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RICHESON WILL BE TRIED ON DATE SET BY CORNER MEATS

Prisoner's Counsel Says There Will Be No Further Fight for Continuance of His Case.

INJURED MAN IS NOW ABLE TO WALK.

Three Hundred Men Summoned in Special Jury Panel to Try Clergyman for the Murder of Avis Linnell.

Boston, Dec. 26.—With the coming trial of Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, charged with the murder of his former sweetheart, Miss Avis Linnell, less than two weeks away, public interest in the case was increased by today's developments. One of these developments was the appearance of Rev. George E. Horr, D.D., President of the Newton Theological institution, where the accused clergyman prepared for the pupil, at the office of District Attorney Joseph C. Peletier, for two hours Dr. Horr was closeted with the District Attorney.

Richeson is regaining his strength rapidly, as was shown by the announcement that he was allowed to walk about his cell for a few minutes today.

That the government is earnest in its intention to try Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson on Jan. 15, for the murder of his former sweetheart, the music student of Iyanis, was further shown today when summonses were issued for 300 citizens of Suffolk County to serve on the special jury panel.

For a day or two after Richeson had mutilated himself last week, there were rumors that counsel for the defense would ask for a postponement of the day trial, and the summonses were withheld until just before the expiration of the legal time for service. It was stated today that Richeson's recovery continued satisfactory.

During the day a petition was filed for consideration by the incoming legislature, asking for a new law permitting private trial of cases involving the "decency and morals of the community," and pointing out the need of immediate action to exist for the hearing of such cases in private, and the exclusion of the public and the press.

The petition was filed by Ralph Wardlaw Glog, an attorney. The legislature meets January 3, and there would be sufficient time to pass January 15 to enact such legislation.

Any doubt that C. V. T. Richeson would go to trial January 15, as scheduled was dispelled today when his counsel, Wm. A. Morse, formerly stated he would fight no more for continuance. Morse's statement came just after a visit to Richeson in his cell in murders' row at Charles street jail shortly before noon. Richeson will be well by January 15, said Morse.

KING'S SKULL STOLEN, JEWELS UNTOUCHED

Vienna, Dec. 26.—The vault in St. Mark's cemetery in which reposed for many years the bones of King George Petrowitch, the founder of the Serbian dynasty, has been desecrated. The skull of the former Serbian chief yesterday made presents of wine to his employes.

Disagreement May End Peace Dinner

Roosevelt Replies to Invitation by Saying He is Not in Accord with the Idea as Proposed.

New York, Dec. 26.—Close on the heels of one great peace meeting which was broken up by a section of the audience opposed to the ratification of President Taft's proposed treaties with England and France, clouds of disagreement have spread about what rings were not touched. The greatest peace dinner the country has ever seen here, next Saturday night.

It developed today, according to a member of the committee in charge of the dinner, that former President Roosevelt had replied to a semi-official invitation to the function, at which President Taft will be the principal speaker, with a letter declaring that his sentiments were wholly at variance with those to be expressed at the affair, and consoling as "traitors" to their principles all who accepted invitations to the dinner without agreeing with its purposes.

To arrange a peaceful programme,

WITNESS TELLS OF ATTEMPT TO CORNER MEATS

Plans for \$500,000,000 Merger Between Armour, Swift and Morris Interests in 1902 Brought to Light.

FAILURE OF FUNDS PREVENTED MERGER.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Details of the plan for a \$500,000,000 merger of the Armour, Swift and Morris interests in 1902, by which the government contends it was sought to control the meat industry of the country, were revealed today in the trial of the Chicago packers before the United States District Judge George A. Carpenter. The contract which was dated May 21, 1902, was read to the jury, and offered in evidence by counsel for the government. The original agreement was presented in court by Albert E. Veeder, Attorney for Swift and Company, who was called by the government as its first witness.

Under the terms of the agreement the three large packing companies, including their subsidiary companies, were to be merged into one concern. The three promoters were compelled to drop the plan because of the failure of certain New York capitalists to furnish the funds needed.

Veeder was on the witness stand throughout the day and will continue his testimony tomorrow.

FISHERY LAWS TO FORM SUBJECT OF NEW-YORK MEETING

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—International fisheries commission consisting of the United States, and Prof. E. E. Prince, representing Canada, will meet in New York tomorrow to give further consideration to the matter of the fisheries regulations for international waters framed some time ago but which have not gone into effect owing to no action on the part of the American Congress. It is understood that the United States is seeking some modification of the proposed regulations and suggestions to be made will be considered by the commissioners at tomorrow's meeting.

NO MORE JAPANESE ARE TO EMIGRATE TO THIS COUNTRY

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—That the Japanese government intended in the future to send to immigrants to Canada, was a statement made today by K. Miyako, lawyer and member of the Japanese parliament for Ibaraki, near Tokio, who is in Ottawa en route from Rome, where he represented his parliament at the international congress on immigration to Canada has been restricted by the Mikado's government for some time, but in future it is to be absolutely stopped.

THINK DUKE WOULD HAVE LIKED BRANDY SAUCE WITH PUDDING

Hamilton, Dec. 26.—Some of the city officials who found fault with the temperance council for cutting plum pudding off the menu at the civic dinner, tendered the Duke of Connaught here, because it would have necessitated the use of brandy sauce commented today on the fact that His Royal Highness yesterday made presents of wine to his employes.

They judge from this that the Duke would not have been offended had the brandy sauce and maraschino punch for some time, but in future it is to be absolutely stopped.

MAKING IT EASIER FOR ITALIAN SHIPS COMING TO CANADA

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—There has been a relaxation of quarantine regulations against cholera. An order has been made by the director of public health that the bacteriological examination of passengers from Italy is hereafter to apply only to cholera infected vessels.

DENIES REPORT OF SALE OF PROPERTY TO RAILWAY OFFICIAL

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Dec. 26.—Solicitor for A. J. Edmond Moore denies tonight that J. Ross Thompson, chief engineer of the Valley Railway has bought the John Palmer property on Regent street for \$10,000. The purchase was announced by a representative of the St. John and Quebec Railway Co.

Premiers Exchange Greetings

Hon. R. L. Borden, Prime Minister of Canada, and Hon. J. K. Fleming, Premier of New Brunswick, exchange Christmas greetings by wire Monday.

The message received by Premier Fleming was as follows: Ottawa, December 26. My colleagues and I send you and all the members of your cabinet season's greetings, and every good wish for the New Year.

Hartland, N. B., December 25, 1911. Hon. R. L. Borden and Cabinet, Ottawa, Ont. Heartily reciprocal good wishes, May health and happiness be yours in unstinted measure, and national prosperity follow your deliberations in council. Low year's deliberations in council. J. K. FLEMING.

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American Treasurer-General Expresses His Willingness to Leave Just as Soon as His Successor Arrives.

Teheran, Dec. 26.—W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer general of Persia, who has been dismissed from the cabinet, in compliance with the demands contained in the Russian ultimatum, today announced his willingness to hand over his accounts when his successor was named. He added that his chief solicitude now was for the welfare of his fourteen American assistants, concerning whom nothing has yet been decided.

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MANCHURIAN LEADER IN SECLUSION TILL NEGOTIATIONS END

Mukden, Manchuria, Dec. 26.—It is reported here that Japan has carried out a complete survey of the Russian frontier since last June. Russian officials, are in consequence, insisting that the Amur and Transbaikalia provinces should in future be closed to Japanese officials. A Japanese official was recently arrested and expelled.

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