

RICHESON ADMITS HE GAVE POISON TO AVIS LINNELL Boston Pastor, in Letter to Lawyers, Makes Clean Breast.

(Continued from First Page.) Church in Hyannis, Mass., the little Cape Cod town where Avis Linnell was the reigning belle.

Richeson soon became engaged to the girl, but, after a row with his congregation, resigned and accepted the pastorate of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Brookline, a fashionable Boston district.

There he met and became engaged to Miss Violet Edmonds, worth half a million dollars, and heir to greater part of the vast estate of her father, Moses Grant Edmonds.

Kept Secret.

Although his engagement to Miss Edmonds was known, Miss Linnell was kept in ignorance of it. She went to Boston to study music in the Conservatory of Music. She told friends she was engaged to Richeson.

On the night of Saturday, October 14, 1911, Miss Linnell was found dying in the bathroom of her rooms in the Young Women's Christian Association building.

For a time it was thought she had committed suicide and an examination of her body showed she had been killed by cyanide in a glass of medicine. It also showed that she soon was to have become a mother. It was then that Richeson disappeared immediately, but was arrested a few days later in the home of Edmonds, where he was in hiding.

He denied every charge, but the State wove about him a strong circumstantial case.

It was proven that he had bought the cyanide from Druggist William Hahn, of Newton Center, Mass. The State contended that Richeson, responsible for the girl's death, had given her the poison under the guise of medicine, and that she had swallowed it voluntarily, believing it was the medicine he claimed it to be.

Only a few days before Christmas, Richeson stabbed himself in the groin with a piece of jagged tin and for a time was thought to be in a dangerous condition.

Wedding Day Fixed.

Richeson, who was to have been married to Miss Edmonds on October 21, was arrested by the Boston and Brookline police in Brookline, and taken to the Boston police headquarters, where he was formally charged with the murder of Miss Linnell.

Avis Linnell, the girl betrayed and poisoned by Richeson, was a native of the little town of Hyannisport, Mass. It was the general belief of the residents of Hyannisport that the minister and the girl were engaged to be married and the girl told a number of her young friends that she was to have a girl companion of her childhood days to act as her bridesmaid.

It was not until she had gone to Boston that the Hyannisport minister heard the report that Richeson was to marry an heiress living in Brookline. The stupor of the Hyannisport minister was aroused by the peculiar circumstances surrounding Miss Linnell's death, the finding of the body and the statements of the minister and the girl. The story that she was engaged to Richeson and expected to be made his wife turned attention to the young minister, but there was no evidence connecting him with the death and the police were helpless.

Follow Clues.

All clues were followed up, and his movements during the days and nights immediately preceding the death, looked up by the police. Richeson remained silent and sought refuge from the reporters in the home of Moses Grant Edmonds, but the first positive thing connecting Richeson with the death of the girl came when the Hyannisport minister, William Hahn, a druggist of Newton, asked the police to visit him and told Chief Watts that he had sold a large amount of cyanide to Richeson.

The druggist described how the minister had called, had told about his approaching marriage to the Brookline girl, had invited the druggist to attend the wedding, and then had asked for some powerful poison to kill a dog. Hahn had suggested cyanide and had given the druggist an amount of the poison large enough to kill a dozen dogs.

With this information the police of Boston immediately went to Brookline, the police there were called in and the Edmonds house was surrounded. In the early morning hours they gained admission to the house, and Richeson was placed under arrest.

He was taken to police headquarters, and after being formally charged with the murder, was taken to the Tombs to await arraignment.

Richeson was indicted by the grand jury, and his trial date was set for January 15. A number of residents of Hyannisport, a score of the girl's friends who lived at the Y. W. C. A. with the Linnell girl; witnesses who had seen the girl and Richeson together; and the Newton druggist gave the evidence that resulted in the indictment.

On December 29 Richeson made a sensational attempt to commit suicide by slashing himself with a tin cover, the edge of which he had whittled to razor-like sharpness on the floor of his cell. It was removed to the prison hospital and for a time it was thought he would die.

When he recovered sufficiently to be returned to his cell he began to act in a strange manner, and it was thought by some that his mind was giving way under the strain.

Relative Declares Miss Edmonds Now Is in Washington

While her fiancé, Clarence V. T. Richeson, the minister, is in a cell in the Boston jail awaiting trial on January 15, for the murder of Avis Linnell, Miss Violet Edmonds is in Washington to engage in social settlement work, according to a statement received today.

A second cousin of the young woman, who became interested in settlement work, is responsible for the statement.

All efforts to locate Miss Edmonds in Washington, however, failed today. The National Congress of Mothers, following the publication in The Times of the report from New York, instituted a search for the young woman. No traces of her were found. At Neighborhood House it was stated arrangements for Miss Edmonds' work in Washington have not been made by that organization.

Mrs. Hemmick's Views.

Capital Women Soon May Be Taught the Manly Art



IT WOULD MEAN EIGHT ROLLING PIM

had been heard of Miss Edmonds' probable visit to Washington.

While it is declared Miss Edmonds is being sought by District Attorney Pelletier of Boston, witnesses in the case, no request has been made of the Washington police as yet to try to locate her. It was said at headquarters today that no action would be taken until formal request is received from the Boston authorities.

It was learned positively that Miss Edmonds is not in Yonkers, N. Y., as had been reported. Mrs. Rudolph Reeder, wife of the president of the New York Orphan Asylum, at Huntington-on-Hudson, a second cousin of Miss Edmonds, is responsible for the statement that she is in Washington.

"Within the last two weeks," said Mrs. Reeder, in an interview today, "I heard from Mrs. Edmonds, Violet's mother, that she was to take up settlement work in Washington. She had done kindergartens and it seemed to make an appeal to her."

"I do not know positively that Miss Edmonds went to Washington, but I have never heard of her. I would like to believe that she changed her plans."

The Edmonds family, it was learned from Mrs. Edmonds, Violet's mother, during the winter for the last ten years. They like the city, and have a large circle of friends here, and it is believed this fact may have caused Miss Edmonds to select the National Capital as her field for settlement work.

Uncle Sam in Market For Tobacco Expert

A tobacco expert is wanted by the Government for duty in the Philippines. A civil service examination, consisting only in a statement of training, experience and fitness in tobacco wrapper and culture, will be given by the Civil Service Commission February 2 next.

The duties of a tobacco expert are not very arduous, and, at any rate, the position pays \$1,500 a year.

Transfers in Realty

(Continued from Fourth Page.) To George M. Davis, lot 7, block 47, 116, to George M. Davis, lot 7, block 47, 116, to Thomas Armit, lot 25, block 7, 110, to Whitney Chase, 21, Isabella Parker to Benjamin and Leda Brooks, lot 19, block 5, 110.

Wendley Park-Lily Larned to C. E. Crump, lot 24, block 18, 110, to E. Crump et al. conveys same property to Consuelo Anderson.

Le Droit Park-Edwin M. Dulin et ux. to Max David, lot 123, square 306, 110, to Belair-Allan E. Walker et ux. to George H. Myers, lots 20, 21, 22, block 2, 110.

Highview-Harry Wardman et al. to Harlan B. Jaley and Martha E. Jaley, lot 104, square east of 325, 110, to Whitney Chase-Julian Latham to Madge Latham, lot 18, block 9, 110.

Belair-Allan E. Walker et ux. to Lofton R. and Nellie R. Robertson, lot 21, square 288, 110, to Emanuel Speich, et ux. et ux. to Florence M. Lynch, lot 51, block 8, 110.

Suburban

Randle Highlands-National Savings and Trust Company, trustee, to John E. Enders et ux. convey same property to M. H. Shackelford, 525.

Bellevue-Michael P. Calnan to Alice L. C. Maxwell, lot 26 and 110, to East Deanwood-William H. Shuster et ux. to Frank S. Collins, lot 21, block 5, 110.

Constitution Avenue-Highland-Middle C. Whitehead to Charles J. Streeter, lot 25, square 268, 110, to Brown-Park-William C. Brown to James S. Fraser, lot 6, block 10, 110.

Chevy Chase-Terrace-Allan E. Walker et ux. to H. Kinus Dugdale, lots 42 and 41, square 1972, 110, to South Brookland-Fred A. Redhead et al. to Joseph and Catherine Irons, lot 2, block 1, 110, same to Herman Kull, lot 2, block 1, 110.

Addition to Congress Heights-Joseph N. Young to Rozier B. Wright, lots 34 and 35, square 6070, 110, to Barry Farm-James E. Padgett et al., trustee, to Mary P. Mynabridge, lot 40, section 2, 800.

Woodridge-Frederick A. Linger et ux. to Theodore and Bertha Sproesser, part lot 29, block 8, 110, to Connecticut Avenue Addition to Cleveland Park-Walter R. Frey et ux. to Alice P. and Julian M. Winnemore, lot 3, square 2218, 110.

The Ridge-Washington Land and Mortgage Company to Katharine M. Healey, lots 9 and 10, square 5379, 110, to Marshall-John P. White et ux. to Thomas J. Mellon, lots 16 and 17, square 5321, lots 16, 17, 18 to 23, square 5322, 110.

Le-ham, district deputy grand patriarch.

Mrs. J. H. Mansfield, deputy national councillor of Mt. Vernon Council, No. 1, Daughters of America, last night installed officers.

The annual meeting of the George Washington Birthdays Association will be held Wednesday next. Besides electing officers, the matter as to the advisability of holding a parade on February 22 will be discussed.

Funeral Services Held For Joseph W. Kirkley

Funeral services for Joseph W. Kirkley, chief of the division of war records, and compiler of the gigantic history of the civil war from reports of the engagements, were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Dumbarton Avenue M. E. Church, the Rev. Pate, pastor of the church, officiating.

Pallbearers from the G. A. R. of the District, of which organization Mr. Kirkley was a member, acted as pallbearers.

After a notable career in the Union army during the civil war, Mr. Kirkley, to the service in the War Department, where he served until his death. He was a prominent member of the Dumbarton Avenue Church and of the Odd Fellows.

Hearing in the damage suit of R. C. L. Moncur against Joshua Ofruit, for \$2,600, was resumed in the United States Court this morning. Yesterday afternoon's session was taken up with the testimony of witnesses for the defense and physicians for the plaintiff. It is expected the trial will be completed late this afternoon.

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ALEXANDRIA ODD FELLOWS IN OFFICE

Installation and Banquet by Potomac Lodge—Moncur Damage Suit Hearing Resumed in United States Court—Bar Meeting Called.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., JAN. 6.

Officers were installed at last night's meeting of Potomac Lodge of Odd Fellows as follows: noble grand, George R. Smith; vice grand, N. R. Davis; recording secretary, W. A. Conway; financial secretary, W. E. Latham; treasurer, L. Morgan Davis; warden, W. McMenamin; conductor, C. E. Remington; chaplain, M. L. Williamson; right scene supporter, F. W. Mansfield; left scene supporter, G. C. Trenary; right supporter of noble grand, C. W. O'Meara; left supporter of noble grand, G. K. Makely; right supporter of vice grand, W. L. Clark; left supporter vice grand, G. B. Phillips; inside guard, Harry Mount; outside guard, George Southard.

The installation was conducted by John D. Payne, district deputy grand master; G. W. Hauxhurst, grand marshal; Elmer I. Crump, district deputy grand treasurer, all of Falls Church, and J. T. O'Meara, district deputy grand warden; W. L. Martin, district deputy grand secretary; F. Kaus, district deputy grand chaplain; J. T. Watkins, district deputy grand, and H. E. Arnold, district deputy grand herald.

Following the ceremonies, a banquet was held.

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WOMEN HERE MAY ADOPT MANLY ART OF SELF-DEFENSE

Movement, Started on Pacific Coast, Is Rapidly Coming This Way.

The manly art of delivering a knock-out blow with the aid of a pair of boxing gloves may be taught to Washington women in the not far future, as a movement toward that end, launched in the West, is making rapid progress eastward.

"If a woman wants to box, why, letter box," said Postmaster Merritt, thereby admitting that he is not one to oppose a woman's wishes.

"It would be all right if you could get them to stick to the rules, but they'd scratch," said Director of Intermediate Instruction Stuart, of the Washington public schools.

A sure cure for tarty husbands, the "street habit," unruly houseboys, pug-nacious cooks, and a great step toward universal suffrage for women, said Dr. William Tindall, secretary of the Board of District Commissioners.

An Old Question.

This question of teaching the manly art of self-protection to the school girls of the city is one of long standing.

"Why," asks Congress every time the Commissioners ask for an increased police force, "do not the residents learn to defend themselves, and depend less on the bluecoats? Give the woman a chance to protect herself. Why not?"

"Because," comes the wall from every section of the city, and a demure little mere man, showing by his every move that he is a married one, steps out from the rest of the crowd, exclaiming a blackened eye, a bruised forehead, a twisted nose, a bitten ear, and numerous other minor bruises, and reiterates, "Because."

He has an indistinct recollection of finally admitting himself into his own home after several struggles with a latch key which refused to work, of hanging his shoes on the coat rack, and of trying to append a feminine anxiety by offering a new explanation as to his long absence.

No Reason Against It.

There doesn't seem to be any reason why a woman isn't physically able to become a scientific boxer. A woman can plough her way through a bargain counter rush, throw half a dozen other buyers in as many different directions, buy 3 cents' worth of blue ribbon, and nonchalantly walk from the store unharmed.

A man would be covered with bumps and bruises before he got half way to the counter, if he tried such a thing. Yet they say men can box, but women wouldn't be able to stand it.

A woman will induce in more physical exercise while strolling down F street any afternoon than would be required in an hour's instruction in handling the added gloves.

In Los Angeles, the press dispatches say, the school girls are being trained to punch not only punching bags, but each other, and a healthier, more graceful class of femininity is resulting as a consequence, they say. The instructors, however, are forced to use a lock and chain in keeping their gloves on during the fierce encounters, to circumvent the instinct to scratch.

"Why We Are Here."

"Why We Are Here, Year After Year," in Washington," will be the subject of the sermon of the Rev. E. H. Swann, pastor of the Capital Baptist Church, tomorrow night in the Typographical Temple, on G street northwest.

MANCHUS IN PANIC, HEARING FOES ARE MOVING ON PEKING

Yuan Shi Kai Summoned to Appear Before Royal Family.

PEKING, Jan. 6.—The Manchu court was thrown into panic today by a report that the revolutionist army at Pukow had begun a march toward Peking. Yuan Shi Kai was summoned by the members of the royal family and questioned closely regarding the preparations that had been made to stave off a rebel assault.

The premier partially reassured the princes by pointing out that the imperial forces in the vicinity of Nanking were ready to make an assault on the republican capital, and for that reason, he said, the rebels would not dare send a large expedition northward.

No confirmation could be obtained here of a report that 700 imperial troops had been killed or wounded in a battle near Hankow.

The loyalists, according to the rumor, were evacuating the city when 1,000 soldiers, independent of their commander, made an effort to return to Hankow. The revolutionists are rumored to have fired upon the train, killing, or wounding more than two-thirds of the imperialists.

Yuan Shi Kai informed his commanders a few days ago to renew the struggle at 8 o'clock this morning unless they received a countermarching order. It could not be ascertained this morning whether Yuan had ordered another postponement. He is still reported to be attempting negotiations with Dr. Wu Ting-fang by telegraph.

It generally is believed here that the republicans have given orders to their soldiers to "mark time" until the imperialists take the first step toward renewing the warfare.

Stage Comment Novel Feature of The Munsey

In his Stage Comment in The Munsey for January, Matthew White, Jr., asks this question: "Is it any wonder that at the 'dog town' first performance of this piece the critics declared it to be lacking in continuity of action?" He then cites the experience of the woman who wrote the play.

"Her manuscript had hung for months, when suddenly a manager called her up by long distance wire, to tell her that it was to be put in rehearsal immediately. Arrived there she was told what must be done, and ordered to do it without delay, in order that the actors might have their parts to study. This meant an all-night session, to complete the revision of the first act; and the work must be continued after daylight, so that the author could be ahead of the players on the remainder of the piece."

"Dead weary, but kept up by strong coffee, excitement, and the anticipated glory of the night of production, the woman labored on. Presently, however, she was informed that the star had decided that the first scene was better, after all. Would the playwright please restore it?"

"As passages had been picked from the original version here and there to make up the other, and numerous minor changes had meanwhile been suggested, this meant rewriting the whole thing. As haste was being constantly dinned into her ears, one may imagine with what zest the task was entered upon, and what sort of inspiration would be likely to crop out in her work."

William Cushing Camp Installs New Officers

William B. Cushing Camp, No. 50, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., installed officers last night in the Grand Army Hall on Pennsylvania avenue.

Those installed were: Commander, Chas. O. Howard; senior vice commander, Gurnon R. Scott; junior vice commander, S. S. Culbertson; chaplain, the Rev. J. Luther Brenner; secretary, W. E. Garlick; treasurer, William F. Wolfe; guide, G. E. Beckman; patriote instructor, John Hoffman; camp council, C. C. Jones, William Rosser, and Charles A. Sidman, color bearer, W. J. Robbins; musician, William R. Howard.

The newly installed commander is the son of the late Gen. O. O. Howard.

French Lectures at Georgetown University

"L'evolution du Roman" is the subject of the next lecture by M. Saint-Sene, at Georgetown University, on Monday, at 4 o'clock, under the auspices of the newly formed "Le Cercle Rostand."

The lectures are in French, profusely illustrated. Additional membership is expected, as the society is taking particular hold of the large number interested in French in Washington.

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