

GOTHAM SUFFERS \$20,000,000 FIRE REV. RICHESON IS GIVEN DEATH SENTENCE

SENTENCE OF MINISTER MAY BE COMMUTED

Statements From Members of Governor's Council Indicate That That Body Favors Clemency—Four Opposed to Capital Punishment.

RICHESON APPEARS ON VERGE OF COLLAPSE

When Arraigned He Immediately Withdrew Former Plea and Entered One of "Guilty as Charged."

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 9.—Pleading guilty to the murder by poison of his discarded sweetheart, Avis Linnell of Hyannis, the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson was today sentenced by Judge Sanderson to be electrocuted during the week of May 19.

Summoned to court, Richeson appeared on the verge of collapse. He was arraigned and at once withdrew his former plea of not guilty, pleading instead "guilty as charged."

While Richeson was sentenced to death, he will in all probability escape paying with his life for the crime. Statements from members of the governor's council indicate that Richeson's sentence will be commuted and that the vote stands six to three in favor of clemency with four of the ballots unalterably opposed to capital punishment and only three absolutely in favor of the death penalty.

Attorney Morse, who collapsed yesterday, causing a postponement of the sentencing, was better today.

Proceedings Quiet.

Today's proceedings were not sensational. Judge Sanderson insisted that only a few attend the hearing to witness the pronouncing of sentence on the clergyman-slayer. The deputies cleared the corridors of the court long before his appearance.

When Deputy Cronin appeared in Richeson's cell the confessed murderer was ready. He was at once hustled in the prison van to the court house yard and then taken through a passage below the building and by a back stairway into the court room through the entrance to the library.

Few See Prisoner.

Few persons saw Richeson en route. When he entered the court it was seen that he was clean shaven, pale and worn, but he seemed in full possession of his faculties. He was much thinner than when arrested and had deep creases in his face. He walked with evident effort, plainly showing that he was still suffering from the effects of his self mutilation.

The court proceedings occupied about 15 minutes. District Attorney Pelletier read the indictment and then Richeson's attorneys announced that he wished to withdraw his plea of not guilty, and to plead guilty to the charges of murder in the first degree. Pelletier then read Richeson's confession, which was spread upon the minutes of the court.

GREAT BRITAIN MAY CALL RUSSIA TO ACCOUNT

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Great Britain is expected to follow the example set by the United States in calling Russia to account for refusing to recognize the passports of Jewish citizens visiting Russia, and there is a possibility that the Anglo-Russian treaty of 1859, similar to that with the United States of 1832, will be abrogated. The Anglo-Jewish association has urged such action.

Sproule Quiets Rumors.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 9.—Emphatic denial of a report from Los Angeles to the effect that city would, hereafter be headquarters for President William Sproule and others of the Southern Pacific and others of its executive officers, was made here today.

GIVES WASHINGTON THE "MUMBO JUMBO" DANCE



PRINCE JONAH KALAHUAHUA.

"Prince Cupid," as Jonah Kaliahuhua, delegate in congress from the territory of Hawaii, is called, has introduced a new dance in Washington. It is called the "mumbo jumbo," or Americanized "hula hula." The dance, it is said, outdoes the "grizzly bear," the "turkey trot" and a few of the other modern ideas.

CHINOOK IN WAKE OF GREAT STORM IS CAUSING FLOODS

Over 6000 Poles and 800 Miles of Wire Are Down—Damage in Portland by Recent Storm Is Estimated at Quarter of a Million.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 9.—Flood conditions in the Puget sound and Willamette valley districts of Oregon and Washington are predicted today by the weather bureau as a result of the chinook which started late last night, and is rapidly melting the snow in Western Oregon and Washington. In the Inland Empire snow is falling and the temperature has moderated greatly. A general rise from zero and below to 10 and 20 above is reported.

Wire communication between Portland and the east and south is paralyzed. This morning, the Western Union reported the wire open operating north, with one south or east. Practically the same conditions were reported by the telephone companies.

The railway blockades in the Columbia river gorge on the O. W. R. & N. and the North Bank roads, caused by snowdrifts and landslides, were cleared up during the night and the lines were reported open to traffic this forenoon. Trains on the Southern Pacific, running north and south from Portland are on schedule time.

The chinook has saved Portland's citizens tens of thousands of dollars. Within two hours after the warm rain and breeze set in ice that covered the trees and wires began to fall away. This relieved the strain that threatened to break them and add to the wild disorder of the streets which occurred when Sunday's silver thaw tore down wires and broke trees and shrubbery, causing damage estimated at between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

WHO IS YOUR CHOICE FOR PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE?

Mark cross between number and name of candidate. Republican.

- 1 (.....) William Howard Taft.
- 2 (.....) Robert M. La Follette.
- 3 (.....) Theodore Roosevelt.

Democrat.

- 4 (.....) Woodrow Wilson.
- 5 (.....) Judson Harmon.
- 6 (.....) Champ Clark.
- 7 (.....) William J. Bryan.

Cut out and mail to Mail Tribune.

Name.....
Address.....

PROSECUTION OF LOUIS J. WILDE IS ATTACKED

Portfolio Carried on His Left Side Stops Bullet When Would-Be Assassin Opens Fire on Him on the State House Grounds.

BULLET MAY HAVE BEEN MEANT FOR GOVERNOR WEST

Prosecutor is of Same Build and His Walk Resembles That of Governor.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 9.—A portfolio carried on his left side stopped a bullet aimed at the head of A. E. Clark, special prosecutor in the Louis J. Wilde case, when a would-be assassin opened fire upon him at the state house grounds as he was returning to the city at an early hour this morning.

The would-be murderer fired twice. The first shot struck Clark in the left arm just below the elbow. The second bullet being directed straight at the heart of Clark but was stopped by a wad of papers contained in the portfolio.

Clark came to the city yesterday for the purpose of gathering data in the Wilde case. He remained in the state library until a quarter after 12 o'clock this morning. On the street after he had passed the bandstand on the statehouse grounds and was taking the path to the left he observed a man leap out from behind the trees. Without a word of warning the opened fire and after firing the second time fled in the direction of the capitol building.

The feeling here is that the assassin was after Governor West and mistook Clark for him, who is of about the governor's build and has a similar walk.

Equitable Did Not Carry One Cent of Insurance

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—It was learned late this afternoon that the Equitable Life Assurance society did not carry a penny of insurance on its building, destroyed by fire here today. Only three weeks ago the trustees appointed a committee to consider the advisability of taking out a policy, but after consulting with experts the committee decided that the building was practically fireproof and notified the trustees that it would be useless expenditure to take out an insurance policy on it.

It will take more than a week for linemen to repair the damage wrought to telephone, electric and telegraph wires here. Over 6000 poles and 800 miles of wire are down.

URGES RETIREMENT OF TAFT



CHASE S. OSBORN.

Governor Chase S. Osborn of Michigan in a speech recently at Lansing declared that Senator La Follette could never be elected president. He also requested that both he and President Taft retire from the race for the republican nomination in favor of Theodore Roosevelt or Albert J. Beveridge of Indiana.

RECEIVER FOR GRANTS PASS AND ROGUE RIVER ROAD

John C. Jenkins Named at Portland—Calkins Makes Order at Same Time, But Holds It in Abeyance for Word From Portland.

At Portland Monday, John C. Jenkins was appointed receiver of the Grants Pass and Rogue River Railroad company. At the same time Judge Calkins at Grants Pass appointed M. J. Anderson receiver of the property upon petition of H. N. Parker of Grants Pass, who holds a bill for grading against the company. The latter order is held in abeyance pending information regarding the Portland appointment.

District Attorney Malkey petitioned Judge Calkins to dismiss both indictments against John K. Kollock, former secretary of the Rogue River Townsite company, who was indicted with B. L. Chapin, president of the company, Kollock proving that he had resigned from the company before the lots were sold under the allotment plan, having only served during the period of organization as attorney.

The grand jury adjourned with the recommendation that the county court begin action to remove the bridge over the Rogue constructed by the G. P. & R. R. railroad.

PEACE TO REIGN UNTIL JANUARY 15

Armistice in China Is Extended—Division of China May Come, the Rebels Taking the South for a Republic.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Dispatches from Peking to the Exchange Telegraph today declare that the armistice in China has been extended to January 15. Public opinion, it is stated, favors a division of China, the rebels taking the south as a republic and the Manchus remaining in power in an empire of the north.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 9.—Dr. Wu Ting Fang, republican minister of foreign affairs, left here today for Nanking to complete the cabinet which will organize the new state. All of those selected have accepted the posts.

Li Yuen Hung has been named generalissimo and will lead an attack on Peking at the conclusion of the armistice, providing a basis for peace has not previously been found.

"BLONDE BOSS" ENTERS DENIAL TO ALL CHARGES

Lorimer Once Again Takes Stand Before Senatorial Committee and Enters General Denial of Corruption Connected With Election.

SAYS HE NEVER PAID MONEY FOR HIS SEAT

States That He Never Raised Money or Tried to Do So for That Purpose.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—Taking the stand today before the senatorial committee which is to investigate once more his election as United States senator from Illinois, William Lorimer, "blonde boss" of Chicago, entered a general denial of corruption in connection with his election.

Answering the questions of his counsel, Judge Elbridge Haney, Lorimer denied that he had ever paid money or anything else of value to anyone for his vote in the senatorial fight; he denied that he had ever authorized any one to pay for votes, and declared he did not know of any one in the Illinois legislature who was paid anything for his vote, and had no knowledge of any one raising a fund to purchase his election.

"Did you at any time raise money, or cause a fund to be raised, to aid your election to the house or the senate?" Lorimer was asked.

"I did not," he answered. Lorimer testified that on November 2, 1908, he received a check for \$500 from F. M. Blount, campaign manager for former Senator Albert J. Hopkins, to assist in Lorimer's congressional campaign. He said he returned the check.

Haney then asked Lorimer for the details of the balloting in the Illinois assembly for United States senator, to show how the various members had voted.

DEMOCRATS TO MEET JUNE 25

Baltimore and St. Louis Are Running Neck and Neck for the Honor of Entertaining Delegates at National Convention.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—Baltimore was this afternoon selected by the democratic national committee as the city in which the democratic national convention will convene June 25.

The committee decided upon the Maryland city after Robert Crain, a Baltimore produce merchant, had produced a guarantee signed by all the leading hotel men, pledging that hotel rates would not be raised during the life of the convention. In addition to this, Crain exhibited a certified check for \$100,000, to be used in defraying the expenses of the convention.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—With June 25 set as the date for the democratic national convention, the national committee of that party this afternoon thrashed out the merits of the several cities bidding for the convention. Early in the day Baltimore and St. Louis were running neck and neck for the honor of entertaining the delegates, but the former city appears to have the better chance of winning.

St. Louis is handicapped by the fact that Missouri has two possible (Continued on Page Three.)

PROTEST AGAINST HIS NOMINATION



JUDGE W. T. HOOK.

Four states have sent vigorous protests to President Tilt against the nomination of Judge W. T. Hook of Kansas for the supreme court bench to succeed the late Justice Harlan. The states objecting to his election are Kentucky, Minnesota, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

QUIET ELECTION DAY FOLLOWS A QUIET CAMPAIGN

Telfer and Samuels Certain of Election—Chances Favor Porter and Ireland—Summerville and White Are Making Close Race.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the following forecasts on today's election were generally accepted by those who are closely in touch with the situation:

Robert W. Telfer, incumbent, will be elected city recorder over E. W. Egan, socialist, by a large majority.

Gus H. Samuels, deputy city treasurer, will be elected treasurer over John Reiter, socialist, by a large majority.

Chances favor the election of L. G. Porter in the First ward, although J. W. Mitchell is a close second, and may win out by a narrow margin. Frank B. Sankey, socialist, is polling a light vote.

Chances favor E. C. Ireland in the Second ward over P. E. Wynkoop, although Wynkoop's friends claim he will be elected. Thomas, socialist, has fallen behind.

J. T. Summerville is running a close race against D. C. White, socialist, for councilman in the Third ward. Sentiment as to the election is about evenly divided. It is freely stated that if a socialist is elected today it will be in this ward.

The city election which is being held today in this city failed to create any considerable excitement even at the last moment, a quiet campaign being followed by a quiet election day. The only place any appreciable amount of "doing" was manifest was at the city recorder's office, where the registration board is sitting. A large number of residents who failed to register appeared before the board and swore in their votes.

On the street but few workers were in evidence. Polling of votes started promptly at 9 o'clock with the opening of the polls and continued brisk. A fair sized vote is being cast.

The polls will close at 5 o'clock and complete returns should be in before 6, as the ballot is a short one.

GOVERNOR JOHNSON TO STUMP FOR LA FOLLETTE

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 9.—"I shall go east and take the stump for La Follette, if I can arrange things here to get away," Governor Hiram Johnson said today.

"But I cannot state before the end of the week whether I shall be able to leave. I am doing all I can to make arrangements to go east."

EVERY ENGINE IN BOROUGH IS CALLED UPON

Equitable Life and Other Costly Structures in Block Bounded by Cedar, Nassau, Pine and Broadway Are Destroyed.

MANY LIVES ARE KNOWN TO BE LOST

Narrow Streets Makes It Very Difficult for Fire Fighters—Flames Spread Rapidly.

NEW YORK'S HOLOCAUST

The known dead:
+ Battalion Fire Chief William Walsh.
+ Special Policeman Conrad Siebert.
+ Guiseppe Conti, porter.
+ John Savzi, porter.
+ Unidentified porter.
+ Unidentified citizen.
+ John Campion, night watchman.

It is believed the death list, when completed, will not be less than 10.

It is declared that the monetary loss through the fire will not be less than \$15,000,000, and may reach \$30,000,000.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Acting on reports of persons who reached the Equitable building shortly after the fire started, Fire Chief Kenon this afternoon ordered rescuers into the still burning structure to seek for bodies. The chief was informed that 18 firemen, employees of the building, were missing, and he fears that all are dead.

Kenon said unconfirmed reports indicated that the total death list might reach 25. Men this afternoon are probing all portions of the ruins. Conservative financiers estimate that more than \$350,000,000 in cash and securities are in the vaults of the Equitable Life building, and untold millions more are contained in the vaults of the Mercantile and Equitable Trust companies and other banks and brokerage offices in the burned building. All vaults are reported intact, but as they cannot be reached it is unknown whether the contents have really escaped the ravages of the fire.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Six persons are known to have perished and a loss of possibly \$20,000,000 was caused here today when the Equitable Life Assurance society's costly 12-story building and all the other structures in the block bounded by Cedar, Nassau, Pine street and Broadway were consumed in the most sensational fire New York has seen for years.

Bursting into flame in the early morning, the Equitable building, which was supposed to be fireproof, soon became a raging furnace. The fire soon spread to the other structures in the block and menaced the whole of the downtown financial section through the burning brands which a high wind swept through the canyons of lower Manhattan.

For the first time in the history of the borough every piece of fire fighting apparatus on the island was called out and firemen, their faces scorched by the leaping flames, fought desperately in the narrow streets to stay the progress of the conflagration.

Bodies Seen to Fall.
At the height of the fire bodies of men were seen falling from the fifth floor of the building and, striking the street, were covered with piles of debris before the firemen could rush to their aid.

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