# INJECTED POISON INTO HIS WIFE

## Dr. J. B. Mathews of Greensboro on Trial for Murdering Spouse With Strychnine.

## KNEELING BY BEDSIDE HE COMMITTED CRIME

### Pretended to Pray for Dying Woman, Ran Hand Under Cover and Injected Death-Dealing Fluid—Lawyers Plead Insanity.

(Journal Special Service.)

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 28.—The trial of Dr. J. B. Mathews, a well-known physician of this city, charged with the murder of his wife, came up in court today.

On December 1 Mrs. Mathews was discovered in a state of narcosis and her case diagnosed as morphine poisoning.

Three physicians attended her all day and late in the evening she showed signs of recovery. Then her husband asked to be left alone with his wife for prayer and when the request was refused he knelt at her bedside, ran his hand under the cover and before the physicians could stop him administered a hypodermic injection of strychnine. His wife expired shortly afterward in great agony.

The wife poisoner then coolly told those present that what had occurred would have occurred a number of years sooner but for his son's sake, and indicated that he had killed his wife on account of her infidelities.

Mathews' lawyers will set up the plea of insanity. During his stay in jail Mathews has repeatedly tried to commit suicide. The lawyers for the defense sprung a sensation today by circulating the report that an analysis of the syringe used by Mathews showed no trace of strychnine, but only morphine. Three leading physicians who were present at the death of Mrs. Mathews state positively she died of strychnine poisoning at the hand of her husband.

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# ARMY OFFICER IS DROPPED FROM ROLLS

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—Lieutenant Arthur H. Freshwater of the Twenty-ninth infantry, who recently fled to Mexico from his army post in Texas, where he was confronted with charges of embezzlement of company funds and swindling of enlisted men, was today dropped from the army roll as a deserter, having been absent without leave for three months. The department of justice and the state department will not relax in their efforts to secure the arrest and extradition of Lieutenant Freshwater. His exact whereabouts are not known to the military authorities, but steps have been taken to locate him and to have him placed in the custody of the Mexican authorities. The department of state, through its representative in the City of Mexico, has arranged the preliminaries for the extradition of the offender, and the department of justice will bring him before the civil courts of Texas for trial.

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