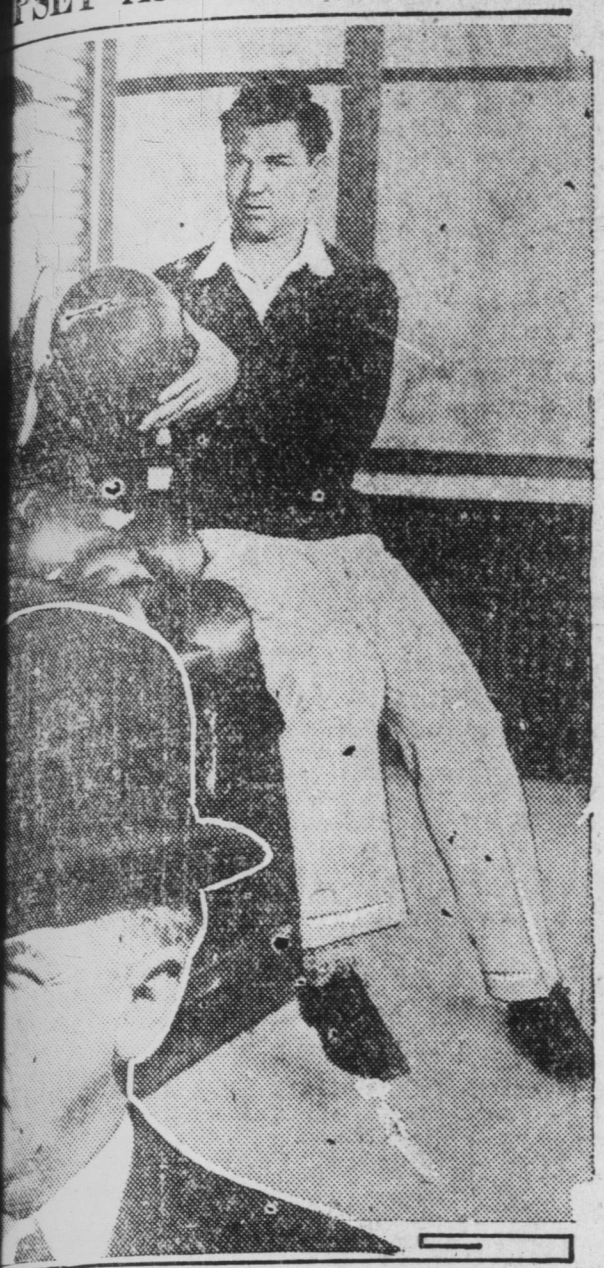


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Broadus Miller Shot Down By Lone Pursuer Near Linville

Morganton, July 3.—Today saw the end of the long hunt for Broadus Miller, negro slayer of 15-year-old Gladys Kincaid. Probably to make sure that the quest was finally over and that the negro had paid with his own life the penalty for his crime as well as to satisfy an evidently morbid curiosity, a large crowd was permitted to view his dead body on the steps of the Burke county jail this afternoon.

Miller was killed this morning about 10 o'clock near Linville Falls station by Commodore Burleson, young Morganton man, who had been a member of the searching party almost constantly since the day following the horrible crime, now almost two weeks ago. The trail that was established over a week ago, leading up through the mountainous section between Burke and Caldwell counties proved to be the correct one and after the negro had been shot his condition showed the effects of the long chase—his clothing ragged and torn, his shoes worn so that his feet had been bound with old rags.

His wife, who has been in jail since the tragedy that so shocked the state as well as this community, was brought from an adjoining county, where she was taken for safe keeping, to identify the body. This she did without hesitancy. In other ways he had been identified and so there is no doubt but that the right negro has been found.

Now that he is dead officers as well as citizens are breathing a sigh of relief. Mr. Burleson's own statement, quoted elsewhere in full in an Associated Press report, bore facts of a most dramatic story. A young man born in the mountains, his father's home being about seven miles from the scene where this morning he made himself a hero, he has hardly rested since the hunt was concentrated in the mountains. When a message came early this morning that a cafe at Ashford, near Linville Falls, had been broken into last night and that Broadus Miller was the suspected burglar, he happened to be in Morganton, but left at an early hour in company with Foss Duckworth, of the Burke Road commission, and others for Ashford. Still others joined them near Linville Falls, possibly 50 in the party, and tracking the fugitive from the cafe they came upon him in a little patch of woods near Linville Falls station.

The negro, when surprised, was seated on a boulder. He raised his gun, a 12-gauge shotgun, and called "halt." Burleson fired at him with his pistol and the negro returned fire. It is said that the tree behind which Burleson darted when the negro fired, was shattered by the load of the shot. Burleson shot six times before the negro crumpled up and groaned. He was dead when the searchers reached the spot. His gun was empty; his shot at Burleson being his last shell. In his pocket was a piece of bread, evidently stolen from the Ashford cafe. Sheriff Halliburton, of Burke county, was en route to Ashford and arrived soon after the killing. The sheriff of McDowell county had been a member of the searching party.

The body was brought immediately to Morganton for identification, arriving shortly after noon. While it lay in the courthouse, hundreds filed in to view the unsightly spectacle. Finally the crowd grew to such proportions that the corpse was removed to the jail. So insistent, however, was the demand that it be displayed that it was placed on a board on the steps of the jail, an alley roped off and by actual count more than 6,000 filed by. The court square and streets were crowded, hundreds of cars coming from nearby towns.

Among those who looked at the body of the negro, was Mrs. Mary Jane Kincaid, mother of his victim. Two men stood at the end of the line as the crowd passed by and took a collection for Mrs. Kincaid the slain girl being her main support. It is said that the fund amounted to over \$300. While Burleson was making a formal statement to Pardon Commissioner Bridges to be reported to Governor McLean an officer came to say that the crowd on the court square was demanding to see Burleson. The statement was interrupted and Burleson stood for hours on the portico of the jail above the body of Broadus Miller while the crowd viewed the hero of the hour, and the object of their hate.

It was altogether a quiet, orderly crowd, considering the circumstances and the size of the gathering.

Except for the voice of Charlie Luther Ward, who exhorted those in line not to forget the girl's mother, there was no unusual noise. It was a never to be forgotten scene. The holiday spirit of the crowd was tempered by the horror of the negro's crime and the relief brought by the knowledge of his death. The hope expressed often that he would be killed before being arrested had been realized.

To forestall any outbreak of feeling which might result if the body was allowed to remain here over night, officers thought it wise to ship the corpse to another county, and it was sent away on a late afternoon train to a destination not announced. Miller's wife, accompanied by two officers, was sent to her home in Asheville.

Tonight Morganton is quiet and ready to enjoy a peaceful fourth.

Gladys Kincaid was found, attacked and her skull crushed, lying in a woods on the edge of the city the night of June 21. She died early the morning of June 22.

The search, started when the girl was found, became intensive as word of her death spread. A crowd of 2,500 men, some of them negroes, took to the field.

Day and night the search continued. There was no let-up at any time and every possible clue was followed. After two days, during which open assertions were made that the negro would be lynched if caught and officers were warned not to resist if the crowd sought to get the negro, Governor Angus W. McLean ordered out two companies of national guardsmen. A third company was held in reserve.

The soldiers, directed by the peace officers, were rushed from place to place in trucks as the search waxed and waned. A report that the negro had been seen or that his trail had been struck caused the soldiers to be sent hurriedly to the scene in trucks. Wild rumors and reports filled the air.

A picture said to be that of the negro was found and hundreds of copies were printed. Scores of negroes were arrested and held pending investigation. Even up to last night when a negro was arrested at Cornelius, near Charlotte, suspects were being held.

Negroes are asserted that the picture was not that of Miller but of another negro. A negro held at Newton was tentatively identified as the slayer although he strenuously denied it, and finally officers moved him to an unmaned jail, fearing for his safety if he remained in the adjoining county.

After seven hectic days the crowd of men, tired and worn with their long search, dwindled. The mob spirit that at times was apparent died down and the troops were returned to their bases. Several times during the past week posses had taken up trails only to lose them or find they led nowhere and it was generally believed the negro had made his way out of the county.

Completing his investigation, Commander Bridges got the following statement of facts and affidavits from Commodore Burleson:

"Mr. Commodore Burleson, first being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a resident of Burke county, city of Morganton, that he is an ex-officer of the city of Morganton and that he received information that the negro, Broadus Miller, was in the vicinity of Ashford, N. C., and in consequence of such information, he together with Mr. Foss Duckworth, chairman of the Burke county road commission, and other citizens of Morganton, conducted a search for the negro, Broadus Miller, who had been previously declared a fugitive from justice, and while searching for the negro about 10.30 a. m., one half a mile above Linville Falls, almost opposite Linville Falls station and the postoffice, he saw the negro, pointing a single barrel 12-gauge shot gun at the said deponent, who said 'halt.' The deponent then leveled his pistol at the negro and backed toward the stump and started shooting in the direction of the negro, the negro returning the fire, shooting one load of the 12-gauge shot gun in the direction of the deponent, the deponent shot six times at the negro and on the sixth shot the negro groaned and fell, the deponent then called to those who were assisting in the search, who were within 100 yards of where the shooting took place, and when the negro was found the 12-gauge shot gun was by the negro's side with an empty shell in the gun. Rags were tied around the left foot of the negro, a piece of bread was found in his pocket and the body was immediately rushed to Morganton and turned over to the officials of Burke county."

Missed "Abrogate" And Lost The Prize.

Dean Lucas, of Congress, Ohio, won the third annual spelling contest held in Washington Thursday night under the auspices of 17 newspapers in various sections of the country. Thirteen girls and four boys, ranging in age from 10 to 15 years participated.

Ralph Keenan, of Waukon, Iowa, who spelled "abrogate" "abregate" was second, and Minerva Ressler, of Lancaster, Pa., was third.

The two boys were both 13 years of age, and the girl was 12. It took three hours of spelling to develop a winner.

Young Lucas, sent to Washington by the Akron Beacon Journal, won \$1,000 in gold. Keenan, winner of regional contests held under the auspices of the Des Moines Register, received \$500, and the Ressler girl, entered by the Lancaster New Era, \$250.

Modern Bargain Hunter.

Bargain-Hunting Woman to Ticket Agent—What time does the next train leave for the city?

Ticket Agent—At 3:45, madam.

Bargain Hunter—Make it 3:15 and I'll take it.

Judge Honeycutt: Look, Mr. Broom the circus has come to town; that's one of the clowns.

Mr. Broom: Oh, hugh, judge. That's not a clown, that's just Frontis Helms.

More Long Distance Flights Being Planned; Aviation Takes New Impetus

Washington, July 4.—When time determines the final place the airplane is to occupy in the life of man, the historian of the air must turn away from one of his brightest chapters, to the succession of achievements that American fliers have performed in the last six weeks.

Air officials of the government regard the recent long distance flights as marking an epoch in the history of transportation development, and it is predicted freely that these accomplishments will give an impetus that will spur man forward to complete conquest of the air.

Within less than 48 hours of the time Commander Richard E. Byrd marked the third recent spanning of the Atlantic by air, Secretary Wilbur announced that he was considering the advisability of a flight by naval planes around the equator of the earth, while the commander himself made known his plans for a flight next winter to barren regions of the South Pole.

Meanwhile, Assistant Secretary Warner, in charge of naval air activities, said today that the safety of naval aviation had increased 100 per cent in the last four years, and in a resume of flying records indicated that a national record were on the threshold of greater achievements.

It was recalled in aviation circles today that the combined hops of Lind-

Living Death



Mrs. Clara Drummond, of Fresno, Cal., is a real sleeping beauty. Gas poisoning robbed her of her consciousness about three months ago, but automatic functions of her body proceed normally.

Unconscious, Girl Lives Three Months

FRESNO, Cal. (I-I-N Special) — Doctors are seeking to play the part of the handsome prince of the fairy tale to awaken a real sleeping beauty.

For exactly that is Mrs. Clara Drummond, twenty-one. Beautiful indeed, and unawakening. For almost three months now she has slept. All efforts of medical science to awaken her have been in vain.

On April 4 she was found in a gas-filled room of her home here. She was taken to a private sanitarium where she recovered physically. But never did she recover consciousness. She has since been transferred to the county hospital. Great specialists have attempted to bring back her mind, but to no avail.

Doctors believe that the gas poisoning killed the brain cells that control consciousness. If this is true, it is doubtful if the girl will ever "live" again. Meanwhile, other brain cells controlling breathing, digestion, circulation of the blood and other operations of the body function normally.

Mississippi Levees. When were the first Mississippi river levees built?

It is not a matter of record when the first levees were built along the Mississippi river. Such levees have been constructed since early in the 18th century. At first individuals built levees to protect their own land and property in time of flood. Later local authorities, counties and states, aided in the work. In 1879 congress created the Mississippi River Commission. The first appropriation for improving the river was vote in 1880. Since that time more than \$80,000,000 has been expended by the federal government in improving navigation and protecting adjacent lands from floods.

SURVIVOR OF BATTLE CALLS CUSTER SUICIDE TALES "BUNK"

Washington, July 4.—(AP)—The controversy over the manner of Major General George A. Custer's death in the battle of Little Big Horn 51 years ago raises no question in the mind of Brigadier General Edward S. Godfrey, retired.

General Godfrey, who lives at Cookstown, N. J., took part in the battle as a first lieutenant of K troop with Captain F. W. Benteen's battalion, which went to the rescue of Major Marcus A. Reno's detachment. He is a famous Indian fighter in his own right, and is widely recognized as an authority on the historic engagement. He was master of ceremonies at the fiftieth anniversary reenactment of the battle in Montana

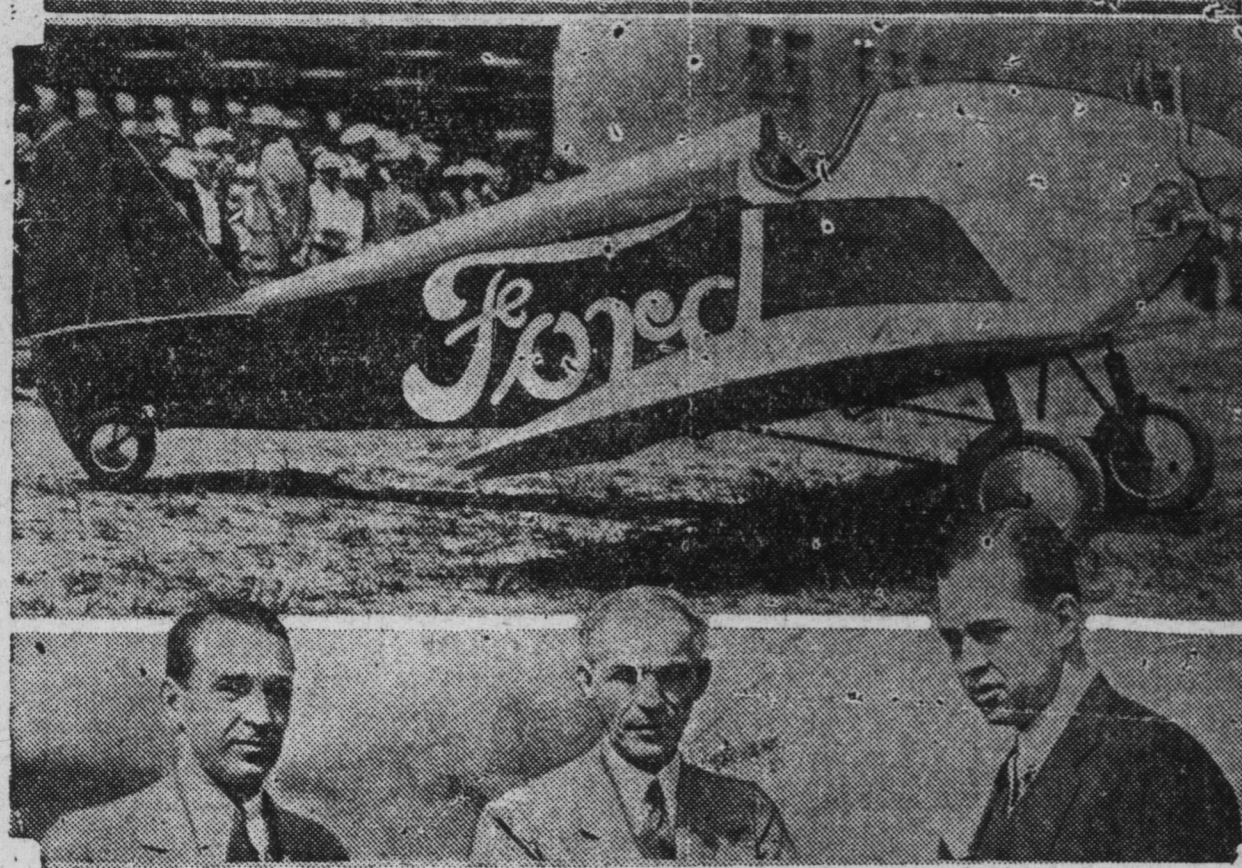
in June last year. Writing in the Cavalry Journal, he describes as "bunk" the statements recently published that Custer, finding himself the only survivor of his detachment, took his own life.

"Some of the statements of these 'suicide mongers' sound like camp gossip or rumors that are bandied about and then accepted by some credulous persons as facts," he says. "In a book which, I think, is entitled 'The North American Indian,' the author made a statement to the effect that 'Indians never scalped a suicide.' Since then some of these sensational writers have used that statement as a basis for their dramatic stories."

The reason Custer was not scalped, General Godfrey says the famous Sioux told him he "did not know, unless it was because he (Custer) was the Big Chief and that they respected his rank and his bravery."

Godfrey, himself, under orders from Major Reno to help identify the dead on Custer Hill after the battle, recalls that "the first body I was taken to was that of General Custer." "I examined it carefully," he relates. "There were two bullet wounds, one in the left breast and the other in the left temple, either of which, it seemed to me, would have been fatal. There was surprisingly little blood on his person from either wound; there were no powder marks on his person nor any signs of mutilation."

FORD AIR FLIVVER ON 4,000-MILE TOUR



A Ford-built air flivver, revealed for the first time, is accompanying other commercial planes on the 4,000-mile annual "reliability tour" which is touching 24 States and 24 cities. Photo shows the monoplane and Edsel and Henry Ford, with Edward Warner, Assistant Secretary of war for Aviation, watching it take off.

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