

WEATHER FORECAST

MARITIME PROVINCES
Light Local Snow Falls or Flurries, but Mostly Fair and Decidedly Cooler.

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RICHESON CONDEMNED TO DEATH

Heard Sentence to Electric Chair During Week of May 19th with Apparent Equanimity in Court Yesterday.

MADE VERBAL CONFESSION OF GUILT.

Boston, Jan. 9.—With the appearance of a man who had abandoned all hope of life, Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson stood today at the Bar of Justice, declared his guilt of the premeditated murder of his former sweetheart, Avis Linnell, and heard without a tremor the words of Judge Sanderson that condemned him to death in the electric chair on the week beginning May 19.

To the half dozen of questions which Judge Sanderson put to Richeson today, as to whether he realized the full nature and effect of his acknowledgment of guilt, whether his confession was voluntary and made after consultation with counsel, whether the sentence of death should be pronounced with no word from him against it, the tall figure answered without the slightest emotion, always in the affirmative.

Richeson's counsel declared after the proceedings that an appeal for executive clemency would follow soon and that every effort would be made to obtain life imprisonment instead of death as the punishment.

Whether the petition will be based upon Richeson's services to the country in making his confession, or upon a claim of irresponsibility, has not yet been decided. But it is the general expectation that Governor Fos and the executive council will form the real judge in deciding the fate of the young clergyman who has avowed himself guilty of the murder. Some well known attorneys remarked to-night that Judge Sanderson's action in accepting the plea and ordering it spread upon the records of the court might have an echo in the Supreme Court, on the ground that a jury alone could accept such a plea.

FORECASTS OF THE GERMAN ELECTION ARE SUPPRESSED

Berlin, Jan. 9.—The preparation for the general elections to the Reichstag which take place throughout the empire on Friday next show a curious contrast to the procedure of a Canadian election campaign. Neither the parties or the newspapers of different shades of opinion have yet ventured to give forecasts of the results of the elections.

A heavy defection of Conservatives is awaited and corresponding gains for the Socialists with the centre party remaining practically unbroken and liberal and radical gains from the conservatives balanced in part by losses to the socialists.

A factor generally overlooked, is that the socialists and centrists (or Catholics) stand to lose, owing to the rupture of the relations which existed between them in the general elections of 1907, when they stood together on the defensive against the campaign waged by Prince Von Buelow who did everything in his power to cause their defeat.

BOAT CLUB MAKES ITS PLANS FOR THE YEAR

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the St. John Power Boat Club held in the clubhouse on Cedar street, last night. Reports for the past year were read and showed the club to have grown largely in membership and to be in an excellent condition. There are now over 500 members. It was decided that the annual cruise would be held on June 30th, the place to be decided on by the executive. It was decided to limit the sale of gasoline from the club's tank to members of the club, or to members of other recognized clubs.

S. P. Corry was re-elected commodore for the third time. A. P. McIntyre, vice-commodore, and Fred Roberts, rear commodore succeeded P. Jordan, who resigned. The other officers elected were: Mayes Davis, secretary; C. E. V. Cowan, treasurer and the executive committee is composed of W. H. Dunham, F. L. Corey, F. W. Tapley, J. C. Chesley and Francis F. Burpee. The sailing and racing committee are: Herbert Roberts, Wm. Scott, F. E. Ryder, John Hurley, Malcolm Logan, C. Huggard and George Wansmaker. Measurers, L. D. Munro, and John Thompson. The commodore appointed F. L. Corey fleet captain and Dr. D. E. Berryman the club surgeon.

The club smoker will be held to-morrow night at the club headquarters for which an excellent programme has been prepared.

TO PROMOTE THE USE OF BETTER SEED

Hon. Martin Burrell Plans Substantial Aid for Provincial Seed Exhibitions — Former System Proved a Failure.

EVERY PROVINCE ON EQUAL FOOTING.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 9.—Fulfillment of the pre-election promise of greater aid to agriculture made by the leaders of the present government is already being commenced by Hon. Martin Burrell, Minister of Agriculture, by means of steps to assist field crop competitions, seed fairs and provincial exhibitions. Henceforward these institutions, which are potent factors in stimulating greater interest in the production and use of better seed, are to receive increased aid designed to widen their scope.

Hitherto assistance was rendered through the seed commissioners' branch by assisting in organizing and advertising the competitions and fairs, securing and paying the expenses of expert judges and printing the reports. The prize money had to be provided by the agricultural societies through grants from the provincial departments of agriculture, except what was given by the Dominion government for provincial seed exhibitions.

This worked well for some provinces and badly for others, and the provinces which did not apply to the seed commissioner for judges got no assistance from the Dominion government.

The new policy, worked out under the supervision of G. H. Clark, the seed commissioner, puts each province on the same footing and offers them all financial assistance on the basis of a refund of 25 of the amount awarded in prizes, under certain limitations. The organization work, selection and payment of judges, etc., will be left to the provincial departments of agriculture.

The provinces will be able this year to earn in this way \$347,000, apportioned according to the area under cultivation. The increase in Dominion expenditure for seed improvement must not exceed \$150 for field crop competitions conducted by any one agricultural society, and \$400 for a provincial seed exhibition.

For 1912 the total for each province must not exceed \$1,000, unless more than 1,000,000 acres are under field crops; \$1,000 may be given for each additional million acres. The amounts available will be: Prince Edward Island, \$1,000; Nova Scotia, \$1,000; New Brunswick, \$1,000; Quebec, \$5,000; Ontario, \$10,000; Manitoba, \$5,500; Saskatchewan, \$5,000; Alberta, \$2,000; British Columbia, \$1,000.

DISCUSS MEANS TO RELIEVE BLOCKADE OF CARS IN THE WEST

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 9.—Hon. Geo. E. Foster and Hon. Robert Rogers this morning discussed with a deputation of railway men, means to relieve the serious blockade which exists in the prairie provinces owing to the shortage of cars. Complaints have been pouring in on the government since early in December, and while representations have been made to the railways, not much has been accomplished in the way of improving conditions. It is hoped that as a result of today's conference, means may be devised of lifting the blockade.

VIRGINIA A TOTAL LOSS—CREW LANDED WITH DIFFICULTY

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Jan. 9.—The schooner Virginia from Halifax to Liverpool, where she was to load lumber for Barbados, was driven ashore this morning near the mouth of LaHave River. A fierce gale was blowing and the craft was battered by terrific seas, so that she became a total loss. The crew got ashore with difficulty. The Virginia was 134 tons, was built in 1892 at Lunenburg and was owned by A. C. Barnaby and Son, of Bridgewater.

MINISTER OF FRENCH CABINET RESIGNS

Paris, Jan. 9.—M. Descloux, minister of foreign affairs in the cabinet of Premier Caillaux resigned today.

SPEECH FORESHADOWS IMPORTANT LEGISLATION

GRAIN BILL AMONG MEASURES UP FOR CONSIDERATION

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 9.—The grain bill is among the measures which the government will lay before the House of Commons on its reassembly. The bill will be substantially the same measure as that presented by the government in the last session. It will be recalled that in the former bill the proposed commission was empowered to operate the elevators if parliament provided funds for that purpose.

ASSOCIATION WORK IN CANADA MAY BE CONTROLLED HERE

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—It was announced here today that as a result of the conference quietly held in Toronto, it is practically certain that Y. M. C. A. work in Canada will shortly be placed under control of a national commission.

FALLS IN ELEVATOR WELL AND DROWNS WHILE FIRE RAGES

Boston, Jan. 9.—Fire this afternoon did \$60,000 damage to the Globe-Wernick Company's building on Federal street, occupied by several business firms, and spread to the paper stock house of Carter, Rice & Company on Devonshire street, and later to the Henry K. Barnes Company in leather belting and mill supply store rooms, before it was brought under control. The total loss will reach \$100,000. After the fire had been subdued the body of James Hickey, janitor of the Globe-Wernick building, was found floating in water in an elevator well. Death was caused by drowning.

SPEED RECORD IS SHATTERED BY A BRITISH CRUISER

Devonport, Eng., Jan. 9.—The battleship cruiser Lion accomplished a record speed of over 31 knots during an eight hours' full power trial run in stormy weather, according to the official announcement made today. The German armored cruiser Moltke was hitherto the holder of the speed record having accomplished 29 knots during her trials.

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Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Jan. 9.—In York county court this afternoon the case of Alfred Burgess against whom there is an indictment for theft of \$55 from Geo. Bourque which was returned this morning by the grand jury, was commenced. Four witnesses for the prosecution were examined by Aid. P. A. Guthrie, who appeared for the Crown, and it is said the prisoner may take the stand in his own defence tomorrow.

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Lieutenant Governor of Quebec Refers to Probable Railway Extension in Undeveloped Areas.

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MOVEMENT TO DISCARD SIR WILFRID?

Inevitable Troubles of Opposition Leader Falling to Lot of Laurier According to Rumors Among Members.

HUGH GUTHRIE MAY BE NEXT LEADER.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 9.—That what seem to be the inevitable troubles of an opposition leader are to be no stranger to Sir Wilfrid Laurier is apparent in the news of the first cabal discussed tonight among incoming members. It looks as if Sir Wilfrid's devotion to the "boys" as exemplified in his abandonment of the position taken during the campaign that "I will never lead an opposition," is not relished by "the boys" themselves.

BACKED BY LARGE SUM, PLANNED TO DESTROY BUILDING

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 9.—J. B. Bishop, who said he was union man, placed on the stand this afternoon in the dynamite conspiracy trial of Bert Connors, a local union labor leader, said that he and Connors, with Maple and Bender, Connors' co-defendants, placed dynamite in the alley beside the hall of records.

FREE ENTRY CLAUSE RESTRICTED FOR THE PRESENT TO CANADA

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—In a message to the house of representatives today President Taft announced that the United States would refuse to admit wool pulp and paper free from any nation other than Canada until the proper courts have decided the question raised by many European governments under the favored nation clauses of their treaties.

SCOTCHMEN DEFEAT QUEBEC TEAMS IN CLOSING GAMES

Quebec, Jan. 9.—The Scottish curlers wound up their play with the Quebec and Victoria Curling Clubs this afternoon at 2.30 winning on the two days play by 8 shots. The Quebec curlers defeated the Scots today by four shots, cutting down the lead of four shots carried over by the visitors from yesterday. The Victoria Club, however, were no match for the visitors and they won the two matches against all-Quebec by 8 shots.

FRANCE APPOINTS CONSUL TO MONTREAL

Paris, Jan. 9.—Among the diplomatic appointments gazetted today is that of Charles Jules Joseph Houin, who has been nominated charge of the French Consulate General at Montreal.

FREIGHT TOLLS TO BE PROBED

Railway Commissioners Will Undertake Thorough Investigation of Charges Made by Lines in Western Provinces.

WILL BE REDUCED IF EXCESSIVE.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 9.—One of the most important orders ever issued by the Board of Railway Commissioners was made public today, when it was announced that a general inquiry will be undertaken by the board into all freight tolls in effect in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, as well as in Ontario, west of and including Port Arthur. The order states that if it is found that the tolls charged by the railways are excessive the same shall be reduced as the board may determine.

FOUR LOST LIVES IN BIG BLAZE IN CITY OF NEW YORK

New York, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Four men are known to be dead, and five injured in the fire in the Equitable building today and several persons are missing, including Battalion Chief Walsh, whose body has not been found.

REPORT HAD WRONG COMMODORE DEAD

Liverpool, Jan. 9.—The former commodore of the Canadian line, who died here yesterday, was Captain Alexander McKay and not Captain Horatio McKay, as announced. The mistake in identity arose owing to both men having been commodores of the Cunard line and bearing the same family names.

Persian Dervish

He's Religious and Fanatical, But Willing to Accept Contributions from the Faithful—and the Unbeliever, Alike!

