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THE CASE OF NORRIS

L. J. Norris, a Raleigh white man, was convicted in Wake county superior court in 1911 of the murder of J. B. Bissett, and sentenced to 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 circumstances that would not do to print.

Norris drew a 20-year sentence. The only favorable circumstance in the man's favor was that the fellow killed was about as sorry as the murderer.

Doubt has now arisen as to whether Norris killed Bissett. At the time of the murder and trial, there was no doubt in the jury's mind. And since that time nothing has occurred to change that doubt.

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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.

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 tragedy that cannot be helped, but it will make ship commanders more careful in future, even assuming that the utmost care was exercised in the handling of both vessels involved.

DR. SHUFORD RESPONDS

The action of Dr. J. H. Shuford in giving up his surgical practice here and closing up his hospital demanded a brand of patriotism that is translated into service. Dr. Shuford is not a rich man, but has a family to support. He has made good in his profession.

But he is willing to close up shop next spring, when he will be called out, go to France and render all the service possible to American soldiers. He will come back and start over again.

His is the most conspicuous example of patriotism among the doctors of this county, so many of whom have answered the call of their country. Here is wishing Captain Shuford health and success in his noble work.

Italians are said to have been heartened by the address of the president of the United States, but reports from the northern front are not so encouraging.

Governors should not have the pardoning power. This weapon should be taken away from them, because they hurt themselves and the state with it.

Those Russian troops who are co-operating with the British in the near east have not had an opportunity to become contaminated.

MR. GWIN'S CONFESSION

To the Editor of the Record: Since I have questioned the veracity of the Record and have found that I was in error, I want to clear your paper of this implication. It seems that Charley Bugby 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 yet.

These facts were developed in my investigation 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 passed my house at breakneck speed. I pinched myself HARD and it was no dream." Said neighbor rushed over to his home to see who was ill, and found that it was only a case of post masteritis had Charley.

The only thing about this that is questionable is the fact that I lived in the same neighborhood several years and I never could see Charley or any other neighbor up at 5:55 a. m.

I hope Charley does not miss making a good postmaster as far as he missed my birth place. I would be glad to have conferred this honor on good old York county, S. C.

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

Sheriff Isenhower will be in the city manager's office Saturday from 9 until 4 for the purpose of collecting state and county taxes. 12 6 2t

AMERICAN SAILORS TODAY

Nautical Gazette. We must improve the conditions of sea life so that a man will be able to follow the sea without losing his self-respect. The need of this merchant marine has become an absolute necessity.

From a speech of Representative John J. Fitzgerald. We do not know whether Congressman Fitzgerald has ever followed the sea, or is familiar with any aspects of the seaman's life, but we are certain that he has cast a slur upon the seafaring profession when he suggests that, under present conditions, a man loses his self-respect when he seeks his living on shipboard.

The best proof of this are the masters and mates who are sailing out of this port every day, not knowing whether or not they will become the victim of a torpedo. All of these men start life in the forecastle and come through to the top, and if they had lost their self-respect in the process they would surely be content to stay on shore, where the element of danger is lacking and the rewards are greater.

And most of these courageous and self-respecting men lived in the forecastle when it was a much fouler place than it is today. To be sure, there is much room for improvement on shipboards, but living conditions are becoming better every year, as any honest seaman will testify. Fear of the loss of their self-respect has not been the factor which deterred young Americans from following the sea in recent years.

Before the war we had virtually ceased to be a seafaring people. American boys were better paid on shore, hence they preferred to remain there, and, moreover, they disliked the rigid 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 service and in the navy, and the life will make better men of them.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER MORTGAGE.

By virtue of the powers contained in a deed of trust executed by Lula Archer and John Archer, her husband, to the Mutual Building and Loan to secure a loan of \$600 and default having been made in the payment of the installments therein provided for, the undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the First National Bank at Hickory, N. C., on Friday Jan. 11, 1918, at 1 o'clock p. m. the following real estate:

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

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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 proceedings in respect of them and failure to do so may result in their losing right to claim exemption or discharge.

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