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POWERS UNDERTAKE TO PROTECT RAILWAY LINE

England Has Largest Share of Undertaking, Also Takes Temporary Charge of Division Allotted to Americans.

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Peking, Jan. 6.—The treaty powers have taken the protection of the rail-road between Peking and the sea. Interruption of traffic along this line which has prevented the passage of the mails for four days, has resulted in this decision. Detachments of British, German, Japanese and French troops have been stationed at intervals between Peking and Chin Wang Tao, according to the plan devised two months ago. A Japanese general is in command, as he is the ranking officer.

The respective nations assume charge of different sections of the road, Great Britain taking care of the section between Peking and Yan Tsun; France between Yan Tsun and Tangku; Germany, Tang Ku and Tangshan Tao. The United States, however, has no troops in north China except 300 legation guards, and has been unable to assume responsibility for the section allotted to it, but British troops are protecting that district until the Americans arrive.

It is announced tonight that the tracks have been repaired and that the mails are coming through, but a similar statement has been made by the Chinese foreign office several times before without basis of fact.

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VIOLET EDMONDS. Lives at Devon street, Chestnut Hill, Brookline. A graduate of Vassar College. Her father is the Rev. C. V. T. Richeson on October 31.

CHURCH WANTS TROOPS—OTHERS HAVE THEM NOW

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Jan. 7.—Some unknown official of St. Paul's church appears to have sent a communication to the military department to have the militia department to have the militia in the district of St. Paul's parish attend that church.

ITALIANS REPULSE HANDS OF ARABS AND TURKISH FORCES

Res. Jan. 6.—Several bands of Arab, accompanied by Turkish forces, advanced on Alizara, a short distance from Tripoli, yesterday. The Italian artillery opened fire and the attack party retired.

THIS TIME IT WAS MISPLACED SIGNAL THAT KILLED SIX

Paris, Jan. 6.—A collision between two trains occurred today at Bondy, about 7 miles from Paris. Six persons were killed and 20 injured. Three of the injured are expected to die. A misplaced signal caused the accident.

BRUTAL TREATMENT NATIONALISTS STILL CONTINUES

Tbilisi, Jan. 6.—Four more nationalists were hanged today near the Russian camp. The executions were carried out in a primitive and brutal manner. The bodies were placed around the necks of the condemned men and pulled apart.

HOUSE WILL HAVE BUSY SESSION

Members Returning to Ottawa—Labor Delegates to Ask Government to Amend the Lord's Day Act.

MANITOBA BOUNDARIES BILL TO BE INTRODUCED.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 7.—Members of Parliament are trooping back after the Christmas festivities to resume parliamentary activities, when the House re-opens on Wednesday next. The energetic and prolonged attention to the consideration of legislation by the cabinet will result in everything being ready when the House reassembles.

NAVAL STAFF COMPLETELY REORGANIZED

First Lord Announces Changes in Administration of Sea Forces—War Staff is to be the Brains. COMPLETE LIST ANNOUNCED SOON.

London, Jan. 7.—The first Lord of the Admiralty, Winston Churchill, has made further important changes to those initiated in November last, when Admiral Sir Francis Bridgeman, Vice Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg and Capt. William C. Pakenham became first, second and fourth sea lords respectively.

An Admiralty memorandum issued today completes the naval reorganization by the creation of a naval war staff of which Admiral Ernest Troubridge, heretofore, private secretary to the first Lord of the Admiralty, becomes chief.

Mr. Churchill further explains that the new civil lord will be the buyer and business manager of the navy, while there will be close co-operation between the naval staff and the war staff of the army.

VICTIM OF RICHESON'S VILLANY



AVIS LINNELL. Eighteen years old. Born and reared in Hyannis. Educated in public schools. Attended Baptist church and was a member of the church choir.

EDMUNDSTON PAYS TRIBUTE TO ITS MAYOR

Mayor Dugal is "Best Town Ever Had" in Opinion of Those Attending Banquet in His Honor. RECORD DEVELOPMENT MARKED PAST YEAR.

Special to The Standard. Edmundston, N. B., Jan. 7.—History was made for the town of Edmundston last night.

Never before in the life of the town was such a scene witnessed as that at the banquet at the Royal Hotel, given in honor of Mayor L. August Dugal, for his constant and successful efforts in having the power, water and electric light systems installed by the town.

Politics were tabooed with the exception of reference to a new post office, which Mr. Michaud, M. P., said he hoped would be built by the present government.

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RICHESON CONFESSES TO MURDER OF MISS LINNELL

Confessed Murderer of Avis Linnell



CLARENCE VIRGIL THOMPSON RICHESON. Former pastor of Immanuel Baptist church, who has admitted his guilt in the notorious murder case.

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FORMER RESIDENT OF AMHERST VICTIM PARALYTIC STROKE

Montreal, Jan. 6.—George William Cooke, director and manager for Messrs. Holt, Renfrew and Co., Ltd., died at his residence here today, following a stroke of paralysis and hemorrhage of the brain.

FIVE CARS LEAVE RAILS—THREE MAY BE FATALLY HURT

Petersburg, Va., Jan. 6.—The Seaboard Air Line passenger train No. 66 was wrecked at McKenney, 20 miles south of here at 7:30 o'clock tonight. The engine and five cars left the rails.

BRUTALITIES END IN MURDER OF AGED COUPLE IN NEW YORK

New York, N. Y., Jan. 7.—A case of double murder found in an east side house today, is one of the most shocking in detail of any since the Guilden's dismemberment and the Jack the Ripper series of crimes. Isaac Puterman, 80 years old and his wife, Rachael, 72 years old were found dead in their rooms at No. 101 Norfolk street, their bodies terribly mutilated.

Hands Written Statement of Guilt to His Attorneys—Pelletier Will Not Listen to Appeal for Leniency.

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

Former Pastor Spares Himself Nothing in Recital of Guilt—Agonies of Guilty Conscience Forced Confession.

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: "The Confession. "To John Lee, Esq., Wm. A. Morse, Esq., and Phillip E. Dunbar, Esq., Gentlemen—Dearly repentant 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 selfishness 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 wrongdoing, by a public trial, let whose pure young life I have destroyed.

Women in Case. Besides Violet Edmonds and Avis Linnell, the women who figured most conspicuously in the case were: Mrs. M. Grant Edmonds, mother of Violet Edmonds, fiancée of Richeson. Her wealth and the love of her husband were to have been poured out in Richeson's defence. It was in the Edmonds' home that Richeson was placed under arrest.

Plumber Try Selling Coal

Fredericton, Jan. 6.—Plumbers had a busy day today, the mercury having dropped to 11 below zero on Saturday night, while a gale accompanied the frosty weather.