

TO PAY PENALTY ABOUT MIDNIGHT

WARDEN ALONE KNOWS TIME FOR RICHESON'S END

Growsome Preliminaries Arranged This Morning Indicates That the Confessed Murderer of Avis Linnell Will Be Executed Late Tonight. Events Leading Up to the Execution

BOSTON, May 20.—Warden Bridges alone knows when Richeson will be executed. The growsome preliminaries were arranged this morning, indicating the execution will probably be at midnight. Richeson retired at 1 o'clock this morning and slept until 8 o'clock.

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 and August, 1911—Richeson frequently noticed dining alone with 19-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 Miss Edmonds to be married October 21st.

October 14, 9 a. m.—Avis Linnell found dead in chair in bathroom in Y. W. C. A. Her friends phone Richeson. He asks: "Why do you phone me? Tell her relatives."

October 15—Rev. Richeson at night takes refuge in Edmonds' mansion.

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 secretly engages counsel.

October 20—Richeson arrested while in the Edmonds home. Later identified by Druggist Hahn as man who bought cyanide from him and immediately formally charged with murder.

October 23—Special Grand Jury begins investigation of murder charge.

October 31—Date set for the 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 his cell Richeson sends 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 20—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 20.—"And may God, in His infinite goodness, have mercy on your soul."

Ring in the ears of the tall, powerfully built, waxen faced man on 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 court room 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 a 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

Confession Which Sent Rev. C. V. T. Richeson to the Death Chair.

"Gentlemen—Deeply penitent for my sin, and earnestly desiring as far as in my power lies to make 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."

out of the court house 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 calling he had betrayed, and even since his waking and sleeping hours have been haunted by the spectre of the broad arm chair, with its bright metal base and cruel network of wires.

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 1909, Richeson, graduated only a few months before from the Newton Theological Seminary, was called to the pastorate of the Hyannis Baptist church. Handsome, polished in manner, with a wonderful amount of personal magnetism, he was soon a social favorite. Young and old were attracted to him, and the church congregation was doubled in the first few months of his incumbency. Little comment was occasioned by the fact that he was seen frequently in the company of 17-year-old Avis Linnell, the brightest of the local high school students. She had been baptized and received into the church by the young minister, and the old gossip of the little village considered them naturally attracted to each other, and looked for them to wed.

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 called a "spade a spade," and his forceful preaching, in which he assailed sin in every guise, soon split the congregation in factions. In April, 1910, Rev. Richeson resigned, and stated that he had accepted a charge in Immanuel, 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 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.

Meanwhile, Richeson had been installed in the fashionable Cambridge church. Here his work was crowned with success, and he became a favorite with many members of the congregation who professed to be charmed with his plain talks from the pulpit. One night at a church reception the young pastor was introduced to Miss Violet Edmonds. She was the daughter of Moses Grant Edmonds, one of the wealthiest residents of Brookline, and reputed to be in possession in her own right of half a million dollars, received from the estate of her grandfather.

Miss Edmonds 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 intimates

Social Events of the Week

AS WARM WEATHER APPROACHES, SOCIAL FUNCTIONS FADE, AND "SOCIETY" RETIRES IN FAVOR OF OUTINGS AND TOURS—EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Social life continued dull during the week, but sounds of coming gaiety are heard on all sides. With Rodeo week so near at hand there are many attractions planned to amuse the out-of-town visitors; then the Jai-Mi-Jel Club has issued invitations for a dancing and card party to be given at Houston's opera house on Friday evening, May 24th, with the following lady patronesses: Mrs. J. Jay Knapp, Mrs. A. D. Miller, Mrs. Silas Obenchain and Mrs. C. O. Morgan.

Following this the women of the Civic League are planning a series of Parties, with the proceeds of which our town will "blossom as the rose." Not only will it be a better, cleaner, safer place to live in, but it will gladden the eye as well as become a source of pride to every dweller therein. Of private entertainment, at least one large card party is scheduled for the near future.

The card party given at the Jericho Club Saturday night, a week, was a highly successful affair. Some 200 guests were entertained, who paid the nominal admission price of 15 cents. Coffee and cake were served late in the evening, and a delicious punch was sold to the thirsty at 5 cents a glass, this revenue going toward the up-keep of the club. Both cards and bowling were indulged in, the prizes going to the highest scorers in each. A flower basket was awarded Mrs. Thomas Hampton and a brass cigar tray was given Mr. W. M. Sandham, the winners of the whist prizes and duplicate prizes were given to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitlock, the winners in the bowling contest.

On Monday afternoon Mrs. R. S. Moore entertained a small and select tea and thimble party at her home on West Main street.

Mr. Evan Reames has presented his charming wife with an automobile of the Cadillac manufacture. The car is expected to arrive by the middle of next week, and it will be among the handsomest in town. Mr. L. F. Willis has also ordered a care of the same make, which will come in the same consignment as Mr. Reames'. "500" party on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Earl Whitlock entertained a Mrs. Whitlock's parties are always enjoyable, and the delightful punch, salad, ice cream and cake served toward the end of the evening were partaken of by the following: Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cofer, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schallack, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Olds, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hamaker, Mr. and Mrs. William Whitlock and Mrs. L. H. Bath.

Also on Wednesday afternoon the Art and Needlework Club met and were entertained at the home of Mrs. George Chastain. Refreshments were served during the afternoon. The following books, which comprise but a partial list of those to be read during the year, were offered for consideration: The Iron Woman, House of the Whispering Pine, The Harvester, The Winning of Barbara Worth, Keeping Up With Lizzie, Marriage, Captain Warren's Ward, Mother, and Green Vase.

Mrs. M. Sherman Sargent at her tasteful home in Hot Springs, entertained the Presbyterian Society for Foreign Missions on Wednesday afternoon. Seventeen members were present and there was much earnest discussion of the good work done, followed by reports from the Siam and

that she and the minister were to wed soon.

Whether Avis Linnell knew of the other woman at this time is not known. It is certain, however, that early in the summer she took the diamond ring from her finger, and wore it no more. But there was no announcement to the home people that the engagement had been broken, and there were only a few people who knew that another woman had come between the preacher and his little country sweetheart.

Miss Linnell went home in August, and shortly afterward Richeson also came to Hyannis to spend his vacation. Prior to that time the minister had been noticed dining in Boston restaurants with Miss Linnell and in Hyannis, and in the old town the couple were much together, and the rumor was soon afloat that they had patched up their differences, and would eventually be married.

In September Richeson returned to his pulpit and Miss Linnell went back to her music studies. At time, her friends say, she seemed much distraught and troubled. Finally on Saturday, October 14, the young music student told her girl friends at the Young Women's Christian Association

Laos missions, which were most encouraging and satisfactory.

The Young Matron's Sewing Club met at Mrs. W. H. Whitman's on Thursday afternoon. There are but eight members of this society, but they are of a congeniality and friendliness that leaves nothing to be desired.

On Saturday last one of the first picnics of the season was planned and attended by the entire Sixth grade of the Riverside school. Mrs. Jones, the teacher in charge, acted as chaperone for the occasion, and the jolliest crowd of boys and girls carried a lunch to one of those lovely spots on the Upper Lake, a spot just made for a picnic, and there, under the tall pines, those good sandwiches, those delicious eggs, the spicy pickles and all other good things were eaten and pronounced the very best ever made.

Mrs. Clara Moore, mother of Mrs. G. W. White, is here to pay an indefinite visit to her daughter. Mrs. Moore traveled alone from Couer d'Alene, Idaho, and enjoyed a very pleasant trip.

There is no man in town so smiling as the popular Mr. George Costello, the successful proprietor, of both the Palace Grill and the Owl Cafe—and why? Why! Just because Miss Diamond Kaladimas has come all the way from the classic land of Greece to become his helpmeet through life. This young lady traveled alone from her home country to New York, and thence to San Francisco, where Mr. Costello met her, and there they were immediately married in the Greek church. After a few days honeymoon they returned to Klamath Falls, where they will make their home.

Miss Elizabeth Allen Johnson has arrived among us to take up her permanent abode in Klamath Falls. She is a charming Miss, with violet blue eyes and a most dainty air, such as benefits her tender age. Her happy mother and delighted father are justly proud of her advent, and congratulations are many and hearty at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Paul Johnson.

Mrs. Loy Hilyard entertained the Happy Hour Club at her home on Washington street Tuesday afternoon. Those present were Mesdames W. P. Johnson, Geo. Humphrey, W. H. North, R. A. Emmitt, Geo. Beihn, R. L. Alexander, Floyd Munday, C. V. Walters, B. Hardenbrook, K. D. Norf. Refreshments were served.

The club will entertain their husbands at Mrs. Hilyard's home this evening.

The Ladies' Guild of the Church of the Redeemer held its last meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. L. Jay Knapp on Friday afternoon. This was called Talent Day. Just before Lent each member was given 10 cents and requested to earn what was possible from this small capital. Friday was appointed as the final day of reckoning, and the result was amazing. One member brought \$8, another \$6, and others lesser amounts, which totaled to a most edifying sum and highly complimentary to the business sagacity of the earners.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gerber expect to leave here the middle of next week for an extended visit in Sacramento and other California points.

where she boarded, that she was going to take dinner with her "gentleman friend." Although she did not call Richeson by name, she was understood to mean him by her friends.

No one saw the couple at their meal. The last time they are known to have been seen on the street together was the day before Miss Linnell's mother, who had been visiting in Boston, returned home. Her daughter accompanied her to the railway station, and after her train left, according to the story of George Baker of Hyannis, who was there, Richeson joined Miss Linnell. They left the depot together.

Following her visit to her "gentleman friend" for dinner, Miss Linnell returned to the Y. W. C. A. in high spirits. She told her friends that she had been given some medicine, and that she was sure now that her "headaches" would be cured.

That night young women occupying adjoining rooms heard groans in the bathroom adjoining Miss Linnell's bedroom. They broke down the door, but the girl became unconscious and died before a physician arrived. For a short time it was believed that she had killed herself. It was suggested

that Richeson had told her that he was to wed the "other woman," and that this fact had caused her to end her life. An autopsy, however, revealed that she was about to become a mother, and that cyanide of potassium had been the cause of death.

The fact that the girl was in a delicate condition aroused suspicion, and the police began to shadow Richeson. It developed that, when the little country girl was found dying her nearest chum telephoned to Richeson, who demanded to know whether she had said anything about him. When told she had not, it is alleged that he demanded why he had been called, and notified the girl to tell Miss Linnell's people and the police.

Richeson immediately deserted his lodging and went to the Brookline mansion of Moses Grant Edmonds, where he stayed in strict seclusion. The next day he went down town and engaged an attorney to represent his interests.

On October 19th, William Hahn, a druggist in Newton Center, where Richeson attended theological school, told the police that he had sold Richeson cyanide of potassium.

"He told me that he had a pet dog that he wanted to kill," Hahn told the police, "and I told him that he ought to use ether. He said that he didn't like the odor, and then I suggested cyanide. I gave him a package, but he insisted on more. As he was leaving he cautioned me to say nothing about the matter."

On this evidence and the known acquaintance of the minister with Miss Linnell the arrest of Richeson was determined on. The police surrounded the mansion on the night of October 19th, but admission was refused. Finally, early next morning they were admitted, and found the minister in bed. He was formally arrested on a murder charge, and protested his innocence.

The theory of the police from the start was that the minister was responsible for the girl's condition, and that he had promised to get her medicine which would effectually hide her shame from the world. Instead the latter admitted he gave her capsules filled with dry cyanide. The girl, believing implicitly in the minister, partook of the deadly drug, believing it was in reality medicine for the purpose intended.

After his arrest the members of the Edmonds family stood by the minister. They proclaimed their belief in his innocence, and it was announced that they would finance his defense. On Thanksgiving Day Miss Edmonds sent flowers and dainties to the accused man in his cell, and said she had implicit confidence that he would soon be free, and they would wed in the end.

On the night of December 20 Richeson was heard moaning and crying in his cell. Finally he asked a guard to send for a doctor. One was soon there, and investigation revealed the fact that the minister, probably in a moment of mental aberration, had fearfully mutilated himself with a piece of tin he had secured and sharpened to a razor's edge on the floor of the cell. So serious were the wounds inflicted that the doctors who were hurriedly called were forced to complete the operation the man had begun, and for a time he was in grave danger from blood poisoning.

That Richeson had planned to have the operation he attempted figure in his defense was charged by the prosecutor, and he was little surprised when, on January 6th, he was furnished with a confession of guilt by Richeson's lawyers. When the confession was repeated in court on January 9th, there was nothing for Judge Sanderson to do but impose the only penalty by law for first degree murder. Friends of Richeson started an agitation to have his sentence commuted to life imprisonment, but the governor and his council refused to act. A petition claiming insanity was filed in the case, but promptly overruled.

WILL DEVOTE TIME TO BUILDING BOX FACTORY

W. I. Clark, who on Friday closed the deal for the sale of the Innes-Clarke saw mill and property, states that this does not mean that he has any intention of leaving Klamath Falls. "My home is here," said Mr. Clark, "and I now intend to get busy on the new box factory to be built by Robert A. Johnson and myself. Through the illness of Mr. Johnson's wife, which prevented him from coming here, and also as my own time has been pretty well taken up in the deal just closed, the starting on the box factory has been delayed, but I expect Mr. Johnson here soon, and it won't be a great while before the factory will be built and ready for operation."

Homesteaders Ask Relief

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—Petitions from people in Lake county have been presented to the secretary of the Interior, urging that lands near Fort Rock be included within the enlarged homestead designations, as no water for irrigation is to be had.

BOTH CONFIDENT OF OHIO ELECTION

TOMORROW MAY DECIDE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION

The Convention Plan Chosen by the Republicans in Ohio Gives a Decided Advantage to the President—Neither Taft or Roosevelt's Names Appear on the Ballot—Vote for Delegates

CLEVELAND, May 20.—President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt are each confident that the result of tomorrow's election will be in their favor.

Taft closes his campaign tonight at Dayton. Roosevelt opened this morning at Marietta.

The names of Taft and Roosevelt do not appear on the republican ballots. The voter ballots only for the delegates. On the democratic ballot the names of Harmon and Wilson appear.

Not only is the Ohio plan different from that of other direct primary states, but it is so elastic that it is different in the republican and democratic parties. The law permits each party to choose between two plans of election, and the two parties have elected to try different methods.

Under the plan chosen by the republicans the six delegates at large will be elected by a state convention, while forty-two district delegates will be chosen by direct vote. The democratic delegates at large, on the other hand, will be chosen either by Wilson or Harmon in person, depending on which candidate wins a majority of the preference vote in the state.

The republican state convention plan gives a decided advantage to President Taft, so far as the six delegates at large are concerned. About one-third of the delegates to the convention will be named Tuesday at the primaries, and the other two-thirds will be selected later on by county conventions. The convention machinery in most counties is in control of the Taft men, and it is reported that fully 100 Taft candidates to the state convention are unopposed. This makes it probable that Roosevelt will have to win the state by a big majority to get the delegates at large.

In the two congressional districts in Cincinnati, the home of Taft, the Roosevelt men did not begin to fight until a few days ago, virtually conceding the four delegates from that city to the president. These four, with the six at large, would give Taft a nucleus of ten delegates out of the forty-eight, leaving him to fight on even terms for the other thirty-eight.

It appears that under the plan under which the republicans are working the names of Taft and Roosevelt will not appear on the ballot, although the names of Harmon and Wilson will. Neither will the presidential preference of the delegates be indicated on the ballot, and in several instances candidates are unpledged.

On the democratic side the district delegates will be elected Tuesday in the same way the republicans will, but the voters will express a direct choice between Harmon and Wilson. If a majority favor Harmon, the Ohio governor will have the privilege of naming any six men he wants as delegates at large. If Wilson wins, the same privilege will be accorded to him.

BASEBALL WAR IS PREDICTED

SUSPENSION OF TY COBB MAY RESULT IN DISRUPTION OF THE AMERICAN AND NATIONAL LEAGUES—TIGERS STRIKE

PHILADELPHIA, May 18.—With Cobb leading, the Tigers left Shibe Park in a body as a protest against Ban Johnson's suspension of Cobb for attacking an abusive fan. It is predicted that the team's action will result in a baseball war, meaning the disruption of the American and National leagues.

Miss Marshall Better

Miss Ettinge Marshall, who has been seriously indisposed from laryngitis for several days, is again able to be out.

John Logan, one of the leading attorneys of Portland, is here, and will remain over Sunday. He is a member of the state board of pardons. He is not here strictly in connection with his official appointment, though it is entirely probable that he will look into any available data concerning the Faulder case, so as to be able to advise Governor West in that matter.

SWEETHEARTS, 84 AND 70, WED AT MEDFORD

MEDFORD, May 18.—Eben McIntire, aged 84, and Mrs. Elizabeth Gilmore, 70 years old, were married here this week. The couple were sweethearts in olden days back East. The groom now hails from McMinville, and the bride from Gold Hill. They will live at the former place.

"I feel as young as ever," was the comment of Mr. McIntire, when he applied for the license.