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THE CASE OF NORRIS

L. J. Norris, a Raleigh white man, was convicted in Wake county su- yet. perior court in 1911 of the murder of J. B. Bissett, and sentenced 20 years in the penitentiary.

The evidence showed that both Norris and Bissett were about as disreputable as men ever become and the killing occurred under cir-

The only favorable circumstance in ill, and found that it was only a case the man's favor was that the fellow killed was about as sorry as the

time of the murder and trial, there a. m. was no doubt in the jury's mind. And since that time nothing has octhe solicitor who tried the case and honor on good old York county, S. C. an attorney who prosecuted it asked the governor to issue a pardon. The prison superintendent said Norris

had made a good prisoner. Nobody else cared about it. the evidence was to be believed, 9 until 4 for the purpose of collect-Norris deserved at least 20 years ing state and county taxes. 12 6 2t under general principles, though he was convicted specifically of murder in the second degree.

#### MEANS HAD SNAPS.

Persons who from day to day have followed their prosaic paths should get in touch with Gaston B. Means and be shown how much poetry there really is in life. Here is a young fellow possessed of reasonably good looks and a smart mind who is able to make \$10,000 a year managing the Chicago offices of a big textile concern and writing trade articles, who is able to lay this fat salary aside and make a contract with W. J. Burns to serve the Hamburg-American line as its representative to watch the allies, who is onto many of the German plots, and who finally quits the detective business, presumably to devote all of his time to the business affairs of Mrs. Maude A. King, wealthy widow.

Things broke right for Means. The evidence so far shows that he was taking no chances prior to a certain night that was thought good for target practice.

Writing in Collier's Weekly, William Allen White voices the belief of American and British naval officers that the Germans will attempt to drop bombs on the eastern seaboard of the United States. No military damage could be done, they say, but the Germans believe that people living on the seaboard would set up a howl for the return of the American war vessels to this side of the Atlantic, and if this was done, Germany would be given better opportunity to sink ships. Mr. White warns the American people of such an attempt and he tells them to remember that the military considerations must have precedence. The war might be brought to the United

The explosion at Halifax, Nova Scotia, with the consequent loss of many lives, the injury of thousands of persons and the great destruction of property, is one of those horrible occurrences which are to be expected in the course of war. There is no evidence that the collision could have been avoided and the blame may never be placed. It is a tregedy that cannot be helped, but it will make ship commanders more careful in future, even assuming that the utmost ohre was exercised in the handling of both vessels involv-

#### DR. SHUFORD RESPONDS

The action of Dr. J. H. Shuford in support. He has made good in his

profession. out, go to France and render all a slur upon the seafaring profes- following real estate: the service possible to American sodiers. He will come back and start

whom have answered the call Shuford health and success in his no-

president of the United States, but ageous and self-respecting men liv- 70 feet, more or less to the beginheartened by the address of reports from the northern front are not so encouraging.

Governors should not have pardoning power. This weapon hould be taken away from them, he state with it.

Those Russian troops who are co- laring people. American boys were perating with the British in near east have not had an opporunity to become contaminated.

#### MR. GWIN'S CONFESSION

To the Editor of the Record:

Since I have questioned the var-acity of the Record and have found that I was in error, I want to clear your paper of this implication. It seems that Charley Bagby sat up all night to get to the office at 6 a. m. This question was asked his wife and she has not denied it

These facts were developed in my nvestigation in Hickory yesterday. This clears the Record.

In addition to my investigation. I have a letter from a neighbor of his who states that on the morning referred to they saw Charley passing their home at 5:55 a. m., and in their own words they say "he passcumstances that would not do to ed my house at breakneck speed. I print. no dream." Said neighbor rushed Norris drew a 20-year sentence. over to his home to see who was of post masteritis had Charley. The only thing about this that is questionable is the fact that I lived in the same neighborhood several Doubt has now arisen as to wheth- years and I never could see Charer Norris killed Bissett. At the ley or any other neighbor up at 5:55

I hope Charley does not miss making a good postmaster as far and since that time nothing has oc-curred to change that doubt. Yet would be glad to have conferred this

> F. B. GWIN. Marion, Dec. 6, 1917.

Sheriff Isenhower will be in the city manager's office Saturday from

of Christmas.

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AMERICAN SAILORS TODAY

Nautical Gazette. We must improve the conditions

next spring, when he will be called but we are certain that he has cast Jan. 11, 1918, at 1 o'clock p. m. the present conditions, a man loses his part of the city of Hickory beginself-respect when he seeks his liv- ning at a stone on the North side ing on shipboard. The best proof of a road, the S. W. corner of Eli His is the most conspicuous ex- of this are the masters and mates Shore's lot and runs North with Eli ample of patriotism among the who are sailing out of this port Shore's line 200 feet, more or less, every day, not knowing whether or to a stone in the Simeon Barger loctors of this county, so many of not they will become the victim of line, the N. W. corner of Eli Shore's country. Here is wishing Captain ed life in the forecastle and came eon Barger line 100 feet more or shuford health and success in his no. they would surely be content to stay the line of the colored school house on shore, where the element of dan- lot 200 feet more or less to a stone. Italians are said to have been ger is lacking and the rewards are the greater. And most of these cour-

ed in the forecastle when it was a much fouler place than it is today. To be sure, there is much room or improvement on shipboards, but the living conditions are becoming beter every year, as any honest seain will testify. Fear of the loss their self respect has not been because they hurt themselves and the factor which deterred young Americans from following the sea in recent years. Before the war we had virtually ceased to be a sea-

> preferred to remain there, moreover, they disliked the discipline which is more essential on ship board than anywhere else But all that is changing rapidly. Our young men-fine types of Americans from every part of the country-are going to sea in large numbers, both in the merchant ser- discharge

will make better men of them.

better paid on shore, hence

TATE UNDER MORTGAGE.

By virtue of the powers contained giving up his surgical practice here of sea life so that a man will be a deed of trust executed by Lula Arand closing up his hospital demanded his self-respect. The need of this to the Mutual Building and Loan to a brand of patriotism that is trans- merchant marine has become an secure a loan of \$600 and default havlated into service. Dr. Shuford is absolute necessity.-From a speech ing been made in the payment of the not a rich man, but has a family to of Representative John J. Fitzgerala. installments therein provided for, We do not know whether con- the undersigned will sell at public gressman Fitzgerald has ever fol- auction to the highest bidder for lowed the sea, or is familiar with cash, in front of the First Nation-But he is willing to close up shor anw aspects of the seamen's life, al Bank at Hickory, N. C., on Friday

sion when he suggests that, under Lying and situate in the southern ot a torpedo. All of these men start- lot; then westernly with the Sim- HARNESS SADDLES lost their self-respect in the process school house lot; then southerly with the S. E. corner of the school house lot; then Easterly with the street

This Dec. 7, 1917. A. C. HENDERSON, Trustee.

REGISTRANTS WARNED TO NOTIFY THEIR LOCAL BOARDS OF ANY CHANGE IN THEIR POSTOFFICE

All registrants who may have changed their places of abode and postoffice address are to communicate immediately with their local boards where they are registered and furnish their present addresses so that questionnaires which will begin to be mailed December 15 will reach such registrants without delay. Registrants are bound by law to keep themselves advised of all failure to do so may result in their losing right to claim exemption or vice and in the navy, and the life "CROWDER, Provost Marshal Gen."



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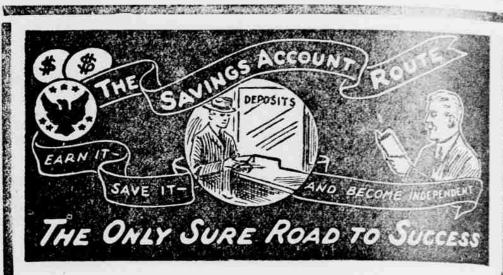
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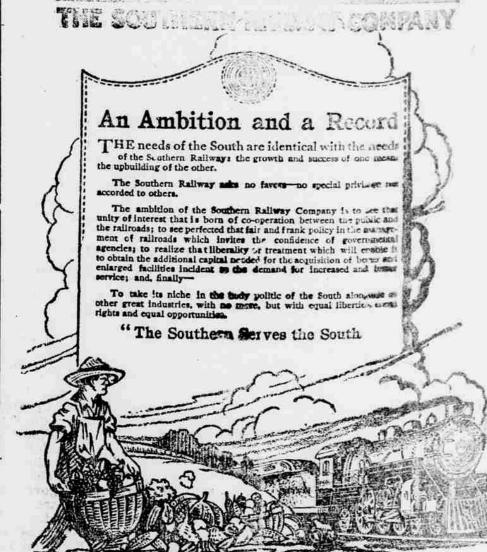
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