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HEAD OR FIGURE HEAD?

In the evening paper owned and edited by the Mayor, and in the morning paper today, appeared over the signature of Alderman Bullock-Webster a letter evincing the characteristic with which The Daily News has already credited Alderman Bullock-Webster—namely, a willingness and evident desire to shouder his own share of responsibility for the deeds, misdeeds if any, or neglect of the finance committee. Anyone who has watched the city council at work during the past few months must have noticed that both Alderman Bullock-Webster and Alderman Douglas have always been only too ready to accept right out in the open the onus of their doings as councillors. Their marked disposition this way is the more noticeable because recently it has been in decided contrast to that of the Mayor. The Mayor has of late displayed a marked disinclination to come out into the open, sturdily shouldering his responsibilities.

There is this instance of the criticism of the finance committee. Ex officio, the Mayor is a member of all committees, but he is more than that for the finance committee. He is one of the three original members of that committee, and his position as mayor gives him both greater power and greater responsibility as a member of that committee than even its worthy chairman. Yet we find not the Mayor nor even the chairman in the open field defending the finance committee, but Alderman Bullock-Webster. Again, there is the case when explanation was needed in order that the public might understand exactly what they were called upon to sign for in connection with the petition for various money bylaws, and why their signatures were necessary. Over whose names did that vitally important statement appear? It was signed by Alderman Douglas and City Solicitor Peters. The Mayor positively declined to sign it, because, forsooth, he was afraid people might think he was "crooking to" criticism from a certain quarter. Still further, there is the case of the Indemnity bylaw, passed nine months earlier than two former councils thought it necessary. Although this bylaw bears the Mayor's signature beside the city seal, the Mayor takes good care to disclaim all responsibility for it because he didn't introduce it. He leaves it to his chubby finance minister to get between him and the blast of criticism, and whines that "it is very unfair that he should be blamed for it." And the burden of the Mayor's song lately when strife arose over the granting of salary raises was: "I haven't interfered. I can only put the motions you give me." In short, the Mayor has betrayed a tendency to shirk the shouldering of the larger share of civic responsibility, which is his by right, and to shrink from the honored place of a leader facing his critics in the open like a man able to answer for himself. More was expected of Mayor Newton by even his avowed opponents. He is disappointing, to say the least of it. "Head or Figure Head?" asks the caption of this comment, but Mayor Newton's place in the construction of the civic ship Prince Rupert seems to be neither on the bridge nor at the bow, but somewhere about the bilge.

JUDGE MABEE'S SUCCESSOR.

The Borden government cannot afford to play politics in the matter of appointing a successor to Judge Mabee. This is not an occasion for rewarding some faithful fighter or placating some disappointed aspirant for office. Above all, the door should be shut in the face of the man who applies for the position. In this case the office should certainly seek the man. The expectation that the appointment will be made with a single eye to fitness is strengthened by the report from Ottawa that Mr. Borden will make it his immediate responsibility. The public has a good deal of confidence in the Prime Minister, and will expect him amply to justify it by his choice of the new chairman. A bad appointment, or one obviously political in its character, would very seriously injure the administration in the eyes of the people—Manitoba Free Press.

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DEATH CELL FOR RICHESON; HOPE OF SAVING LIFE GONE

OPINION OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IS THAT GOV. FOSS WILL TAKE NO ACTION WHATEVER—EXECUTION IS SET FOR MAY 21—PREACHER-MURDERER IS AFRAID.

C. V. T. RICHESON

Boston, May 16.—The final battle for life in behalf of Clarence V. T. Richeson, who poisoned his former sweetheart, Avis W. Linnell of Hyannis, is being made this week. Richeson, who confessed the crime, has been sentenced to electrocution in the week beginning May 19, but his attorneys hope to prevail upon Governor Foss to allow a petition for clemency to go to the executive council, which will meet Wednesday. Insanity is the plea.

Counting the Days

On the wall of Richeson's cell is a large calendar, and one leaf of the calendar is marked with a ring drawn with a lead pencil. This sheet is that of May 21st, the day of which Richeson, unless saved by the governor or executive council, will go to his death in the electric chair.

Richeson is afraid, horribly afraid, said a former fellow prisoner. He is filled with dread of death by electricity.

Horrors of Flash

"Why I can't I die some other way?" he is said to have asked pleadingly of one of his jailers. "I—I would rather die by poison."

Miss I. V. Richeson today visited her brother. The guard about the fallen pastor has been doubled.

The opinion among the members of the executive council is that Governor Foss will take no action whatever on the Richeson matter. Two alienists whom the Governor has employed to examine the prisoner are yet to report, but the chances are very slight that the condemned man's case will receive further consideration.

Execution May 21

Richeson will be taken from the county jail, where he has been all winter, to the state's prison in Charlestown. There he will be placed in one of the death cells, close by the fatal stair, and the death watch posted.

The electrocution is to take place, in all probability, early on the morning of Tuesday, May 21.

The prisoner's sister, who is a nurse in New York, returned home after her unavailing interview with the governor. His aged father is preparing to come from Lynchburg to plead in case opportunity is offered.

Once His Fiancee.

New York, May 16—The mystery surrounding the identity of "Miss Edwards," the worker at the God's Providence House Mission, in Brooke street, was lifted today, when H. Clarke Barber, an attorney, stated that the hard working slum worker was Miss Violet Edmands, the fiancee of the former minister, C. V. T. Richeson, of Boston, who is to pay the death penalty this month for the murder of Miss Avis Linnell, one of the singers in his choir.

"Miss Edmands came to New York about Nov. 13, 1911, in search of some kind of philantrophic occupation," said Mr. Barber. "An opportunity was found at God's Providence House Mission, and on Nov. 20 Miss Edmands began work. Since that time, excepting two or three holidays of two or three days each, Miss Edmands has not left the borough of Manhattan and has scarcely missed a day at God's Providence house, where she assists generally in the work.

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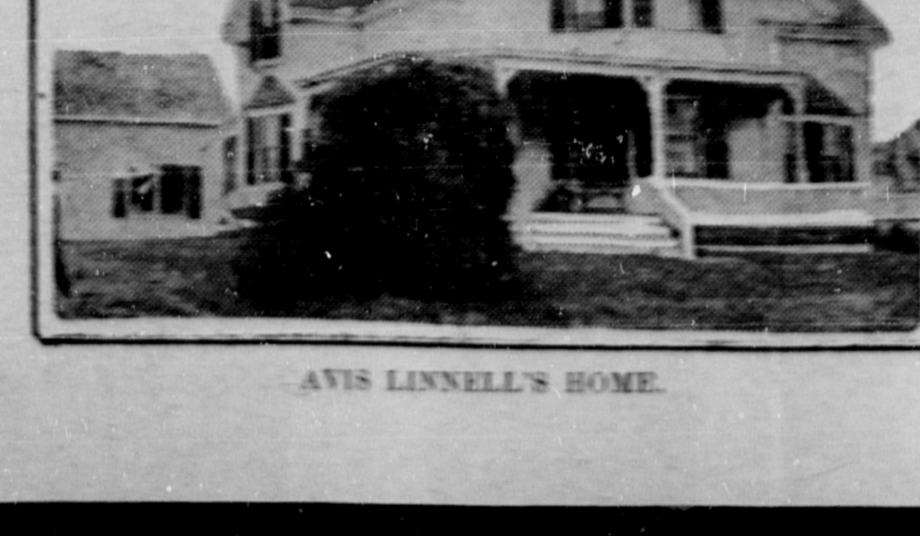

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