons. In the debate on the address Lord Cecil, son of the late Lord Salisbury, seems to have made a speech that struck the House, and a great career is predicted for this scion of a famous family.

The English reading world will be sorry to hear of the death of General Lew Wallace whose Ben Hur has been so widely purused and appreciated. Wallace who had a distinguished military, diplomatic, legal and literary career, passed away at his home in Crawfordsville, Indiana, Wednesday night, aged 78 years.

Quite a large amount of money is said to have been bet on the hockey match played in this city last night, and the men who lost are Fredericonians. What a pity an otherwise worthy sport, should be associated with gambling.

The judge's decision in the West Huron re-count gives the Liberals the seat in the Ontario legislature by a narrow majority.

BITS OF NEWS.

Louis Brehaut, professor in Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, has been chosen as the Rhodes scholar from P. E. Island for 1905. He is 24 years old and a graduate of Dalhousie University.

A triple wedding occurred recently in the Mosher family, at Upper Kingsbury, Lunenburg, N. S., three sisters of which—the Misses Edna, Adela and Emma—were married recently on the same day, to John N. Hirtle, Herbert Conrad and Foreman S. Mossman, respective.y.

M. H. Fitzpatrick, ex-M. P. P., who went over to England to float the bonds of the proposed Nova Scotia Eastern railway, died there Thursday of typhoid fever. He sat in the Nova Scotia house of assembly from 1897 to 1901 as Conservative member for Pictou. He was interested in the building of the Midland and C. P. railaways.

Native of Fredericton.

William O'Dell Johnston, who died at Woodstock last week, was born in Fredericton in the year 1839, but some years later his parents moved to Richmond, Carleton Co.

Beautiful Goods.

They are showing at Edgecombe's a window of beautiful new goods for evening wear. Three cases of elegant novelties from London and Paris were opened yesterday for this season's social functions.—d.

It has been ruled that short-sightedness is not a sufficient reason for breaking off a marriage. Well, we should hope not. How many marriages would there be if it were not for short-sightedness?

A widow does not wear white at her second wedding, neither can she wear the wedding veil or orange blossoms. Delicate shades of wool or silk are chosen for the dress.

A mother pretends to be proud of her boy's brains; what she secretly prays for is that he shall be only good.

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9.50 a. m.—For St. John and East.

5.50 p. m.—For St. Stephen, Houlton, Woodstock, Boston, etc., Montreal and West. Palace Sleeper Fredericton Jct. to Montreal. Pullman Sleeper Fredericton Jct. to Boston.

9.00 p. m.—For St. John and East.

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9.20 a m—From St. John and points east.

11.45 a m—From Boston, Montreal, St. Stephen, Houlton and Woodstock, etc.

5.40 p. m.—From Woodstock and all points north as far as Perth and Plaster Rock via Gibson Branch. Arrives at St. Mary's 5.07 p. m.

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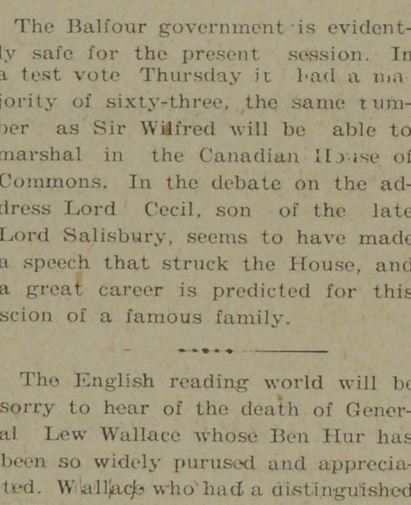

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