

MT. SCOTT HAS \$21,000 BLAZE

Police Investigating; May Be Work of Either Burglar or Incendiary.

Fire which is believed to have been started by either an incendiary or a burglar, last night destroyed a frame business block at Archer Place on the Mount Scott carline, caused approximately \$21,000 damage and gave the police detectives a complicated case of a possible safe robbery to work upon.

The fire started in the rear of a general merchandise store owned by R. D. Crowe, and it was there that the safety which Crowe asserts he locked before closing, was found broken open and from which it is said there is considerable money missing although \$50 in silver was found in it later. This morning Crowe said he did not believe any money had been stolen.

Because of repeated attempts to rob the Crowe place recently the proprietor asked the patrolman on that beat to carefully watch the place and last night less than a half hour before the fire was seen flicking in the rear of the Crowe store. Patrolman Kellogg had flashed his light in the doorway and seen nothing out of the way.

The losses are estimated as follows: R. D. Crowe, loss \$9000, covered by insurance.

W. D. Fry of the Archer Place pharmacy, loss \$3500, insurance \$3500.

Gus Schmidt meat market, loss \$200, covered by insurance.

Confectionery store conducted by Mrs. H. P. Burleigh, loss \$100.

William Deets barber shop, loss nominal.

J. C. Mitchell and R. P. Shannon, real estate men, sustained no loss, having succeeded in getting all their belongings out.

The Mount Scott Volunteer Fire department was the first company to be summoned and on its arrival there found that the fire plug nearest the burning building was out of order. It was not until the arrival of the Sunnyside fire department, 45 minutes after the fire started, that enough hose was laid to reach the building. Work had been done however with chemicals and the bucket brigade to save houses nearby. The hose laid by the Sunnyside fire department was connected with a plug at Sixty-second street, a distance of eight blocks from the fire.

The fire last night is the fifth one that has attacked places owned by Crowe, according to a report at police headquarters. He was burned out twice at Bellwood, once at Creston, once at Clark and last at Archer Place. Tenants in the building say rumors have been afloat for some time that the place was to be burned down, and these reports are being investigated by the police.

Two houses in the same block as that occupied by the store, one occupied by

a family named Hermann and the other by U. K. Butterfield, were scorched. All the furniture was moved out. The dwellings were saved by the use of chemicals and garden hose.

The building destroyed last night had a frontage of about 130 feet on Foster road. The corner store, occupied by Crowe, was owned by Katherine Wilson, and is now held by M. F. Woodard as trustee. He estimates the loss at \$1000, covered by insurance.

LIPS OF RICHESON MOVE IN PRAYER AS DEATH COMES

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pastor smiled as it was removed and correctly replaced.

The current was turned on at exactly 12:02. Richeson's muscles twitched slightly as the 1200 volts coursed through his body. Twice the voltage was reduced and then turned on again. Physicians declared that death was instantaneous. Richeson was officially pronounced dead at 12:17.

Chaplain Herbert Stebbins almost collapsed after the execution. He said:

"It was not the misery or horror of the thing that shocked me. It was the heroism displayed by that man at death. It was a revelation and a miracle such as I had only seen bring about."

"Died Better Than He Lived."

Just before he was pronounced dead I could not believe that this poor sinner who had confessed so much weakness and cowardice would be able to die so courageously. Richeson died a far better man than he ever lived."

At 2 o'clock this afternoon Richeson's body was still unclaimed. Unless relatives claim the body by tomorrow morning it will be buried by the state.

Among letters addressed to Richeson and opened by the prison authorities yesterday was a package marked "Headache Powders." Analyzed, it was found to be cyanide of potassium, the same poison Richeson gave to Avis Linnell. No identifying mark was on the package.

Beginning in the little Cape Cod village of Hyannis, the love tragedy which culminated in the murder and today's execution, was the world old triangle—two women and a man. Back in 1907, Richeson, graduated only a few months before from the Newton Theological Seminary, was called to the pastorate of the Hyannis Baptist church.

Little comment was occasioned by the fact that he was seen frequently in the company of 17-year-old Avis Linnell. She had been baptized and received into the church by the young minister.

Engagement Not Announced.

There was no formal announcement of an engagement. But Miss Linnell had given up most of her social diversions and was spending nearly all of her time in church work. She was the "right hand" of the pastor in most of the events and took his part in a dispute that arose from his methods of preaching. It was Richeson's boast that he always carried "a spade a spade," and his forceful preaching, in which he assailed sin in every guise, soon split the congregation into factions. In April, 1910, Rev. Richeson resigned and stated

that he had accepted a charge in Inman, Cambridge. He had planned to stay there only a short time and later to marry Miss Linnell, according to what their friends understood, and go to China as a missionary.

Then Avis Linnell, who had a splendid voice, left the little country village and went to Boston. She stated that she was going there to study in the Conservatory of Music so that she might be better able to "aid her husband" in his church work. At that time she was wearing a handsome diamond ring which it was understood by her people had been the gift of the minister.

Meets Daughter of Wealth.

Meanwhile Richeson had been installed in the fashionable Cambridge church. One night at a church reception the young pastor was introduced to Miss Avis Linnell. She was the daughter of Moses Grant Edmunds, one of the wealthiest residents of Brookline, and reputed to be in possession in her own right \$100,000 received from the estate of her grandfather.

Miss Edmunds was a different type from the little country village maid who had done so much for the preacher down on Cape Cod. Proud and imperious in manner she was attracted toward the young minister and soon he was paying devoted attention to her. In a short time he was her slave and soon she told her intimate that she and the minister were to wed soon.

Girl Dines With Pastor.

On Saturday, October 11, the young music student told her girl friends at the Young Women's Christian Association, where she lived, that she was going out to dine with her "gentleman friend." Returning later, she was in high spirits and said he had got her medicine for her headache. That night young women occupying adjoining rooms heard Avis groaning. They broke in the door and found her dying. She had taken cyanide of potassium.

Because of the girl's delicate condition when she died, her "gentleman friend" was suspected. Richeson, notified by the telephone by one of Avis Linnell's friends, went immediately to the Brookline mansion of Moses Grant Edmunds, where he was arrested on the night of October 19. William Hahn, druggist, had told the police that he sold Richeson cyanide of potassium.

On the night of December 29 Richeson, who pleaded innocence, was heard moaning in his cell. It was discovered that he had mutilated himself with a piece of tin he had sharpened to a razor edge on the floor of his cell. Physicians were forced to complete the operation. On January 6 Richeson's lawyers forwarded a confession to the prosecuting attorney. Richeson was sentenced to death. Friends and his family sought to have him declared insane, but alienists declared him sound of mind. And the end came today.

Denounces "Mock" Atmosphere.

(United Press Local Wire.)

New York, May 21.—Bitter denunciation of what he termed the "mock religious atmosphere" surrounding the electrocution at Boston of Clarence V. T. Richeson, former pastor of a Cambridge church, was voiced here today by Rev. Dr. Madison Peters, a prominent Baptist minister of New York. He said:

"It is just such mock solemnity that most horrifies a hardened person. If

Rev. Mr. Johnson really asked Richeson, 'Are you ready to die for Jesus?' it was the worst cruelty on the church and religion ever coming to my notice. It is just such maudlin and sentimental things that most disgust sensitive people." Richeson did not die for the sake of Jesus Christ. He died to satisfy the demands of justice. Such things only glorify murder and attract attention to murderers.

Forgives Slayer of Daughter.

(United Press Local Wire.)

Hyannis, Mass., May 21.—Convinced that Clarence V. T. Richeson went to his death an insane man, Mrs. Linnell, mother of Avis Linnell, announced here today that she had forgiven the former pastor for murdering her daughter.

"I am convinced," Mrs. Linnell said at her home today, "that Richeson had been mentally irresponsible for some time and died insane. Of course, I will accept the picture he left for me. Why not? It is a picture of my own daughter."

Johnson From Oregon.

(Special to The Journal.)

Boston, Mass., May 21.—Rev. Herbert Spencer Johnson, one of those who were with Richeson when he died, was formerly of Oregon. He is a son of the late John W. Johnson, first president of the University of Oregon, and was graduated from that school. He is now pastor of the Warren Avenue Baptist church, Boston. He and Richeson were great friends. Rev. Johnson's mother lives at 745 Schuyler street, Portland.

M'INNIVILLE PARK IS BEING IMPROVED

(Special to The Journal.)

McMinnville, Or., May 21.—The park commission is making extensive improvements in the city park. The park was acquired through the efforts of a local ladies' organization, and they have taken much interest in its improvement. This week a grove with three descending cascades has been built, and it adds much to the picturesque of the resort. A pit for bears has been constructed, and a young black bear was purchased by local business men, and it has been housed at the park. A collection of Chinese and Japanese pheasants is kept, as well as rabbit, guinea pigs and prairie dogs. Two coyotes and a young fox complete the zoo.

WOOL RATES EASTWARD SHOW BIG REDUCTION

(Special to The Journal.)

Lawton, Idaho, May 21.—The Open River Transportation company has prepared a comparative statement of rates for wool shipments to the Boston market as between the all rail route and the rail and water route by which the product is handled when shipped through the Open River Transportation company.

The schedule provides for rail shipments to Portland, where the shipment is turned over to the steamships for transportation to the isthmus, and after being carried by rail to the gulf is again loaded on vessels for transportation to New York. The delivery from New York to Boston is made by rail. Points located on the Snake and upper

Columbia river, where the advantage of the river transportation was observed, are given a lower rate than is quoted in the new tariff, but even providing for the rail rate into Portland the water route offers a lower freight rate for wool in bulk from Idaho as far east as Minidoka, all sections of eastern Oregon and eastern Washington. The rail and water rate from Minidoka to Boston is \$1.55 for wool in bulk as against \$1.77 for the all rail transportation.

In the Lawton country all wool is handled in sacks and the comparative rates with rail shipment to Portland are: All rail to Boston, \$1.57 per hundred; rail and water to Boston, \$1.55 per hundred. The former rail rate from Lawton to Boston was \$2.13 per hundred. The new quotation is the rate fixed by the Interstate Commerce commission. The rate from The Dalles for wool in sacks, rail and water, is \$1.99, as against \$1.49 for all rail shipments.

One Discontented, 1700 Happy.

(Special to The Journal.)

Weiser, Idaho, May 21.—According to A. K. Wise, a civil engineer in the employ of the Mainland interests, who has been gathering data for an interurban line which they propose to construct through Weiser to the Oregon side of the Snake river, connecting with Boise, at points between Boise and Weiser, he personally interviewed 1700 ranch owners. With but one exception, they were unanimous in the declaration that they are happy, contented, prosperous and optimistic for the future.

Chinaman on Princetonian.

(Special to The Journal.)

Princeton, N. J., May 21.—The distinction of being the first oriental to hold an editorial position on any of Princeton's four undergraduate publications belongs today to Hsu Kun Kwong of Shanghai, a sophomore, who has been elected to the editorial board of the Daily Princetonian.

Sons of American Revolution.

(Special to The Journal.)

Boston, Mass., May 21.—Boston is entertaining for two days a large gathering

ing of men whose proud boast it is that they are descended from revolutionary stock. The occasion of the gathering is the twenty-third annual congress of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, which began with headquarters at the Hotel Somerset. The business sessions of the congress are being held in Faneuil hall and the Old South Meeting House.

SALEM BOY APPOINTED TO NAVAL ACADEMY

Washington, May 21.—E. M. Smith of Salem, has been appointed to the Annapolis naval academy. Senator Chamberlain has another appointment but has no applicants. Examination will be held June 18 at Portland, Astoria, Eugene, Grants Pass, Pendleton and Baker.

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