

RICHESON DIES IN CHAIR Confessed Poisoner of Avis Linnell is Electrocuted.

MEETS DEATH WITH COMPOSURE Condemned Man Finds No Sorrow, but Smokes Cigar with Apparent Enjoyment Sitting on Edge of His Cor.

BOSTON, Mass., May 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Richardson, brother of the former clergyman, Clarence V. T. Richardson, who paid the penalty for the murder of Avis Linnell in the electric chair at the state prison just after midnight, claimed the body today. Before the body could be turned over to relatives it was necessary for Dr. George B. Magrath, medical examiner of Suffolk county, to perform the autopsy required by law. This he planned to do during the forenoon.

Reports that the brain and other organs of the executed man might be given to the medical institutions and medical specialists for examination, and study was declared untrue by Dr. Magrath.

Richardson's body will be taken back to his old home in Virginia if his wishes are carried out and will be buried in the little cemetery at Amherst. The last words as the remains are committed to the grave will be said by Rev. Herbert S. Johnson of Boston, who acted as Richardson's spiritual adviser after he was taken to the death house. One of the last requests made by Richardson was that Dr. Johnson accompany the body to Virginia. Mr. Johnson also will carry messages from the executed murderer to his relatives.

Richardson left no will, but in conversation with Dr. Johnson and William A. Morse, his counsel, during the hours preceding his death, he gave directions as to the disposition of his personal effects. His library Richardson left to clerical friends.

Current Turned On. The current was turned on at 12:30, and the prisoner was declared dead at 12:32. The former Baptist clergyman, confessed poisoner of Avis Linnell of Myanna, his one-time sweetheart, 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.

Richardson walked to the electric chair, erect, eyes straight ahead until he sat down. Then he closed his eyes and kept them shut until the end. Seated in the chair he was asked a series of questions by Rev. Herbert S. Johnson, his spiritual adviser.

During his answer he said: "God will take care of my soul and I pay for all. I forgive everybody. The last of the questions were: "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 1,500 volts, eight amperes. One application was sufficient.

Slugs with Minstrels. When the officials and witnesses of the execution entered the death chamber after walking through the prison yard in a pouring rain that heard, sounding through the walls, the strains of song. It was Richardson and his spiritual advisers, Rev. Mr. Johnson and Chaplain Stephen singing. Distinctly audible as they sang were the words: "When Jesus calls for me, Jesus calls for me, Jesus calls for me, Jesus calls for me."

Richardson left his cell smiling as he went. Before starting on the death march, he shook hands with William A. Morse, his counsel, who at the last moment had been admitted as a witness of the execution, and with the two chaplains, the Rev. M. J. Murphy, the Catholic prison chaplain, being also present.

He then said, "I'm ready," and walked on. He was dressed plainly in a black cheviot suit, a frock coat, white vest, white shirt, turned-down collar and a black bow tie, with good spots on his shirt front, and with low black shoes, highly shined. His hair was shaved down the middle.

The party then entered the chamber. Richardson, accompanied by the clerical men, followed soon after, the unfringed minister appearing as calm as either of his companions.

Poison Sent to Wash. Among many letters, addressed to Richardson which were opened by Warden Bridges today was one which was found to contain crystals of potassium. It was mailed from Station M, New York City, May 21, at 3 p. m. It contained no clue to the sender, the powder being enclosed in a small envelope marked "Lead-acid powder." Analysis of it showed that it was poison of the same nature which was used in killing Avis Linnell.

Attorney Shows Advice. Warden Bridges today advised the president of the governing board, composed of the governor, auditor and attorney general. This board was given authority by the law to fix maximum rates of the holding insurance and with the decision of the lower court against the law it was necessary to desist.

Since that time the companies which furnish surety bonds have respectively increased their rates and there is a suspicion among the public that the bonding board, now that the effect of the decision has been felt, will not lower and put a crisis in the advance of rates. There was considerable complaint against the increase at the time it was made, but there was no one to prevent it. One of the peculiar things about the affair is that some of the state officials had thought of the effect of the courts suspending the law and until an attorney of one of the bonding companies inadvertently dropped a remark which attracted attention to the fact.

Five Undergraduates On Athletic Board

LINCOLN, May 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Five undergraduate representatives were selected for membership on the university athletic board at the election held here today under the direction of the faculty. The five successful candidates out of the nine applicants are: Dewey Harmon, Arthur Hillner, C. H. Underwood, William Becker and Arthur May.

The election was one of the liveliest in recent years despite the fact that no factional fight was waged, all of the candidates having taken a prominent part in university athletics. Harmon was high man with a total vote of 28. Hillner was second highest.

The vote cast resulted as follows: Harmon, 28; Hillner, 26; Underwood, 24; Becker, 20; May, 22; Hillier, 18; McGowan, 18; Rodman, 17; Miller, 16.

Three of the five successful candidates are fraternity men. Hillner being a member of Alpha Theta Chi; Underwood of Beta Theta Pi and May of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Hillner and Underwood are basketball men while Harmon was a star of the football team last year.

The newly elected members will serve next year, beginning their term with the opening of the school.

Mrs. Robinson Dies at Home of Relative

GLENWOOD, Ia., May 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Word was received here tonight of the death of Mrs. L. Scott Robinson of this city at the home of her brother-in-law, Judge Moon, in Ottumwa, where she was visiting. No details were given.

In perfect health and never having been sick a day in her life, a week ago Mrs. Robinson went to Ottumwa to remain a few days visiting relatives. Yesterday a letter was received from her, stating that she was well and enjoying herself. The body will be brought here for burial.

Iowa Delegate Refuses to Vote for Clark

DES MOINES, Ia., May 21.—W. B. Palmer, who was elected as a delegate to the national democratic convention at Burlington last week, declines to serve in the capacity, in a letter received today by Chairman N. F. Reed of the state committee. He withdrew from the delegation, which is bound by the unit rule to vote for Champ Clark for president. Palmer is a Wilson adherent and was elected from the Eleventh district.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS AT COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

LINCOLN, Neb., May 21.—Seventh Day Adventists of the middle west today celebrated the annual commencement of Union college, the denominational school of Nebraska at College View and with it the twenty-first anniversary of the founding of the institution. The dual celebration brought leading adventists from all over the state, together with former President Bland of Chattanooga, Tenn. President Griggs and Charles Thompson of Minneapolis, Minn., president of the northern union conference. The commencement oration was delivered by Prof. H. R. Salisbury of Washington, D. C. Following the commencement a Founder's day banquet was held.

QUEEN SHOTS AT HER MAID

Belgian Monarch Involved in Stories of Scandal.

THREE PERSONS PROSECUTED

Rumors Are Heard Since Recent Garden Party According to Semi-Official Communication—King Indignant.

BRUSSELS, Belgium, May 21.—A semi-official communication dealing with alleged 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 Laken, 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.

"King Albert had no knowledge of these reports, although for several days military officers attached to the court had learned of them by telephone calls both from Belgium and abroad. After consultation it was decided to acquaint the king with the report. His majesty was astonished and very indignant. He decided to prosecute the authors of the report and all persons repeating them.

"Criminal proceedings were instituted this afternoon before the king's procurator."

The newspaper Le Peuple, understands 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 the king 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 that the queen merely threatened the chambermaid.

The king's private secretary in a statement said: "Of course the stories are quite unfounded. Although, because of my position I cannot be considered an altogether impartial witness, I can emphatically declare that the happiness of the royal family has never been disturbed and that the king and queen are a most united couple."

The incident has produced a profound sensation here and public opinion is greatly wrought up over the slanders and their author.

Scandal Below Stairs. It is believed that possibly the slanders had their origin in a recent below stairs scandal at the palace, involving a lady's maid in waiting and a court servant.

The maid in question died in childbirth 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 relation to the rumors affecting the royal family.

Independent Phone Company is to Go at Forced Sale

Acting under a decree of the federal court, July 1, next, Lysis I. Abbott, an special master, at forced sale will dispose of the property and franchises of the Independent Telephone company in Omaha, South Omaha and Florence. The property will be sold at auction, but no bid of less than \$100,000 will be entertained. As a guarantee of good faith, each bidder must accompany his bid with a certified check for \$10,000.

NEBRASKA DELEGATES MBET

Republicans Hold Session at Lincoln Behind Closed Doors.

LA FOLLETTE BOOSTER HAS PART Frank Harrison, Who Lamphooned Roosevelt, and Nels Hansen, Who Boosted Him, Both Present in the Proceedings.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., May 21.—(Special Telegram.)—The meeting of the delegates to the republican convention at Chicago was held behind closed doors in the banquet room at the Lindell, with J. J. McCarthy presiding and F. P. Corrick as guardian of the door. It was given out that everything was harmonious and that the arrangements for the trip made by R. B. Howell were settled. The delegates will go over the Burlington, stop at the La Salle hotel and return over the Northwestern.

Among the conspicuous ones in the banquet room was F. A. Harrison, who had circulated rumors, lamphooning the delegates' candidate at every town in which Roosevelt appeared. Conspicuous on the outside was Nels Hansen, who did as much as any other man to make Roosevelt's Lincoln meeting a success. Considerable feeling was engendered by the star chamber methods employed under the guidance of Howell and Corrick. It was announced by the guardian of the door that the meeting was for the sole purpose of getting acquainted and that no more was made toward appointing the plume of the delegation, such as chairman and members of the various committees.

Considerable speech-making was indulged in, Nathan Herrick, completing the speech on reciprocity, which was cut short when he made a dash for the Roosevelt train at Hastings and then missed it. It was late when the anti-rater adjourned and all concerned indicated its sole object was to get acquainted and that everything was harmonious. Among those present were: George A. Adams, F. P. Corrick, E. E. Bennett, Governor Adrich, C. F. Peterson, J. L. Williams, Dan J. Lyle, J. C. Harpham, C. O. Wholen, F. A. Harrison, Lincoln; J. J. McCarthy, Ponca; H. K. Sackett, Beatrice; Nathan Merriman, R. E. Howell, Omaha; David Thomas, Columbus; E. C. King, Oconto; George W. Nett, York; A. V. Riperson, Clay Center; John M. Colton, Alton; H. R. Howe, Auburn; F. H. McCarthy, Union; I. A. Benson, Broken Bow; Thomas Wilson, Edward; J. R. Leach, Warsaw; G. E. Davis, Ord; F. B. Tipton, Seward; William Colton, York; E. E. Corrick, Harlow, and J. H. Cox, Hastings.

F. P. Corrick was busy cultivating his beam for chairman of the state committee.

Key to the Situation—See advertising.

Omaha Bankers to Go to State Meets

Every bank in Omaha will be represented at the annual meetings of group one and four of the Nebraska State Bankers' association. No. 1 will meet in Lincoln today and No. 4 at Hastings Wednesday. Twenty bankers will attend the meetings. A special Burlington train will carry them to Lincoln early Tuesday morning.

The Omaha representatives at the meetings will be J. T. Wacob and J. D. Richards, Omaha National; J. F. Flack and J. D. Utendorfer, City National; O. T. Eastman and P. L. Davis, First National; Fred Hamilton and B. H. Melle, Mechanics National; W. E. Rhodes, United States National; J. P. Coad, Jr., Packers National; E. F. Foids and H. B. Owens, Stock Trade National; F. C. McGovern and L. Drake, South Omaha, and P. W. Thomas, Livestock National.

LABORER LOSES HIS ARM WHILE ASLEEP ON TRACK

John Woods, a laborer, who drifted here from South Dakota last week may lose his right arm below the elbow because he chose a bidstreet at Eighth and Douglas street for a place to sleep off his intoxication. At 6 o'clock last night the crew of a switch engine heard a scream, and on investigation found Woods lying on the ground with his arm horribly mangled. The police emergency auto took him to the St. Joseph's hospital, where Dr. Langdon found it necessary to amputate his hand and in all probability the entire forearm may have to be taken off today to save the man's life.

FIRE CAUSES COMOTION IN BLOCK FILLED WITH FAMILIES

Fire in a grocery store in the middle of a four-story block filled with Italian families caused a commotion late last night out of all proportion to the damage done.

The source of a large quantity of amok, in the building could not be learned for a time, and frightened men, women and children in variegated attire hurried their belongings out on the street.

Damage estimated at \$80 was done in the grocery store of which Sam and Tony Pirrucci are the proprietors. The building is located at 725 South Fourteenth street.

MASON & HAMLIN advertisement for pianos, featuring an image of a grand piano and text describing the quality and construction of their instruments.

Girls Pretty School Gowns advertisement featuring an illustration of a girl in a school gown and text describing the fabric and availability of the gowns.

Wm. Rogers & Sons advertisement for silverware, featuring an illustration of a spoon and text offering a free spoon for five coupons and listing merchants where the coupons can be used.