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RICHESON CONFESSES.

Boston Pastor Writes Confession of the Murder of His Affianced Bride.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 6.—The Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson confessed his guilt of the murder of his former sweetheart, Avis Linnell, of Hyannis, in a document made public by his counsel today. The confession declares that the accused is guilty "of the offense of which he is indicted," which is murder in the first degree.

Whether Richeson will pay the extreme penalty, which, under the Massachusetts law, is death by the electric chair, no court official could predict today.

The confession is as follows:

"Boston, Jan. 3, 1912.

"John L. Lee, Esq.,

"William A. Morse, Esq.,

"Philip R. Dunbar, Esq.,

"Gentlemen:—Deeply penitent 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 offense of which I stand indicted.

"I am moved to this course by no inducement of self-interest 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 wronging by a public trial her whose 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 live only because in my prison's wall I might in some small measure redeem 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.

"Sincerely yours,

"CLARENCE V. T. RICHESON."

Boston, Jan. 6.—Speculation was rife today as to what ultimately will be the fate of Rev. C. V. T. Richeson, who confessed to the murder of his former sweetheart, Avis Linnell. From a source close to Governor Foss the statement came today that the attitude of the executive probably would be in favor of a commutation of sentence of death in the electric chair to one of life imprisonment, if the law's fullest penalty is imposed by the court. Members of the governor's council are known already to have been approached concerning their attitude in case the death penalty is imposed and a petition for commutation is made.

No leniency for Richeson on the part of the district attorney is expected and no less plea than that of murder in the first degree will meet his approval.

Judge Montgomery's Condition.

The condition of ex-Judge W. J. Montgomery, who has been very ill or uremic poison in the Charlotte Sanatorium for several days, is not improved today. It was hoped to have an operation performed yesterday morning, but he was too weak for this to be done. He is 78 years of age, well preserved for his years and until recently a man of remarkable vigor both of mind and body. Mrs. Montgomery remains with him all the time, and other members of the family go over every day to see him. His son, Dr. J. C. Montgomery, and his daughter, Mrs. E. C. Register, live in Charlotte, and are with him almost constantly.

Bad Wreck on Seaboard.

Petersburg, Va., Jan. 6.—Seaboard Air Line passenger train No. 66 was wrecked at McKenney, 30 miles south of here, at 7:30 o'clock tonight, and the engine and five cars left the rails. The engine, baggage and mail cars rolled down a 12-foot embankment.

Engineer Bishop, of Richmond, and negro fireman and one passenger were probably fatally hurt, and several others seriously. The injured were taken to a Richmond hospital.

Governor Kitchin has authorized an exchange of courts between Judges O. H. Allen and M. H. Justice. Judge Justice will preside over the Stanley county Superior Court January 15, and over the Montgomery county beginning January 22. Both terms are for one week.

The Pastime will present today a Kalema drama, "The Lost Freight Car," and it's a film that you should see.

SNOW AND SLEET.

Concord Shivering in Grasp of Snowstorm.—Street Car Cannot Run.—Business Almost at a Standstill.

Concord shivers today in the grasp of a snowstorm. The first snow began to fall Saturday night about 10 o'clock and during the night about three inches of snow fell. Yesterday the day was slightly warmer than Saturday and during the afternoon there was indication that the weather might be warmer. At midnight, however, the mercury dropped decidedly and this morning was about as low as at any time during the winter. Sleet began to fall about 7 o'clock but in a few minutes it changed to snow, which continued to fall steadily throughout the morning hours, coming down and enveloping the city and vicinity like a great white sheet.

As a result of the sleet and snow traffic here is almost at a standstill. Horses can hardly retain a footing on the frozen snow covered ground and dray and delivery wagons are only being sent out in extreme cases. This is the first test of the storage battery car on a track covered with sleet and snow and up to the present time the snow has triumphed. The car made a few trips this morning and then stopped. The track was soon covered with snow and when it resumes operation it will be necessary to either shovel it off or wait until it melts away.

There are many homes in the city that are without the necessary fuel and food to keep them from feeling the cruel hand of want and intense suffering from the biting cold.

The cold, bleak outward appearance is the strongest reminder that there are people suffering from the weather. There are too many benevolent associations and big, warm-hearted, charitable people in Concord not to respond to the needs of all unfortunates within the city.

The snow and cold wave present an opportunity for every individual to practice the great charity that drives away the sorrow of misfortune and comforts the suffering by contributing something towards providing the destitute with the necessary comforts of life.

Let some organized effort be made at once in their behalf.

Extra Meeting of North Carolina Synod.

At the request of the Board of Trustees of Mont Amoenia Female Seminary and the constitutional number of the ministers of the synod, together with the other officers of synod concurring, I as president of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina, do hereby call an extra meeting of said synod to convene in St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran church, China Grove, North Carolina, Tuesday, January 16, 1912, at 10 a. m., to consider the rebuilding and future of said female seminary, whose building was burned on the night of November 30, 1911, at Mt. Pleasant, N. C.

The lay delegates of the last convention of the synod, held in Wilmington last May, will be duly accredited lay delegates of this extra meeting.

M. M. KINARD, President.

J. E. Shenk, Acting Secretary.

Pastor Granted Vacation.

At the morning service at the First Presbyterian church yesterday Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier, the pastor, announced that he had been granted a month's vacation by the congregation. Dr. Grier will leave Thursday for Lakeland, Fla., and will spend a month there and at other places in Florida. During his absence there will be regular services at the church, full announcement in this particular will be made later. This is Dr. Grier's first vacation in three years.

Honor Roll, Harrisburg School.

Following is the honor roll of the Harrisburg school for December: Kathleen Alexander, Blanche Alexander, James Alexander, Morris Auten, Taylor Auten, Nettie Auten, John Davis, Martha Davins, Jimmy Gore, Edith Gore, Adam Hudson, Evelyn Morrison, Robert Morrison, Annie Lee Morrison, Bud Seals, Mary Sims, John Hugh Taylor.

MARY GOURLEY, Teacher

Death of Mrs. Chas. W. Alexander.

Mrs. Charles W. Alexander died yesterday morning at her home near Hileman's mill in No. 5 township, after an illness of several weeks. The funeral was held today at New Gilched church. On account of being unable to get in communication with that section of the county today, full details concerning the death of the deceased are unavailable.

Use our Penny Column—It Pays.

BRYAN WILL LAUNCH WOODROW WILSON EOOM.

Will Let Bygones Be Bygones, It is Said.—Curious Eager to Know His Plans.

Mr. H. E. Bryan writes as follows today from Washington to the Charlotte Observer:

"Josephus Daniels, national committeeman from North Carolina, came in with Colonel Bryan from Raleigh today. Mr. Daniels is at the Shoreham. He said tonight that he is for Baltimore for the convention and Woodrow Wilson for the presidency.

"Mr. Bryan and his friends, Mr. Daniels said, will not be influenced by any letters that Wilson may have written against Bryan in former campaigns. Bryan knows that Wilson wrote such letters. He is not worrying about that, Mr. Daniels says.

"Democrats are coming in from every section to attend the national committee meeting and the Jackson Day banquet tomorrow. The wild stories about what Colonel Bryan will do when he gets busy in the committee and when he gets going at the banquet have brought hundreds of people here who would not have come under ordinary circumstances. The curious are eager to know at the earliest possible moment just what Bryan is going to do. The Democrats are awed by his rampant presence.

"Woodrow Wilson, Judson Harmon, Champ Clark, Oscar Underwood, Joseph Folk and others who have been more or less prominent recently have paleled into insignificance besides Colonel Bryan within the last forty-eight hours. Everybody is talking about the Nebraskan."

Forest Hill News.

Mrs. Lizzie James has gone to Mooresville to visit relatives a few weeks.

The families of Messrs D. R. Henderson and J. P. Wheeler arrived in the city Saturday night and will make their home here.

Miss Lucy Freeze has returned to Concord, after spending a month in Belmont with her parents.

Mr. J. L. Settemire and family, of Chester, S. C., are moving to Concord today, where Mr. Settemire has a position at the Locke Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dry have returned to Rock Hill, S. C., after spending a few weeks in Concord.

Mr. R. F. Coble, of High Point, spent Sunday in the city with his family.

Mr. C. E. Stratford, of Charlotte, spent Sunday in the city with relatives.

Rev. A. D. Wanchope, who has been confined to his bed for the past week, was able to be out yesterday and preached to his congregation at the McKinnon church.

Bitterly Cold All Over Country.

Cold weather records for the year, and in many instances for many years were broken today, and will be broken by the succeeding 24 hours in the territory within a 1,000-mile radius of the Great Lakes, according to the prediction issued by the Chicago weather bureau.

In the immediate vicinity of the lakes, where the open water tempered the blast, temperatures were materially higher than in places farther away. A low record for many years for Chicago was established shortly before noon, however, at 9.6 below zero. Tomorrow's figure is predicted to be 15 degrees below zero.

West, as far as the Rocky Mountains, and south into Canada, low temperatures for today, it was predicted, would be forgotten in the bitter blasts of the next 24 hours.

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Wilson Boom Launched at Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 8.—An organization that will endeavor to secure delegates from the State of Washington who will favor the candidacy of Woodrow Wilson in the Democratic national convention was formed here today at a conference which was attended by a number of well known party leaders. The Harmon supporters already have organized and a spirited fight for control of the State delegation is in prospect.

After Charlotte Mint.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The House committee on appropriations carrying out its plan of economy, is after the Charlotte mint again. Representative Webb will try to hold it. Representative Page, who is a member of the committee on appropriations will assist. An effort to abolish the Charlotte mint was thwarted by Mr. Webb during the last Congress. By a personal fight on the floor of the House he saved it.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Locke Erwin spent yesterday in Charlotte.

Dr. Parks King, of Charlotte, came over last night on No. 12.

Mr. Joe McKay, of Charlotte, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Mr. W. H. Tomlin, of Statesville, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Mr. M. Cameron, of Albemarle, was a Concord visitor yesterday.

Mr. H. W. Culp, of New London, is a visitor in the city today.

Mr. J. Lewis Carpenter, of Greenville, was a Sunday visitor here.

Mr. George Richmond is spending the day in Charlotte on business.

Miss Mary Sims, of Charlotte, is the guest of Miss Eva May Brown.

Mr. J. B. Reitor has returned from a short business trip to Marion, S. C.

Little J. L. Pipkin, Jr., who has been quite sick, is some better today.

Mr. R. F. Coble, of High Point, spent yesterday here with his family.

Miss Lillie Myers has returned from Rowan county, where she has been visiting Mrs. M. J. Trexler.

Mr. R. S. Wheeler, of Greenville, spent yesterday in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McKay.

Miss Willemina Antley, who has been visiting Miss Pearl Barrier has returned to her home in Orangeburg, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Irvin, of Salisbury, spent Sunday here, and returned home this morning on No. 36.

Miss Mabel McIntosh, of Gadsden, Ala., who has been visiting Mrs. G. H. Sergeant at the St. Cloud, has returned to her home.

Miss Mildred Lott has returned to her home in Winston-Salem, after visiting her sister, Mrs. Claude Ramsaur, for a fortnight.

Mrs. L. R. Jordan, of Wilson, and Mrs. James McDonald, who have been visiting Mrs. R. K. Black, left yesterday afternoon for Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Misenheimer have returned to their home in Spencer, after visiting relatives in the city for a few days.

Miss Effie Bangle has returned to her home in Norwood, after visiting her sister, Miss Bessie Bangle, for several days.

Mr. J. C. Widenhouse, of Bost Mill, returned this morning to Rutherford College to resume his studies, after spending the holidays at home.

Miss Elizabeth Coltrane will return tomorrow morning to Greensboro, after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Coltrane.

Mrs. J. Hazel Witherspoon and little son, James Harvey, of Lancaster, arrived last night and are at the home of Mrs. Witherspoon's father, Judge W. J. Montgomery.

Officers Elected at St. James.

At a meeting of the congregation of St. James Lutheran church yesterday morning an election of officers was held. The election was the first held under the new rules of organization made by the church in December. Under the rules the governing body of the church has been reduced from eighteen to nine officials and the terms of office increased from two to three years. There is a provision, however, that gives the church the right to elect from time to time men who have been efficient officers of the church for any length of time to the office of honorary deacons. The newly elected officer are: Elders, John A. Cline, John M. Hendrix, and Charles A. Cook; Deacons, John H. Rutledge, R. E. Ridenhour, John M. Cook, R. E. Cline, A. R. Hoover and Dr. W. L. Ezzell.

Ginners' Report.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 5.—The National Ginners' Association gives the amount of cotton ginned up to January 1 as 14,371,000 bales. The amount ginned by states as follows: Alabama, 1,820,000; Arkansas, 785,000; Florida, 87,000; Georgia, 2,640,000; Louisiana, 352,000; Mississippi, 1,050,000; North Carolina, 980,000; Oklahoma, 912,000; South Carolina, 1,592,000; Tennessee, 395,000; Texas, 3,953,000; Virginia, 113,000. Total 14,371,000.

The Young Ladies' Guild of St. James Lutheran church, will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the parsonage.

HOW TO GET RICH.

Millionaire Says Any Young Man Can Do It If He Wants to.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 7.—Frederick Weyerhaeuser, the St. Paul millionaire, rules today on how to get rich. He said, in part:

"Work at something really worthy of work and work hard.

"Save money and invest what you save.

"Don't be afraid of long hours.

"Any young man can get rich, can succeed in business; if he saves, if he has a definite and honest purpose and is soon fitted with the purpose that work ceases to be a hardship and becomes a privilege.

"Look at things with optimism in your heart, go into some small business and work to make it into a big one."

Five Sites Offered and Cash Secured for Female College.

Salisbury, Jan. 6.—Five sites and a considerable amount of cash have been offered for the proposed Salisbury Female college, which a committee of active citizens are endeavoring to land in this city. So far the citizens' committee has met with much encouragement in the matter and it is expected that the proposition to establish such an institution will take definite shape soon.

The opening of the Salisbury public library early next week is looked forward to with great interest here. Miss Elizabeth Hedrick, a thoroughly competent young woman of Salisbury, has consented to act as temporary librarian and the success of the undertaking is assured. Already a large supply of choice books have been placed in the building and the place will be thrown open to the public next week.

Advertised Letters.

The following letters remain un-called for in the postoffice at Concord for the week ending January 8, 1912:

Men.

O. A. Barringer, Marshall Caskey, John Dalters, Mr. Flizand, Frank Farrell, Isam Hutelison, J. C. Hurley, T. A. McClellan, A. C. Penland, George A. Robinson, A. B. Tyson, J. A. Vinson.

Women.

Mrs. Allison Davis, Mrs. Ferguson, Mollie Fisher, Ellen Fry, Mrs. Peninah Hancey, Mattie Harris, Mrs. Bessie Long, Mary Lilly, Mrs. L. R. P. Miller, Mrs. M. L. Moore, Mrs. Anna Moore, Ethel Rochester, Mrs. Sarah Scott.

When calling for the above please say "advertised."

M. L. BUCHANAN, Postmaster.

Mr. J. A. Kimmons has accepted a position with Lippard & Barrier.

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Don't suffer a moment longer with Eczema, or any form of skin or blood troubles. Don't rub or scratch the skin. Just apply Hancock Sulphur Compound to the affected spots and it will stop the itching at once and cure the trouble permanently. One 50c bottle will cure that prevalent trouble, Common Itch. Nothing cures skin trouble so quickly as Hancock Sulphur Compound. To beautify the complexion and remove black-heads and pimples, use Hancock's Sulphur Ointment, 25c. Mrs. Evelyn Garst, of Salem, Va. writes: "Three years ago I had a rough place on my cheek. It would burn and itch. I was fearful it might be of a cancerous nature. I used different preparations, but nothing ever healed it. One bottle of Sulphur Compound cured me completely. I recommend it to any one having any skin disease." For sale by Gibson Drug Store, Concord, N. C.

RINGS FOR MARRIED MEN.

Priest Favors Law Forcing Males to Wear Badge of Fidelity.

Aurora, Ill., Jan. 7.—Married men ought to be compelled by law to wear as a sign of their estate a gold band on the fourth finger of the right hand, according to Rev. Father Leon Linden, a prominent priest of Aurora. He says "it would be a 'look-before-you-leap' admonition to girls more eloquent than a wealth of worldly warning."

The clergyman's suggestion grows out of a bill presented by a New York legislator to put a ban on flirting. He says:

"The ring has always been a symbol of fidelity and has been the adornment of the wife, the nun, the bishop and the king, to signify their fidelity to the position they hold in life."

Handkerchief Shower.

Miss Mollie Brown delightfully entertained at a handkerchief shower Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Walter Calloway, in honor of her sister, Miss Eva May Brown. The honoree was showered with a large number of dainty handkerchiefs during the evening. A delicious salad course was then served. Miss Brown's guests were: Misses Eva May Brown, Mary and Adeline Morrison, Geneva Parks, Loula Query, Julia McConnell, Lola Walker, Mattie Lentz, Agnes White, Blanche Brown, Maude Brown, Wilma Correll, Louise Means, Marguerite and Alice Brown, Zula Patterson, Bessie McEachern, Addie Goodman, Mary Sims, of Charlotte, Rose Willeford and Mrs. Mark Linker, Misses Nannie Alexander, Jessie Burkhead, Maude Gibson, Blanche and Elma Boyd and Edna Correll.

Snow Cream Party.

"The Boys from Rector's" will entertain a number of friends at a snow cream party at their apartments in the St. Cloud Hotel tonight. Doc Cook will shovel in the snow and serve the boys in other ways.

Miss Maude Brown will entertain a number of friends this afternoon in honor of Miss Eva May Brown.

Speaking on "The Trend of events throughout the world," Mr. Bryan brought to a close his address with an appeal for the initiative and referendum. He said he believed if North Carolinians understood the principles they would be overwhelmingly for them. Mr. Bryan announced that he would say a few words in reply to Senator Lodge, who spoke here in November. He repeated that he was not a candidate for office, because he does not believe he is the strongest man, but will fight the element of the party that would represent Wall street. He spoke gratefully of North Carolina, the first State to endorse him before his Chicago speech.

The visitor was given a rousing reception, but his appeal for the initiative and referendum did not appeal much. Governor Aycock got an ovation when he introduced the speaker. At least 4,000 people were present.

Miss Maude Brown will entertain a number of friends this afternoon in honor of Miss Eva May Brown.

The Cold Wave Is Here!

Don't you need some Quilts, Blankets, Underwear, Gloves or Hosiery?

If it is too cold to come out, 'Phone No. 116.

We are always pleased to serve you.

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