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PAID PENALTY

Murderer of Avis Linnell Calmly Met Death.

"I AM WILLING TO DIE"

Were Last Words Spoken By Condemned Man—Electrocuted At 12:17 A. M. Today—Perfectly Composed.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS LEADING UP TO TODAY'S EXECUTION.

MARCH 22, 1911.—Engagement of Rev. Clarence Virgil Thompson Richeson, pastor of the fashionable Immanuel Baptist church, Boston, to Violet Edmonds, heiress of exclusive Brookline colony announced. JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, 1911.—Richeson frequently noticed dining alone with nineteen-year-old Avis Linnell. AUGUST 31.—Richeson and Miss Linnell attend Hyannis fair, Avis tells girl chums she is to marry the preacher. OCTOBER 10.—Richeson is alleged to have bought cyanide of Potassium in Newton, Mass., to "kill a dog". OCTOBER 12.—Boston papers announce Richeson and Edmonds to be married October 31. OCTOBER 14, 9 p. m.—Avis Linnell found dead in chair in bath-room in Y. W. C. A. Friends phone Richeson. He asks: "Why do you phone me. Tell her relatives." OCTOBER 16.—Autopsy shows dead girl was to become a mother. Police say she was induced to take cyanide by promise that it would hide her shame. OCTOBER 19.—Richeson night takes refuge in Edmonds' mansion. OCTOBER 19.—Richeson secretly engages counsel. OCTOBER 20.—Richeson arrested while in bed in the Edmonds' home. Later identified by Druggist Hahn as the man who bought cyanide from him and immediately formally charged with murder. OCTOBER 21.—Date set for Richeson-Edmonds wedding, minister taken to court for preliminary hearing, but is postponed as grand jury had voted murder indictment. It was returned at almost exact moment set for wedding. NOVEMBER 6.—From cell, Richeson send word to church that he is innocent and resigns his pastorate. NOVEMBER 13.—Richeson arraigned before Justice Sanderson in criminal court, pleads not guilty, date of trial fixed for January 15. DECEMBER 29.—Richeson mutilates himself with sharp piece of tin, wounds not fatal. JANUARY 6, 1912.—Richeson confessed guilt. JANUARY 9.—Richeson sentenced to death. MAY 20.—Richeson executed.

BOSTON, May 21.—Clarence V. T. Richeson was electrocuted at 12:17 (Eastern time) this morning. The current was turned on at 12:10:02 and the prisoner was declared dead at 12:17. The former Baptist clergyman, confessed poisoner of Avis Linnell, of Hyannis, his old-time sweetheart, was outwardly calm when he entered the death chamber and he retained his composure while the straps and electrodes were being adjusted as he sat in the electric chair.

Eyes are kept closed. Richeson walked to the electric chair erect, eyes straight ahead until he sat down. Then he closed his eyes and kept them shut until the end.

Seated in the chair, he was asked questions by the Rev. Herbert S.

ROSES TO PENDLETON.

Believing that it pays to advertise, the citizens of Roseburg last evening sent several thousand roses to Pendleton where they will be distributed among the delegates in attendance at the annual Grand Encampment. I. O. O. F. Roseburg is much interested in securing the encampment for the year 1913, and to this end the local delegates are working diligently. The roses shipped from here last evening were large and fragrant, and will no doubt be appreciated by persons residing in distant parts of the state.

Johnson, his spiritual adviser. In his answers he said: "God will take care of my soul and I pray for all. I forgive everybody."

The last of the questions was: "Are you willing to die for Jesus' sake?" The reply in an even, well modulated tone was simply, "I am willing to die."

CONFESSION WHICH SENT RICHESON TO DEATH CHAIR.

"Gentlemen: Deeply penitent for my sin, and earnestly desiring as far as in my power lies, to make an atonement, I hereby confess that I am guilty of the offense of which I stand indicted.

"I am moved to this course by no inducement of self-benefit or leniency. Heinous as is my crime, God has not wholly abandoned me, and my conscience and manhood, however depraved and blighted, will not admit of my still wronging by a public trial, her, whose pure young life I have destroyed.

"Under the lashings of remorse I have suffered, and am suffering, the torture of the damned. In this I find a measure of comfort.

"In my mental anguish I recognize that there is still of the mercy of the master some remnant of divine spark of goodness still lingering with me. I could wish to live only because within some prison wall I might in some small manner redeem my sinful past, help some other despairing soul, and at last find favor with my God.

"(Signed.)

"CLARENCE V. T. RICHESON." BOSTON, May 20.—"And may God, in his infinite goodness, have mercy on your poor soul!"

Ringling in the ears of the tall, powerfully built, waxen faced man upon whom the stern mandate of the law was carried out in the death house in Charlestown prison early today were those words, uttered four months and two weeks ago to him, as he clung to the railing in the crowded courtroom in Boston, by Judge Sanderson, as the latter imposed the only penalty possible for his admission of the most cruel murder in the history of the state. Rev. C. V. T. Richeson, Baptist minister, who first betrayed and then murdered confiding, trusting Avis Linnell, belle of the little village of Hyannis, down on Cape Cod, had hoped by his open confession to avoid the ignominious death in the cruel chair. His lawyers had told him that he could probably earn a commutation of the death sentence by clearing up a murder mystery which, no matter how conclusive the evidence, would always have left suspicion in the minds of those opposed to circumstantial evidence in capital cases. And the man who had disgraced his holy calling, grasping at the straw, had pleaded guilty in the hope that after all he might save his life, even though doomed to spend the remainder of it in prison.

But the closing words of the black-robed, stern faced judge brought the realization of how slender his hope was and Richeson had to be carried out of the courthouse to the prison van that returned him to the Charles Street jail where most of the time since his sentence has been spent. Jail officials admitted today that he was greatly depressed from the moment he was brought back from hearing his fate pronounced. He realized that the closing words of the court, although a formula dating from past centuries, meant that his only hope was in the God whose call-

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MUTINY CHARGE

Stewart of Steamer Placed in Irons.

ALLEGES INHUMAN TREATMENT

Accused Man Asserts Captain Drove Him To Resistance By Attack—Placed in Foul Den in Ship.

(Special to The Evening News.)

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21.—The steamer Portland arrived here from Norfolk today having on board Steward Joseph Washington, under guard charged with mutiny. Washington states he will file counter charges against Captain Webb, whom he alleges exercised great cruelty and brutality against him. He claims that he was kept manacled without food or water for 48 hours. In addition he asserts that he was by order of the captain lashed to the mast head exposed to the rays of the blazing sun, and then was thrown into the brig where he was scorched by steam and stifled by fumes of chloride of lime. Washington claims this punishment was given him because when attacked by Captain Webb following a quarrel he took up a knife to defend himself with.

Darrow Trial Postponed.

LOS ANGELES, May 21.—Judge Hutton announced today that the trial of Clarence Darrow, charged with bribery, will be continued until tomorrow. The new venire is so scattered through the country that it was impossible to get the jurors to-

OHIO ELECTION

Keen Interest in State Primaries Today.

BERLIN BANDITS MEET DEATH

Police Make Short Work Of Desperadoes—L. W. W. Muddle Calls Attorney General to San Diego.

(Special to The Evening News.)

COLUMBUS, May 21.—With fair weather conditions Ohio voters turned out early today and heavy polling marked the first half of the day in all districts of the state. Delegates to both republican and democratic national conventions will be elected at the primaries today. Friends of Roosevelt, Taft and LaFollette are active in behalf of their favorite, and no one pretends to predict how the election will result, although political managers all allege that they have as good as won the fight. In democratic circles the fight seems to be between Harmon and Wilson.

German Bandits Killed.

BERLIN, May 21.—After terrorizing the store-keepers in Berlin suburbs, three bandits, who adopted methods similar to those employed by the famous "phantom" trio in Paris a few weeks ago, met death early today in a desperate battle with police officers.

Suffragette On Trial.

LONDON, May 21.—Charged with conspiracy and damage to property as an out-growth of the recent activities on the part of militant suffragettes, Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, leader of suffragettes, and Patrick Lawrence and his wife, sympathizers of the cause, were placed on trial here today.

Justice Will Be Done.

SACRAMENTO, May 21.—Governor Johnson issued a statement today to the effect that he has directed the attorney general to go to San Diego and take a hand in the I. W. W. controversy there, in order that justice might be extended to all and the law enforced. The attempt will be made to solve the problem of the vigilantes and the I. W. W. fight in that city.

CAPTAIN OF PLYMOUTH

A Comic Opera at the Palace Theatre on May 22, 1912. The High School chorus will assist the Class of 1912 in presenting the Captain of Plymouth at 2:30 p. m. to those holding complimentary tickets, and at 8:30 will again present the same to the general public. Tickets may be purchased for the evening at the Marsters' Drug Company. Admission, 25 cents. May 22.

Ball Players Fined.

PHILADELPHIA, May 21.—Magnates of the American league met here this afternoon to fix the fine of players in the Detroit Tigers for striking when Cy Cobb was suspended. The fine was placed at \$100 each, which amount President Navin, of the Detroit, said he would pay. The trouble arose over Cobb attacking a fan in the bleachers who gaped him.

LOCAL NEWS.

Dr. Lowe leaves Wednesday noon.

Mrs. Alice Perdue left for Cottage Grove this morning where she will spend a few days visiting with friends.

Mrs. Mildred Nelson left for her home at Eugene this afternoon after a visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Belle Sharp.

Mrs. C. A. Gage, of Coquille City, is spending a few days in Roseburg visiting at the home of Mrs. Louis Kohlhaugen, in West Roseburg.

Hon. Binger Hermann left for Pendleton last evening where he will attend the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Mrs. C. C. Grimes returned to her home at Springfield this morning after a few days spent in Roseburg visiting with friends.

Mrs. W. T. Brown and children returned to their home at Corvallis today after a few days spent in Roseburg visiting at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. C. R. Smith.

S. A. Wilson, who has lived in Roseburg for about two years, left for Portland this morning. From there he goes to points in Colorado where he will visit with his daughter.

Sam E. Foster was arrested by Marshal Fenton last evening accused of drunkenness. Arraigned in the recorder's court this morning he entered a plea of guilty and paid the usual fine of \$10.

C. D. Maynard, of West Roseburg, last evening purchased a five acre tract of land located near the newly store in West Roseburg and formerly owned by Mrs. Mary Campbell. The consideration was \$6,200.

Deputy Sheriff Thomas Lawson, of Glendale, and Sheriff George Quine went to Camas Valley this morning after a demented individual named Collier. They will probably return here at a late hour tonight.

William Croot and family, who arrived here about six weeks ago from Iowa, went to Ruckes this morning where they will take possession of the old Browning farm, recently purchased by them and containing about 100 acres.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

Tuesday, May 28, 1912. Palace Theatre. Benefit of St. George's Guild. An Illustrated Travelog. Title: "From Jamestown to Oregon" by Bishop Scadding. Also three Reels of Motion Pictures. Admission 20c adults 10c Children 5c

TO PAVE STREET

Winchester Street Remonstrance is Rejected.

COUNCIL TO AVOID DELAY

F. E. Alley is Instructed To Relay Sidewalk On South Stephens Street—Other Matters Are Considered.

Claiming that the property-owners of North Roseburg were misinformed relative to the cost of the proposed improvement of Winchester street, and there was no just cause for delaying the said improvement longer, the city council, in regular session, last night rejected the remonstrance filed by persons effected at a previous meeting of the council. Following this action an ordinance authorizing the improvement of the said street was placed upon its first and second readings. According to the estimate of the city engineer the street can be paved with concrete material for the sum of \$13,489, or about \$5,000 less than with asphalt. The city is to stand the preliminary expense of the improvement.

Other streets authorized to be paved with concrete at last evening's session of the council follow: North Jackson street, Second Avenue South to Second Avenue North... \$15,290.90 Commercial Avenue, N. Jackson street to East Third street... 6,998.86 East Third street, First Avenue South to Commercial Avenue... 3,368.94 Brookway, Stephens to Jackson street... 2,870.56

Another matter considered was a report submitted by the street improvement committee recommending that F. E. Alley be compelled to proceed with the construction of cement walk in front of his property on Stephens street without delay. The report was adopted and the city attorney was authorized to prepare the necessary legal papers.

The city engineer was instructed to prepare plans and specifications for the construction of a sewer along Blakeley street, the said sewer to be laid prior to improving the street in question.

Upon authority of the council the citizens residing along one block of Chadwick street were authorized to extend their sidewalks flush with the curb instead of allowing a parking as at present.

CLERGYMEN ARE ILL

Epidemic of Tonsillitis Among Visiting Clergymen

Telegram:—What was first suspected as being a general case of ptomaine poisoning among the clergymen attending the Episcopal convention in this city last week, has developed into a mild epidemic of tonsillitis of the good old fashioned order. Bishop Scadding was one of the victims first showing symptoms of the trouble and much concern spread until it was learned further that the trouble was light, and did not develop from the dreaded poisoning.

Four of the clergymen afflicted are in the hospital but are expected to come out today. These are Messrs. Remington, Marsden, Browning and Hamilton.

"It was a rather odd occurrence," said Bishop Scadding this morning. "I guess we talked too much. It was probably our punishment for over-indulgence. It seems that while we were working over the rusty canons of the church a tonsillitis germ was disturbed in his lair, and he made his attack upon everything within his reach."

The Bishop's humorous way of putting the experience does not express the concern at first felt. When several members of the convention began showing symptoms, every one thought ptomaine poisoning was the cause, and hurried calls were made to have a physician make an examination. When the doctor had diagnosed the trouble, he found that tonsillitis was epidemic among a limited number of the convention workers, the talking probably adding to the

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING

The regular meeting of the Roseburg Commercial Club, adjourned from Tuesday evening, May 14th, will be held Wednesday evening, May 22nd, 1912. Club members take notice—Important business to be transacted. 8 o'clock sharp. G. P. SCHLOSSER, Secretary.

facility for spreading by getting a number of throats in a slightly inflamed condition.

(Rev. C. W. Baker, of Roseburg, who attended the meeting, has also been ill since his return, and according to the physician is suffering from tonsillitis.)

THE SENIOR PLAY

To Be Given at the Palace Theatre Tomorrow Night.

Following is the cast of characters and synopsis of the Senior play, "The Captain of Plymouth," to be given at the Palace Theatre on Wednesday night:

Characters: Miles Standish, who is wonderfully like Caesar... Dolwin Jewett... John Allen, the diligent scribe... Leo Devaney... Elder Brewster, who believes life is only sorrow... Ray Clark... Erasmus, Miles' right bower... Wallace Singleton... Watawamat, chief of the Pequots... James Goodman... Peskquot, an Indian messenger... Woodley Stevenson... Richard, Wm. Aue; Stephen, Cecil Blakely; Gilbert, Cecil Black... Lads of the Colony... Priscilla, the fairest maiden in Plymouth... Jessie Pickens... Katonka, an Indian princess... Viola Willet... Mercy, an early American girl... Cora Ueland... Charity, Alice Sloan; Patience, Mabel Bryan; Mary, Hazel Kuykendall; Martha, Waltha Watson; Hester, Edith Ueland; Ruth, Violet Maclean... A sextette of Plymouth Dances: Soldiers, Sailors, Squaws, Puritan Men and Maidens.

Synopsis: ACT 1.—Woods near Plymouth. Musical numbers. (1) Opening Chorus. (2) The Wall of the Prophet Richard, Stephen, Gilbert. (3) Friendships Call, John and Maidens. (4) Hall Captain of Plymouth, Chorus. (5) Just What a Little Maiden Should Do, Sextette. (6) Love is Life, Priscilla and Chorus. (7) Finale.

ACT 2, Scene 1.—Interior of Priscilla's home in Plymouth. Scene 2.—Camp of Pequots. (1) Spinning Song, Priscilla. (2) Thy Neighbor, John and Priscilla. (3) Indian Ghost Dance, Watawamat and Chorus. (4) Flirtation, Miles and Katonka. (5) Indian Lullaby, Squaws. (6) Finale.

ACT 3, same as act 1. (1) Soldier's Chorus. (2) "I'm Sorry That I said It, But I Did," Miles. (3) "There's Nothing To Do But Chat," Mercy and Sextette. (4) Finale.

E. B. Barber, of Myrtle Creek, arrived here this afternoon to look after business matters.

C. D. Maynard has closed a deal for a tract of five acres, formerly owned by Mrs. Campbell, and located in West Roseburg. The tract is ideal for sub-division, and Mr. Maynard will plat it into lots at once. The land lies perfectly level, soil is river bottom loam, and its closeness to the city business district will add to the inducements that naturally belong to the property. Building restrictions will doubtless be made a part of every deed to lots in the addition, and altogether the attractiveness of the platting cannot be over-estimated for beautiful home sites.

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