

# RICHESON ADMITS MURDER OF GIRL

### Pastor's Trial to Go on Despite Confession, Says Prosecuting Attorney.

### NO HOPE OF MERCY HELD

### Poisoner of Choir Singer Says Trial Would Wrong Victim Even Further — Miss Edmonds Cannot Be Located.

BOSTON, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Rev. C. V. T. Richeson today made a full written confession of the murder of his former sweetheart, Miss Edmonds, of Hingham, Mass. Broken in spirit, the former pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Cambridge, declares that his confession is made without any idea of self-benefit or with any idea of obtaining leniency, but that the girl whom he poisoned might not be further wronged by having her name bandied about in a trial.

The confession was dated three days ago, but was not given out until this afternoon. Counsel refused to comment upon this, however.

Trial to Go On. That the trial will go on, despite the confession, is the statement of the Attorney General. He admitted, however, that Richeson might be brought into court before the date set for trial, January 17, but insisted that the plea other than a charge of murder, in the first degree would be entertained. That poisoning is and can be nothing except first-degree murder is his conviction.

The confession, signed by Richeson, 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-benefit or leniency. Heinous as is my crime, God has not wholly abandoned me, and my conscience and manhood, however dejected and blasted, will not admit of my still further wronging by a public trial her whose pure life I have destroyed.

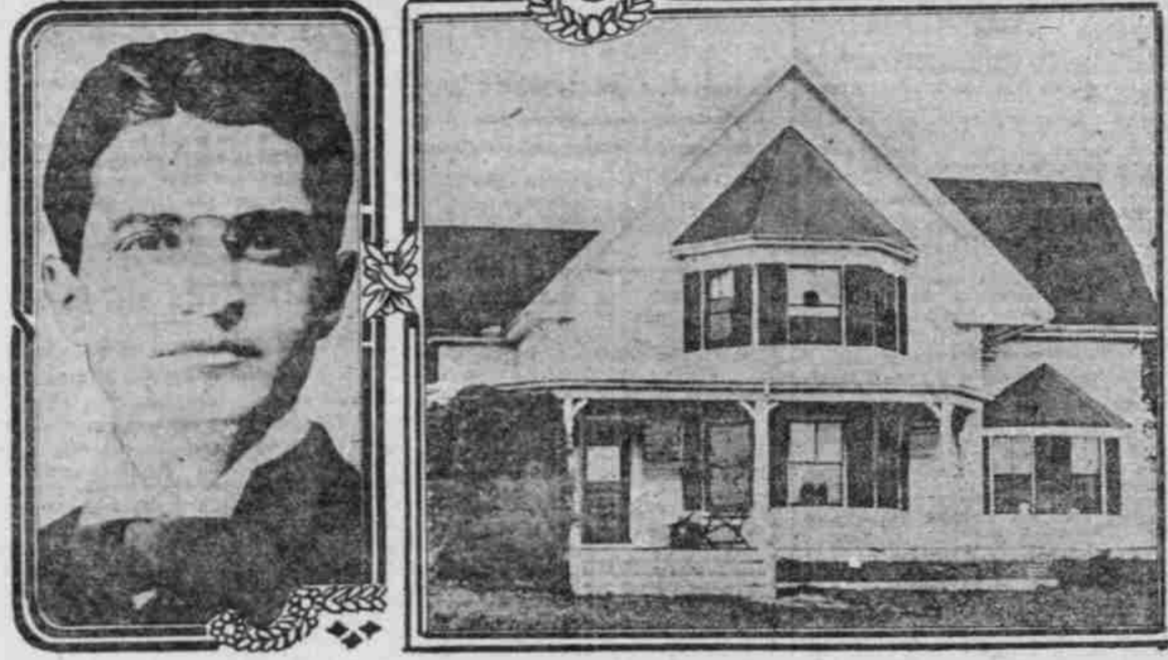
Mental Torture Told. "Under the lashings of remorse I have suffered and am suffering the tortures of the damned. In this I find a measure of comfort. In my mental anguish I recognize that there is still, by the mercy of the Master, some remnant of the divine spark of goodness still lingering within me.

Richeson's crime was brutal in the extreme. His victim was Miss Avis Linnell, a pretty young singer in the choir of the church where he was pastor. She was a student at the Conservatory of Music, and was both talented and popular. She fell in love with the pastor and became engaged to marry him. He betrayed her, and soon after met, wooed and won the love of Miss Violet Edmonds, daughter of Moses Grant Edmonds, a rich and powerful man.

Richeson protested his innocence, and the family of Miss Edmonds offered to pay for his defense, expressing entire confidence in him. The wedding invitations were recalled, however, and Richeson was asked by his church to resign, which he did immediately after his indictment by the grand jury.

OPIMUM FOUND ON STEAMER Captain of Freighter Throws Contraband Overboard. SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 6.—When the American-Hawaiian freighter Nebraska arrived this morning from Salina Cruz, the master, Captain G. B. Knight, reported to the Collector of Customs the discovery by him of 54 lbs of opium, valued at \$75 each, in a storeroom on the ship, when one day out from the Mexican port. The captain reports that only the steward and the cook have keys to this room. The opium was thrown overboard.

## PASTOR WHO CONFESSES MURDER, HIS VICTIM, HIS FIANCEE AND HOUSE OF GIRL WHO WAS SLAIN



ABOVE, MISS AVIS LINNELL AND MISS VIOLET EDMONDS, BELOW REV. C. V. T. RICHESON AND HOME OF MISS LINNELL.

### NEW LAW OFFERED

### Bitter Fight Over Direct Legislation Predicted in Ohio.

### LIQUOR ISSUE SECONDARY

### Preponderance of "Progressive" Elements Determination of Opponents Foreshadows Noteworthy Contest.

### COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 6.—Ohio will begin on Tuesday next the reconstruction of the constitution. On that day a constitutional convention, recognized by all factions as preponderantly "progressive," if not radical, will convene in this city for a struggle in which hotly debated questions of the initiative and referendum, the recall of public officials, including the judiciary, and the liquor question will overshadow all other proposals.

The fact that a majority—perhaps as large as 70 per cent.—of the delegates chosen to this convention are classed as "progressives," while the more conservative element makes up in determination what it lacks in numbers, forebodes a bitter and protracted struggle. Whatever its outcome, the people will have thereafter their "say" about it in the ensuing general election.

### Outcome Watched With Interest.

Ohio is the first state east of the Mississippi to attempt the revision of its organic law since direct legislation and the electorate came into vogue in several Far Western states, and the outcome in Ohio will be watched with keenest interest by the people of every other state.

Analysis of the statements regarding the mental attitude of the delegates elected, discloses the fact that all of the "progressives" are for the initiative and referendum and many of them want provisions for the recall of the judiciary. Virtually every labor delegate stands for the recall of all officers. Many of the farmer delegates, however, while favoring the initiative and referendum, refuse to include the recall of judges in their programs, at the same time supporting this idea for other officials.

### Interviews and representative delegates throughout the state warrant the statement that sentiment is more concerned with the proposed modification of representative government than with any other matter likely to come before the convention. They prefer placing the liquor license question in a secondary position. The initiative and referendum, they assert, is paramount to all issues.

### Oldest Member to Preside.

When the 113 delegates to the convention are called to order in the House of Representatives at the state capital here, it will be the most noteworthy representative of all classes of the people of this state of any gathering in Ohio's history. Included in the personnel of the convention will be former members of Congress and former Lieutenant-Governors, two members of the present legislature, many former legislators, many former judges, several ministers, a large number of farmers and representatives from commercial and industrial walks of life. The Democrats have the majority, with 45 delegates. The Republicans have 45 delegates, the Independents 3 and the Socialists 1.

### GLASS PAVING BLOCKS

Those Tried for Heavy Traffic Not Successful After Slight Use.

By Consul Carl Bailey Hurst, Lyons, France.

Investigations have been made in response to inquiries regarding the proposed use in this city of glass bricks or blocks manufactured here for pavements, with the following result: Seven or eight years ago a plant was established at La Demi Lune, a suburb about four miles from Lyons, for making glass paving material under the name of "pierre de verre Garchey." After many experiments carried out at the factory the manufacturer applied to the Lyons municipality for the right to make a trial on one of the chief thoroughfares. The necessary authorization was granted, provided that the inventor would bear the expense of the undertaking. The place chosen for laying the glass pavement was a section of the Place de la Republique, where traffic of cars, automobiles and wagons of all kinds is very heavy. The glass bricks remained in place for less than two years and were taken out, as they were in very poor condition, the edges were all broken and in many cases the blocks were split through and through.

### CUPID SCORNS DISTANCE

Bridgroom Travels 9000 Miles, Bride 1000, Father, 1400.

DENVER, Jan. 6.—In order to attend the wedding of his youngest daughter, Miss Louise Kayser, Charles Kayser, a miner, traveled by horseback 1400 miles from Candelaria, Nev., to Denver. Adolph Kurtz traveled 9000 miles from Brazil to meet Miss Kayser, his bride-to-be, and Miss Kayser traveled from Nevada to Denver, over 1000 miles by rail.

### DANGEROUS SHELLS SUNK

French Cruiser Goes to Sea to Get Rid of Condemned Melonite.

BREST, France, Jan. 6.—One of the cruisers attached to this port sailed out to sea today and threw overboard into deep water 67 tons of melonite shells.

### Germany Presses Guatemalan Claim.

BERLIN, Jan. 6.—Dr. R. Scheller Steinwaerts, German Minister to Abyssinia, has been appointed to represent Germany in Guatemala in the absence of Minister K. Von Buch. The special object of Dr. Scheller Steinwaerts' appointment is to press the claims of Germany against the Republic.

### Fifteenth Regiment Is Ready.

MANILA, Jan. 6.—The Fifteenth Infantry Regiment, stationed at Fort McKinley, where it arrived December 5, is being held in readiness to proceed to China. It was brought up to war strength on its arrival.

### GAME PLOT CHARGED

State Senator Selling Questions Methods of Warden.

Hearing — Finley Declares No Irregularity.

### VENISON SELLER IS HELD

Liberty of Man Who Furnished Meat to Cafes Causes Tiff at Court.

Hearing — Finley Declares No Irregularity.

### State Senator Selling took a part in the controversy over the charge that State Game Warden Finley "planted" deer meat in prominent hotels and restaurants, when, from his seat in the Jury box in Justice Bell's court yesterday, he demanded, "as a citizen and taxpayer," that Finley should arrest J. F. Gay, the alleged decoy in the case. The Senator made the demand with considerable show of warmth and denounced the conduct of the warden in allowing the confessed miscreant his liberty.

Charges against the Louvre restaurant and Walter Hall, an employe, last of the cases growing out of Finley's Christmas raid, wherein six arrests were made, was on trial, and as on former occasions, the manner in which the meat and of Finley's appearance within a few minutes, armed with knowledge of the contents of the unopened package, and made arrests.

### Gay's Tactics Told.

Each of the defendants in the former cases was called as a witness and told of alleged tricks by which Gay, the market-hunter, led them to accept the meat, and of Finley's appearance within a few minutes, armed with knowledge of the contents of the unopened package, and made arrests.

### What's to hinder him from skipping over to Vancouver tonight?

"Well—nothing, I guess," replied the witness. "And I demand that you place him under arrest and put him under ball," said the juror.

"And I demand," said Attorney Kraemer, "that you place a charge against him for every crime he has confessed here."

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