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BAPTIST MINISTER CONFESSES TO MURDERING HIS SWEETHEART

Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, the Former Pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, of Cambridge, Tells the Whole Story of His Guilt. It is Typewritten and Addressed to His Attorneys. Death in the Electric Chair is Penalty in Massachusetts. Lawyers May Try to Prove Him Insane

Boston, Jan. 6.—The Rev. C. V. T. Richeson, formerly pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, of Cambridge, today made a written confession to the effect that he poisoned his former sweetheart, Ayla Linnell. The statement was given into the hands of the counsel, who made the confession public at 1 p. m.

The confession bearing Richeson's signature reads: "I hereby confess that I am guilty of the offense of which I am charged."

Just before noon today the judges of the Superior Court and the district attorney went into conference at the court house, and about an hour later representatives of the press were called to the office of Wm. A. Morse, the counsel for the accused, clergyman.

In the office were nearly a dozen newspaper men while in a private office were Mr. Morse, John H. Lee, the Virginia lawyer engaged by the father of the young clergyman, and Phillip R. Dunbar.

After all the papers had been found to be represented, Mr. Morse said: "Gentlemen, I now give you Mr. Richeson's confession."

Typewritten sheets containing the confession were then handed to the newspapermen, and those who seemed to ask for some further explanation were told that there was nothing more to be said at this time.

The fact that the confession was dated three days ago was pointed out to the counsel, but they refused to comment upon it at this time.

District Attorney Pelletier learned of the confession of Richeson from newspapermen, but later confirmed it from Mr. Morse. He said: "The trial will go on just the same no matter what statement may be issued by Richeson."

Text of the Confession. The full text of the confession follows:

"Boston, January 3, 1912. "John L. Lee, Esq.; William Morse, Esq.; Philip R. Dunbar, Esq.:

"Gentlemen—Deeply penitent for my sin and earnestly desiring, as far as to my power lies, to make atonement, I hereby confess that I am guilty of the offense of which I stand indicted.

"I am moved to this course by an inducement of self-interest, or leniency. Heinous as is my crime, God has not wholly abandoned me, and my conscience and manhood, however degraded and blighted, will not admit of my still further wringing by a public trial the whole pure young life I have destroyed. Under the lashings of remorse I have suffered and am suffering the tortures of the damned. In this I find a measure of comfort. In my mental anguish I recognize that there is still, by the mercy of the Master, some remnant of the divine spark of goodness still lingering with me. I could wish to free only because within some prison's walls I might in some small measure atone my sinful past, help some other despairing soul, and, at last, find favor with my God.

"You are instructed to deliver this to the district attorney, or to the judge of the court."

"I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant, Clarence V. T. Richeson."

May 10, 1912. District Attorney Pelletier had summoned from his conference with the judges when he was informed of the new turn in the case. He refused to make any other comment upon the confession, although it was indicated that he might have something to say.

Chief Justice Albee also refused to make any statement regarding the confession or any what effect it might have on the trial. As Richeson stands at present he is indicted for the murder in the first degree of Miss Linnell by giving her a quantity of cyanide of potassium. The penalty

THE METHODISTS HAD BUSY DAY ON YESTERDAY

SEVENTY-FIVE PERSONS ATTEND SACRAMENTAL SERVICES AT FIRST M. E. CHURCH YESTERDAY MORNING.

9 CHILDREN ARE BAPTIZED

SUPERINTENDENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL, E. H. MIXON, IS PRESENTED WITH LAF ROBE—BOARD OF STEWARDS TO MEET THIS EVENING.

At the First Methodist church yesterday morning, the sacramental services were attended by 75 persons, and the pastor introduced the reading and Bible certification of twenty-five articles in religion.

In the afternoon, in the midst of the Sunday school, Mr. E. H. Mixon, the superintendent, was greatly surprised when the teachers presented him with a buggy robe as a Christmas present.

At the evening service 100 persons attended the service and the pastor took as his text, "To him therefore that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." (James 4-17.)

Rev. R. H. Drown, the pastor, announced having baptized nine children and their names given.

The board of stewards will meet in the Baracca room at 7:30 this evening.

BRIEF NOTES OF INTEREST ATHERED HERE AND THERE

Dowers-Lewis Co. appreciate the fact that the proper way to reach trade is to go after it when times are dull, and they are telling our readers a whole story in today's issue.

Tau, Tribe of Red Men will raise elective chiefs and enjoy an oyster supper tonight.

The public schools opened this morning with a full attendance.

The Chamber of Commerce will hold a regular meeting in its rooms tomorrow evening, and a full attendance is most urgently requested.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Betterment Association was held at the Lyric last Tuesday until 10:30 o'clock, in order that a larger attendance might be had. All old members are requested to attend, and if possible to bring applications for new ones.

Street Inspector W. H. McDevitt was much disturbed Saturday evening, and debated the inhumanity of forcing the street force to sweep the streets on "that cold and bitter night," but yesterday morning found them with a sheet of immaculate cleanliness, and all is well.

If the players at the Lyric have any children, there is a likelihood of their being more than "Two Orphans" in these parts, if the same company attempt to work a repetition of their Saturday night's historic ability on a Washington audience. They played the "Devil" with a vengeance according to not too critical judges.

This is the kind of weather that causes eggs to go up and substitutes go down.

Gov. Hayes' resignation for three at Wilson.

Health, N. C., Jan. 6.—Resignation was issued today by Governor Hayes in the resignation of...

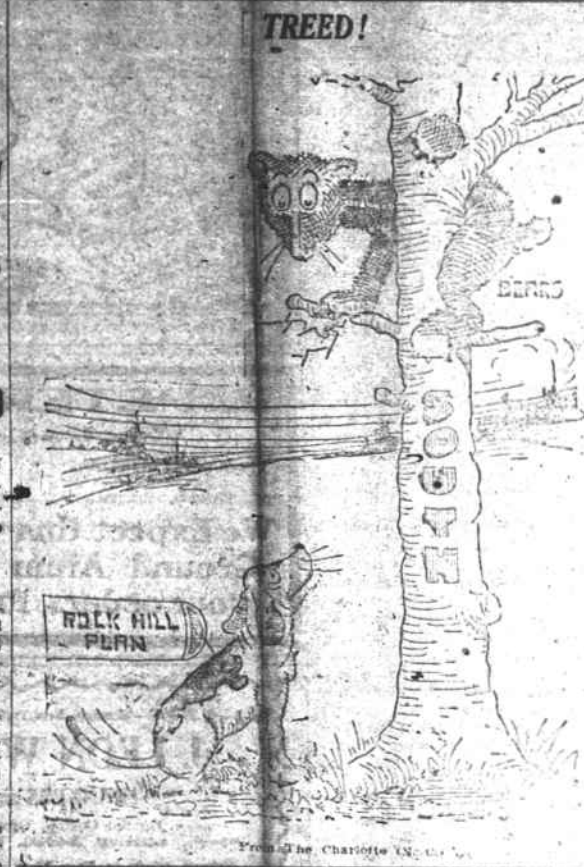
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RIVER AND HARBOR BILL MAY NOT PASS THIS YEAR

OSCAR UNDERWOOD PREDICTS A DOUBT DUE TO PRESENT TREASURY DEFICIT.

SHERMAN BILL BLAMED

TO PASS BILL AT THIS SESSION OF CONGRESS WOULD GIVE THE CAUSE A SET BACK OF AT LEAST FIVE YEARS.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 8.—Oscar Underwood, floor leader of the House and chairman of the Ways and Means committee, is not at all sure that river and harbor legislation will be undertaken at this session. He predicates his doubt of the fact that there is now an estimated deficit in the treasury of this fiscal year of \$18,000,000, and on the recent legislation affecting pensions. He frankly says that if the Sherman Bill, as passed by the House, is permitted to stand, it would so cripple the treasury that no new projects or expenditures could be authorized, leaving public buildings and rivers and harbors to another session, except for projects already under continuing contracts.

"I have been a friend of waterways for years," said Mr. Underwood today, "and continue to take a most friendly interest in the development of our rivers and harbors, but the Democratic party cannot have the treasury depleted, which it will be if all the appropriations asked for are forthcoming at the hands of Congress."

"The Sherman bill, if it should become a law in its present form, would add to the pension budget about \$80,000,000, which, with the amount now annually appropriated, about \$100,000,000, would come pretty near bankrupting the government. It is obvious, therefore, that if the Sherman bill is passed, it will be necessary to make provision for such expenditures as are absolutely necessary for the conduct of the government."

"I doubt the propriety of submitting to the caucus the question whether there should be a river and harbor bill at this session of Congress. My judgment is that the most desirable thing to do is to have the subject brought up at the next session of Congress, when we can have a careful study of the subject, put back the cause of waterway improvements at least five years. It would virtually compel the National Rivers and Harbors Congress to begin all over again the nationwide educational campaign for a broad and comprehensive policy of waterway betterments which it has maintained for ten years."

There seems to have been something in the rumor.

Louis Hardison Assaulted C. R. Linton Notwithstanding the Fact the Eureka Lumber Co. Said "No."

On Thursday last a report was current that Louis Hardison had assaulted C. R. Linton at the Eureka Lumber Co.'s plant on the day before, with a hammer and had inflicted injuries. The news man called upon the office of the lumber company after the assault and asked if there was anything in the report, and received a negative reply. However, Judge Grimes ascertained quite a different story in the Recorder's court this morning and fined Hardison \$10 and the cost, the total amount of which was \$23.60.

AT THE LYRIC THEATRE. Vaudeville and Motion Pictures Are on the Boards for This Week.

The attraction at the Lyric theatre for the first three days of this week is the Goddard Singers and Musicians.

These artists come highly recommended and something new and a novelty from what we have been getting heretofore. The motion picture program is also in the lead for high class pictures.

The above mentioned attraction makes its first appearance here tonight; the price remaining the same as previously to last week—10c and 15c.

Miss Fannie Stewart has returned to the city after an absence of ten days.

Mr. J. I. Leary returned from a brief visit to Edenton, Saturday.

nature of things, be passed as closely as possible. In fact I think it would be good business judgment to keep appropriations for new projects entirely out of such a bill and provide only for the continuance of those projects which have been already sanctioned by law.

"Speaking for myself I am in favor of a conservative river and harbor bill if we have money in the treasury to meet the demands upon us, but in the event we find the treasury drifting toward a deficit then I will oppose any legislation that will hasten such a catastrophe. What we need most at this time is wisdom and common sense in matters of legislation as we do in matters of business."

Failure to pass a river and harbor appropriation bill at the present session would, in the opinion of those who have given careful study to the subject, put back the cause of waterway improvements at least five years. It would virtually compel the National Rivers and Harbors Congress to begin all over again the nationwide educational campaign for a broad and comprehensive policy of waterway betterments which it has maintained for ten years.

ENTHUSIASM IS UNABATED IN THE BIG CONTEST

Votes Peppering in Fast With Each Bonus. The Starting Point has Been Reached and Workers are Urged to Keep Hustling

The first great Bonus Period closes tonight. The one that will have marked the turning point in nearly every real earnest worker's voting career during this contest, and especially in that of those who have just begun work in earnest.

During the life of this Bonus period the interest has been growing more intense every day and it is gratifying to see how the workers have responded to the call of getting subscriptions.

Remember, girls, you are just getting down to work now and every one of you are urged to hustle. The territory is good and there is no need of one lagging behind. You are all

familiar with the story of the hare and the tortoise, and in this age of racing contests it is well to keep it ever in mind.

Think that you are the only one who secured a bonus offer—just stop and wonder how many the other workers will get and then keep going.

It is requested that every contestant who is not satisfied with his standing of votes please make complaint on or before Friday, as all the Free Ballots that have been cast and the regular coupon vote will be published on that date. Those who are not satisfied with their standing will please make complaint promptly.

FIRST BONUS PERIOD IN THE WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS VOTING CONTEST

For every \$20.00 for Subscriptions, new or old, sent in by or for Contestants in the News Voting Contest, between the dates of Dec. 11th and Jan. 8th, 1912, a Bonus of 40,000 Free Votes will be given.

One, two, or three, or any number of years, count on this offer; any combination may be used to make \$20.00.

Persons having sent in three or six months subscriptions before, may extend their time and the Contestants securing the extension will receive the increase vote.

This is positively the largest Bonus offer that will be made. Don't forget The Daily Bonus that goes with it.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS: District No. 1—Washington, N. C.

Miss Olivia Jordan 509,750
Miss Lillian Swanner 495,450
Miss Mary Shaw 488,750
Miss Madeline Ellsworth 420,000
Miss Lizzie Kelly 310,375
Miss Fannie Stewart 280,000
Miss Carrol Willis 226,550

District No. 2.
Mrs. Marion T. Mayo, South Creek 375,075
Miss Rena Rowe, Aurora, N. C. 255,400
Miss Nina Redditt, Edward, N. C. 223,500

District No. 3.
Miss Lucy G. Wollard, R. F. D. No. 1 318,750
Miss Alice Woolard 294,300
Miss Mary Marshall, Bath, N. C. 213,075
Miss Willie Lee Latham, Pantego 90,500
Miss Nancy Marsh, Bath, N. C. 17,800
Miss Ella Baynor, Leechville, N. C. 14,600
Miss Kate Ehorn, Bath, N. C. 11,750

District No. 4.
Miss Leta Cartwright, Swan Quarter, N. C. 85,525
Miss Leslie Silverthorn, Middleton, N. C. 50,750
Miss Ruth Chadwick, Rose Bay, N. C. 38,000
Miss Ruth Silverthorn, Englehard, N. C. 37,200

Rules Governing Contest. Rule 1.—Only one nominating coupon entitling each contestant to 1,000 votes will be allowed.

Rule 2.—Votes can only be obtained by securing subscriptions prepaid, renewals, collecting past due subscriptions or by clipping free voting coupons from each issue.

Rule 3.—Contestants may secure as many free voting certificates as possible and vote them each week.

Rule 4.—Money collected by Contestants for subscriptions must be turned over to the Contest Manager at a'clock Saturday night, of the week in which receipt is issued for same. Failure to make report of such collection within specified time will forfeit your right to vote on such accounts.

Rule 5.—Contestants' receipts must be retained by them before same are sent.

Rule 6.—No employes of The Daily News, or member of any family connected with the paper will be permitted to participate in the contest.

Rule 7.—Subscribers are cautioned to demand a receipt for money paid to contestants.

Rule 8.—All money for subscription must be paid to Contest Manager who will upon receipt of same issue Voting Coupons to cover the amount paid in.

Rule 9.—Any question that may arise between contestants will be determined by the Contest Manager, and this decision will be final.

Rule 10.—Contestants are at liberty to secure subscriptions anywhere regardless of what district they live in.

Rule 11.—The right is reserved to reject any name for cause, also to alter these rules should occasion demand.

Rule 12.—Votes can not be transferred by one contestant to another after same have been placed to her credit.

Rule 13.—All out of town Contestants are allowed the privilege of mailing their coupons and money collected for subscriptions; such letters should be addressed to Contest Manager, Daily News. The postmark of your postoffice should show the hour and date said letters containing votes entered your office. Therefore postmark of packages bearing the postmark of the last mail leaving your office against the hour named in any subscription made by us will be acceptable.

Therefore letters or packages bearing the postmark of the First Mail leaving your postoffice after the hour and date named in any proposition made by us will be accepted.

To all who enter this contest we guarantee fair and impartial treatment.

For any information call on or address the Contest Manager, and same will cheerfully be given.

Yours respectfully,
MISS ETHEL HOUSTON,
Contest Manager.

Schedule of Votes.
6 months, \$1.00 200 votes
1 year, \$1.50 300 votes
2 years, \$2.00 400 votes
3 years, \$2.50 500 votes
4 years, \$3.00 600 votes
5 years, \$3.50 700 votes
10 years, \$7.00 1,400 votes
25 years, \$17.50 3,500 votes