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## BATTLE WITH ROBBERK

**RICHMOND COUNTY POSSE  
KILLS MAN IN RANDOLPH  
NEAR MICHFIELD**

**BOLD HIGHWAY ROBBERY BY  
TWO WHITE MEN RESULTS IN  
DEATH OF HIGH POINT MAN.**

W. R. Clinard, aged 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Clinard, of High Point, was shot and killed by one of a posse from Rockingham, at Michfield, eleven miles south of Asheboro, in Randolph county, last Friday night at 12:30 o'clock. The body was taken to Rockingham soon after the killing and coroner's inquest held, verdict being that he came to his death at the hands of Robert Steele, Jr., J. F. Diggs, P. C. Markwater, James Allred and Constable Ed Rogers and that the killing was justifiable self defense.

An account of the robbery says, about dusk Friday night Robert Steele in his Ford coupe passed a Hudson speedster stalled in the sand about 12 miles south of Rockingham. The stranger, J. Kent Greer, got in Steele's car and pressing a pistol against Steele's side ordered him to drive to a neighboring house to secure help to extricate his car. After getting the car out it apparently went its way.

A few minutes later as Steele and Henry Harrington were driving homeward a short distance from where the Hudson had been stalled they were accosted by two men who threw a pistol in their faces and commanded them to stop. When they got out of the car, the man hit Steele across the head with the butt of his gun and stole from him his pistol, keys, etc. Harrington remonstrated when they took his watch, and he, too, was knocked on the head. The men then entered the car and drove in the direction the Hudson had gone.

Steele reached the Diggs store and phoned the alarm to Rockingham, the coupe and the Hudson had both been seen to pass through Rockingham. The sheriff of Richmond county organized a posse of a score of cars to scour the country. The citizens of Elberse were phoned where an effort was made to barricade the street with boxes and intercept the Hudson but the car with fearful speed burst through the edge of the obstruction to the accompaniment of shots and sped northward.

### Posse Overtakes Men

The pursuing cars returned, except the five persons charged with the killing came on to Seagrave, four miles this side of the Montgomery county line, where the Ford coupe was found near the railroad with the rim of one wheel off and the spokes worn off two or three inches. The radiator was still warm, showing that they were close on the trail. About three miles further they passed two men and stopping asked them to ride.

Said Steele to the men: "You don't know me, do you?" "No," was the reply. "I'm the man you held up, knocked in the head and from whom you stole a watch and car," and drawing his pistol commanded the men to hold their hands up. The dead man, Clinard, sprang backward, raising as he did so his right hand, which was clutching something in his overcoat pocket. The click of the man's pistol was heard, testified Steele, and simultaneously a gun was fired from the car and Clinard fell with a hole torn just under his left temple.

In the meantime the man's partner, Bob Greer, was endeavoring to pull a weapon from his pocket, testified by Witness Allred, but the men in the car covered him and made his hands come up. On being searched the watch stolen from Harrington was found on Greer and a pistol just behind him on the ground, where he had dropped it as his hands came up. In the right pocket of the dead man's overcoat was found the pistol he had stolen from Steele and his hand was tightly clinched around the weapon. Also on him was found Steele's bunch of keys.

Bob Greer is in jail at Rockingham awaiting a preliminary hearing on a charge of highway robbery. J. Kent Greer is in jail in High Point to also answer to the highway robbery charge.

When interviewed by a reporter, Bob Greer stated that his brother, J. Kent, on Tuesday bought from Jettie Garland at High Point a Hudson speedster that was recently traded in by J. Elwood Cox, that the three men with two show women of Greensboro, left that city Wednesday for Columbia. They spent Thursday in Columbia and were returning to High Point, when as Greer expresses it, the entire bunch got drunk and the car stuck in the sand where Steele found them, that he remembers nothing whatever about the robbery and that he did not attempt to draw a pistol when halted by the men in the car later in the night.

The body was shipped to High Point Sunday morning and was interred in Oakwood Cemetery in High Point on Monday.

J. Kent Greer has given bond for \$3,000, while Robert Greer is in jail at Rockingham. Kent and Robert are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Greer, and like the parents of young Clinard, are well known residents of High Point. A. N. Greer is a merchant and former member of the city council.

Two persons were recently burned in a moving picture theatre in Brevard, Transylvania county.

## THE DEATH ROLL

Mrs. Ada Oakley, aged 50 years, died at Proximity Saturday night, of influenza.

Jethro Welborn, a prominent citizen of Elkin, died of flu last Saturday. The situation in Surry county grows better.

Jowell Stone, a confederate veteran of Robeson county, died at his home of pneumonia last Saturday.

Charlie Lines, aged 17 years, died of pneumonia in the Emergency hospital at Greensboro, last week. He was buried near his old home at Kivett's Baptist church in Liberty township.

Mrs. Annie Gale Pugh, aged 24 years, died at her home, 516 West Lee Street, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon of septemia. Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Vickory, of Level Cross; a brother, Chas. Vickory, and four sisters, Kitty, Dolly, Gladys, and Pauline Vickory. The funeral was held at Level Cross Friday morning.

Amanda M. York, aged two years, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. York, in Proximity, Tuesday of last week. The interment was at Plainfield church in Back Creek township, Randolph county, near the old home of the parents.

### Parks H. Smith Dead

Parks H. Smith, formerly a traveling salesman who had recently moved to his farm in the upper edge of Randolph, died last week of pneumonia following influenza.

He is survived by the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. E. N. Keeland, of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. J. A. Piner, of Charlotte; Mrs. E. F. Alden, of Chicago; Mrs. Walter Sargent, of Washington, D. C.; Miss Juliette Smith, of Norfolk; Robert G. Smith, of New York; and J. Glenn Smith, of Charlotte. Miss Juliette Smith and Robert G. Smith were with him when the end came.

Travis P. Moose, prominent citizen of Kannapolis, recently died of influenza and pneumonia.

Eugene Clary, of Greensboro, aged 35 years, master of the willard service died in the Emergency Hospital Saturday, of influenza.

Mrs. Bertha Banner, wife of H. G. Banner, died at her home on North Main Street in High Point, on Saturday, aged 31 years. She was born near Carthage and was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Shields.

**Death of Former Asheboro Woman**  
Mrs. Lula Hoover, whose death occurred in Greensboro last week of pneumonia formerly lived in Asheboro, and was the wife of Mr. Claud Hoover. Deceased was 28 years of age. She is survived by her husband and four small children, her mother and a large family of brothers and sisters, one of whom is Mr. Eli Ingram, of High Point.

Mrs. Hoover was a member of Spring Garden Baptist church, Greensboro, and the funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. Kirkpatrick. She was an estimable woman and a good neighbor. She contracted influenza in her efforts to alleviate the suffering of her neighbors who were suffering with the disease.

### MR. JOHN D. CURTIS OF ORE HILL DEAD

John D. Curtis, of Ore Hill, died February 11th from cancer. His remains were laid to rest the following day in the cemetery at Mt. Vernon Springs one mile west of Ore Hill. Deceased was 53 years of age. He was married about 30 years ago to Miss Sarah Burrow daughter of the late William Burrow and a sister of our townsman Mr. Nathan Burrow. To this union were born five children two died when infants three living are Samuel and Otis Curtis of Ore Hill and Mrs. Clem Goodman, of Cameron, N. C. Deceased having only one brother and one sister Mr. E. L. Curtis, of Clarkton N. C. and Mrs. Clarice Albright, of Coleridge, N. C.

### Prominent Greensboro Lawyer Dies in Henderson

Mr. A. B. Kimball, a prominent Greensboro lawyer, died at a hospital in Henderson Tuesday from Bright's disease. Mr. Kimball had recently been to John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore for treatment and had been taken to his farm near Henderson to recuperate. His condition grew worse until about two weeks ago when he was carried to a hospital in Henderson.

He was a member of the law firm of King & Kimball, so widely known throughout North Carolina.

Mr. Kimball was a member of Grace Methodist Protestant church, Greensboro. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Cora Donnell, of Oak Ridge, and an adopted son, who was his nephew.

In the passing of Mr. Kimball North Carolina loses one of her most valuable citizens.

**Mrs. Nancy Canoy Dead**  
Mrs. Nancy J. Canoy, wife of D. M. Canoy, died Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Canoy was a daughter of the late Alfred and Polly York, and had lived until May 31, she would have been 70 years of age, having been

## Another Democratic Administration--

### What It Will Mean For Business

By HOMER S. CUMMINGS,  
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The Democratic party asks the business world to judge its proposals and promises by its past performances. It maintains that the only safe and sane way to judge political parties or platforms is by the acid test of previous accomplishment. Political promises unsupported by a record of accomplishment have a hollow sound in the ears of the average American.

Curiously enough there are intelligent business men who honestly think that during the past seven years the Democratic party has discouraged and stifled initiative and unnecessarily interfered with and restricted normal business development. Such a belief is so clearly unfounded that a full analysis of the situation will remove it from all disinterested and logical minds. That such an assertion should be advanced during a period of unexampled and widespread national prosperity is all the more remarkable.

The Democratic administration is willing to stand or fall by its record of actual achievements in its relations to the business world.

### Legitimate Business Encouraged

It can be demonstrated that no previous administration ever did as much to encourage legitimate business as did the Wilson administration, that it has never restricted or discouraged (except for military necessities during the war) anything but legitimate business, and that even when doing that it has never indulged in indiscriminate wholesale punitive activities but on the contrary has taken every conceivable precaution to prevent legislation against the bad from doing unintentional harm to the good, then may it be fairly said that in the coming Presidential election it is not the Democratic party but the business world that is on trial.

All the statements made in the above query are matter of historic fact. Ninety five per cent of the money and the energy of the government during the past seven years has been devoted to constructive, not regulatory or punitive work. Our government has been an active friend of all legitimate enterprises. Only in a minor degree has it been a business policeman or prosecutor.

If a party with our record for constructive achievement could not reasonably count upon the support of the rank and file of the business men of the country, would any other inference be possible, except that the business world does not approve of such policies and such a record?

### One Big Help

What has been the attitude of the Democratic party toward business? For more than a generation the business world was hampered by an archaic and utterly indefensible financial system. This system for a decade or more has had neither sponsors nor defenders. It has been condemned alike by all political parties and by all intelligent and honest men. But administration after administration held power in Washington without being able to put into the solution of this problem the necessary amount of intelligence, character and driving power.

Practically the first thing the Wilson administration did was to set to work to solve this problem. And while a large majority of business men of the country at the time of the passage of the Federal Reserve Act did not approve of that measure, if a referendum vote were taken today they would concur, with practical unanimity, in the opinion that the Federal Reserve system is the greatest and most beneficial single piece of financial legislation ever enacted into law in any country in the world. Because

### Fill Out Your Income Tax Blanks

Income tax blanks are now being sent out, and the field deputies of this division are preparing to assist the tax payers. Tax payers will find a deputy when not away on official business in the second story of the Law Building in Asheboro, who will assist in making out income tax blanks.

W. A. Lovett, deputy collector of Zone No. 5, composed of Randolph and Montgomery counties, will be at the following places on the dates indicated to assist income taxpayers in filing their returns: Randleman, February 16 and 17; Asheboro, February 18, 19, 20, and 21; Troy, February 23, 24 and 25; Mt. Gilead, February 26, 27 and 28; Star, March 1 and 2; Ramseur, March 3, 4 and 5; Liberty, March 6 and 8; Asheboro, March 9 to 15.

born in Randolph county in 1850. Besides her husband Mrs. Canoy is survived by two sons, David and Walter Canoy, of High Point; and two daughters, Mrs. Mary Turner, of High Point; and Mrs. Martha Cross, of Lexington.

The funeral was at the home near Springfield church yesterday. Rev. O. P. Routh officiated.

Julius Blair, aged 83 years, died of pneumonia following influenza at the home of his father C. J. Blair in High Point last Monday.

John Croker, aged 23 years died in Mechanicsville near High Point of pneumonia following influenza last Monday.

of the Federal Reserve system our financial structure stood the test of the World War without a tremor.

During our participation in the war we spent more money than any nation has ever spent before in the same length of time. During that same period we loaned more money to our allies than any nation ever loaned before in the same length of time, and during that period we raised more money by taxation than was ever raised before by any nation in the same length of time. But in spite of all these extraordinary performances we have had no panics, nor even anything resembling a financial depression. Bank failures since 1914 have been practically non-existent. For many years, under Republican rule, there was an average of one national bank failure every twenty-one days.

The story of the constructive work of the Federal Trade Commission is known to comparatively few of our business men, but it is a story of splendid constructive achievement, and when added to the constructive work of the Department of Agriculture, the Interior Department, the Labor Department, the Department of Commerce and of the Tariff Commission, the Wilson Administration has a business record unsurpassed.

### Antidote for Bolshevism

In view of the state in which the world today finds itself, with labor in every country discontented and restless, could any work be more important than that of business sanitation conducted by Government officials intent only upon a great constructive policy of building up sound, successful, legitimate business? It is openly stated on every side that business men are agitated and apprehensive about the possible spread of Bolshevism in this country. If there is any such danger today, how much greater would that danger have been but for the constructive work of the Wilson Administration in the matter of eliminating illegitimate business interests?

The outstanding distinction between the Democratic party and the Republican party is that the former is an untainted party; it owes no allegiance to any particular group or class. It is, therefore, free to devote its energies to legislation in the interest of the whole American public and, of course, all legitimate business is better served in the long run by that policy than by any policy which tends to recognize special groups at the expense of others, or which would place the machinery of government at the service of special groups. We have had many illustrations in the past of the danger inherent in methods of that character.

Extreme conservatism begets extreme radicalism and the pendulum is apt to swing from one extreme to the other. Under any such system of continuous oscillation between extremes, there can be no sound business security.

America, under Democratic Administration, has become the greatest financial factor of the world. The markets of the world are open to us. Trade channels can be established everywhere, and our country is upon the verge of her greatest success as a commercial and industrial nation. The safety of business lies in the continuance of the policies of the Democratic party. Our party has done more for the business of America than the Republican party did in a period of two decades. Surely, ancient prejudices will not prevail against these suggestions of common sense. When our opponents charge us with business incapacity, we have only to point to the actual achievements of our party. The undoubted facts constitute the best answer to partisan propaganda.

### COOL SPRING NEWS

The influenza is bad in this section. Mr. Charles Moody and family, of Asheboro, have moved to the Jim Routh residence.

A daughter was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ward.

The schools in this community have suspended on account of influenza.

Mrs. Catharine Holt, a widow of the late Solomon Holt died at her home near Whites Chapel, and was buried at Gray's Chapel last Sunday.

Mrs. Blanche Vuncannon, wife of Hal Vuncannon, died at her home in High Point on the 7th, of pneumonia following influenza. Mr. Vuncannon is a brother of Rev. D. A. Vuncannon of this community.

### FOURTH CLASS POST MASTER EXAMINATION

There will be a civil service examination at the post office in Asheboro on March 13, 1920. For the examination blanks apply to the Postmaster at Worthville, N. C. The compensation for the Postmaster at worthville for the past year was \$256.00. Applicants must be 21 years of age and live within the territory supplied by the office. Application blanks 1758, and full information concerning the examination can be secured from the postmaster at the place of vacancy or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Applications should be properly executed and filed with the Commission at Washington, D. C., at the earliest practical date.

## REPUBLICAN RECORD

### OF FAILURE GROWS

MANY YEARS OF EXTRA SESSIONS SERVES TO REVEAL  
BETTER PROMISES

Washington, D. C.—The fifty-sixth Congress—the "Fourth of Congress"—is still plodding along, nagging at the President, trying to find or invent campaign issues, but doing nothing constructive, nothing to help the business man, the laborer, the returned soldier or the country. All of the loud and clamorous promises of the last Congressional campaign have been forgotten. No railroad legislation, no tariff laws, no tax measures have been passed.

The Republicans have not enacted a single constructive law since the Congress met. The resolution to submit the woman suffrage amendment was adopted but it was not a partisan question and the President had paved the way for its final acceptance.

Six appropriation bills, all of which were prepared by the Democrats at the last session of the Sixty-fifth Congress, and 24 bridge bills, to which there was no objection, have been passed.

Month on month, since May 19th, when Congress met, the record of the Republicans has become worse. The only activity in which the Republican leaders have shown any enthusiasm was the creation of "investigating" committees to travel about the country multiplying expenses to hold post-mortems over expenditures in the victorious war against Germany. All that the Republican investigating committees have found was known to the public months ago.

The House has been rent with factional fights. The defeat of James R. Mann for the speakership by outside interference, inspired and led by Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, and Will H. Hayes, chairman of the Republican National Committee, has given trouble to the G. O. P.

The Senate has devoted many weeks to an effort to break down the President by killing the German peace treaty. This fight has been led by Senators Lodge of Massachusetts, Knox of Pennsylvania, Penrose of Pennsylvania, Brandegee of Connecticut, New and Watson of Indiana, and recent additions to Old Guard Republicanism, such as McCormick of Illinois, Norris of Nebraska, Cummins of Iowa, Borah of Idaho, Johnson of California and Capper of Kansas.

For months there was no definite policy. The plan seemed to be to delay and scuttle the treaty in every way possible. Every discordant faction or group got the ear of Senator Lodge, head of the packed foreign relations committee. Day after day was frittered away in irrelevant hearings.

All the while Senator Penrose, the real "boss," the clever leader of the Sixty-sixth Congress, conducted campaigns in his home state. He appeared in the Senate chamber but infrequently.

About the middle of September Mr. Penrose reentered the Senate. Soon there were signs of his fine Italian hand. Senator Watson of Indiana, who has done a certain class of work for the Old Guard Republicans for two decades, was put in charge of rounding up the Penrose-Lodge group. Senator Johnson, candidate for the Republican nomination for the Presidency, was called back from the Middle West, where he was attacking the President. Penrose had passed out the word that the treaty should be expedited. He wants to get it out of the way. Immediately the "boss" decided upon this rushing program Mr. Watson gave out an interview. He asked that Senator Johnson be called back.

The hand of Mr. Penrose is seen all along the way. He will have his wish. No effort was made to hurry the treaty until President Wilson became ill. Then it was said that it would be ratified with "strong reservations" by November 1.

Here are some of the things the people of the country will remember about the Republican party in this Congress:

(1) That the leaders of the House and Senate, eager for a sight of the pie counter, clamored for an extra session, and criticised the President for not calling one immediately after March 4, so that they could inaugurate a program "constructive legislation," and that, although twenty weeks have passed, the record for important bills is blank.

(2) That the Republicans were going to economize to save money for the tax payer, but did not keep their word.

(3) That the Republicans were going to enact legislation for the reorganization of the army, but have not done so, notwithstanding the failure to act in this matter is proving embarrassing to the War Department and the men in the service.

(4) That the Republicans were eager for an extra session to pass a measure returning the telegraph and telephone systems to their owners, and to authorize an investigation of their control by the Postoffice Department. The wires have been turned back, yet the Republicans have planned no investigation, and legislation needed to put the systems on a proper basis is not even being considered.

(5) That the Republicans were going to solve the railroad problem, so that the roads could be turned back January 1, but have got nowhere with their legislation.

(6) That the Republicans were go-

## MISS WALKER MARRIED

The home of Mrs. T. H. Redding was the scene of a quiet but lovely wedding Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock when her niece, Miss Frances Walker, became the bride of Mr. Charles Broadfoot, of Fayetteville in the east parlor was an improvised altar made of trailing smilax and ferns. As Miss Nannie Gulla played the wedding march, Miss Catherine Fairley, of Fayetteville, in honor, in orchard tulle and tulle, came down the steps and stood to the left of the altar. Next came the bride in white tulle and tulle, between her two brothers, James O. and Hal W. Walker. They were met at the altar by Mr. Broadfoot and his best man, Mr. Joe Huske, of Fayetteville. The Episcopal ceremony was used by Dr. Patten, rector of the Episcopal church in Fayetteville. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Broadfoot motored to Pinehurst and from there they went to Florida. The bride wore a navy blue tailored suit and was equally as attractive as in her wedding gown. The bride is a daughter of the late Dr. J. O. Walker and is a most charming young woman. She was educated at the State Normal College, graduating in 1918 with honors. She has taught in the Fayetteville schools for the past two years.

Mr. Broadfoot is the son of the late Mr. Broadfoot, attorney, and is himself a prominent attorney of Fayetteville.

Among the out of town guests the following were:

Mrs. C. W. Broadfoot, Misses Kate, Frances and Margaret Broadfoot and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strange, of Fayetteville; Miss Kate Fairley, of Rockingham, and Rev. Boogher, of Fayetteville; Misses Frances Robeson and Virginia Fortune, Fayetteville; Miss Clarence Windm and Miss Inky Dinky McCullers, Greensboro.

### SHERIFF OF YADKIN KILLED BY BLOCKADERS

Sheriff Zachary was shot and killed instantly by one of two distillers at a still last Saturday night where he and Rev. Mr. Caudle had gone to destroy the still and arrest the violators of the law.

Both of the men have been apprehended and placed in Forsyth county jail for safe keeping. The people of Yadkin are greatly stirred over the affair, and it is to be hoped that greater efforts will be made to wipe out the liquor business in that county.

### FRANKLINVILLE NEWS

Mrs. Nellie Lumsdon died at her home in this place last Saturday afternoon, and funeral services conducted at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon, her pastor, Rev. W. M. Smith officiating. The deceased was 83 years, 1 month and 21 days old, and had been a resident of Franklinville for 56 years. She had led a beautiful christian life, and was loved and respected by all who knew her. She is survived by two sisters, Misses Eliza and Maggie Lumsdon.

Mrs. J. M. Ellison left for Lexington Saturday to be at the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. John Saunders, who is seriously ill.

Mr. Haywood Parks and Miss Lena Hughes were married at the M. E. parsonage last Saturday evening. Rev. W. M. Smith officiating. Mr. Parks is a prosperous young business man of the place now manager of the firm of Pugh and Parks. The bride is the accomplished daughter of W. R. Hughes.

### LABOR UNION TO PUSH FIGHT ON HIGH COST OF LIVING

The president of the United States has requested two million railway organizations to hold in temporary obedience the attempts to increase wages and turn their guns and use their ammunition for the time being on the profiteers. The Labor Organizations are the opinion that the profiteering can be controlled. The method of the railway organizing laboring men will be similar to that of the American Federation of Labor. Their purpose is to enlarge the Samuel Gompers plan by benefiting all the people while helping labor.

### Republican Congressional Convention

There will be a Republican Congressional convention for the 15th Congressional district at Lexington on March 2nd, to elect two delegates and two alternates to represent the convention at Chicago, June 8, 1920. Chairman Reynolds, of Wilkesboro, announces that the name of a candidate for Congress will probably be selected.

ing to define the policy of the government for the merchant marine, and to say whether ships owned by the government should also be operated by the government, or leased to private interests, or sold. Nothing has been done to settle that question.

(7) That the Republicans were going to reduce the cost of living by eliminating certain minor, annoying taxes and reducing others that were levied for the period of the war.

(8) That the Republicans were going to adopt a budget system so that huge sums of money could be saved for the people.

(9) That the Republicans were going to revise the tariff so as to protect American industries against those who would dump cheap labor goods here.