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Bodies Of Two Nude Men Rise To Surface Of Lake

Dynamiters Who Apparently Endeavored to Beat Louisiana National Guardsmen to Victims Caused Bodies to Float—More Guardsmen Called out by Gov. Parker.

By the Associated Press.
New Orleans, La., Dec. 22.—The bodies of two men found with wire beards, alleged victims of masked dynamiters, rose to the surface of Lake Lafourche this morning following a charge of dynamite placed by unidentified persons in the lake, according to reliable information received here today.
It is believed here persons responsible for the murder of the men dynamiters and remove them to thwart the efforts of the Louisiana guardsmen. In three days have been assisted by professional divers in exploring the lake at the instance of Governor Parker.
The condition of the bodies indicated they had broken loose from a substance to which they had weighted down at the bottom of the lake for the last four months.

LARGE INCREASE IN PENSION ROLL

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 22.—The annual supply of the various branches of the government service under the interior department carrying \$294,215,300 was reported today to the house. The total is \$2,996,765 less than last year and \$1,142,952 below the budget estimate.
The bulk of the total is for the pension office which is allotted \$254,858,460, an increase of \$612,648 over last year.

ELECTROCUTED FOR MURDER OF PARTNER

By the Associated Press.
Columbia, S. C., Dec. 22.—Frank M. Jeffords was electrocuted at the South Carolina penitentiary today for the murder last May of J. C. Arnette, his business partner. The current was applied only once. It was turned on at 10:20 o'clock and he was pronounced dead at 10:24.

Jeffords apparently was the calmest person in the place as he went to his death. When Captain Roberts of the prison guard read the death warrant to him Jeffords held his hands behind him, his only request being that his personal belongings be sent home.
Entering the death chamber, he greeted the witnesses with a calm, "Good morning, gentlemen," and sat down in the death chair without assistance. As the attendants strapped him in, he said:
"The only thing I want to say is may all in here and outside see an example in this. I have made my peace with God and I am ready to go. I want to say a little prayer."
He then recited the 23rd Psalm, beginning "The Lord is my shepherd," adding at the last the word "Amen." As he uttered the last word the current was applied. Jeffords made no statement about the crime.

The prohibition law has been more generally violated by the "best citizens" than any law ever enacted in this country, and the effect, necessary, has been to encourage the violation of other laws. That greatest of all moral restraints, that intangible, but most powerful influence in all the world, that thing which we call public sentiment, has been relaxed by flagrant violation of the eighteenth amendment and the effect has been, as the President has said, to impair the moral fabric of the country.—Newport News Press.

FAMOUS QUEBEC CHURCH BURNS TODAY

By the Associated Press.
Quebec, Dec. 22.—The fire which destroyed historic million dollar Notre Dame church early today is believed to have been caused by an incendiary according to Daniel Lorraine, chief of the provincial police, who said he had received a letter saying the edifice would be burned December 28.

First reports said it was believed the blaze was caused by a short circuit in the electrical wiring. The rectory also was destroyed. The seminary buildings also were threatened and students were ordered out.
The flames leaped the business street of old Quebec and caused slight damage in a newspaper office.

NATIONS ARE ASKED TO REPENT FOR WAR

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Scorning what it terms "unjust accumulation and inequitable distribution of huge surplus profits by financial corporations" and the distribution of "rewards of conquest in the form of governmental monopolies," the board of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church, in a statement issued here, calls upon nations to "individual and national repentance for whatever share we may have taken in the defense and support of un-Christian programs of power."
The statement was adopted by twenty-six bishops in conference.
"America," the statement says, "should unhesitatingly accept her full responsibility for leadership in the restoration of a broken world. She should refuse to sanction any war except for strictest self-defense—humanity. She should continue to advocate universal disarmament and should not hesitate in asking that an international conference be called for this great purpose."
"The growth of 'personal and organized greed has limited and often deflected' the ideals of Christian society, the statement continued. "The first corrective of the world's woe is sincere repentance. The second corrective is the organization of political and social life everywhere upon the basis of the welfare of all."
"We deplore the unjust accumulation and inequitable distribution of huge surplus profits by financial corporations. We insist that Christian principles shall be applied alike to capital and labor."
"We deplore the distribution of rewards of conquest in the form of governmental monopolies and territorial control for personal and selfish advantage."
"We deplore the investment of taxes in armaments and pompous display, and urge the nations of the world not to fight but to destroy this network of hatred. It is our solemn judgment that no thing short of the actual application of the principles of Jesus in governmental, economic, religious and racial life today will meet the need."

CHICAGO SPEEDERS KILL TWO PER DAY

By the Associated Press.
Chicago, Dec. 22.—A law to permit jailing of speeders, a card-indexing and finger-printing of all reckless drivers and the curbing and fixing of violations were three planks suggested today by Chief Justice Olesen and Judge Adams in Chicago to stop killing off an average of two Chicago citizens a day by automobiles.
According to the coroner's records there was only one day this year when the number killed was less than in a single day in the preceding year.

HARD SURFACE ALL WAY TO CONOVER

John N. Bohannon's force was expected to complete the remaining 150 feet concrete in the town of Conover from the railroad track to the depot during the day. The top coating has been finished from the Allen Fry high school to the Hickory limits and the contractor is putting on the asphalt at Eugene Sigmon's home and working back towards Hickory.
Good weather will hasten the work of the contractors.
Conover people can now come to Hickory on hard surface.

OVERRULES MOTIONS IN HERRIN TRIAL

By the Associated Press.
Marion, Ill., Dec. 22.—Motions filed by the defense asking that all evidence introduced by the state be vacated and that the court order a verdict of not guilty in the men charged with the Herrin murders were denied today.

UNCONGENIAL

Miss Gush (to popular novelist):—I suppose you just live with your characters.
Novelist:—Oh, dear, no, they're rather an unpleasant lot.—Boston Transcript.

MUCH WORK YET IN GERMAN TANGLE

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 22.—Despite what progress may have been made toward extending American aid in composing the reparations disagreement in Europe, there was evidence here today that much remains to be done before all the interested elements can be brought into agreement.
There is no assurance so far that France, whose interest in the reparations settlement is a very direct one, will agree to a proposal for an American commission to fix the basis on which a new reparations program might be framed.
Officials in Washington are seeking to minimize so far as possible any direct action they have taken in the discussion and to emphasize in what they have done they have acted in an unofficial capacity.
There was not clear cut denial, however, that the whole proposition of an American commission had been taken over with Secretary Hughes and the foreign interests.

WOULD ABROGATE SEVERAL TREATIES

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 22.—Pointing out that Presidents Wilson and Harding had refused to denounce threatened discriminatory commercial treaties as directed in the merchant marine act of 1920, Senator McKeller, Democrat of Tennessee, today introduced an amendment to the shipping bill proposing abrogation of the treaties by direct action of the senate and house.

CAN'T VISIT ROME TO CONSULT DOCTOR

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 22.—Chas. W. Morse the New York shipbuilder under indictment here on charges of conspiracy to defraud in connection with wartime contracts, was denied permission in the District of Columbia supreme court here today to go to Rome to consult the pope's physician.

IRISH REPUBLICANS TO GET FREEDOM

By the Associated Press.
Dublin, Dec. 22.—A large number of the Irish republicans held prisoners in Mount Joy prison will, it is understood, be released at Christmas, having signed a declaration of allegiance to the Free State. For the remainder no holiday parole will be granted.

TO ADJOURN TOMORROW

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 22.—The house agreed to adjourn today after tomorrow's session until next Wednesday. The senate similarly has taken this action.

SOME RADIO BOOKS

Raleigh, Dec. 22.—Miss Mary B. Palmer, secretary of the state library commission, has announced the following list of radio books available to North Carolina citizens:
Bucher, E. E., Wireless Experimenter's Manual.
Wilson, A. R., Radio Questions and Answers on Governmental Examination for Radio Operator's License.
Lescarboura, A. C., Radio for everybody.
Sleeper, M. B., Construction of Radio Phone and Telegraph Receivers for Beginners.
White, J. W., Practical Amateur Wireless Stations.

HOLIDAY BUYING IS ON RUSH HERE NOW

With only one more trade day before the word finis or the end is written of the 1922 Christmas season, last day shoppers will be in their element tomorrow. There are hundreds of people who always forget something, there are others who like to wait until near the last for the excitement it brings, and there are always enough folks to busy up to the last minute of the last day.
That is a part of human nature—mostly male nature, it is asserted by the more beautiful of the species—is expected and looked for. Nobody complains any more for the simple reason that weeks before the last few days thousands of people have carefully made their selections. The more substantial articles are still plentiful, though there may be a scarcity of toys and the like. Naturally this is to be expected. Still, they are fairly plentiful.
The weather has been a drawback to many people. The roads have begun early to show the effects of much rain, some freezes and a great deal of traffic, but the warm sunshine yesterday along with a stiff breeze helped them materially and the going ought to be good today and tomorrow.
On the streets long before noon there were throngs of shoppers—many of them from a distance—and they will be here all day and tomorrow. The night crowd was large and as the onlooker paused on Union square, he saw several fathers part company with several mothers, the womenfolk entering the stores to make purchases and the men easing over to the picture shows for an hour of pleasure. Men are not noted for their shopping desires. Or perhaps these wives had sent the husbands in the picture show in order to insure a surprise next Monday morning.
The Merry Christmas signs are already appearing, and in the next few days the Record will be printing greetings from those concerns which always can be counted on when anything is to be done for the good of Hickory and this community. Observe for yourself and govern yourself accordingly.

ATTENTION SCOUTS

All members of Scout troop No. 1 are asked to meet at the Kiwanis hall tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of organizing to distribute gifts to the poor.

FIND COUNTERFEIT GANG IN 2 STATES

By the Associated Press.
Asbury Park, N. J., Dec. 22.—A long search by federal agents and private detectives for counterfeiters who have been flooding the country with forced American Railway express money orders has been ended with the arrest in Freehold of Giles M. Ranney, an engineer, and the arrest in New Orleans of James Watson and Walter R. Moreland, it was disclosed today.

TRAVELERS PLAN FOR ANNUAL BANQUET

The annual banquet of Post K, North Carolina division Travelers' Protective Association of America, always one of the most delightful events of the holidays, will be held at Hotel Huffy next Wednesday night at 8:15 o'clock. Invitations went out to the members today from C. L. Mosteller, chairman, W. H. Barkley and F. E. Johnston, who comprise the committee on arrangements. Members and guests must send in their acceptances at once or no provision will be made for them.

BIG SALE OF DESKS RICHMOND SCHOOLS

Mr. Geo. F. Ivey returned last night from Richmond, where he sold five carloads of desks and furniture to equip two new school buildings there. The Hickory man put the products of the Southern Desk Company in the field against all competition, including two Richmond dealers, and landed the big contract.

Assistant Attorney-General Josiah Dickinson Hank has tossed his hat into the ring as a candidate for the attorney-general nomination in '25. This means that Attorney-General Saunders is in the race to stick for the nomination for Governor.—Danville Register.

FORD PLANS BIG PLANT NEAR CHICAGO

By the Associated Press.
Detroit, Dec. 22.—Henry Ford's decision to construct a \$6,000,000 plant near Chicago for the building of automobile bodies and the assembling of automobiles is "only a step in the gigantic program of the Ford Motor Company that will rank as the greatest industrial development in the history of the world," was announced at the Ford offices here today.
"As long as Mr. Ford lives," it said, "this expansion program is to go on. The fundamental idea back of the whole scheme is to create more jobs. So long as there is a possibility of putting more men to work, the Ford policy will be to build more plants."
"Mr. Ford has no idea of withdrawing from Detroit. His interests in this city will be the hub, he has let it be understood, of his other interests."
In this connection, it was recalled that the statement was made at the Ford office some time ago that a corps of engineers were on the lookout constantly for sites that might be adapted to the country's needs. Water power and other sites are being investigated.

ONLY TWO FEDERAL CHRISTMAS PARDONS

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 22.—"Christmas pardons," it is understood, will be given to only two federal prisoners by President Harding. The pardons are said to have been signed by the president and the announcement of the recipients will be made before Christmas day.

COTTON

By the Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 22.—The feature in the cotton market this morning was the issuance of January notices estimated at about 25,000 bales. They caused some scattering near-months liquidation, but the offerings were readily absorbed by trade interests who sold March against it at a difference of about 30 points.

MRS. CLICK'S FATHER KILLED BY CURRENT

An Omaha, Neb., paper, a clipping from which was sent to Mr. J. F. Click, tells how Jesse Hughes, father-in-law of the former Hickory boy, was found dangling from electric light and power wires. Mr. Hughes was trouble man for the Nebraska Power Company and had gone to the top of a pole one night to make repairs when the current shot through him. His body was not discovered until morning. Mr. Click's wife is recovering from a desperate illness in the Methodist hospital at Omaha, according to a letter from the young man, who has many friends here.

FIRE THIS MORNING

The fire department was called out this morning to Mr. E. L. Shuoford's knitting mill in Highland to put out a blaze in the clothing room caused by a motor.
The fire department quickly responded and the fire was soon extinguished. The damage was small, most of it being caused by water.

GERMANY DENIES ASKING U. S. TO HELP

By the Associated Press.
Berlin, Dec. 22.—It was officially denied that Chancellor Cuno or any other government official had asked the United States to appoint an economic commission to visit Germany.

RAILROAD PLANS DISCUSSED AT MEETING

Secretary Harry Link and Director W. J. Shuoford of the Hickory Chamber of Commerce and Senator Mark Squires and Representative Frank Grist of Lenoir attended the meeting in Charlotte last night to present to Col. Benehan Cameron and his special legislative committee propositions for the state to build railroads into the mountain counties. Richard N. Hackett of North Wilkesboro was the principal speaker. The Observer's account of the meeting includes:
"Urging that Colonel Benehan Cameron and A. J. Draper recommend that the general assembly take such steps as is necessary to provide for the linking of the so-called 'Lost Provinces' with the rest of North Carolina by railroad, a motion made by Heriot Clarkson at a meeting last night at the Chamber of Commerce and seconded by Dr. John Q. Meyers, a native of Wilkes county, was unanimously adopted."
Colonel Cameron and Mr. Draper are members of a committee appointed by Governor Morrison upon recommendation of the last general assembly, to investigate the needs for and potential benefits of a railroad connecting Avery, Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties with the rest of the state.
Former Congressman R. N. Hackett, of North Wilkesboro, was the principal speaker at the meeting and Mr. Hackett outlined the steps that had been taken thus far, speaking familiarly and impartially of the various routes into the counties and outlining the steps that have been taken.

WHAT THEY WANT

Speaker after speaker arose and declared that the "citizens of the four counties are tired of being referred to as belonging to the 'Lost Provinces,' stating emphatically that they are native born 'Tar Heels' and desire to be known as such.
"We are not in favor of the general assembly showing any favors to a few counties of the state but, if it is found that this will be a step that will benefit the entire state, we wish a railroad into that section," as many as five speakers asserted.

ROUTE A SECONDARY MATTER

As to the route, they averred that it did not matter. Any route that was found by a state engineer to be feasible and to be the best route would be entirely satisfactory to them. "The problem is not one of a route. We don't want a road that will be of purely personal benefit to any one person, or to the citizens of the four counties," they stated. "But, what the citizens of the section are solidly in favor of is such action as will provide an outlet to those four counties, giving them the advantage of the market they deserve, and giving the state the benefits of their trade and a shorter, direct route into the coal fields. It is not a question of direction but one of action."

AFTER THE ADDRESS OF MR. HACKETT

In which he confined himself entirely to the facts in the case, the distances, grades, conditions of the country, the problems that the constructors of the road would meet and some of the advantages of such a road. Former Sheriff Presley E. Brown, of Wilkesboro; W. J. Shuoford and H. W. Link, of Hickory; Frank D. Grist, representative of Caldwell county; Mark Squires, senator from Caldwell county, and Dr. T. B. Moss, of Henderson county, made short addresses.

AGREED UPON ROUTE

At the close of the meeting, Mr. Hackett and former Sheriff Brown presented a proposition to the other representatives upon which they all agreed, providing for a route connecting Hickory with Grandin, Elk river and the Yadkin river branch of the Southern railroad, and extending to Boone, from which point it could be connected with the Carolina railroad leading north and the lines at Butler and Appalachia, Tenn., leading west.

THIS LINE, IT IS STATED, WILL REQUIRE

but 69 miles of grading and construction and will provide Lenoir, Wilkesboro, Boone, Jefferson and Hickory with lines leading in all four directions. The Chamber of Commerce and the board of commissioners are to examine the proposition thoroughly and report to the general assembly.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

appointed by Governor Morrison are Major W. C. Heath, of Monroe; T. C. Bowin, of Jefferson, and C. D. Bradham, of New Bern. The committee was named by the governor to investigate the proposition and report upon the advisability of the state's selling its stock in the North Carolina railroad to defray the expenses of building the proposed road.

Among the statements made at the meeting were the estimates that such a route would shorten the hauling distance of coal into the cities of approximately 145 miles and that it would save the consumers practically \$100 in freight rates every year.
What report the commission will make to the general assembly and what steps they will urge could not be learned today.

