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## TWO POLICEMEN KILLED, TWO BUILDINGS BOMBED IN CHICAGO DISORDERS DUE TO LABOR WARFARE

**Trouble Follows Enforcement of Landis Wage Award in Dispute Between Building Trades Council and Contractors.**

(By The Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, May 10.—Two policemen were shot and killed, another wounded and two buildings bombed early today in disorders police attributed to labor warfare. The shootings were followed by a running pistol fight in which the killer eluded police.

Charles C. Fitzmorris, chief of police, immediately ordered every policeman on duty and directed that all labor leaders of whatsoever calibre be brought in. "I have ordered detention of every one who may have any information of the workings of labor attacks," he said.

The dead are: Terrance Lyons, 39, acting lieutenant. Patrolman Thomas Clarke, 39. The wounded man is Patrolman Albert Moeller.

Although the killings and bombings were in different parts of the city, police believe they were directed by a single hand, desiring to express resentment at enforcement of the Landis wage award, decision handed down by K. M. Landis, former Federal judge, acting as arbiter in a long-drawn out dispute between members of the building trades council and contractors.

The buildings bombed were the garage of Tyler and Hippach, and the Henneberry printing plant. Patrolman Clarke, who was guarding a building previously bombed, and under police protection, was notified of the garage bombing and a few minutes later a taxi driver notified police that three men were fighting with Clarke. Officers found him fatally wounded. He had been shot through the head and died on the way to a hospital. Police believe Clarke was killed by men who Monday night showed the building with bricks and escaped in an automobile.

Later Lieutenant Lyons, seeing a car speeding past a traffic signal commanded it to halt. The occupants answered with a volley of shots which killed Lieutenant Lyons and wounded Patrolman Moeller.

Since the labor war began thousands of dollars worth of property has been destroyed and scores of persons injured.

**25,000 PEOPLE ARE BEING FED BY THE RED CROSS.**  
(By The Associated Press.)

NATCHEZ, Miss., May 10.—Distribution of food to all relief camps in the area flooded by the Westvaco river, as in the Mississippi river in Louisiana, is now under the direction of G. P. Bails, member of the Louisiana flood relief commission. The supplies are issued by the Red Cross with the assistance of officers of the Louisiana national guard. It is estimated that not less than 25,000 people must be provided for.

It is stated by J. C. Logan, of the Red Cross, that the West Mississippi flood relief commission has sent Congressman J. W. Collier, of Mississippi, a resolution urging that he see Red Cross officials and President Harding in Washington relative to a national appeal for voluntary contributions to relieve destitution among flood sufferers.

The resolution declares that the Red Cross is not in a position to give funds and that 30,000 people of Mississippi and 1,000 from Louisiana, who have taken refuge here, will be without food within seven days.

**FURTHER PROBE OF SHOOTING OF COLLEGE STUDENT**  
(By The Associated Press.)

STILLWATER, Okla., May 10.—Further investigation today by county authorities of the slaying here of Heckham Cobb, 23-year-old government student at Oklahoma A. and M. College, was expected to decide whether charges will be filed against Earl E. Gordon, 25, another Federal student.

Cobb was shot to death near the campus yesterday by Gordon. Armed with a revolver, according to a witness, Cobb was forcing Gordon to accompany him home with the demand that Gordon apologize to Mrs. Cobb, 18, for an alleged insult.

The two veterans were walking along the street arguing when Gordon opened fire, sending three bullets into Cobb's body. Witnesses said Cobb stepped in front of Gordon, just before the latter fired.

## Survivor Of Michigan Cavalry, Tells the Story of the Capture of Jeff Davis, 57 Years Ago Today

**Thomas M. Hunter, 73 Years Old Veteran of 73 Civil War Engagements, Says Confederate President Was Not Dressed as Woman When Captured Near Irwinstville, Ga.**

SPENCER, O., May 10.—Fifty-seven years ago today Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States, was taken prisoner by the Fourth Michigan Cavalry in an early morning surprise near Irwinstville, Ga.

Today, Thomas M. Hunter, 73 years old, veteran of 73 civil war engagements, sat in an old army chair on the front porch of his country home two miles from here, and recounted reminiscences of that tragic period. He says he is one of the two survivors of the Fourth Michigan present at the capture.

The President of the Confederacy was not attired in feminine apparel when the Michigan troopers surrounded his little encampment, asserts Veteran Hunter, historical statements to the contrary notwithstanding.

"He wore a gentleman's morning robe over his regular clothes," said the aged soldier. "On his head was an old striped bonnet. He did not have on any woman's belongings. There were not even any strings to his bonnet. He was a man sure enough."

The Michigan troopers, 419 of them, with 10 officers, were preparing for rest after three days and nights of marching from Macon, soldier Hunter said, when they espied a little camp secluded amidst a cluster of saplings. An advance guard was sent on a few

shots were fired, the entire regiment swooped down, and the camp was taken. Jefferson Davis, his wife and four children, John H. Ragan, his postmaster general, a staff of aides, servants and some others were found.

"I am the man you are looking for," the veteran quoted Mr. Davis.

"We all surrounded him," Mr. Hunter continued. "Colonel Pritchard did the talking for us. We were all happy and wanted to celebrate. That made Davis mad and he said: 'You fellows think you are smart to capture a camp of women and children. Well, you are not. This is vandalism.'"

The camp was guarded closely that night, and once the Confederate President left his camp and attempted to walk away, only to be betrayed by his spurs as he tripped over a log, Hunter said.

"We took him to Macon two days later," Hunter said. "Then 22 men escorted him to Washington and surrendered him to Major General Miles."

Mr. Hunter said the men of his regiment were given a \$300 bonus for the capture, it being awarded in 1868 and finally paid nineteen years later.

Aside from Hunter, Henry Windsor, of Wayne Mich., is said to be the only survivor of the column which surrounded the Davis camp.

**HIGHS MEET HICKORY IN LINCOLN TUESDAY**  
**Representative Will Go to Salisbury Thursday Night to Arrange For Further Games—Two Other Groups to Be Eliminated.**

Denise announcement was made today that the local high school team would meet the Hickory high school in Lincoln Thursday afternoon in a game to decide the winner in the second round of the State high school championship series. Hickory has disposed of three teams in a group similar to the Shelby-Gastonia-Monroe-Mt. Holly group. There are two others in groups in Western North Carolina to be eliminated, the Winston-Salem High Point-Lexington and the Albemarle-Sanford-Troy combination.

## RUSSIAN REPLY TO THE ALLIED MEMORANDUM IS NOT DELIVERED; WILL UNDERGO ALTERATIONS

**France's Attitude, Determined Largely by Public Sentiment in France, Will Remain Firm Whatever Attitude Belgium Might Take—Reply Is Stiffer Than Was Expected.**

(By The Associated Press.)  
GENOA, May 10.—The Russian reply to the Allied memorandum which was ready for presentation this forenoon, was NOT delivered to the Allies, as expected, at the last moment, after a conversation between Foreign Ministers Tschetverin, of Russia, and Schanzer, of Italy, it was decided the reply would have to undergo some alteration.

M. Tschetverin, left Genoa at 2 p. m., returning to Santa Margherita to consult the other members of the Russian delegation. It was not expected, therefore, that the reply could be presented until tomorrow. The fact that the delay was due to M. Tschetverin's visit to Signor Schanzer was regarded in some quarters as a favorable indication.

In a statement handed to The Associated Press this morning before any definite was known concerning the Russian reply the French delegation announced that France's attitude on the foreign property issue as regarded Russia would probably remain firm, whatever attitude Belgium might eventually adopt.

The attitude of the French delegation is the result of public opinion in France, which is bringing great pressure to bear on the Government to make no concessions regarding the inalienability of property rights, the statement says. French industrial companies, it adds, have recently conferred with Premier Poincare and urged him to take a strong stand for the restoration of foreigner's property, as otherwise, they argue, future investments in Russia would be hopeless, as the French public would refuse to advance funds when it had no assurance that property rights would be respected.

**STIFF REPLY.**  
(By The Associated Press.)

PARIS, May 10.—The Russian reply to the Allied memorandum will be stiffer than was expected, says a Havas dispatch from Genoa this afternoon. The change is understood, the message states, to be due to instructions received overnight from Moscow, denouncing the allied recognition of the validity of the principle of nationalization.

The reply, it is added, also insists on a credit of \$1,000,000,000 for Russia.

**RETAIL COST OF FOOD SHOWS UPWARD TREND**  
(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, May 10.—An upward trend in the retail cost of food was noted today in statistics made public by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Agriculture. Reports from 15 cities showed increases from March 15 to April 15, ranging up to 3 per cent, while only four reported decreases, and only one of those, Salt Lake City, with two per cent showing more than one-half of one per cent decline.

The cities reporting increases were Savannah 3 per cent; Mobile 2 per cent; Birmingham, Charleston, Columbus, Dallas, Indianapolis, Little Rock, Manchester, New Orleans and St. Louis. One reported a decrease, San Francisco, 1 per cent. The only one reporting no change was Seattle, but per cent.

"Associations which do not wish to secure this limited interpretation of the law with its assistance to a confidence should not be required to do so, they, however, necessarily assume themselves the job of interpreting the law with the risks such interpretation entails. These plans would be inapplicable to consolidations of capital, and I would not propose that they should."

All who know the situation in these associations will realize that in the main their membership comprises smaller businesses. Such measures will serve to protect small business, for big business takes care of itself.

"Much of the current discussion of trade associations, Mr. Hoover declared, centers around a minority who are thought to be guilty of the restraint of trade acts, but these were of concern to him, he said, only so far as the ability of them has created a great uncertainty as to what is or what is not a restraint of trade."

"This uncertainty," he continued, "now threatens to destroy many useful services because most men will not do a good act if they fear it may be interpreted as being wrong. I believe the time has come when we must have some assistance from the law, but this does not imply the alteration of the purpose of the restraint of trade acts."

"The legitimate and advantageous trade association," he said, "is one whose thirty odd different questions in the interest of their members and the community at large. The legitimate trade associations possess four important differences from capital consolidations."

"First — their objectives are to supply to less production and distribution, costs or losses, to increase consumption of their special commodities, to facilitate even and steady supply, to protect their rights in relation to other economic groups."

"Second — the above purposes are seen to the common interest of a whole trade, not a fraction of it."

"Third — the purposes of these associations do not include control of price or profits, production or distribution."

"Fourth — these associations may be dissolved instantly without any disturbance of capital or production."

## GOVERNOR HARDING URGES MERCHANTS TO STEAM UP AND PREPARE FOR BUSINESS

**BANKER DECLARES PASSAGE OF BONUS BILL WILL TIE UP MILLIONS OF DOLLARS**

**Thos. B. McAdams, President of American Bankers Association, Warns Against Passage of Bonus Bill.**

(By The Associated Press.)  
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., May 10.—Hundreds of millions of dollars needed in the usual channels of trade will be tied up for three years if the House Soldier Bonus bill becomes effective, said Thomas B. McAdams, president of the American Bankers Association, speaking here today before the Executive Council of the Association.

The bill which has passed the House, Mr. McAdams said, places upon the banks the burden of financing such rash advances as may be received by the individual soldier.

"While the banks are not obligated to discount the soldier's note secured by this participation certificate," he said, "yet failure to do so will unquestionably submit the individual institution to a charge of being unwilling to cooperate with the government and the soldier. On the other hand, if these advances are made, many of them will have to be carried as past due for a period of three years, when the government agrees to reimburse the banks for advances made."

"We can not lightly consider increasing the debt of our people over five times the amount of the total indebtedness of the government prior to the war," he continued, "and Congress has no right to put the tremendous burden of from \$5,000,000,000 to \$6,000,000,000 upon our people without at the same time making specific provision for the retirement of the obligation."

"It, however, this be a burden which should properly be assumed by the American people, then we should as loyal Americans meet the issue at this time and raise, through a definite form of taxation, sufficient sums of money to provide for the payment of the obligation within some reasonable time limit."

Mr. McAdams also outlined the work which is being done by banks to protect themselves against criminals. This, he said, consists largely of educating the banks, himself, so that through contributory negligence he will not make it easy for frauds to be perpetrated.

The policy of the Federal Reserve System during the period of nationwide price deflation was heartily endorsed by Mr. McAdams. The declines were despite, rather than because of, the Federal Reserve System, he said, and were due to abnormal demands, speculation and extravagance, rather than to any deficiency or inelasticity in the circulating medium.

**CULBERSON DIFFICULTY MAY GO TO STATE DEPARTMENT**  
WASHINGTON, May 10.—Possibility of the outgrowth of the removal of Miss Mary Culbertson, twenty-one year old daughter of Senator Culbertson, of Texas and Alexander L. Robertson, British war veteran, being taken to the State Department was seen today in some quarters as Robertson again went into conference with British embassy officials.

The British veteran had before embassy officials today further information to support his charges, that because of his affection for Miss Culbertson he was kidnapped by private detectives and that these detectives attempted to railroad him out of the country.

Indications were seen in the statement issued last night by R. Leslie Craggs, first secretary of the embassy, after the initial conference with Robertson, that the war veteran had to some extent been in possession of officials with his story. The statement said "the embassy is inclined to consider that certain aspects as presented will for further investigation."

This additional inquiry, it was hinted today by persons close to the embassy, probably will necessitate a conference by embassy officials with State Department officials.

**WILSON MAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE IN CITY SCHOOLS**  
NEW YORK, May 10.—May 10.—D. A. Batts, of Wilson, N. C., attempted suicide at the hotel McAlpin today by stabbing himself three times in the neck with a pocketknife. He was removed to a hospital in a serious condition.

A note addressed to "My Friends" was found in his room, but the police refused to divulge its contents. There were also letters addressed to Mrs. O. J. Harrison, of Elmory, N. C., and Mrs. J. H. Chaney, of Miami, Fla., and a request that a telegram be sent to Sheriff B. E. Howard, of Wilson, apprising him of the act.

The letters to Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Chaney, his daughters, referred to life as "a burden," and said that he hoped he would meet them in heaven. Only two cents was found in Batts' possession.

A guest occupying a room on the 15th floor, happening to glance out of the window, saw Batts in a room on the floor below, standing before a mirror, stabbing himself in the throat with a gold plated pocket-knife.

Cards found in the man's effects indicated he was in the real estate and investment business. "Virginia Land & Specialty" read one inscription.

## FEDERAL RESERVE HEAD TELLS DRY GOODS MEN TO FORGET THE PAST AND MAKE READY FOR FUTURE

**Many Indications of Improved Conditions in the Country, He Says.**

**USE PRINTER'S INK**  
**Situation Today Is Reverse of What It Was at the End of 1919, Governor Harding Declares.**

(By The Associated Press.)  
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 10.—Merchants of the country were urged to put on steam and prepare to handle "the business" by Governor Harding of the Federal Reserve board in an address here today before the Southern Wholesale Dry Goods Association.

Many indications of improved conditions in this country and abroad are apparent, he declared, and business men should forget the misfortunes of the past and make ready for the opportunities of the future.

The situation today, Governor Harding asserted, is in many respects the reverse of what it was at the end of 1919, surplus goods having now gone into consumption and there being a marked reduction in the goods on the merchants' shelves.

"The fact that a revival in agriculture," he said, "has come much sooner than had been expected by those who regarded the low prices of last summer as permanent, has brought new hope and courage to the agricultural districts and affords a basis for the belief that there will, in the time, be a distinct business improvement in those districts."

While the situation abroad is still encouraging, he said, there are many indications of improvement, the exchange of some of the leading European countries have become far more stable during the past year and the money spent by the American tourists now flocking to Europe will add to the ability of the foreigners to buy American goods.

"The past seven years," Governor Harding continued, "have been full of momentous and stirring events and merchants have had their trials and their burdens to bear as well as all other classes. The worldwide reaction which followed the abnormal activities of the early post-war period had its serious effect upon the business of wholesale merchants, but it is gratifying to know how well they have stood up during the strain, and in view of the evidences of improvement which are now apparent in all sections of the country it seems to me that the time has come when the enterprising business men may well let others indulge in lamentations and recriminations over the past and devote his energies to working out the problems of today and preparing for the business of tomorrow."

"Remember that this country of ours has never failed to demonstrate its tremendous powers and that the processes of production, distribution and consumption will be continuous as long as humanity endures. Let the merchants exercise their functions as distributors. If business is dull, send out your travelling men; use printers like advertisers liberally but judiciously, and the business that you thus create for yourselves will stimulate production and by adding the number of unemployed will add to the purchasing power of your customers."

**MOTHER AND THREE YOUNG DAUGHTERS ASPHYXIATED**  
(By The Associated Press.)  
ATLANTA, Ga., May 10.—Mrs. W. S. Hight and her three young daughters were found dead from asphyxia, room in a bedroom at their home at Venice city, Ga., today. A chiffonier in the bedroom were found two notes written by Mrs. Hight. One was addressed to the maid. The other to the woman's husband, said that "I'll would die better off."

A postscript to the note left for her husband ended with the following quotations from "The Robyn":  
"What if the soul could cast the earth asunder."  
"And naked on the air of heaven ride,  
"We're not ashamed, we're not ashamed  
"In this day dreams longer to abide!"

**Cotton Market**

**CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET**  
NEW YORK, May 10.—Cotton futures closed steady.  
May 19.65; July 19.33; October 19.39; December 19.42; January 19.25; March 19.30; Spots 19.90.

**NEW YORK, May 10.**—Cotton futures opened firm. May 20.10; July 19.60; October 19.60; December 19.65; January 19.50.

**TODAY'S COTTON MARKET**  
Strict to Good Middling 15 1/2  
Extra Good 16 1/2  
Extra 17 1/2  
Specialty 18 1/2  
Low Middling 14 1/2  
Low Extra 15 1/2  
Low Specialty 16 1/2

## THE WEATHER

North Carolina, partly cloudy tonight and Thursday, little change in temperature.