

PASTOR'S FRIENDS HAVE SMALL HOPE

Belief Prevails Insanity of Richeson Will Not Be Convincingly Proved.

LIFE FULL OF TURMOIL

Affair With Miss Linnell, Which Led to Her Murder, Only One of Many - Social Ambition Final Cause of Fall.

BOSTON, May 15.—Those who have clung to the belief that evidence of the insanity of Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, while presenting no features of legal insanity, still, because of a certain unique abnormality, warranted commutation of the death sentence, are believed to have given up hope.

Richeson's crime was the murder of his former sweetheart, Avis Linnell, of Hyannis, 19 years old, and a pupil of the New England Conservatory of Music, in Boston.

As pastor of a small church in the Cape Cod town of Hyannis two years before, the handsome and eloquent minister, then 23 years old, had been attracted to Avis Linnell, who was an exceptionally pretty girl of 17 years.

Miss Linnell joined Richeson's church, was baptized by him and became a member of the church choir. In a short time, early in 1908, Miss Linnell was displaying a diamond ring and confided in her girl friends that she was to be married to the minister the following October.

Loss of Money Suspicious. Felicitations developed between Richeson and his deacons in June, 1910, over the young minister's impetuous manner and his violent language. The subject was a question as to the loss of \$50 in money which had been left by a parishioner in the pastor's study. The minister declared he had been robbed of the money. Shortly afterward it was learned he had sent a similar sum to a woman in Salt Lake City, Utah. His resignation followed and he accepted a call to the Inman Baptist Church of Cambridge.

When Richeson went to Cambridge Miss Linnell went to the Conservatory of Music in Boston. She was induced to attend the conservatory by the minister in the idea that by the cultivation of her voice, which had given signs of much promise in the Hyannis church choir, she would better fit herself to become his wife. On the minister's recommendation she was admitted to the Young Women's Christian Association quarters on Warren street, Boston. She proved a diligent student and continued her church work by singing in the Sunday school at Mount Temple, the leading Baptist church of the city. There were frequent meetings between Miss Linnell and Richeson.

Social Success Pites Ambition. The successes which the young preacher attained in his larger sphere of usefulness made a marked impression upon him. Surrounded by influential friends and associates, his ambitions widened. He began to pay court to Miss Violet Edmonds, of Brookline, the daughter of George Edmonds, a prominent Baptist layman and trustee of the Newton Theological Seminary, from which Richeson had been graduated. Miss Edmonds was prominent socially and was wealthy in her own right, as well as entitled to share in the estate of some \$38,000 left by her grandfather. Entrance to the exclusive home of the Edmonds had been easy to the minister as the pastor of the church the family attended, and he had been accepted as suitor for the daughter's hand.

At the same time Richeson was meeting Miss Linnell at a former but not at her home. She had been borrowed the diamond ring he had given her, on the pretext that the stone needed resetting. He did not return it. Eventually the newspapers announced the engagement of Rev. Mr. Richeson and Miss Violet Edmonds. The Linnell family demanded an explanation. The minister promptly declared the story a "newspaper fake" and was believed.

The invitations to the wedding of Richeson and Miss Edmonds were sent out the afternoon of Saturday, October 14. That same afternoon Richeson dined with Avis Linnell at a little restaurant in the Back Bay. While there the girl appeared depressed. At times tears rolled down her cheeks. When she returned to her lodging place, however, she seemed cheerful, although quickly excusing herself and hurrying away to her room.

Poison Taken Innocently. Greaves were heard coming from a bathroom of the association quarters shortly after 7 o'clock that evening. The door was broken in and Miss Linnell was found partially unconscious and apparently in great agony. Half an hour later she died without recovering consciousness.

A belief that the girl had committed suicide was at first general, but her family were disposed to discredit the report, and a thorough investigation was made.

The theory of suicide was dispelled when the real conditions surrounding the death of Miss Linnell were made known. The autopsy revealed the fact that she had taken a dose of poison and the conclusion was drawn that she had done so in the innocent belief that it would remedy a condition that later would be a cause of great embarrassment.

BRIDE WHOSE MILLIONAIRE HUSBAND GIVES HER \$175,000 RESIDENCE IN HER HOME CITY.



MRS. CHARLES G. GATES, FORMERLY MISS FLORENCE HOPWOOD.

he wanted it "to kill a dog which was about to have puppies."

Candy Jar in Evidence. A Cambridge confectioner told of Richeson's coming to his store on the afternoon Miss Linnell died and buying a peculiar shaped jar of candy, identical with a jar found in Miss Linnell's room. The minister had taken a Boston-bound car in front of the candy store. A woman came to the police and told of seeing the pastor and the weeping girl eating together in a restaurant on the same afternoon.

The night of October 19 Chief Inspector Duggan and members of his force went to the home of Mr. Edmonds on Devon street, in Brookline, to arrest Rev. Mr. Richeson on the suspicion that he was guilty of murder. Admission to the house was denied, although the hour was early. The police had no search warrant and did not feel justified in breaking into the magnificent residence upon the uncertainty of Richeson being inside. They therefore remained on guard through the night, frequently knocking upon doors and windows and calling upon the occupants to open and admit the officers.

The weary vigil was kept up until daylight, when a maid who appeared in the kitchen was prevailed upon to notify Mr. Edmonds that the officers were outside and would break in if the door was not opened at once. At 7 o'clock the police were admitted. Richeson was found in bed. He was ordered to dress and accompany the officers.

Richeson had early written to his church asking that judgment be suspended until after the grand jury sitting. On November 1 he forwarded his resignation, but the church on November 6, after a stormy meeting, refused to accept it. Later a second letter of resignation was sent and accepted on November 24.

Evidence Develops Slowly. The police had even at this time far from a satisfactory case against Richeson. The container of the poison which Miss Linnell had taken could not be found. It was believed some vial or box might have been left in the pocket of Miss Linnell's bathrobe, which had been buried with her. The body was disinterred in Hyannis on October 24 and brought to Boston for a post mortem examination by five prominent physicians. The cause of death was confirmed, but no additional evidence was found.

At the same time the police began an investigation into the life of Richeson. Every important act of his life from the date of his birth at Ross Hill, Va., 35 years ago, until his advent in Cambridge was gone into. It was found that he went to school early at Amherst, Mass., high school, then went to Carrollton, Mo., to work for a brother and attend a local academy. Three years later he went to Liberty, Mo., and entered William Jewell College to study for the ministry. While a student he supplied pulpits in Kansas City, Mo.; Stewartville, Miss.; El Paso, Tex.; Louisville, Ky., and other places.

Richeson's life had not been an undisturbed one, it was learned, and many tales were related of his entanglements with young women. At Liberty, Mo., while in William Jewell College, he had been engaged to the daughter of a professor. The young man lent Richeson money to pursue his studies and up to the time of his coming to Hyannis believed she was to be his wife. In the meantime she developed tuberculosis, which still necessitates her remaining in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Loan From Woman Repaid. The one bright ray of light in Richeson's career appeared to be that he repaid the money lent him as fast as possible. The final amounts were sent from Hyannis shortly before he came to Cambridge.

Richeson was expelled from William Jewell College for cheating in examinations shortly after he had been ordained at the First Baptist Church in St. Louis. For a time he worked as a conductor on the streetcars of the latter city and was prominent in a strike of streetcar men. His fiery eloquence making him a natural leader.

While at Budd Park Baptist Church in Kansas City, Richeson became involved with a woman, who later appeared unexpectedly during the church service. Richeson, upon seeing her, fell in a faint. A brother of the woman, who had taken her to the church, the young minister left town suddenly. A note to the deacons explained that he had been driven away by jealous women.

PRETTY GIRLS STRIKE

Factory Misses Demand That No Favors Be Shown.

AID GIVEN HOMELY WORKER

Foreman Gives Lighter Tasks to Coffer Employees, but When Owner Is Appealed to Trouble Is Quickly Settled.

NEW YORK, May 15.—(Special.)—It wasn't the homely girls in the factory who struck because of favors being shown the pretty girls, but the pretty girls themselves who decided to come to the rescue of their less fortunate sisters. But strike they did and won it, quickly.

The trouble all arose in the E. Aptheker white goods factory at Grand avenue and Eldridge street, where the homely girls complained to the foreman who was giving all the lighter and best-paying tasks to the prettier ones and they called the attention of the pretty ones to the discrimination. It didn't take long for the pretty girls to jump to the rescue. Promptly 150 of the sweet-faced maidens declared a strike and when the owner heard it was all about he adjusted conditions. The girls were out only a short time. In fact, the strike was one of the shortest on record.

A member of the executive board of the White Goods Makers' Union said: "All of the girls in the factory are members of the union and union conditions prevail. It was noticed that one of the foremen who has a partiality for the prettier girls, gave them the highest-paying work to do, while the result of the homely girls, who were just as good workers as the pretties ones, made less money."

The pretty girls got the 30-cent work and the homely girls the 15-cent work. The pretty girls did not have much to say about this, but when the homely girls complained to the pretty girls the pretty girls sympathized with them. The homely girls and the pretty girls decided they would stand by each other. They took the case to the union and a strike was ordered.

IDAHO FIGHT IS ON TODAY

Taft and Roosevelt Men Confident on Eve of Convention.

Lewiston, Idaho, May 15.—Delegates from all parts of the state arrived today for the State Republican convention at this city. The delegates are expected to meet here at noon tomorrow, to name eight delegates to the National Republican convention.

Roosevelt leaders claim their forces will control the convention and the state that the issue tonight seems to be whether an instructed Roosevelt delegation will be sent to the National convention or Roosevelt men named as delegates and sent unattached. The division will give delegates from the southern part of the state and five from the north.

Brooks Pioneer, 88, Celebrates

GERVAIS, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—Grandma Moisan, who makes her home with her son, F. X. Moisan, at Brooks, Or., celebrated her 88th birthday Sunday. Mrs. Moisan is quite feeble, but in good health for one of her age. On this occasion two other octogenarians were present, Mrs. George Manning, of Portland, and Mrs. Bolter, mother of the late F. J. Bolter, of Brooks. Besides Mrs. Moisan's two sons, F. X. and Alex. Moisan, her only daughter, Mrs. F. J. Bolter, and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren were present.

GATES WILL BUILD PACE FOR BRIDE

Young Millionaire Follows Princely Gift to Parents With New Plans.

WEDDING IS RECALLED

Broker's Second Wife Retains Warm Affection for Minneapolis, Her Girlhood Home, and Desires to Return There.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 15.—(Special.)—Mrs. Gates' parents-in-law are a \$50,000 home in this city, Charles G. Gates, millionaire son of the late John W. Gates, financier, through the influence of his wife, who was the beautiful Miss Florence Hopwood, of this city, has just decided to build for her a home near that of her parents.

The story of this latest move by young Gates recalls the wedding of the millionaire last September, when he refused to be married in the home of his wife's parents and built for them a \$30,000 house on property worth \$20,000. It was expected that Miss Hopwood would become a bride in the new home, but at the last moment there was a disagreement in the wedding proceedings and trouble over the maid of honor and bridesmaids and young Gates ordered a special train and took his bride-to-be, Mrs. Gates, to the wedding party and friends to the home of Miss Hopwood's uncle in Pennsylvania, where the wedding took place.

Scene of Romance Visited. Since the wedding young Gates and his bride have made several trips here and visited at the home of Mrs. Gates' parents. Mrs. Gates has always been an admirer of her native city and her many friends expected that sooner or later she would make her home here. Recently the Gates spent a few weeks at West Baden, Ind., where Mrs. Gates first met the millionaire.

Mr. Gates' first wife, who divorced him several years ago, is now living in St. Louis. In her last year at Smith College Miss Hopwood became engaged to Robert H. Carter, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and the wedding was to have taken place here last June, but in the course of a visit to West Baden for her health last year she met Mr. Gates and a month later Minneapolis society was surprised at the announcement that Miss Hopwood had broken off her engagement to Mr. Carter and was engaged to Mr. Gates, who had only recently passed the allotted time to re-wed.

Mrs. Gates Popular in Society. Mrs. Gates was long one of the most popular young women in Minneapolis society, and it is expected that she will now pass her summers here and winters in New York, where Mr. Gates is still engaged in business.

Mr. Gates has been impressed with Minneapolis since he came here after his wedding journey. Although making his temporary residence in Minneapolis, Mr. Gates will conduct his business, which is mainly in stocks and bonds, in Minneapolis, but will maintain his headquarters in the city hall building, New York. It is expected to build a gallery here for his private art collection adjoining his house. Plans for the house or the landscape work are not drawn, nor the architect selected, but work will start soon. Mr. Gates is expected to make other investments in Minneapolis.

DARROW TRIAL ON TODAY

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Interrogating for the defense, Darrow has expressed his intention of being entered as an attorney of record in his own behalf, and probably will take a leading part in the later phase of the trial.

District Attorney Fredericks said today: "The evidence against Darrow is as strong as it was against the McNamara."

Mrs. McNamara to Testify. Among the witnesses to be called, attorneys for the prosecution declared, would be Mrs. Orrie E. McNamara, wife of the slain miner. In the McNamara case, provided she was willing to come from Chicago. It was agreed by both sides that Mrs. McNamara could not be compelled to come here and testify, but it was pointed out that since the climax in the McNamara trial, during which she had become estranged from her husband, she had shown a disposition to become reconciled with him, and it was believed she would be a willing witness for the state.

Other witnesses to be called include Mr. Frank Darrow, chief investigator for Darrow and who was recently fined \$4000 for having attempted to bribe one of the McNamara jurors. Another indictment was returned against him. During his trial Franklin testified that Darrow had directed him to bribe the jurors and had given him the necessary money to do so. The \$4000 found on his person when he was arrested, he testified, was part of the funds Darrow had given him.

Telephone Device May Play Part. To corroborate Franklin's testimony, it was said the state would introduce evidence secured through the use of a telephone device placed in Darrow's room, which is alleged to have recorded portions of the attorney's conversation during the time Franklin was on trial.

Detective Guy Bludinger, of Chicago, who, the prosecution claimed, was offered a bribe by Darrow to make reports on the prosecution's work, and Attorney John R. Harrington, formerly of the McNamara defense, to whom the state declared Darrow admitted his guilt, will also be called as witnesses for the prosecution.

Secret Societies in Persia.

The American finance administrators who went to Persia in May, 1911, to negotiate with the Persian government, were fortunate enough to win the confidence of the National Assembly, or Medlis, a body which fairly represented the hopes and aspirations of the great mass of the Persian people. This point gained, we were soon made aware that another great, though secret influence was watching our work with jealous but kindly eyes. It is well known in Tehran that there are dozens of more or less secret societies among the Persian women, with a central organization by which they are controlled. To this day I know neither the names nor the faces of the leaders of this group, but in a hundred different ways we learned that we were to be befriended and supported

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Then he broke forth into a hymn with such expression that tears were brought to the eyes of Sheriff Martin Grain.

The prisoner's wonderful voice caused many to work in his behalf, including

scores of prominent women. Often, unknown to the prisoner, music-loving visitors were allowed to stand in the jail corridor and listen while Ankovitch sang one melody after another.

Review of His Girls.

"Algernon, am I the first woman you have ever loved?"

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