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TREMENDOUS VOTE POLLED AT OPENING OF THE MAIL'S GREAT TOUR CONTEST

BOSTON MURDER CASE HAS SHOCKED COUNTRY

Authorities are Weaving a Strong Chain of Evidence Around Pastor Richeson---Dined with His Victim and Gave Her Poison on the Day of Her Death---Was Forced to Give up Kansas City Pastorate Because of Too Many Engagements---Prisoner Breaks Down

(Canada Press.)

Boston, Mass., Oct. 23.—Efforts of the police were further extended today to complete the evidence and substantiate the testimony of witnesses in connection with Miss Avis Linnell, the 19-year-old music student, whose death by poisoning occurred at the Young Women's Christian Association Building on the night of October 14.

The police today continued their endeavors to locate the restaurant where Miss Linnell and Rev. Clarence Virgil Thompson Richeson, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Cambridge charged with the murder, are said to have eaten on the day the girl was found dead. Deputy Superintendent of Police Watts says that the young woman, who brought him information concerning a conversation with Miss Linnell is rather positive that the victim of the tragedy told her of being given a headache powder by the minister. The police have no idea that the cyanide of potassium that caused the death of Miss Linnell was given her as a headache cure, but are of the opinion that Avis may have told the headache story as an easy explanation when some one noticed her taking the powder. In his cell in the Suffolk County jail on Charles Street, Rev. Mr. Richeson remains calm and has made no statement. He slept peacefully during the greater part of last night and awoke early. After eating a light breakfast he read the newspapers. Today he was allowed to receive visitors and his sister and lawyers arranged to see him. Mr. Richeson is one of the coolest prisoners that has ever been confined in the jail charged with murder, the jail authorities say.

Boston, Oct. 22.—Deputy Superintendent Watts said yesterday that he had the testimony of a young woman, which will form the missing link in the chain of evidence the police are trying to weave around Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson.

This young woman was in the company of Miss Linnell last Saturday afternoon. This woman, the deputy said, was told by Miss Linnell that she had dined with Mr. Richeson that afternoon. She had complained of a slight headache, for which, she declared, the clergyman had given her a powder.

Despite the headache, she was apparently in the best of spirits and the course of their conversation mentioned the restaurant where she dined with Richeson.

Mr. Watts says the young woman came to him voluntarily and furnished the information which he has, so eagerly sought. She has been promised protection and her name will not be revealed until after the Richeson case has passed through the lower court. She is not a lodger at the Y.M.C.A. and does not live near that institution.

The meeting place of Miss Linnell and this mysterious woman, the deputy would not reveal, but her statement, he is confident, completes the case.

FIGURED IN KANSAS CITY SCANDAL.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 21.—The Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, held in Boston on a charge of murdering Miss Avis Linnell, was pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church in this city, from 1901 until 1904, when he resigned by request, following the sensational disclosures of three young women, each of whom accused him of being engaged to her.

A scandal was created among the congregation when the three girls, two of them members of the church,

made their accusations against the pastor at the close of one of his Sunday morning sermons, when he had preached eloquently on Temptations of Young Girls in a City.

VAIN SEARCH FOR POISON PACKAGE.

Boston, Oct. 22.—In their efforts to clear up the circumstances of the death of Miss Linnell, the Hyannis Sunday School teacher and music student, with whose murder the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson is charged, the police have been unable thus far, it is said, to locate the poison receptacle.

When the girl took the dose of cyanide of potassium which caused her death she was in the bath room of the Young Women's Christian Association home on Warren street, and though the house was searched immediately after her death by order of the medical examiner and later by the police, the receptacle which had contained the poison before she had poured it into a cup to drink, cannot be found.

It was said at first that a piece of paper found beside the body had contained the poison, but this is now denied by the police.

RICHESON BREAKS DOWN.

Boston, Oct. 21.—Watched every second by guards, who pace constantly to and fro in front of his cell, the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Cambridge, who was arrested early Friday morning in the home of Moses Grant Edmunds, at Chestnut Hill, charged with the murder of Miss Avis Linnell, a nineteen-year-old student of the New England Conservatory of Music, whom it is alleged that he discarded that he might marry Miss Violet Edmunds, is a physical and mental wreck in the Charles Street jail tonight.

Calm and smiling when he faced William Hahn, a Newton Centre druggist, who declared in his presence and that of John H. Dugan, chief of detectives, this morning that he sold enough cyanide of potassium to kill ten persons to the preacher on the evening of October 10, Mr. Richeson collapsed when the cell door closed upon him and sat on the rough wooden bench, with his face buried in his hands.

Mr. Hahn's statement of what transpired when he says he sold the poison is, according to W. B. Watts, deputy superintendent of police, one of the most remarkable pieces of evidence ever produced in a criminal case.

Mr. Watts says:

"When he brought the cyanide from Mr. Hahn, Mr. Richeson said: 'I've got a dog at home; she's whining around the house and making a disturbance and I want to put her out of her misery. She's going to have pups and I want to put her out of the way.'

Mr. Richeson is being held without bail until October 31, the date on which he was to have married Miss Edmunds, heiress to more than a million dollars.

Still faithful to her fiancé, but ill and broken hearted, Miss Edmunds remains in the mansion of her parents, refusing to see even the girls of her school days and the friends with whom she has moved in Brookline's most exclusive society.

GIRL PROTESTS HER INNOCENCE

"He did not kill Miss Linnell. He could not have done it. It is all a horrible mistake," she cried to her

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More Than One Hundred and Thirty Thousand Ballots are Cast for Fifty-eight Ladies---The Heaviest Polling was Done in First District---Miss Lulu Yerxa Leading the Entire Contest---Much Enthusiasm Shown

THE LEADERS

Miss Lulu Yerxa, City, District One
Miss Clara Ryan, City, District Two
Miss Alice Hallett, Millville, District Three
Miss Nellie Cliff, Lower French Village, District Four
Miss Alice Mott, Rusigornish, District Five

The great New York, Washington, and Bermuda contest is under way.

All day long and far into Saturday evening a steady stream of votes poured into the big ballot box at The Mail office. When the polls were closed and the counting began the services of three clerks were required for several hours to sort and add up the score of the 58 candidates. More than one hundred and thirty thousand ballots were cast, mostly by the candidates themselves, although more than one hundred letters were received containing clipped votes and subscriptions.

The success of the tour contest has been assured from the first but nothing like the avalanche of votes was expected at the start.

THE LEADERS

When the votes were all counted and the list tabulated the following were found to be the leaders in their respective districts:

Miss Lulu Yerxa and Miss Clara Ryan, city; Miss Alice Hallett, Millville, Miss Nellie Cliff, Lower French Village, and Miss Alice Mott, Rusigornish.

Close seconds were:

Miss Mabel Miller and Miss Mary Doohan, city; Miss Mary George, St. Marys, Miss Eliza Campbell, Springhill, Miss Julia Tracy, Tracy Station.

Others are very close to the top and a little effort on their part between today and the next count of votes on Wednesday would place them in the leading positions.

None are discouraged, it is much too early for that, and many who are well down in the list today, have already made up their minds to have a better showing at the next count.

All those who cast no votes at all have been dropped from the list, but will be reinstated immediately upon receipt of votes or subscriptions at the Tour Department.

STANDING OF THE CANDIDATES

DISTRICT NO. 1

Includes all of City of Fredericton lying above Carleton Street. One membership in tour and one second prize of \$25 to be given in this district

Miss Lulu Yerxa	11,781
Miss Mabel Miller	9,000
Miss Helen McKinnon	5,861
Miss Alice Perley	3,245
Miss Mollie Dever	800
Miss May Ryan	19

DISTRICT NO. 2

Includes all of City of Fredericton lying below Carleton Street. One membership in tour and one second prize of \$25 to be given in this district

Miss Clara Ryan	5,000
Miss Mary Doohan	3,107
Miss Ray McKnight	2,800

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A TURKISH VICTORY

Eight Thousand Italians Reported to have been Routed near Barka

Lost Eight Hundred Men while the Combined Losses of Arabs and Turks was 115

Berlin, Oct. 23.—Special despatches from Constantinople say that the Turkish minister of the interior has received news that the Turks and Arabs have defeated 8,000 Italians near Barka, the Italians losing 800 and the Turks 115 men. The Italians left large quantities of arms and ammunition on the field. The Berlin newspapers print the despatches doubtfully.

London, Oct. 23.—Deputy de Marinis, the Italian ex-cabinet member, who is authority on Italian foreign policy, explains the occupation of Tobruk, undoubtedly one of the most important points on the Mediterranean, by the existence of a secret agreement between England and Italy for the occupation of Tripoli and Cyrenaica. The occupation of Tobruk brought forth immediate criticism on the part of the English press. Rumors, immediately contradicted, arose that Italy had planned Tobruk with Germany. It was pointed out that Tobruk could be made a more important station than either Malta or Gibraltar and was indeed, second to no point on the Mediterranean in strategic importance. English writers also pointed out that according to various treaties, the boundaries of Egypt on the Cyrenaica side, were still unsettled, and that this would have to be a matter for arrangement when the Italo-Turkish war had come to an end. De Marinis now says that the question of these boundaries will be settled as soon as Turkey recognizes the occupation of Tripoli, but the solution will not lead to complications, as the question has already been settled by the secret agreement.

MAN AND WOMAN KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

(Special to The Mail)

Sackville, Oct. 23.—William Gass, today received news of the death of his brother and sister-in-law Dr. and Mrs. James Gass at Sheffield, Penn. They were killed in an automobile accident. Dr. Gass is survived by two sisters and five brothers.

While attempting to board a freight train here on Sunday morning Charles McDonald fell under the car wheels and had his left foot badly crushed. The attending physician found it necessary to amputate several toes.

NEW SENATORS APPOINTED

A. C. Bell of Pictou, the Defeated Tory Candidate Gets Vacancy

A. B. Leonard, Cobalt Mining Capitalist, Becomes Head of Transcontinental Railway Commission

Ottawa, Oct. 22.—The eminent railway "expert" selected by the government to succeed Hon. S. N. Parent as chairman of the National Transcontinental Railway Commission is Reuben E. Leonard, of St. Catharines, (Ont.)

On the recommendation of Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways, Mr. Leonard was appointed by the cabinet council on Saturday to succeed Mr. Parent at a salary of \$10,000 per year, the same as that given Mr. Parent. For the present, at any rate, there will be no further change in the personnel of the commission.

Mr. Leonard is better known as a mining capitalist than as a railway engineer. He has had some experience in railway construction in connection with the building of some of the C. P. R. lines of the St. Lawrence & Adirondack Railway and the "short line" to St. John, but he can hardly be classed as a railway engineer of outstanding national repute. He is largely interested in Cobalt mines, where his large fortune has been principally made. He is part of the Coniagass mine and of the smelting works at Thorold. His annual income is said to be over half a million.

Mr. Leonard was an applicant for the chairmanship of the national transcontinental commission when it was first formed.

Two of the senatorial vacancies left unfilled by the Laurier ministry were filled on Saturday by the Borden government and two Conservative ex-M. P.'s have received their rewards. Adam C. Bell, ex-M.P. for Pictou and the Conservative candidate against E. M. Macdonald, M. P., in the recent election, was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Senator McGregor.

J. A. C. Lariviere, ex-M. P. for Provence, Manitoba, was appointed to succeed the late Senator Chevrer.

There are still two senate vacancies to be filled, one from Nova Scotia to succeed the late Senator Comeau, and one from the Eastern Townships to succeed the late Senator Baker.

It was officially announced after Saturday's cabinet council that Senator Landry was the government's nominee for the speakership of the senate.

FORMER FREDERICTONIAN DIES IN BOSTON

St. John, Oct. 23.—Richard Rogers a former resident of this city who has been living in Boston for eight years died in that city on Sunday. He was for sometime in the employ of T. R. Jones & Co. and subsequently with W. C. Pittsfield & Co. He was a native of Fredericton.

Mr. A. C. Smith of Sackville is in the city.

RYDER WAS MURDERED

Post Mortem Examination of the Body Shatters Suicide Theory

Three Bullet Wounds Found on His Body—Snyder Rifle of Large Calibre was Used

Sussex, Oct. 21.—The testimony of the physicians who made the autopsy on the body of William Ryder, who met his death under strange circumstances at White's Mountain on October 11, will establish beyond doubt that a most extraordinary murder was committed; that it would have been physically impossible for the man to put three rifle shots from a Snider rifle through his own body inflicting such wounds as were found.

The inquest will be begun on Thursday at 10 o'clock in the public hall, Newton. There will be many witnesses, including Mrs. Ryder and her daughters. Mrs. Ryder did not remain at home on Saturday, driving away with her children as if to avoid the harrowing scene made unavoidable by the autopsy.

What the inquest will show beyond the medical testimony cannot now be surmised, many unconfirmed stories about the case have come to the ears of the police but it might be unfair to some of the persons concerned to publish them in detail before they come out in evidence. One is to the effect that a shot was fired at Ryder some time ago; another is that on one occasion he was injured by hot water.

THE POST-MORTEM

The post-mortem examination, which resulted in so conclusively exploding the suicide theory, was made at Newtown this afternoon by Dr. G. H. Burnett, of Sussex, and Dr. Bliss Thorne, of Havelock, in the presence of Coroner F. W. R. Wallace, of Sussex, a specially empanelled jury and newspaper representatives. Previous to the making of the post-mortem, a visit to White's Mountain, the scene of the tragedy, was made by this party, and the members of the jury were given an opportunity to ascertain for themselves all the details in connection with the crime. The post-mortem about which so much interest was centred was made in the Newtown cemetery about 2 o'clock.

On being exhumed the body was placed on a temporary table erected in the open about 100 yards from the grave. Though interred for nearly a week the body showed few signs of decomposition.

Three distinct bullet wounds were found in the man's breast, one between the third and fourth ribs, and about two inches to the left of the breast bone, and the other two under the left arm. The wounds were powder-marked, showing that the bullets had come out were discovered in the back, one through the left shoulder blade, another just below the point of the left shoulder blade, and the third at the outer edge of the left shoulder blade.

The autopsy showed that in penetrating the man's body none of the bullets touched his heart, although his left lung was badly torn.

NO DOUBT OF MURDER

While there is no doubt now that a

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Good for ONE VOTE for Mrs. or Miss _____

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In The Evening Mail's Tour Contest for the ladies, if voted on or before

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28th.

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