

RICHESON DIES FOR SWEETHEART'S MURDER

Former Clergyman and Confessed Poisoner of Avis Linnell, Electrocuted Shortly Past Midnight—Met Death With Smile on His Face—At Peace With Everybody.

Boston, Mass., May 20.—Clarence V. T. Richeson was electrocuted at 12:17 this morning.

The current was turned on at 12:10 and the prisoner was declared totally dead at 12:17.

The former Baptist clergyman, confessed poisoner of his sweetheart, Avis Linnell, was outwardly calm when he entered the death chamber and he maintained his composure while the straps and electrodes were being adjusted as he sat in the electric chair.

Richeson walked to the chair erect, eyes straight ahead until he sat down. Then he closed his eyes and kept them shut until the end.

Sitting in the chair he was asked a series of questions by his spiritual adviser.

During his answers he said: "God will take care of my soul, and I pray for all. I forgive everybody."

The last of the questions: "Are you willing to die for Jesus sake?" the reply, in an even, well-modulated tone, was simply, "I am willing to die."

The current applied was of 1,900 volts, eight amperes. One application was sufficient.

day the prisoner lay on his cot, but this afternoon and this evening he sat up most of the time.

Richeson has made up his mind to die and he does not want any delay. This has been a long story and the last chapter is being written today.

Richeson is going to die without holding a grudge against any one. He has scarcely uttered a harsh word, and to be personally and to those who come in contact with him he has again and again expressed his gratitude.

Sensation in Belgium. Brussels, Belgium, May 20.—A semi-official communique dealing with false reports as to the private life of the royal family was issued today in the following terms:

Since a recent garden party held at Lacken calumnious rumors have been put in circulation concerning the private life of the royal family. It was even declared that on the day of the garden party the Queen of the Belgians surprised King Albert in the company of a chambermaid and that the Queen shot the woman dead with a revolver.

The newspaper Le Peuple understands that three persons, whose names are not given, are being proceeded against for circulating the slanders which take three forms.

According to the first, the Queen surprised King Albert in the company of a chambermaid and killed the latter. According to the second, the Queen fired upon the King, while the third report makes it appear as if the Queen merely threatened the woman.

COLONIAL DAMES PRESENT TABLET

Fitting Ceremonies in Honor of Mecklenburg Declaration at Raleigh.

COL. BRYAN GRIMES, ORATOR

Judge Clark Speaks for Society and Governor Kitchin Accepts—Thirteen Original States Represented in Unveiling.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, N. C., May 20.—Ceremonies especially brilliant socially and of great historical interest took place here today in observance of May 20th as the anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, features being the unveiling of the handsome tablet to the Mecklenburg Declaration in the rotunda of the State House by the Colonial Dames.

For the unveiling ceremonies Col. J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State and chairman of the State Historical Commission, was the presiding officer. In calling the assemblage to order in Representatives' Hall and introducing Dr. D. H. Hill to read the Mecklenburg Declaration, Col. Grimes stirred much applause by declaring that a great part of the awakening of interest in North Carolina history of late years has come through the efforts of the patriotic societies of the women of the State and that the North Carolina Society, Colonial Dames, was gathered today to commemorate what he believed, and indeed, knew to be one of the greatest events in American history, the unveiling of a tablet in honor of the Mecklenburg Declaration and its signers.

Dr. Hill read the historic document most impressively and then Col. Grimes introduced Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the North Carolina Supreme Court, who delivered the address formally presenting the tablet to the State. He reviewed the conditions that led up to the supreme emergency of the struggle for American independence, treating of the conditions that caused the Mecklenburg patriots to take their early part in the movement, and treated most illuminatingly and at length the authority there is in that famous document and its successful struggle for American independence.

The incident has produced a profound sensation here and public opinion is greatly wrought up over the slanders and their authors. It is believed possibly that the slanders had their origin in a recent belated scandal at the palace involving a lady's maid in attendance upon one of the Queen's ladies in waiting and a court servant. The maid in question died in child birth a few days ago, about the time the reports concerning the King began to circulate, and it is thought that this incident may bear some correlation to the rumors affecting the royal family.

Memphis, Tenn., May 20.—Ray Temple, of Milwaukee, was awarded the decision over Joe Mandot, of New Orleans, at the end of an eight-round bout here tonight.

DETROIT PLAYERS CALL OFF STRIKE

Tigers Agree to Play Today Without Cobb to Save Loss to Club.

WILL FIGHT FOR PRINCIPLE

Cobb Asks His Teammates Not to Run Risk of Suspension on His Account—Conference Held in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, May 20.—On the ground that he did not want to see Frank Navin, president of the club, suffer for any action on their part, the players of the Detroit American League baseball club called off their strike late this afternoon and agreed to play their regular scheduled game in Washington tomorrow without the services of Ty Cobb. Thus ends one of the most extraordinary situations that has ever been brought about in organized baseball.

The special meeting of the American League will be held tomorrow at 11 A. M., at which the club owners will decide what punishment, if any, shall be inflicted upon the strikers. The question of a fine against the club, it is expected will also be taken up by the league. After the meeting President Johnson will go to New York and investigate the assault case, and on the result of this inquiry, it is said, will depend the reinstatement of the star centerfielder.

The Detroit president was in conference with his men for nearly two hours. He told them Mr. Johnson had announced to him that there would be no compromise and that they would have to return to the ball field without Ty Cobb or take the consequences.

Only three jurors were secured in the Myrtle Hawkins case yesterday and it is probable that another venire will have to be drawn.

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WARM DEBATE ON CHURCH DOCTRINE

Presbyterian Assembly Votes to Have a Brief Statement Prepared.

TO CONFER ON CHURCH UNION

Southern Presbyterians Vote to Appoint a Committee to Take Up the Matter With United Presbyterian Church.

Bristol, Tenn., May 20.—The adoption of a resolution to appoint an ad interim committee to prepare a brief popular statement of the doctrines of the church, which was adopted by a narrow majority and after a lively debate, the passage of a resolution to appoint a committee to confer with the United Presbyterian Church on the subject of a union with that organization, the report of the Committee on Church Societies, recommending the appointment of a woman secretary, the consideration of a proposed amendment to the elect infant clause of the confession of faith, to be submitted to the presbyteries and the adoption of the minority report of the Committee on Marriage and Divorce, refusing to submit to the presbyteries the matter of a revision of the confession in this respect, were the principal doings of today in the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

The contest over the preparation of a popular statement embodying the doctrines of the church was precipitated by requests from missionaries and overtures from presbyteries asking this on account of the prejudice against the church because it is charged by its enemies with believing in infant damnation and predestination of souls to hell. It developed a fight between the progressives and conservatives and the former, led by Dr. James I. Vance, of Nashville, won by a vote of 96 to 83.

There was much debate on the subject of the elect infant clause, and majority and minority reports came from the committee on this subject. Dr. Webb, of Louisville, presented the majority report, which proposes that the confession shall be amended so as to provide specifically that all infants are elected and regenerated. The minority report, presented by Dr. I. S. McElroy, of Memphis, contains practically the same expression in a different form. The consideration of this matter was deferred.

All speakers said that the confession as it stands does not teach infant damnation, but that it was capable of that construction.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was adopted with slight amendments. The chief feature is the appropriation of \$550,000 for foreign missions and \$129,000 for the assembly's home missions.

DECISIVE BATTLE IN OHIO PRIMARY

All The Candidates Say They Will Win in Buckeye State Today.

A HEAVY VOTE IS EXPECTED

Ballots Are Complicated and Returns Are Expected to Come in Late—Campaign for Delegates Closed Last Night.

Columbus, Ohio, May 20.—Ohio tonight rested from the strain of the last two weeks' campaign, during which four Presidential candidates bombarded the State from one end to the other and is ready for tomorrow's primaries.

Three of the Republican candidates for the Presidential nomination carried their fights almost up to the hour of balloting and tonight President Taft, Colonel Roosevelt and Senator LaFollette still are making public addresses, offering their final pleas with the Republican voters for support tomorrow. Governor Judson Harmon ended his fight for the State Saturday night.

The second to the last State to hold Presidential preference primaries and the home of two of the candidates, Ohio is considered the crux of an unusual political situation.

Activity in the Ohio campaign is said to be without precedent in the present Presidential contest. President Taft and his former friend, the ex-President, have crossed and recrossed each other's trails in courses about the State, speaking from the rear of special trains, in open-air meetings and in town halls.

Supporters of all factions in the four-cornered contest are expecting a large primary turnout. Because of the complicated ballots returns are not expected until late. The polls will be open from 5:30 in the morning until the same hour in the evening.

WILLIAMS CALLED JUDGE A GRAFTER

W. P. Boland's Stenographer Testifies at the Archbald Inquiry.

SHE SAYS HE WROTE LETTER

Miss Mary Boland Declares Williams Dictated It—Made Reference to 'Silent Partner' About Culum Bank Deal.

Washington, May 20.—The relations of E. J. Williams, one of the leading witnesses in the Judiciary Committee's inquiry into charges against Judge R. W. Archbald, of the Commerce Court, was the subject of testimony given today by Miss Mary Boland, stenographer in the office of W. P. Boland, of Scranton, accuser of the jurist.

Miss Boland swore that instead of W. P. Boland having dictated the letter of March 13th, 1912, in which a reference was made to a "silent partner" in the Kayditt culm bank deal, now claimed to have been Judge Archbald, that Williams was the author of it. Williams corrected his testimony Friday so as to make it appear that Boland dictated the letter. Miss Boland declared that Williams asked her to write the letter one day when Boland was absent; told her what he wanted to say that she compiled with his request and the next day submitted the letter to him for his approval. She said he signed it and she tore off the letter head because it was written on the paper of the Marion Coal Company with which Williams had no connection.

Miss Boland read to the committee memorandum she had jotted down in her note book during the last few months of remarks Williams had made as he dropped into Mr. Boland's office. The notes were not stenographic reports but mere memoranda.

On November 28th, 1911, Miss Boland testified, "E. J. W. told W. P. B. he was going to Judge Archbald, to look at a brief which the judge was preparing for the Erie Railroad."

On January 13th, 1912, Miss Boland declared Williams told her that he thought it was a bad idea for him to be associated with Judge Archbald any longer; that the judge was "no good and a grafter."

OUTLINES

Prominent Democratic women held a Dolly Madison breakfast and harmony banquet at Washington yesterday.

A sensation has been caused in Belgium over slanderous reports that have been circulated in regard to the King's conduct.

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Miss Mary Boland, the principal witness yesterday at the Archbald inquiry, testified that E. J. Williams was the author of the letter which mentioned a "silent partner," supposed to be Judge Archbald.

The Southern Presbyterian General Assembly voted yesterday to appoint committees to prepare a brief statement of the church's doctrines and to confer with the United Presbyterian Church in regard to union of the two churches.

The Presidential candidates closed their campaign in Ohio last night and expressed confidence that they would be victorious in the primaries today. Governor Harmon's only opponent is Wilson, while all three of the Republican candidates will be in the fight.

New York markets: Money on call steady 2 1/2 to 3 per cent. Spot cotton closed quiet. Flour quiet and easier. Wheat, spot easy; No. 2 red 1.20 1/4 c.i.f. domestic basis to arrive and export 1.20 1/4 f.o.b. afloat. Corn, spot easy; export 82 1/2 f.o.b. afloat. Turpentine quiet. Rosin steady.

KILLED ON WAY TO FUNERAL.

Prince George William Meets Death in Auto Accident. Friesack, Prussia, May 20.—Prince George William, the eldest son of the Duke of Cumberland, and his chum, berlain, Von Greve, were instantly killed in an automobile accident on the highway, near here, this evening. They left Berlin early in the afternoon intending to proceed to Copenhagen by way of Hamburg, to attend the funeral of the prince's uncle, the late King Frederick VIII.

The prince, who was at the steering wheel, probably failed to observe the signs of warning that the highway was being repaired, and drove the machine at full speed into a part of the roadway which was being macadamized. He lost control, the machine being ditched and turned on its end. The prince's head was crushed. The chauffeur, who was inside the automobile, suffered from a broken arm.

Prince George William was born in 1880. His father, Duke Ernest August, Duke of Cumberland, and Duke of Brunswick and Luneberg, is head of the house of the Guelphs.

tion were alike. Here is one delivered late today at Xenia:

"Mr. Roosevelt said at Cleveland the other night in effect that he was going to bolt if he were not nominated and that he bolted if he were not nominated he would be the Republican party and those from whom he bolts would be the bolters because he said, 'I am the Republican party organization.' There used to be a King in France known as the grand monarch. He said, 'The State, I am I. I am the State,' and that is what Theodore Roosevelt is saying about the Republican party. Now I venture to think he is mistaken. I venture to think that the Republican party will get along and live long after him and that he is not indispensable to it. We shall have to change the form from a Republic to some other form if that be the case."

"Becky Gets A Husband" Snappy comedy film at The Grand Theatre today.

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Scenes of all the latest current events in high-class motion pictures at The Grand Theatre today.