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A PROMINENT BUSINESS MAN SHOT TO DEATH BY BANDITS

WILLIAM B. NORRIS KILLED AND BOOKKEEPER, WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM BEATEN INTO INSANESITY AND ROBBED OF PAY ROLL.

(By Associated Press)
Baltimore, Md., Aug. 18.—William B. Norris, Secretary and Treasurer of Hicks, Tase and Norris, Inc., building contractor, was shot to death at the corner of Park and Madison Avenues today by unidentified bandits and robbed of the company's pay roll of approximately seven thousand dollars. Frederick Kuether, a bookkeeper, who accompanied Norris, was beaten into insensibility.

ARISTOCRATIC RUSSIAN BANDIT DIES WITH BOOTS ON

(By Associated Press)
Tamboff, Russian, Aug. 18.—Alexander Antonoff, whom his followers considered in the light of a reincarnated Robin Hood, but whom the Soviet government classed as a Jesse James, fought to the last when surrounded and killed by the state police at his hiding place in a tiny village near Tamboff late in June.

Antonoff once was in the old Russian army. When the Bolsheviks took power he opposed them and, gathering about him thousands of followers—fast horsemen from the Steppes—he harassed the Red army in the south of Russia for several years. Last September Antonoff's last band was broken up by the Reds. For months the state police sought out his hiding place. Finally some of his former confederates were promised amnesty and betrayed him.

Early one June evening eight men led by Policemen Polanukin came to the hut of a peasant woman, Marie Katosanova, whose name will go down in the fantastic legends surrounding the life of Antonoff. In this hut in the thick woods near the river Vorona, Antonoff was hiding. The police called to her and she came out of the house carrying Antonoff was there. No sooner had the woman turned away than two men started firing upon the police from the windows of the hut. Peasants, attracted by the shooting, ran to the village church and rang the bells and hundreds of peasants armed themselves with sticks and stones and formed a cordon about the hut.

For several hours the battle continued until, with night at hand, the police ran very short of ammunition. Two of them crept up to the house and set the roof on fire. As smoke began to pour out of the windows, two men broke from the house and started running toward the woods. With each step they seemed to fire their revolvers at the police. They had almost reached the woods when they were shot down. Their bodies were immediately identified, one being the famous chieftain, and the other his brother, Dimitri Antonoff.

To convince the population that the bandits never had been in the neighborhood, the Soviet authorities had autopsies performed and issued statements saying that neither of the brothers ever carried himself with hard work, for their hands were soft like those of noblemen and there was not a hair on their bodies, showing that they had fed themselves very well at the time when the bandits in the villages carried away many souls.

Shopmen's Strike To Be Settled At N. Y. Conference

CHIEF OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY ENGINEERS, WHO IS DIRECTING NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE SHOP CRAFTSMEN, CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—The strike of the railway craftsmen will be settled here, Warren Stone, Chief of the Brotherhood of Railway Engineers, declared today, as the committee of five railway brotherhoods finished several informal conferences before meeting the rail executives to continue the work of mediation.

Washington, Aug. 18.—President Harding was told by Senator Watson, Republican of Indiana, one of his rail strike advisers, that a long distance telephone conversation with the brotherhood chiefs and representatives of the rail executives at New York disclosed that both sides are hopeful of a settlement of the strike today.

CUBAN CONGRESS CUTS SALARIES OF LEGISLATORS

(By Associated Press)
Havana, Cuba, Aug. 18.—Congress has decided that the country is being overcharged when it pays \$30,251 a year for each of its 24 senators and \$12,000 a year for each of its 120 representatives.

Under an economy program the senate has agreed to reduce its quota by \$235,000 a year and the house by \$225,000 bringing the congressional budget to \$1,718,000. This will bring the figure for a senator to about \$21,330 a year and a representative to \$19,000.

VISITING AMERICAN STUDENTS WELCOMED IN DENMARK

(By Associated Press)
Copenhagen, Aug. 17.—After a week's visit to Denmark, a party of 18 traveling American students has left here for Norway and Sweden. The students are visiting the Scandinavian countries under the auspices of the International Students Tours and in cooperation with the American Scandinavian Foundation. James Creese, secretary of the latter organization, and Professor Benson, of Columbia University, are conducting the tour. After a short visit to Germany and France, the students here will join the rest of the 350 American students, who arrived in Europe on board the Saxonia, and return with them to the States.

During their stay in Copenhagen the students, mostly undergraduates from various American universities, have been entertained by the American Minister, the Copenhagen Municipality, the Copenhagen University and the Danish Students Union. They have visited museums and other places and institutions of interest under the guidance of first-class Danish experts.

TARBORO AND ENFIELD TOBACCO WAREHOUSES MAKE GOOD RECORDS

Reports have been received from auction sales of the Tarboro and Enfield tobacco warehouses, which make an excellent showing compared with last year.

The Farmers Warehouse at Tarboro, of which Foxhall and Taylor are managers report that this year their opening price averaged \$24.00 per hundred against \$16.00 per hundred last year.

Clarks' Warehouse at Tarboro reports that it sold 65,000 pounds for an average of \$24.00 per hundred.

The Enfield warehouse reports that it sold 30,000 pounds this year for \$60.00 more than it sold 50,000 pounds for last year on the opening.

Reports are that the Tarboro market averaged \$3.00 per hundred more than the Greenville, Rocky Mount or Wilson markets on the opening.

WEATHER REPORT

For North Carolina: Local showers tonight and Saturday. Moderate easterly winds.

PAINTS BRIGHT FUTURE FOR POTATO GROWERS

V. E. Fountain Declares All-Year Market For Sweet Potatoes Possible

Tarboro, Aug. 15.—V. E. Fountain, president of the Edgecombe County Sweet Potato Growers' Association and vice president of the Eastern Carolina Federation assures the sweet potato growers of North Carolina that there can be established an unlimited demand for the sweet potato in Northern produce markets. He states that after having personal interviews with several of the biggest Northern produce dealers he is convinced that the Northern people are especially anxious to secure sweet potatoes all the year round instead of three months only as heretofore. He believes that the success of the sweet potato as a money crop depends largely upon the organizing of the sweet potato growers.

It is especially essential that the local growers build central storage houses, organize a local association and then join in a State-wide federation which will market all the potatoes and govern the production as the demand is established. He states that the Edgecombe county growers have already organized a cooperative association and have joined the Eastern Carolina Federation and recommends that all other growers in the State who have not organized do so and make the sweet potato one of the State's best money crops.

MAY PRODUCE HER OWN PULP

(By Associated Press)
Melbourne, Aug. 18.—Timber for the manufacture of paper, a long felt need in Australia, has finally been discovered in Tasmania.

There important timbers from that territory have been converted into excellent wood pulp in the Perth laboratories, according to an announcement by G. H. Knibbs, Director of the Commonwealth Institute of Science and Industry.

THE BOLL WEEVIL REPORTS AND CONDITIONS ARE ALL TRUE

LOCAL MERCHANT RETURNS FROM TRIP WITH FIRST HAND INFORMATION.

In an interview yesterday, Mr. Robt. C. Josey, Jr., who has been spending sometime in the mountains of Western North Carolina, said that everything which has been written and said about the boll weevil and conditions resulting from its ravages in any community are all true from first hand information which he has from residents of the boll weevil infected area further South.

Mr. Josey said that he talked to a wealthy land-owner of South Carolina who told him that the only way to meet the situation was to practice diversification in farming, grow live stock and get on a cash basis. This gentleman told him that any merchant or business man who tried to do a credit business under boll weevil conditions would certainly go broke.

Mr. Josey said that in his opinion, the program which is being pushed in this community would do much toward meeting the situation if it was followed out persistently to its logical conclusion.

THE TUBERCULOSIS UNION ANNOUNCES NEXT MEETING

(By Associated Press)

New York, Aug. 18.—The International Union against Tuberculosis, which has just closed its meeting in Brussels, announces that the 1926 meeting of the organization will be held in the United States in connection with the Sesqui-Centennial of Philadelphia. The next meeting in 1924 will be held in Berne, Switzerland. The president-elect for the American meeting is Dr. Theobald Smith, Director of the Rockefeller Foundation Animal Research Laboratory at Princeton, N. J., and discoverer of the bovine tubercle bacillus.

The National Tuberculosis Association also announces that its next annual meeting in 1923 will be held in Santa Barbara, Cal., June 18 to 25.

JOBS OPEN FOR VALUATION ENGINEERS

Washington, D. C., Aug. 18.—The collection of the income tax becomes a complicated affair after it passes the point of figuring the return of the average wage earner. That part, of course, is simple.

The technical staff of the Bureau of Internal Revenue at Washington is in need of valuation engineers in general mining, coal mining, oil and gas, and the forest industry. The positions pay from \$3600 to \$4800 a year. The United States Civil Service Commission will receive applications until October 1. No written examination will be given; the ratings will be based upon education, training, experience, and physical ability.

The duties involve estimation of quantities, market values, value of equipment, cost of development, etc. Full information and application blanks may be secured from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., or the civil service board at the post office or customhouse in any city.

Pres. Addresses Joint Session Of Congress Today

PRES. SOUTHERN RAILWAY RECRUITING HELP WITH SKILLED MECHANICS

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Aug. 18.—President Harrison, of the Southern Railway, announced that his road is making headway recruiting skilled mechanical help for its shops from points outside of its territory.

BALTIC RUM-RUNNING SHOWS LARGE PROFITS

(By Associated Press)

Stockholm, Aug. 17.—Legislation in Sweden against drunkenness and consequent heavy taxation on liquor and beer has resulted in very high prices for alcohol of every kind. So much so that smuggling of drink into Sweden has developed all along the coast, and it is asserted that about 5,000 gallons from the Baltic are landed and sold in Sweden every day.

Recently a German ship was said to be anchored outside territorial waters with a cargo of spirits for sale. In order to establish the truth of this alleged rum-running, the correspondent of The Associated Press decided upon a personal investigation. With a friend he embarked on a six ton cutter for this German boat, which was expected off Sandhamn, and after a pleasant sail in the moonlight came up with the vessels which was riding at anchor with the usual lights showing.

On hailing the vessel we were requested to go aboard and were received cordially by the Captain. "Just waiting for somebody else," he said, "but you are very welcome anyhow." Asked down to the cabin, the visitors explained they were neither buyers of alcohol nor in the service of the customs, but only wanted to learn something first hand about selling spirits on the high seas.

The captain was a young German, about 30 years old. "You take me for a smuggler," he said, "or bootlegger out for business beyond the law, but you are quite mistaken. My name is Ludwig Wolff, formerly of the German navy. I do no business which cannot bear examination, and would not for anything in the world infringe on the privileges of Sweden. I am in international waters, and am entitled to trade here as much as I wish with anybody who wants to do business with me. I can offer you the purest and best whiskeys, English and American at about \$1.25 a quart. I have the best Danish schnaps for 3 krona a bottle, and many thousands bottles of German brandy."

Wolff, referring to himself, explained that he had been paid off from the navy when the armistice was declared, and on hearing of the liquor trade with Norway, he decided to join in. "I am not dealing for my own account," he said; "this business is organized in Hamburg by big capitalists. Liquor in Germany is very cheap and Scandinavian currency very big, so although we sell much cheaper than do registered dealers ashore, the profit for us is nearly 500 percent." He added he expected to get rid of his present cargo within a week and return for more. He made ten trips last year to Norway, and with the same number to Sweden this year he expects to clean up enough for a five years' rest.

TELLS CONGRESS AND NATION THAT HE IS RESOLVED TO USE FULL POWERS OF GOVERNMENT TO MAINTAIN TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAIN RIGHT OF MEN TO WORK.

THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS DEPLORING "WARFARE ON LABOR" AND RECOMMENDS GOVERNMENT COMMISSION ON "FAIR WAGE."

RECOMMENDS AMENDMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ACT TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS OF LABOR BOARD ENFORCEABLE.

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Aug. 18.—President Harding today told Congress and the nation that he has resolved to use all the power of the government to maintain transportation and to sustain the right of men to work.

Addressing a joint session of the Senate and House on the industrial situation he declared the right of employees and employers alike to conduct their business and it must be recognized.

He deplored what he termed warfare on labor unions.

The President declared for a national investigation for constructive recommendations as to the conduct of the coal industry, which he said was imperative, and recommended that a government commission on fair wages and on condition of labor. He urged for immediate legislation for the establishment of a national coal agency with capital to purchase, sell and distribute coal.

His other recommendations were an amendment of the Transportation Act to make the Railroad Labor Board's decisions enforceable against carriers and employees alike. He urged better protection for aliens.

GA. LEGISLATURE KILLS ROAD BOND ISSUE

APPROPRIATES NEARLY TWO AND HALF MILLIONS FOR CONFEDERATE PENSIONS.

(By Associated Press)

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 18.—The nineteen and twenty-two session of the General Assembly ended at five o'clock this morning, after an all night session punctuated with stormy debate.

Many bills of more or less importance were crowded out at the final session. It appropriated two million four hundred and fifty-one thousand dollars for Confederate pensions for the next fiscal year and wiped out the present distinction between old and new pensioners.

The Good Roads' bond issue for nine millions of dollars to match the Federal appropriation was killed by the House.

A bill providing for biennial sessions of the legislature was killed by the Senate.

COTTON MARKET

TODAY'S MARKET	
October	21.66
December	21.63
January	21.47
March	21.48
May	21.48

YESTERDAY'S MARKET	
October	21.77
December	21.75
January	21.60
March	21.61
May	21.60