

## REV. RICHESON CONFESSES GUILT

### GAVE LINNELL GIRL POISON TO KILL SELF

District Attorney Finally Consents to Leniency and Richeson Will Probably Be Given Life Imprisonment—Confession Was Voluntary.

### RICHESON IS ON VERGE OF MENTAL COLLAPSE

Says He Purchased Cyanide of Potassium and Gave It to Trusting Girl.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 6.—Rev. Clarence Virgil Thompson Richeson, former pastor of the ultra-fashionable Immanuel Baptist church of Cambridge, confessed today to having murdered his former sweetheart, Avis Linnell of Hyannis.

Richeson recently stabbed himself in the groin with a piece of tin in the St. Charles Street jail as his guards were being changed.

Richeson's confession was made in the form of a letter to his attorneys. It was addressed to Attorneys John J. Lee, William A. Morse and Philip Dunbar. It read:

"Gentlemen: Deeply penitent for the sin, and earnestly desiring, as far as in my power lies, to make atonement, I hereby confess that I am guilty of the offense for which I stand charged. I am moved to this course by no inducement of benefit or leniency.

"Heinous as is the crime, God has not fully abandoned me and my conscience and manhood, however depraved, will not admit of still further anguish.

"I recognize there is still the mercy of the Master and some remnant of a divine spark of goodness still lingering within me 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.

"I can wish to live only because within some prison wall I might, in some small measure, redeem my sinful past, might help some other despairing soul and at last find favor with God.

"You are instructed to deliver this to the district attorney or the judge of the court. Sincerely yours,  
"CLARENCE V. T. RICHESON."

The confession, it was learned this afternoon, was handed by Richeson to his attorneys yesterday. All through the night the attorneys for the self-confessed murderer pleaded with District Attorney Pelletier for leniency.

For many hours Pelletier insisted that Richeson pay the death penalty for his crime, but shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon he gave in.

Since he mutilated himself Richeson has been on the verge of a mental and nervous collapse. Yesterday the clergyman summoned Attorneys Lee and Morse to his cell and told them of his intimacy with Miss Linnell. He told his lawyers that he had discovered that she was soon to become a mother and to prevent Miss Edmonds from learning of this fact he purchased a bottle of cyanide of potassium and gave Miss Linnell a sufficient quantity to cause her death.

### BLANKET INDICTMENTS RETURNED BY JURY

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 6.—The federal grand jury, which has been investigating alleged dynamite plots, returned today two blanket indictments. Although the federal authorities refused for the time being to divulge the contents of the bills, it was believed that at least as many defendants were involved as in the indictments returned last Saturday, when the inquisitors voted true bills against Olaf A. Tveitmoe, E. A. Clancy and Anton Johansen, California labor leaders.

### RAILROAD DEALS HIS SPECIALTY



Newman Erb, who has just completed the financing of the Minneapolis & St. Louis and Iowa Central railroad merger and is understood to have another deal on for the purchase of the Pere Marquette, is known among railroad financiers as a "quick trader." Railroad deals are his specialty, and there are few men in Wall street who excel him in the number of "turn-overs" he has made in the last 20 years.

### GOVERNOR TO ADDRESS CLUB

Oswald West Arrived in Medford Today and Left at Once for Honor Camp—Will Talk to Ladies on Monday Afternoon.

Oswald West, Oregon's chief executive, arrived in Medford this morning and left at once for a visit to "Westville," or Honor Camp No. 1, on the Crater Lake road. He was accompanied by a number of local men.

On Monday afternoon at St. Mark's hall Governor West will address the ladies of the Greater Medford club. The meeting is called for 4 o'clock.

### SIGN ARTICLES SOON FOR FIGHT

Johnson and Flynn to Meet in Chicago Today and Post \$10,000 As Evidence of Good Faith—May Stand As Side Bet.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Jack Johnson, the negro champion heavyweight, and Jim Flynn of Pueblo will meet here late this afternoon to sign articles for a championship battle. Each fighter, it is said, will post \$10,000 as an evidence of good faith, which may stand as a side bet.

The date for the proposed encounter will be determined after Hugh McIntosh, the Australian promoter, definitely advises Johnson on what date he will stage the Johnson-McVey bout in Paris. Jack Curley, who is planning to handle the Flynn match in Nevada, has guaranteed Johnson \$20,000 as his cut and one-third interest in the moving picture rights.

McIntosh has stated that he intends to stage the match in Paris on the night of the Grand Prix.

### WILSON IS AFTER THE SUPPORT OF BRYAN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6.—Hundreds of leading democrats are either here today or due to arrive for the national committee meeting and the Jackson day banquet on Monday. It is evident that William J. Bryan is again the central figure and the big question confronting the leaders of the "unterrified" is "What will Bryan do?"

Bryan will arrive here Monday. Woodrow Wilson arrives this afternoon. His adherents are busily laying wires to get the Bryan support.

Selling real estate in this city is neither a doubtful nor an expensive task—it's a want ad task.

### NO BREAK IN COLD WAVE IN MIDDLE-WEST

Several Deaths Are Reported in the Various Cities Throughout the Mississippi Valley—Conditions in Chicago Chaotic.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED 168 TIMES IN 24 HOURS

Cold Wave Reaches New York—All Trains Are Many Hours Behind Their Schedules.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—With the thermometer registering 10 degrees below zero at 5 o'clock this morning, Chicago today endured its sixth day of low temperatures and the weather officials declared that no relief is yet in sight.

Four deaths, directly due to the icy blasts, were reported today at various police stations; suffering is intense, business is seriously hampered and travel is practically at a standstill.

Not in five years has Chicago experienced such chaotic conditions. The condition of the poor is pitiful in the extreme. Many of the leading charity societies are without funds and are forced to turn the poor away without relief.

6 Below at 9 O'Clock.

A 9 o'clock today the temperature was at 6 below, the change being hardly perceptible.

The fire department has been called upon 168 times during the past 24 hours. The firemen are exhausted and all reserve forces were ordered to report for duty today.

All municipal lodging houses jammed to the doors and the regulation prohibiting the homeless from sleeping in downtown hallways has been temporarily suspended.

All trains into the city are hours behind schedule.

### Four Deaths at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 6.—Four deaths and appalling suffering are the results of a terrific blizzard that swept down upon St. Louis during the early hours of today. At 8 a. m. the thermometer registered 4 degrees below zero and it was growing colder. The weather bureau predicted that the mercury would tumble to 10 below before night.

At St. Joseph, Mo., it was 18 below and 20 below on the Kansas prairies. All trains from the west and north are 12 hours behind their schedules.

### New York Shivers.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Gripped by the blasts from an icy blizzard, New York is shivering in the coldest day of the winter, the thermometer registering 8 degrees above zero. The suffering from cold and poverty in the crowded sections of the city is alarming, and the municipal lodging houses are unable to shelter those clamoring for admission, and are temporarily caring for hundreds elsewhere.

At midnight the department of charities ordered the steamers Lowell and Brennan moved alongside a pier and hundreds of the homeless were sheltered during the early morning hours in their cabins. Scores of policemen have collapsed on the streets from the intense cold.

### 50 Degrees Below.

WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 6.—Fifty below zero is the record at White River, on the north shore of Lake Superior, today and the weather has played havoc with the Canadian Pacific railroad telegraph lines. In many places engines have gone dead though travelers have been taken care of at section houses. All through the Canadian west temperatures ranging down to 40 below are recorded. Winnipeg is isolated from eastern Canada, the alternative telegraph route via Chicago being blocked also by severe weather. This city is prepared for cold at any time during the winter and there is not much suffering.



AND THE END IS NOT YET.

### REBEL ATTACK ON PEKIN NOW IS IMMINENT

Little Information Regarding the Plans of the Rebels is Received—30,000 Revolutionists Well Armed and Provisioned Are on March

### 700 IMPERIAL SOLDIERS ARE REPORTED SLAIN

Question of Peace or War Apparently Rests on Decision of Dr. Wu Ting Fang.

PEKIN, Jan. 6.—Terrorified by reports that the rebel army from Nanking and Pujow had begun its march on Peking, the Manchou princes today summoned Premier Yuan Shi Kai demanding to know what preparations had been made to check the movement.

Yuan reassured the princes, declaring that a force of imperial troops were making ready to march upon Nanking, and declared that with this counter attack menacing them, the revolutionary chiefs would not dare to detach their forces from the vicinity of the capital of the proclaimed republic.

Little direct information has been received here as to whether the reported rebel advance is to be a real attack or is only a feint designed to force Yuan's surrender to the rebel demands. The last authentic news was that the rebels, about 30,000 strong and well armed and provisioned, had been ferried across the river from Nanking to Pukow. Whether the advance has really begun no one in Peking knows. It is believed doubtful, however, that Yuan Shi Kai has any force of imperial troops of sufficient strength to seriously dispute the rebel movement, if it develops into a real attack on Peking.

### 700 Are Killed.

Following the receipt of reports that 700 imperialist troops had been killed in a battle near Hankow, it is believed here that hard fighting will take place there today, as well as at Hwangpei, a short distance north. Government troops are being rushed to Hankow to reinforce the command there. It is not known how strong the rebels are in that vicinity, but their slaughter of 800 Manchou soldiers is believed to indicate that they have heavy forces in the upper Yangtse Kiang region.

Considerable fighting is reported from the vicinity of Lanchow, between 3000 imperial troops rushed there to put down a widespread mutiny and the former soldiers for the emperor, who rebelled and declared for the republic. The overwhelming force of the imperialists crushed the revolt, but only after some hot skirmishing.

The question of peace or war today apparently rests on whether Dr. Wu Ting Fang, minister of foreign affairs of the new republic, can induce Yuan Shi Kai to visit Nanking to discuss peace terms. Wu blames Yuan for double dealing in refusing to support agreements made by his representative, Tang Shao Yi, but the legations here declare that if war continues the responsibility will rest on the shoulders of Wu and his colleagues for their refusal to leave the form of government of the reorganized China to be decided upon at a national convention.

### May Send Troops.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6.—Secretary of State Knox and his first assistant, Huntington Wilson, today held a long conference which, it is believed, was with reference to the reported sending of American troops to China.

It is believed the plans of the state department have been completed and that the war department will be requested to at once arrange for the departure of the troops from Manila.

You can't make an interesting advertisement of an uninteresting store—but really you should be careful that your really interesting store is not misrepresented by an uninteresting advertisement.

### NO CLUE FOUND TRAIN ROBBERS

Many Believe Man Who Robbed Mail Car on Train No. 16 Is Being Protected by Friends at Redding, California.

REDDING, Cal., Jan. 6.—Several United States postal detectives arrived here today to investigate the mail robbery of the Oregon Express near here yesterday.

Local authorities admit that the bandit who forced Mail Clerk Charles J. Rhein to bind and gag his assistants, after which he rifled the mail pouches, has made good his escape. They declare that he has completely covered his tracks. Many believe that the bandit is being secluded by friends in Redding.

### RAILROAD CLERK IS ARRESTED FOR STEALING

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6.—Warrants charging Temple Alexander, former clerk in the purchasing department of the O.-W. R. & N. company, with wholesale forgeries, were sworn to by the railroad, and the young man, who until recently was a familiar spender in the grills, was arrested this afternoon. Alexander returned from Salt Lake to face the charges of forging signatures to requisition receipts and disbursement vouchers in the sum of \$25,000.

### Ambassador Reid Home.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Ambassador Whitelaw Reid and Mrs. Reid are here today, having arrived on the Lusitania. The ambassador is home for a six weeks' vacation.

### Dickens' Son Buried.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Funeral services were held over the remains of the late Alfred Tennyson Dickens at Old Trinity church this afternoon.

### ASHLAND BOY SHOT BY FRIEND

Alex Boyd Is Killed While Rabbit Hunting—Raymond Bagley Responsible—Coroner's Jury Is Investigating Today.

The coroner's jury was summoned today to investigate the death of Alex Boyd, 18, of Ashland, who was accidentally shot and killed by his hunting companion, Raymond Bagley, while they were returning from a rabbit hunt. The bullet penetrated Boyd's lungs. Death was almost instantaneous.

### HARRY THAW AGAIN TO SEEK FREEDOM

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—It was learned here this afternoon that Clarence Shearn, New York attorney, next week will begin proceedings to secure the release of Harry K. Thaw.

### NEW MEXICO IS NEW STATE

Action of President in Signing Proclamation Was Probably Hastened by Visit of Delegation of Prominent New Mexico Men.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6.—The proclamation admitting New Mexico to statehood was officially signed here this afternoon by President Taft. Action was probably hastened by a visit here of a committee of New Mexicans, who called upon the president, calling his attention to the recent sweeping republican victory. New Mexico, it is believed, will join the column of states referred to as "reactionary."

### Protects Order of Moose.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 6.—Secretary of State Jordan today turned down articles of incorporation for the Independent Order of the Moose of the World of Los Angeles on the ground that the name was too much like the existing order of Moose.

### WHO IS YOUR CHOICE FOR PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE?

Mark cross between number and name of candidate. Republican.

- 1 (.....) William Howard Taft.
- 2 (.....) Robert M. La Follette.
- 3 (.....) Theodore Roosevelt.

- Democrat.
- 4 (.....) Woodrow Wilson.
- 5 (.....) Judson Harmon.
- 6 (.....) Champ Clark.
- 7 (.....) William J. Bryan.

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