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## BIG MASSACRE AT COAL MINE

**Over Score Brutally Killed, Some Shot, Some Hanged. Strike Breakers Shot Down and Butchered, Stabbed and Hacked to Death—Some Women Inhuman Toward Injured**

Herrin, Ill., June 25.—Herrin today remained quiet after a fight in which 27 men were killed, an unknown number wounded when 5,000 union miners and sympathizers attacked approximately half a hundred imported steam shovel men and laborers working in the Lester strip of the Southern Illinois Coal company.

County officials maintained that since no one remained at work in the strip pit that of itself was a guarantee against further outbreaks and asserted the 1,000 members of the Illinois national guard ordered to mobilize in Chicago for possible duty here were unnecessary.

Miners and their supporters, influenced by moonshine whisky and angered at the efforts of the strip pit workers who had been termed in a telegram from the mine workers' international chief "common strike-breakers," bore down at dawn on the huddled group.

Miners in Herrin streets openly boasted that they participated in the infliction of deaths by gunfire, hanging and dragging through the streets in a veritable Roman holiday.

That the death list would be increased seemed to be the consensus of opinion. Fifteen bodies were weighted about the necks and cast into a pond a miner told a correspondent for the Associated Press, and the area over which killings occurred was estimated at 15 square miles of hilly, timbered land.

The statement of Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois branch of the United Mine Workers of America, issued at Cincinnati, that his information indicated that 44 men had been killed, was interpreted as meaning that the entire number of besieged strike-breakers had perished, although of his own knowledge the Associated Press correspondent could account for but seven more than a score of bodies.

The dead at first were reported accounted for in a pitched battle between the strikers and sympathizers and the imported pit strippers when the local men attacked the barricaded workers at dawn.

Later, however, open statements from scores of persons on the streets here were to the effect that the working men surrendered at the first onslaught and, after having been tied into groups of three and six, were cruelly massacred! told to run a gauntlet of rifle fire, only to be shot to death at distances of a few feet when, wounded, one or two of the group would fall and drag the others to the ground; stabbed and hacked to death with knives; beaten with clubs and at least three of them hanged, while in the instance of six men, at least, they were said to have been dragged over a rough road behind an automobile.

The women, some carrying infants, urged the men on, it was stated, and in at least one instance the Associated Press correspondent observed unbelievable cruelty from a woman. He came across a group lying in the road, one of the men badly mauled and his shoulder shot away. Begging piteously for water and evidently near death, the worker was only jeered at by the men and women about. The correspondent dashed into a house and obtained water but was restrained by men who pointed pistols. A moment later a woman carrying a baby spurned the dying man with her foot and told him she would "see him in hell" before he could drink.

## Coal Company Blamed for Wholesale Massacre

"We, the jury, find from the evidence that deaths of deceased were due to acts direct and indirect of officials of the Southern Illinois Coal company."

"We recommend that an investigation be conducted for the purpose of fixing the blame personally on individuals responsible."

This was the verdict of the coroner's jury held here today.

"George" Henderson, one of the union men slain, was killed by C. K. McDowell, superintendent of the Southern Illinois Coal company, according to the verdict of the jury. This was the only murder verdict returned.

## 315 BILLION GALLONS IS THE WORLD OIL OUTPUT

**The Texas Company is Example of Great, Steady Growth of Petroleum Industry.**

While it is interesting to read such figures as the entire world production of petroleum from 1857 to 1918, which totals 315 billion gallons and while it is significant to learn that the United States has produced 62 per cent of this entire world production, still it seems even more interesting and more human to bring the figure down to the production of one of the great American oil companies.

A typical example of this kind would be the Texas Company, and surely it is an interesting fact to learn that this company has grown from 160,000 gallons of gasoline per day to 1,000,000 gallons. It is also interesting to note that in 10 years the consumption of lubricating oils produced by the Texas Company has increased from 300,000 gallons a month to 7,500,000 gallons per month.

The Texas Company is one of the leaders in the petroleum industry. Before 1902 the company did not exist, but in the last 20 years the demand for its products has increased so extensively that the company now operates more than two thousand five hundred motor trucks, tank trucks and delivery trucks of all kinds, and operates 5,000 railroad tank cars. The company has refineries and terminals at strategic points throughout the country, and gets its supplies from thousands of its own wells operating in fields producing the choicest crude petroleum. This crude petroleum is highly refined in the big, complete, modern refineries of the Texas Company, and sold throughout the country through thousands of Texaco dealers.

The Texas Company's products, including gasoline, motor oils, engine oils, kerosene and mill lubricants of all kinds, are distributed widely in this district. Texaco gasoline is known as the volatile gasoline because of the readiness with which it gives up its power, and "Texaco Motor Oils" are known by their clear, golden color and their full body which gives complete lubrication.

## ARE THE AUTO DRIVERS BECOMING NEGLIGENT?

**Observations Lead B. & O. Railroad Officials to Give an Affirmative Answer**

Baltimore, June 22.—Are drivers of motor vehicles becoming more negligent, less careful of their own safety?

It would seem so from actual observations made by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. For more than two years this railroad has been placing men at crossings where there are usually a large number of automobiles passing. These observers make note of the number of machines crossing and take down the license numbers of those whose drivers fail to take any precaution to assure themselves that it is safe to pass over the tracks. This safety precaution consists of the driver's slowing down or stopping, and then looking and listening. When a driver dashes over without taking any of these precautions, his license number is noted and a card telling him of his negligence is sent him, with request to guard his life and property the next time he goes over a railroad track.

In the year 1920, the Baltimore & Ohio observers took note of 398,000 vehicles in the states through which it operates. In that year, according to the records of these observers, there were 25,690 drivers who failed to take any precautions at highway crossings. This was 6 per cent of the total observations made.

In April of this year there were 16,477 automobiles checked by the railroad's observers. There were 2,972 of the drivers of these reported as failing to stop, look or listen before passing over the tracks. This was a safety "failure" of 18 per cent.

For the first four months of this year there were 68,822 machines observed and the "failures" reached 17 per cent.

The increase in the number of drivers failing to take safety precautions seems clearly to indicate, in the opinion of the road's safety department, that the automobile driver is becoming more negligent.

## CO-OPERATIVES HAVE 95 WAREHOUSES N. C. BELT

**Sixty Five Others in South Carolina And 55 in Virginia; Report Given**

Raleigh, June 22.—With 95 warehouses in the North Carolina belt, the Tobacco Growers' Co-operatives Association is ready to give its members adequate service for the orderly marketing of their tobacco, according to T. C. Watkins, Jr., director of warehouses, and R. R. Patterson, general manager, leaf department, who are in Raleigh for a meeting of the full board of directors of the giant co-operative association.

Surpassing all expectation of the equipment which could be secured to accommodate its 72,000 members, it was announced today that the association will open 95 warehouses in the North Carolina belt, 65 warehouses in the South Carolina belt and 55 warehouses in the bright, the dark and sun-drenched areas of Virginia.

Each grower-member of North Carolina will be given the opportunity to choose his marketing point, by filling out a postal card stating the market of his choice and other information to help in selling his crop. Each co-operative market will thus receive a list of its members who have signified their intention of delivering their tobacco at that point so that preparations may be made to pay them there.

Appointment of managers has been made in approximately 90 per cent of the markets for the three states and men have been selected for the balance, according to Director Watkins, who said a warehouse manager, a floor manager and several clerks will be stationed at each warehousing center of the three states.

Manager R. R. Patterson, of the leaf department, formerly in charge of the leaf department of the American Tobacco Company, showed the great saving which the association will gain by maintaining one force of graders in place of the large crops of buyers which the auction markets must maintain to represent from three to six tobacco companies, in addition to the pin-hooking speculators who will be eliminated from the warehouse floors of the co-operative association.

That merchants, bankers and boards of trade, and citizens for three states have given their support to the organized tobacco farmers was impressively shown by the fact that eight warehouses in the three states are being built to accommodate the association, and will be turned over to the organized growers at cost.

Nashville, N. C., Reidsville, N. C., Norlina, N. C., Walnut Cove, N. C., Florence, S. C., Ashland, Va., Columbia, Va., and Drakes Branch, Va., are among the list of towns whose citizens are backing the farmers to the limit by arrangements to build the necessary warehouses for their organized growers.

## LEXINGTON MERCHANT DIES FROM WOUNDS

**Never Told How Pistol Bullet Injuries Were Inflicted**

High Point, June 28.—J. B. Hayworth, Lexington merchant, who was brought to a local hospital Wednesday night in a critical condition with a bullet in the back of his head, died here early this afternoon. The body was taken to Lexington late today and the funeral will probably be held tomorrow.

Hayworth, who was 43 years old and who leaves his widow and six children, denied that he shot himself but refused to state who fired the fatal shot. He said if he recovered he would tell but if he died no one would ever know.

The Lexington merchant was found in an unconscious condition on the floor of his store late Wednesday afternoon and was rushed here for medical attention. A 25 calibre Colt's revolver was found by his side, and relatives are said to have identified the pistol as Hayworth's.

Fit For Young Girls!—"I have used Hagan's Magnolia Balm ever since I was 18 years old. I am now 48 and I know from experience that it is the best and only reliable toilet preparation now made that is absolutely fit for young girls to use on their face at all times, that it will positively remove freckles and tan, and not promote the growth of hair or fuz on the face. Respectfully, (signed) Mrs. J. H. Burke, Manassas, Garrard Co., Ky." Liquid face and toilet powder—Brunette, white, pink, rose-red. 75 cents at drugists or by mail. Lyon Mfg. Co., 42 So. Fifth St., Brooklyn, N. Y.—Adv.

## Tinkham Says "Dry" Amendment "Bought"

**Declares Anti-Saloon League Spent \$150,000,000 to Get Volstead Act**

Washington, June 23.—Declaring that Wayne B. Wheeler, "general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League," and the interests he controls, "had expended from \$100,000,000 to \$150,000,000 to secure adoption of the prohibition amendment, Representative Tinkham, Republican, Massachusetts, attacked the Department of Justice in the House for failing to act against the league under the corrupt practices act.

Mr. Tinkham's attack brought from Representative Gallivan, Democrat, Massachusetts, criticism of Prohibition Commissioner Haynes for the latter's stand regarding sale of liquor on American ships at sea. In refusing to act against such ships, Mr. Gallivan declared Commissioner Haynes made himself "particeps criminis."

The two Massachusetts members were classed among "friends of wine and beer, in direct violation of the constitution of the United States" by Representative Cramton, Republican, Michigan, who gained the floor after the attack on the Anti-Saloon League. The league will be judged in the future, he said, "as was the saloon—by its fruits."

"Referring to published reports that representatives from eleven states attending an Anti-Saloon League meeting at Milwaukee had promised their aid to Representative Volstead, of the seventh Minnesota district, and criticizing it 'as legislative bribery,' Mr. Tinkham said:

"Here again we have the outrageous situation about which I have protested. Here we have the Anti-Saloon League, dependent upon the representative of the seventh Minnesota district for its intended further restrictions of the personal liberties of our people, proposing to purchase that preferential treatment it has received heretofore by supporting with money a campaign for re-election of Mr. Volstead."

## STARVING; WON'T EAT CROW

**Russian Peasants in Famine Area Refuse to Kill Birds**

"Eating crow" seems literally to have been the one thing the famine-stricken peasants of the Volga have refused to do. During the worst period of the hunger suffering, when cats, dogs, clay, and even more ghastly food substitutes have been greedily devoured, the country has been full of big black and gray crows.

So bold are these scavenger birds, and apparently so unmolested by even the hungriest peasant, that some of them even perch upon and peck at meat supplies laden in sleds for transport from railway stations to the villages.

The correspondent saw literally hundreds of them at every place his train stopped from Samara on the way to Orenburg.

They were the fattest creatures in the famine area.

Peasants questioned on this apparently anomalous condition, in a region where one instance of cannibalism had been reported, admitted that crows might be as good to eat as dogs or cats, but advanced various vague reasons as to why these birds had not been slaughtered for food.

Some said there were no guns or ammunition to shoot them and that they were extremely hard to trap or catch. Others said they were "unclean."

## Statesville May Get a \$200,000 Church Soon

Statesville, June 21.—Mr. N. B. Mills appeared before the Men's club of the First Presbyterian church Monday night at the Hut and presented a plan for the raising of \$200,000 to build a new church to take the place of the present one. The club unanimously endorsed the plan and it will be presented to the session of the church for approval.

Mr. Mills' plan, in brief, is to clean the present lot and build a new church and Sunday school plant of which to be proud when finished—better than the best in the city. He believes that \$200,000, or more, will be necessary. Canvassing the names of the around 600 members, Mr. Mills has a list of 86 who could subscribe a total of \$148,500, leaving \$51,500 to be subscribed by the remaining membership.

## TOBACCO ASSOCIATION GETS 30 MILLION DOLLARS

**Government Agrees to Advance Large Sum to Tobacco Growers**

Raleigh, June 24.—Thirty million dollars in thirty minutes is the world record established by the Directors of the largest cooperative marketing association of America who met with Eugene Meyer Jr., and officials of the War Finance Corporation in Washington, D. C. last week.

The committee of directors from the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association secured approval of the loan for the 75,000 tobacco farmers of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, which now assures the success of their association beyond a doubt.

Officers of the War Finance Corporation were so familiar with the management of the Association, and so confident of its success that they took only thirty minutes to signify approval of the greatest loan ever made to organized farmers, in the history of the United States.

In addition to the loan of \$50,000,000 which will enable the big Tobacco Cooperative to pay its members cash advances upon delivery of their tobacco, the War Finance Corporation further agrees to re-discount loans secured by green or soft order tobacco for local banks throughout the Virginia-Carolina tobacco belt.

The loan of the War Finance Corporation is to be secured by more than 350,000 pounds of its members tobacco now under five years contract with the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association, which represents a value of over \$70,000,000 in the first year of operation, according to conservative estimates.

Following the example of the Burley Tobacco Growers Association of Kentucky, which after securing a similar credit from the War Finance Corporation was enabled to gain all necessary funds from State and local banks, and to repay their 90 day loans of \$6,000,000 within 40 days. Officials of the Virginia-Carolina Association are confident of obtaining the support of State and local bankers for whom the offer of the War Finance Corporation opens a new field of profitable cooperation with tobacco farmers throughout the belt.

For the organized tobacco growers and the thousands of farmers from three States who are joining the Association every month, the action of the War Finance Corporation assures the safe and orderly marketing of tobacco which resulted in largely increased profits and a new source of credit for Kentucky farmers whose organization has now sold 70,000,000 pounds of tobacco for highly satisfactory prices, during one month receiving an average of 29 cents a pound for tobacco sold through the Association, while that sold outside the Association brought less than 21 cents per pound upon the auction warehouse floors.

Close to 80 per cent of the Tobacco farmers of Virginia nearing a 75 per cent sign-up following the recent statewide campaign for members.

A whirlwind campaign among tobacco farmers of South Carolina will begin next Monday, June 26th and will continue until every one of the 88 cooperative marketing points of the South Carolina belt has been reached with a mass meeting.

Leaders of the movement from Kentucky, Virginia and North Carolina will join this campaign which will mark the last opportunity for South Carolina to market this year's crop with the giant cooperative.

The Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association has now secured 206 warehouses where it will receive tobacco from its members as the markets open in three States.

## Contract Let for Reynolds Memorial to Cost \$500,000

Winston-Salem, June 15.—The contract for the erection of the Richard J. Reynolds memorial auditorium, to cost \$500,000 has been awarded to the Northeastern Construction company of New York and Charlotte, according to a message received here from the architect.

The heating and ventilating system will be installed by Grinnell company, of Charlotte. The splendid structure will be erected by Mrs. J. Edward Johnston. The auditorium will seat 2,500 and will be a part of the high school plant planned for Winston-Salem, in the western part of the city.

## VETERANS AT THEIR RE-UNION

**Over 50,000 Veterans and Their Friends Throng Confederate Capital**

Richmond, Va., June 20.—Surrounded by rich traditions of the old South, in a city hallowed by history, into which are woven records of high devotion, sacrifice and courage, the men who 60 years ago fought over an ideal officially opened their 32nd annual reunion here today.

Called to order by Gen. William B. Freeman, commander of the Virginia division, Confederate veterans, the opening session of the reunion got under way in the auditorium at an early hour. Despite a hard rain which swept the city through the night, the old soldiers were in their places fresh and undaunted. Following brief preliminaries, Gen. Julian S. Carr, venerable commander-in-chief of the veterans, took the chair.

Governor E. Lee Trinkle, of Virginia welcomed the veterans and declared that those who bled and died 60 years ago did not go to battle in vain.

General Carr, in a stirring vein, saw in the assembly, he said, dreams incarnate of an ideal that still clings in the breasts of the old soldiers and which will be passed like a torch to future generations.

Dr. Douglas S. Freeman, reunion orator, discussed the Confederate contribution to the life of the nation. "The leadership of character, a continued idealism, a unity above class and a patience in adversity. Of all these contributions," said the speaker, "the nation would have need."

With characteristic word and gesture, United States Senator Par Harrison, of Mississippi, warmed the enthusiasm of his audience with the statement that never in the history of the world was a war fought so nobly as that between the states, and never before has a cause remained so cherished in memory, though it be true that these same men who followed Lee and Jackson now lift their heads as proudly when the Star Spangled Banner waves in the breeze of a new and stronger nation.

All the speakers were generously applauded. The addresses were followed by brief speeches from prominent veterans, called to the platform by their comrades. The old soldiers in their joy raised a storm of noise for favorites, yells, cries and rhythmic rapping of canes upon the floor bringing the speakers to their feet.

Such utterances as "We did not fight for what we thought was right; but we fought for what we knew was right," brought on a paroxysm of joy, gray-haired, be-whiskered veterans here and there waving their hats, some throwing their head-gear excitedly across the auditorium. To heighten the fever the band played "Dixie." Then a veritable storm of noise raged until with the dying away of the music, through the din, the quick tattoos of the gavel brought silence.

About 4,000 veterans are attending, who with other visitors, bring the reunion crowd to 50,000.

## Black Mark for Radio

Allentown, Pa., June 19.—Chalk up a black mark for the radio. In Police Court here today Mrs. Mary Flores, whose neighbors reported to the police that she contemplated suicide, was asked to explain the reasons for her despondency, and stated, between sobs, that she was neglected by her husband, who, she said, spent all his money for a radio apparatus and was brutal to her when she complained. She agreed to give the world another chance.

## Marconi Fails to Get Word From Mars

New York, June 15.—Guglielmo Marconi Italian radio wizard, has failed to pick up any messages from Mars in his trip across the Atlantic on his floating laboratory, the yacht Elettra.

Replying to a radiogram sent by The Associated Press, asking for a statement on the results of his experiment, Senator Marconi said:

"Have no sensational announcement to make."

He added that he was arriving in New York tomorrow.

Marconi, who sailed from Southampton, May 25, to lecture before the institute of radio engineers and the institute of electrical engineers on "radio telegraphy" is not alone in his theory that communication with Mars by radio is possible. Director Bullard, of the Paris observatory, and other authorities have expressed faith in the idea.