

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Serious Fire in Western Metropolis

Damage in Central Portion of Winnipeg Estimated at \$475,000

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 4.—For over two hours last night, the fire department fought a stubborn fire in the central district in an atmosphere of thirty below zero. The fire originated in the Excelsior Motor Works, Garry Street, about a block from the Post Office, and in the same block and on the same side of the street, with Premier Roblin's residence.

The loss in the garage included sixteen automobiles, averaging fifteen hundred each, while a terrace of houses, the fronts of which had been extended for stores, was destroyed at a loss of about \$13,000 the total loss being placed at \$475,000.

During the fire two firemen had their feet badly cut by jumping onto broken glass. The firemen were handicapped by the failure of the high pressure on two occasions.

The ruins present the appearance of an ice castle.

Maine Woman Gets Twenty Years For Killing Her Boy

Bath, Me., Jan. 4.—A verdict of guilty of manslaughter was returned by a jury in the supreme court today against Mrs. Mildred T. Keefe, for causing the death of her two-and-a-half-year-old son, whose body was found at the edge of a pond here on Oct. 21, 1911. The jury deliberated four hours.

Judge Spear sentenced Mrs. Keefe to twenty years imprisonment at hard labor the maximum penalty for manslaughter under the Maine statutes. The convicted woman is twenty-two years of age.

The Advent Church of Woodstock has secured the services of Rev. A. M. Bates, late evangelist of the State of Maine, an able and interesting speaker. The first service will be held next Sunday, preaching at 3 and 7. Mr. Bates will be here every two weeks. The mid-week prayer meeting has been changed to Tuesday evening, so he can be present. Come and hear him. All are welcome.

Miss Reta Ellsworth is visiting friends in St. John.

Roosevelt Faces Canal Deal Quiz

Washington, Jan. 2.—A thorough investigation of Theodore Roosevelt's alleged connection with the revolution in Columbia, by which the United States obtained the Panama Canal zone, and his knowledge of the disposition of the \$40,000,000 supposed to have been paid by the United States to two French companies for their interests in the canal territory, will be instituted by the House committee on Foreign Affairs this month.

This announcement was made to-day coincident with the return from Panama of Representative Henry T. Rainey, of Illinois, on whose motion the investigation will be ordered.

Mr. Rainey has almost half a ton of documents locked up in a Washington safety deposit vault.

Mr. Rainey will submit to the committee a list of men who, in his opinion, can reveal the inside workings of the transaction by which Mr. Roosevelt, in his own words, "took" Panama from Columbia.

On the list will be the name of Theodore Roosevelt and the chief engineer of one of the French companies which formerly operated in the zone.

Mr. Rainey's resolution states that, notwithstanding the United States professes its desire to submit all international controversies to arbitration, and the Republic of Panama has for years petitioned this country to submit to the Hague tribunal the question whether the "taking" was in accordance with the treaty then existing between the two countries, the government "has steadily refused arbitration to the Republic of Panama."

While the purposes of the resolution are ostensibly to report whether the differences between the United States and Columbia should be submitted to arbitration and to determine what reparation should be made by this country to Columbia, stress will be laid on the necessity to locate responsibility for the revolution through which the canal zone was acquired, and to ascertain the whereabouts of the \$40,000,000 paid by this government.

"The French companies did not get the money," said Mr. Rainey to-night, "Columbia alleges that the canal zone was taken by violence."

It is evident that the lid has been nailed on in West Virginia. A doctor was shot dead there for refusing to write a prescription, for a pint of whiskey, for a thirsty man.

Tobique Valley Said to Rival Aroostook Region

Great Possibilities in Potato Raising Exist in That Region

As a result of the interview with the provincial government Jan. 4, the delegation from Victoria County which was pressing for assistance for the extension of the Tobique Valley Railway from Plaster Rock to Riley Brook is very much encouraged and is hopeful that the necessary assistance from the province will be secured. The delegation was composed of Mr. T. J. Carter, K. C., and Mr. J. W. White of Andover and Mr. James McNair of Arthurette.

Mr. Carter, speaking of the prospects of the Tobique region should the line be extended, said that there was every indication that it would rival the Aroostook Valley as a potato-raising country. The soil of the upper portion of the valley is very similar to that of the Aroostook region and there seems to be little doubt that if provided with proper railway facilities, it will progress rapidly. Mr. Carter stated that the development of the Tobique Valley between Plaster Rock and Riley Brook, the section to be served by the proposed extension, had reached a point beyond which it could hardly be expected to go without proper transportation facilities.

The Tobique Valley Railway at present is under lease to the Canadian Pacific and it is intended that the extension will be also leased to and operated by that line. The ultimate intention of the promoters is to extend the line north until it will tap the International Railway, which connects Campbellton with St. Leonard's.

Daily Mail

Wright--Gillis

A wedding of much interest took place at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in Trinity church, when Miss Kathleen Gillis, youngest daughter of Mrs. Gillis and the late John R. Gillis, became the bride of Reginald Francis Wright, of Saskatoon, Sask. Mr. Wright is a son of the late Hugh S. Wright, formerly superintendent of the North American Life Insurance Co. here. He was for some years connected with the Canada Permanent Mortgage Company in this city before going west. He is now inspector for the Trust & Loan Company with headquarters in Saskatoon.

The ceremony was performed by His Lordship Bishop Richardson, assisted by the rector, Rev. R. A. Armstrong. The choir, under the direction of J. S. Ford assisted with the musical portion of the service. The church was prettily decorated in green and scarlet for the happy occasion.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, John Gillis, wore a beautiful gown of embroidered Irish poplin, with veil and orange blossoms, and carried a large bouquet of bridal roses. It is of interest that her gown and veil were worn by her mother when she was married.

Miss Muriel Gillis, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and was gowned in pale blue and carried a bouquet of red carnations. Little Misses Doreen and Viola McAvity, daughters of Lieutenant-Colonel J. L. McAvity, dressed in white and carrying baskets of scarlet carnations, were flower girls. E. E. Church was groomsmen, and the ushers were John W. Davidson and Lawrence T. Allen.

After the ceremony a reception for the immediate relatives was at the residence of the bride's mother, 109 Union street, and Mr. and Mrs. Wright left on the Montreal express for their future home, visiting some of the cities in the United States on the way. In travelling, the bride wore a blue cloth suit with hat to match.

Both of the young people are popular with large circles of friends, from whom they received a very handsome array of wedding presents.—Telegraph.

Mr. Wright is a brother of Mrs. E. W. Mair of this town and formerly lived here.

BORN

HAY.—At Welland, Ont., on Jan 1st., to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. M. Hay, a daughter.

Richeson Confesses Murder of Avis Linnell

Ex-Pastor Breaks Down Under Strain and Tells World He Committed Double Murder—Finds Measure of Comfort in Tortures He is Suffering—District Attorney Firm

Boston, Jan. 6.—Invoking the aid of the God whose cloth he had worn and desecrated, Rev. Dr. Clarence Virgil Thompson Richeson, ex-pastor of the Immanuel Baptist church, has confessed that he murdered pretty little Avis Linnell and her unborn babe.

With a mind breaking under a strain of the nightmare that filled his waking time and made horrible his sleeping hours, Richeson confessed yesterday to his lawyers, handing them a written statement admitting his guilt. Through the long hours of the night his lawyers pleaded with District-Attorney Pelletier for leniency for the minister of God who had broken the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill."

Pelletier was obdurate. He held out for the chair—the grim instrument of death in which the murderers of this day atone for such crimes against the state.

Without the slightest hope of the confession saving his life, Richeson's lawyers made public today the ex-pastor's story of murder and lust. It reads as follows:

"To John Lee, Esq., Wm. A. Morse, Esq., and Phillip E. Dunbar, Esq.:

"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 offence 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 further 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 tortures of the damned. In this I find a measure of comfort. In my mental anguish I recognize that there is still, by the mercy of the Master, some remnant of the Divine spark of goodness lingering with me.

"I could wish to live only because within some prison's wall I might in some small measure redeem my sinful past, help some other despairing soul, and at last find favor with my God.

"You are instructed to deliver this to the district-attorney or to the judge of the court.

"Sincerely yours,
"CLARENCE V. T. RICHESON."
Since he mutilated himself with a piece of jagged tin in the Charles street jail a few days before Christmas, Richeson has been on the verge of a nervous and mental collapse.

Yesterday he sent for Attorney John L. Lee and Wm. A. Morse, his counselors. They spent several hours in the cell of the wounded minister. To them he told the story of his intimacy with Avis Linnell, of the discovery that she was soon to become a mother, of the fear that he would be obliged to break off his engagement with Miss Violet Edmands, of his purchase of the deadly cyanide of potassium, of his meeting with the girl on the Saturday of her death, of giving her the deadly drug under the guise of medicine, of her implicit faith in his honesty, of seeing her start away to her room to take what she believed to be "medicine," but which in a few brief moments was to take away her life and that of their unborn child.

Richeson spared himself nothing; he crucified himself upon the cross of his conscience. The lawyers sat and listened, loathing the minister before them, yet realizing that their oaths as lawyers made it imperative that they should try and save his pitiful life.

From the cell of the defiler of the cloth they went hurriedly to the office of District-Attorney Pelletier. From noon yesterday until 6 o'clock last night they pleaded with him for leniency for the double murderer. Pelletier was as adamant as the granite in the walls around them and insisted on justice being done.

Following are some of the women whose names have been foremost in the case:

Avis Linnell, eighteen years old. Born and reared in Hyannis. Educated in public schools. Attended Baptist church and was member of the church choir. Was engaged to the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson and was making her wedding trousseau when she read of the clergyman's forthcoming marriage to another woman. Her death was caused from cyanide of potassium poisoning.

Miss Violet Edmands. Lives at Devon street, Chestnut Hill, Brookline. A graduate of Vassar College. Heirress in her own right. Was to have been married to the Rev. C. V. T. Richeson on Oct. 31.

Mrs. M. Grant Edmands, mother of Violet Edmands, fiancée of Richeson. (Continued on page four)

Montgomery - Hayward

A very pretty wedding took place on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Hayward, when their daughter, Helena Maud, was married to Mr. Harold Craig Montgomery. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. C. Berrie. Mrs. Geo. B. True, a friend of the bride, played the wedding march.

The house was beautifully decorated with potted plants, ferns and cut flowers. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly gowned in cream serge with satin and fringe trimmings, and carried a bouquet of brides roses. Miss Laura Curtis, the bridesmaid wore a pretty gown of Alice blue satin, and carried pink carnations.

Mr. Fred Irving of Campbellton supported the groom. After the ceremony a dainty lunch was served by Misses Florence Snow, Nellie Montgomery, Edna Hayward and Agnes True.

The bride received a large number of costly gifts, including cut glass, silver, furniture and cheques. The groom's gift to the bride was a sunburst of pearls, to the bridesmaid an amethyst and pearl pendant, and to the groomsmen a gold watch fob. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery left on the afternoon train for their future home in Campbellton. On the way they will spend several days in St. John. The brides going away gown was of tan broadcloth with hat to match.

Burpee--Smith

A wedding of much interest was solemnized at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Smith, Burpee avenue, at 3 o'clock on Tuesday, Dec. 26, when their daughter, Miss Adelaide, was united in marriage to Hurd C. Burpee, formerly of Woodstock. The home was prettily decorated for the occasion, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. M. S. Trafton, assisted by Rev. C. B. Trafton, in the presence of relatives and close friends of the principals in the happy event. Mr. Smith gave his daughter away, and little Miss Miriam Trafton looked very pretty as flower girl. Handsome and costly presents attested to the esteem in which the bride is held by friends in St. John. The groom's present to the bride was a valuable watch and a pearl pin. After a dainty wedding luncheon, Mr. and Mrs. Burpee left on the Montreal train for their new home in Vancouver.

Telegraph

STRONG WORDS OF PRAISE.

Mrs. (Rev.) W. H. Clarke, Stirling, Ont., writes:—"I wish to give this unsolicited testimonial to the great value of Baby's Own Tablets. Our little girl, born last February was at first very constipated. When other remedies failed we tried the Tablets and in a week she was completely cured. By the use of the Tablets she has been kept well and happy ever since." It is strong praise like this that has made Baby's Own Tablets so popular. Thousands of other mothers have said:—"Once we gave the Tablets a trial we had nothing but praise for them." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

PRESENTATION

A number of the friends of P. L. Cosman met at the Turner House on Monday evening and presented him with an address and a pair of solid gold cuff links. The presentation was made by Mr. Carey. Refreshments were served during the evening. Mr. Cosman leaves for St. John in a few days.