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ROBBERS ACTIVE FOR MANY HOURS

Officers Were Shot as They Looked Into Auto Which Was Driving in Vicinity of the Robberies.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Two St. Paul patrolmen were shot by an unidentified gunman in the residence district here early today and they lay helpless in the street. Each was shot through the heart.

The slaying came as a climax to a search for robbers who had terrorized the residence district Monday night and early today and who had committed seven holdups in three hours.

The slain policemen, John Schultz and Fred A. Poitsch, were patrolling the district in an automobile and had started to investigate a large car when the shooting occurred. Poitsch flashed his light into the machine and was met with gunfire, two bullets hitting him.

As Schultz started to aid his companion he also was struck.

Mrs. Theresa Cameron, living nearby, said she was awakened by first shots and saw a man walk to the spot where Schultz was lying.

After the second shot, Mrs. Cameron said, the slayer examined both bodies and then leaped into the car and was gone.

Mrs. Cameron who put the time of the slaying at 3:30 a. m., said that the slayer spoke to someone inside the automobile before he leaped in and was driven away.

All available detectives and patrolmen were ordered in gun squad machines to patrol the city in search of the murderer.

Both Schultz and Poitsch are survived by families. Poitsch was 37 and had been a member of the police force since 1911. Schultz, 30, became a patrolman in 1919.

TOLD SONS OF DEATH APPROACH AND DIED

S. O. Hege, of Davidson County, Commended Sons.—Was Apparently in Good Health.

Lexington, Feb. 23.—News reached here today of the death Saturday afternoon under peculiar circumstances of S. O. Hege, well known farmer living about fifteen miles north of Lexington.

Mr. Hege is said to have walked from his home to a spot a short distance away, then walked hurriedly to where his two sons were working near the house, informed them that he was about to depart life, commended them for their worth as sons, expressed the wish that they would do well in life, then sat down for a little while on his front porch.

Shortly thereafter he lay down on a bed and expired in a few minutes, according to information received here.

Mr. Hege had just returned from Winston-Salem, where he went to sell a load of wheat, and is said to have been apparently in good health. He was in good financial circumstances, so far as learned, being a hard working and thrifty farmer. He was a son of the late Phillip Hedge, of Reedy Creek township, and one of several heirs to large land holdings of his father.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday by Rev. R. F. Hunegety, of Arcadia community, and Rev. J. E. McCuiston, of Friedberg Church. The deceased was 49 years old and leaves a widow, two sons and one daughter.

STATES CHEMICALS MORE IMPORTANT THAN WATER POWER

Harry A. Curtis, Professor of Chemistry at Yale University, Speaks Before Senate Committee.

ADVISES ABOUT MUSCLE SHOALS

Says Plant There Should Be Used for Manufacture of Chemicals Which Are Badly Needed.

Washington, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Harry A. Curtis, professor of chemistry at Yale University and a member of the President's Agricultural commission, told the senate agriculture committee today that he favored the use of all the power at Muscle Shoals for the production of chemicals. Chemicals, he said, are of more importance to the country than the production of power.

"The real problem before the United States is the production of phosphates," Mr. Curtis added. "The nitrogen problem is rapidly disappearing. The national defense requires phosphates more than it does nitrogen, and experiments should also be conducted into processes of production of potash and other important chemicals."

"When the chemical production would reach full capacity all of the power would be consumed, and none would be left for public utilities. Until this time is reached, I favor creation of two federal boards, one to handle power production, and the other the fertilizer plants. I do not favor a subsidy in any form, but that extremely favorable conditions should be established to encourage private enterprises at Muscle Shoals."

"The private fertilizer companies are afraid for the government to produce fertilizer at Muscle Shoals because a monopoly on the business might be created by the free power. Less and less power is now being needed to make fertilizer, and it should be turned into the production of other chemicals for which the country is now dependent on foreign supplies."

WOULD CREATE NEW FEDERAL DEPARTMENT

The National Educational Association Wants Department of Education.

Washington, Feb. 23.—(AP)—To meet the nation's "most fundamental need" the legislative commission of the National Educational Association went on record today in favor of a bill before Congress creating a department of education with a secretary in the cabinet at its head.

Declaring the American public school is "the bulwark of our civil liberties and religious liberties," the commission's report which was submitted to the meeting here of the association's department of superintendents, declared its hearty endorsement on the bill as a means of bringing about coordination of government educational activities.

"This bill," said the report, "does not permit of any interference with the complete autonomy of the states in the administration and control of their schools, but it does provide for the more efficient participating of the federal government by co-ordinating its present educational activities, and by extending the scope of its scientific investigation."

AEROPLANE WRECKED NEAR WINSTON-SALEM

Machine of R. J. Reynolds, Jr., Falls to Clear String of Power Wires.

Winston-Salem, Feb. 21.—A standard aeroplane, owned by R. J. Reynolds, Jr., of this city, and piloted by Ernest Smith, of New York, was completely wrecked about two o'clock this afternoon when it fell while an attempt was being to take off from a field near the Country Club. Smith, who is mechanic for Reynolds was the only occupant and escaped injury.

The ship was unable to gain enough altitude to clear a string of power wires along the highway, and as the tail of the machine struck these it was hurled to the ground. The wires were torn loose for some distance, and the plane buried its nose in the dirt across the road.

Co-operative Buying in Davidson. Lexington, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Farmers in Davidson county have bought co-operatively over 2,000 bushels of soybeans for planting this year, as against 800 bushels last year, reports County Agent C. A. Sheffield.

This is about three times as many as were used last year, and it is expected that more than four times as many will be planted.

The farmers are now talking principally about legumes, linens and fertilizer, states Mr. Sheffield, and hundreds of idle acres will be reclaimed this year and many more brought in to a high state of cultivation.

In Durant, Okla., twenty high school girls voluntarily donated parts of their skin to save the life of a schoolmate badly burned in an explosion.

FIRST PICTURE OF HAVOC DONE BY UTAH SNOW SLIDE



Plunging masses of snow, loosened from surrounding mountain sides, wrought this devastation in the little community of Sap Gulch, Utah. Two score or more of lives were lost as the snowslides rent dozens of homes and then buried the wreckage. Rescue workers shown in the picture searched the ruins for persons entombed alive as for bodies of the dead. For rescue work, hundreds of miners volunteered.

MAYOR C. E. HOUSTON DIES OF HIS WOUNDS

Circumstances Lead to Belief He Was Not Conscious of What He Was Doing in Using Knife.

Monroe, Feb. 22.—Mayor Clarence E. Houston of this city yesterday morning, evidently in a state of mental aberration, cut his throat on both sides and stabbed himself in the abdomen with a knife, died tonight at 8:30 o'clock at the Ellen Fitzgerald Hospital, where he was taken immediately after he was found unconscious in his home Sunday. No funeral arrangements had been made tonight.

From the first there had been little or no hope entertained for the mayor's recovery. In addition to the self-inflicted wounds, the mayor had high blood pressure, and an abnormal liver twice its normal size.

Mr. Houston had been in poor health for some time, but until recently had been very active in his private business and in the affairs of his town and county. He was a director of the Monroe-Union County Chamber of Commerce and an active Kiwanis man.

It is not thought here that premeditated or intentional suicide was the cause of his rash act, but that a severe attack of high blood pressure deprived him of his reasoning faculties and drove him frantic with pain. He had no worries other than that of ill health. He was in splendid shape financially and had considerable holdings in real estate and bonds.

He left a short note expressing his love for his family and all the people of his town, and although his note expresses his normal feeling, it is not thought that he was conscious at the time he was writing it. He used in the deed a small pen knife, which he carried in his vest pocket, while in the house were a bird gun and good pistol.

He was a registered pharmacist and followed the drug business for years. The fact that in the fact of these facts he used the small knife and did not know today that he had injured himself, but merely complained of being sore in his stomach and throat, is evidence, it is said, of his unconscious state at the time he inflicted his wounds.

Mayor Houston was of a prominent family, being a son of the late R. V. Houston, who was several times mayor of and several times in the North Carolina legislature. D. A. Houston, who some time ago resigned as president of the Columbia Farm Loan Bank and is now a prominent financier of Raleigh, is a brother, and was at the bedside of the afflicted man at the time of his death.

With Our Advertisers.

This will be the last week in Concord of the fruit store in front of the new hotel. See ad. today.

Watch for Friday, March 5th. See big interrogation point at top of page three.

The newest lines, the smartest shades, the important fabrics in hats at Robinson's millinery department.

You get 500 votes for every dollar spent on rugs and floor coverings at H. B. Wilkinson's this week only. Many new patterns and designs to select from.

Smart footwear for Spring at the Ruth-Keeler Shoe Store. Colored kid leads. Several beautiful models of opal and parchment gray kid. Widths AAA to D.

A depositor who opened an account with the Citizens Bank and Trust Company in January, 1920, depositing three dollars a week, now has a balance of more than \$500. You can do the same thing.

Mrs. E. M. Bolton, a grand-niece of Sir Humphry Davy, has invented a "concertina" stair-carpet sweeper. The brush is attached to the tray by an extending device and the dust is swept directly into the tray without rising.

MISS GRAHAM TALKS ON MODERN DRESS

The Young Man Should Give the Young Women Some of the Cloth in Their Big Bottomed Trousers.

Salisbury, Feb. 22.—Virginia Coleman, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James O. Coleman, of 429 North Ellis street, was run over by an automobile this evening about 6 o'clock and almost instantly killed. The little girl, with some neighbor children, had crossed Ellis street near her home and Virginia for some reason darted back across the street.

One of her companions tried to stop her but she got far enough in the street to run in front of a car driven by John Gullett, of Rowan county. Mr. Gullett ran his car on the sidewalk in trying to miss the child.

The little one was rushed to the hospital by Mr. Gullett but she lived only a few minutes. Coroner Sommers investigated the accident and pronounced it unavoidable. The police also believe it unavoidable, but placed Mr. Gullett under a \$300 bond for a hearing Thursday.

Virginia was an unusually bright little girl for her age and was a general favorite in the neighborhood. Her father conducts a U-Drive-It Car service and the family have lived here about a year.

TAR HEEL SOLENS BACK EXEMPTION

Senator Simmons Assured of Support on Conference Tax Bill.

Washington, Feb. 22.—House members of the North Carolina delegation, following an hour's conference with Senator Simmons this morning, agreed to support the conference report on the tax bill which will be attacked by Representative Walter Hughes Newton, Minnesota Republican, when the report is made to the House tomorrow.

Mr. Newton will offer a motion, he said this afternoon, to send the tax bill back to conference with the instruction that the House "standpat" on its opposition to the retroactive inheritance tax rate which was put in the bill in committee by Senator Simmons in order to save some six to eight million dollars for the Duke Foundation.

Senator Overman attended the conference, called hurriedly this morning, and afterwards announced that he would support Senator Simmons in the fight. House members in the conference included Representative Doughton, member of the House ways and means committee, who will probably speak tomorrow in defense of the exemption to the Duke estate, and also Representatives Stedman, Kerr, Lyon, Abernethy and Hammer.

Community Agricultural Clubs.

Slyva, N. C., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Six community agricultural clubs, with an average enrollment of 25 boys and girls, have been organized in Jackson county during the past week, reports C. W. Tilson, the county agent.

There are now nine of these clubs organized in the county, and others will be formed as soon as meetings of the parents is being given emphasis, as a necessary factor in the final success of these new club members, says the county agent. Many of the parents realize this responsibility, he says, and are co-operating to help make the boys and girls of today better farmers and farm women of the future.

B. & O. to Issue Bonds.

Washington, Feb. 23.—(AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission today authorized the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company to issue \$34,308,500 of refunding and general mortgage five per cent. bonds.

Alexandra Kollontai, the world's only woman diplomatic minister, is reported as about to give up her position as the Soviet minister to Norway.

LITTLE GIRL KILLED BY CAR IN SALISBURY

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NABBED FOR PRANCING IN NATURE'S COSTUME

Fifty Members of European Cult Arrested For Being Disorderly.

Munich, Feb. 23.—Fifty members of a cult called "the friends of light" have pleaded guilty to charges of prancing about the wooded Bavarian Alps, clad in costumes of Adam and Eve. Each was fined from 100 to 150 marks for disorderly conduct.

A jealous wife, her husband a member, oblivious to the high ideals professed by the cult, notified the police. A raid followed while the men and women were singing and dancing in the moonlight on the shores of Lake Tegern, their clothes hanging on nearby bushes. The friends protested against the rude interruption. The blushing policemen took their names and ordered them to appear in court.

Only one of twenty arresting officers testified that he was not shocked by the nymph-like dance. Counsel for the league explained that the organization sought "to develop and strengthen the noblest traits in man."

Other persons testified that had the police failed to stop the performance the White Caps of the Mountains, an organization of rural highlanders would have administered a series of sound thrashings.

BANK AT KING GIVES UP CASH TO ROBBERS

Cash, Notes and Negotiable Securities Valued at \$50,000 Taken by Band of Robbers During Night.

Winston-Salem, Feb. 23.—(AP)—The Bank of Stokes County, located at King, N. C., fifteen miles from here, was robbed early this morning. Officials of the bank say the loss will exceed \$50,000. An acetylene torch was used to cut a hole in the back of a small safe, and from this the thieves lifted their loot. They left a part of the contents in the safe, being unable to handle some of the articles on account of heat created by the torch.

H. H. Leake, cashier, said the safe last night contained \$7,000 in currency, \$1,000 in gold, and \$1,200 in silver. There was also stocks and bonds in considerable amount, all registered, and about \$35,000 in negotiable notes. The entire loss is covered by insurance.

The robbers left no clue to their identity and although a finger print expert has made careful survey of the scene he has not yet found much that will give a clue.

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North Carolina Still Leading the Nation in Textile Industry.

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—(AP)—North Carolina continues to hold the lead in the textile industry which was for some months ago from Massachusetts and South Carolina.

The department of commerce figures show that in North Carolina during the month of January the active spindle hours were 1,849,456,820, as compared with 1,680,782,656 for South Carolina, and 1,636,280,457 for Massachusetts.

The average spindle in North Carolina mills operated 205 hours during the month or an average of more than ten hours per day while the average for the month in South Carolina was 317 hours and in Massachusetts 141. There were 8,619,142 active spindles in Massachusetts during the month, 5,773,544 in North Carolina, and 5,209,692 in South Carolina.

ACTIVE SPINDLE HOURS IN SOUTH CAROLINA MORE IN JANUARY THAN IN MASSACHUSETTS, RECORDS SHOW.

Winston-Salem, Feb. 23.—(AP)—The Southern Coach company of Greensboro which involves four bus lines and a sum of \$250,000.

When questioned this morning about the reported sale of his lines to this company, Mr. A. B. C. Kirk, owner and manager, said that a deal was being considered, but that it had not gone through in its entirety. The Blue Star line of High Point and the Dixie line, organized by a group of Charlotte men, are reported as having sold out to this new company. The Cress and Lowder line, the fourth one operating between Greensboro and Charlotte with headquarters in Concord and Charlotte, is being sought by the new company, and negotiations are now under way.

While Mr. Kirk would not admit that he had closed a deal with the new project, he did say that he had been dicker with the new company for some time, and probably would come to terms with the next day or so. The Southern Coach company is headed by Mr. G. T. Elliott of Norfolk, Virginia, and he and his associates are now trying to buy out all the lines operating over the highways from Charlotte to Greensboro. This stretch of road is said to be a very rich one for bus operators, and to yield a splendid revenue. A charter was granted the new company Saturday, it is stated.

The state corporation commission recently allotted 12 runs each way over the Charlotte-Greensboro highway among the four companies, and the schedules have been a constant source of worry since that time. The new company will have control of all the lines if the deals go through, and a better system of schedules will then be worked out, it is expected.

The Kirk line is probably the largest of the four companies, and a total of 19 buses and cars is owned by Mr. Kirk.

The Salisbury bus magnate started business here in 1915 with a Ford jitney, which was used for trips about the city. Later, trips were made to Granite Quarry and return. In 1917, bus service from Salisbury to Barber and Kannapolis was inaugurated. The next town included in the line was Lexington in 1919. Mocksville and Winston-Salem buses were established in 1919; and in 1922 the business had grown to such an extent that a Salisbury-Charlotte schedule was established.

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HANEY QUILTS POST SINCE APPOINTMENT WAS NOT PROBABLE

Member of Shipping Board Sends His Resignation to President—Was Asked For by Chief Executive.

SAYS CONDITION MUCH IMPROVED

Mr. Haney Refused to Quit When the President Asked Him to, But Says He Is Ready Step Down.

Washington, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Robert E. Haney, Democrat, of Oregon, resigned today as a member of the shipping board, effective March 1st.

The action brings to a head a troublesome situation which had existed since last August when President Coolidge requested Mr. Haney's resignation on grounds that by proposing to remove Le'gh G. Palmer as president of the fleet corporation, the commissioner had run "contrary to the understanding I had with you when I reappointed you."

Mr. Haney declined to resign on any such grounds, denied any knowledge of an understanding with the President to support Mr. Palmer, and asserted that the Chief Executive knew of his opposition to Mr. Palmer. Mr. Haney declared that to accede to the President's request for his resignation "would carry an implication which I cannot permit."

In his letter of resignation the commissioner said he felt he could probably end his service now, as three months had elapsed since Congress convened and Mr. Coolidge had stated that he would not be reappointed.

The letter declared that since the shipping board had "reasserted its power" over the government merchant fleet after the dismissal of President Palmer by majority vote of the shipping board, conditions had improved to the point that "American shippers today are being furnished a substantially better service, and foreign shipping no longer is gaining ground at the expense of the government owned fleet."

WOULD DEPORT SALM FROM UNITED STATES

Representative LaGuardia Asks If Court Has Viable Means of Support.

Washington, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Representative La Guardia, socialist, of New York, announced today he would ask the Labor Department to investigate the status of Count Laidig Salm von Hoogstraten, husband of former Millicent Rogers, to determine if he was subject to deportation on the ground that he might become a public charge.

Count Salm arrived here from Palm Beach accompanied by his mother, but kept closely to his hotel room.

Mr. La Guardia said he expected to forward a letter to the Labor Department late today asking an inquiry into the Count's case, and if it were found he was without visible means of support his deportation would be requested.

Wilson & Company Sold for \$23,150,000. Chicago, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Wilson & Company, packers, was sold today to the reorganization committee for \$23,150,000, and the reorganization plan which has been in the making since the receivership in 1923 will be put into effect.

Thomas E. Wilson, president since the founding of the company in 1916, will continue as its head.

Another Increase in Gasoline Prices.

New York, Feb. 23.—(AP)—The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey has advanced tank wagon price of gasoline 1 cent per gallon, in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, making the new quotation 17 cents a gallon. In West Virginia the price has been advanced one-half cent to 16 1/2 cents a gallon.

Class Gift at Davidson of Class 1926.

Davidson College, N. C., Feb. 23.—(AP)—The Class of 1926 of Davidson College will present eight campus benches as the annual class gift to the College, it is announced.

There are no chairs in some rural Japanese restaurants, but the waitresses bring kimonos to wear and mats to sit on.

When he won the heavyweight championship from Corbett in 1897 Bob Fitzsimmons was only a few pounds over the heavyweight limit.

SAT'S BEAR SATS!

