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ROBERT HORD KILLED IN GA.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS THE KILLING AS OFFICERS CLAIMED THAT DEAD MAN DID NOT ANSWER DESCRIPTION OF HORD.

Mystery surrounds the death of Robert Hord, a former citizen of Cleveland county and son of Squire J. Y. Hord of Waco. He was shot at Toccoa, Ga., by the Sheriff of that county and died on December 28th, on which day this telegram came to Shelby: "R. L. Hord was shot by Sheriff here and I am informed that he was in trouble at Shelby, N. C. Let me know at once. H. P. Brown, Ordinary." Immediately upon receipt of this message Sheriff Lackey notified Squire J. Y. Hord and the brothers of Robert Hord. Mr. Will Hord, a prominent lumberman and farmer of Waco left Friday morning for Toccoa, Ga., to investigate the killing and bring his brother home. In the meantime he called up over long distance telephone but could not get any satisfaction. He could not get H. P. Brown, who signed the above telegram, to the telephone, so when he reached Toccoa, body of Hord had been buried. Mr. Will Hord made diligent inquiry of the Sheriff, undertaker and the two men who sat up with the corpse the night before it was buried and all told practically the same story as to the affair. They told that the man's name was Rocky Ford, that he was a short, heavy built man with light hair, brown eyes, small foot, large neck and had no marks of identification whatever on his body. Robert Hord being rather tall, black headed, slender and with tattoo marks on his arm. Mr. Will Hord was convinced that the dead man was not his brother, so he came back home.

On his return to Shelby Saturday morning and on the same train that brought him back, came a letter from a Mr. Henderson, at Cornelia, Ga., a little town near Toccoa, saying that Robert Hord had been killed. The letter was addressed to Mr. E. M. Beam who notified the Hords here. The letter was inspired by Mr. Lloyd Metcalf who knew Mr. Beam would convey the news to the proper parties. It seems that Robert Hord married a sister of Henderson. The author of the letter did not know of the visit of Mr. Will Hord to Toccoa. This latter caused the investigation to be started again, whereupon Messrs. Will Hord, John Norman and Maynard Washburn left Saturday night to look further into the matter. They wired back Sunday afternoon that the dead body was that of Robert Hord, so Messrs. Jesse Hord, John Hord and E. M. Beam also left Sunday night for Toccoa. Then Dr. J. G. Hord, an uncle of Kings Mountain, left for the Georgia town Sunday to see that proper identification was made and if necessary, the body exhumed and examined.

Robert Hord had not been heard from by his father for four years. He had been away from this county something like 11 years, much of which time was spent in Arkansas. Just why the officers should have attempted to mislead Mr. Will Hord has aroused suspicion as to the justice of the shooting. From the best information obtainable, Hord was engaged on some public works. He was arrested for some cause and placed in the Sheriff's automobile to be carried to the jail when the automobile mired down. While the officers were trying to pry the car out of the mire, Hord attempted to escape and the Sheriff stopped him. Toccoa officials told Mr. Will Hord that the dead man was about to throw a rock at the Sheriff when he fired, the bullet going through his hand which he had evidently raised in front of his face, then entering his chin and coming out at the back of his neck. If the shooting was not justifiable, friends and relatives will probably prosecute the Sheriff. The body of the dead man has been unquestionably identified as that of Robert Hord. It is not known yet whether his body will be brought here for interment.

Homicide in Caldwell

At the plant of the Ritter Lumber Company, near Mortimer, Caldwell county, on the night of the 22d, Bill Mooney was shot to death by Bob Cuthbertson. The men were drinking and quarreled, according to the report. Mooney's dead body lay where he was killed until next day. Cuthbertson made no attempt to get away and is in jail.

Mooney came to Mortimer from Dixon county, Virginia, and for some time has been foreman of the leading gang. He was married and leaves a wife and several small children. Cuthbertson is a native of Avery county and married. He was woods foreman for the Ritter Lumber Company.

FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS

America's Contributions to War Sufferers.

With the recent sailing of the United States naval collier Caesar from New York, with a Christmas cargo of food, clothing and medicine, for refugees of Armenia and Syria, Red Cross officials estimate America's contributions towards relieving the suffering of war, touch the \$50,000,000 mark.

The Caesar carries 200,000 tons of food and clothing and \$23,000 worth of hospital and surgical supplies. Included in her cargo are 4,000 cases of condensed milk for babies; 30,000 pounds of beans, 2,000 pounds of sugar, 825,000 pounds of whole wheat, 980,000 pounds of flour, 500,000 pounds of rice, 5,000 gallons of castor seed oil, and 100,000 pounds of crushed wheat.

The people of Armenia have little knowledge of the use of flour and do not like it. The Red Cross consulted Armenians in the United States, determined just how their countrymen like their wheat and then had mills crush it just as the Armenians do. The cotton seed oil is sent in place of animal fats, which are not eaten by Armenia and Syria. The Red Cross was informed that olive oil was considered highly desirable but the cost was prohibitive and cotton seed oil was substituted.

The Caesar will stop at Gibraltar take aboard a representative of the American embassy at Constantinople and proceed to Alexandria, Egypt, where the vessel will deliver coal and supplies to the United States cruiser Des Moines. From there she will go directly to Beirut, Syria.

The clothing and food were gathered and contributed by the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief, while the Red Cross itself contributed the hospital and surgical supplies.

From the beginning of the war until September 30, the Red Cross itself received in contributions of cash and supplies about \$3,225,000. Part of the money was spent in maintaining representatives in the field, and the total value of the supplies shipped to the Entente ally countries was \$1,122,000, while the value of similar supplies shipped to the Central powers was \$350,000.

The difference in the figures is explained by the fact that for more than a year because of British and French blockade measures, shipments to the Central powers has been impossible. Arrangements now are being made, however, by which the Red Cross will be permitted to send medical units of physicians and nurses to take charge of a number of hospitals in Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Rutherford Lady Dead

Mrs. Minnie Griffin died suddenly in Rutherford county Thursday afternoon at her residence on Shelby road. She had been slightly indisposed for several days, but grew suddenly worse and expired before medical aid, hastily summoned, could arrive. Deceased was the wife of W. S. Griffin, a prominent business man of Rutherfordton who died several years ago. She is survived by one child, Mrs. Samuel Franks of Franklin, N. C., and a maiden sister, Miss Amanda Smith, who lived with her.

Harrell-Caldwell Wedding

A marriage of considerable interest was solemnized Thursday at Bostic, when Jesse Caldwell of Cherryville and Miss Virginia Harrell of Bostic were married by Rev. Mr. Martin, pastor of the First Baptist church of Rutherfordton.

The bride is the daughter of P. L. Harrel of Bostic and the groom is the son of J. A. Caldwell, a prominent citizen of Cherryville. Mr. Caldwell was formerly principal of the Bostic schools. At present he is principal of the high school at Stoneville, whence they will go for the resumption of school work January 8.

The Mooresville Building

While Senator Overman has introduced a bill appropriating \$75,000 for a public building at Mooresville, the Enterprise notifies its constituents that the prospect for the building in the near future is not bright. The demand for a building must be backed by postoffice receipts showing a gross business of \$10,000 per year, and while Mooresville claims a population of 5,000, the postal receipts are about \$6,000.

DON'T BUT IN

Start the year right by resolving that you will quit BUTTING IN where you are not concerned, and for a run down condition of the Stomach and System, take Ken-Tone, The System Builder. \$1.00 bottle, 3 for \$2.50. Kendall's Drug Store adv.

PLATO HOYLE DEAD

Neil Turner is Held by Gaston Authorities on a Justifiable Bond of \$1,000—Hoyle Buried at St. Peters.

Plato Hoyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hoyle of No. 10 township who was shot at Bill Bradshaw's in Lincoln county on Christmas Eve, died Friday night in the hospital at Lincolnton of the wound he received through the abdomen. Evidence stronger than the shooting was not accidental but was done purposely by Neil Turner, a white farmer and trader of North Brook township, Lincoln county, who was with young Hoyle at the time and the only eye witness to the affair except Bill Bradshaw, a noted blockader, at whose home the shooting took place.

Turner is being held by the Lincoln county authorities to answer for the murder. He is out on a \$1,000 justifiable bond agreed to by the prosecution. Turner waived the preliminary. As young Hoyle is one of the best known young men in No. 10 township and well connected, the case is being vigorously prosecuted. His body was taken to his home Friday and buried last Saturday at St. Peter's church, Rev. Mr. Moser conducting the funeral services.

A COW WENT MAD

And Clint Owens and Dr. Williamson Are Off to Take the Pasteur Treatment.

Messrs. Clint Owens who lives at the Devanny Parker old place six miles north of Shelby has gone to Raleigh and Dr. Williamson, veterinary surgeon of this place, has gone to Washington, each to take the pasteur treatment to prevent any infection their bodies of hydrophobia from handling a cow belonging to Mr. Owens. They left Saturday night and are expected to return this week.

During the holidays one of the cows in Mr. Owens fine herd began acting strange. She looked wild out of her eyes and would fight the other cattle, but was obedient to Mr. Owens. She was dehorned and kept in a separate stable, refusing to eat anything. Mr. Owens called in Dr. Williamson and they handled her, both touching her mouth in administering medical aid. Desiring to know the cause of the death of the cow, her brains were sent to Washington for analysis. The report came back Saturday that she had hydrophobia, whereupon Dr. Williamson and Mr. Owen left immediately to take the pasteur treatment, they having slight abrasions of the skin in their hands which might have become infected, although they had used every precaution to prevent infection.

Mines Very Prosperous

Ten mines in Arizona paid \$44,000,000 in dividends during the past year. Adding Utah, Montana, Nevada and Idaho dividends to those of Arizona we have a total of \$100,000,000 in dividends paid out of the mines of these five western States in a single year.

These are some of the impressive facts brought out by the report of the Geological Survey to Secretary Lane, just made. "Never before," said Mr. Lane, "has so large a draft been made on the natural resources of our country as during this year, and never before have the metals been extracted from these ores with less waste or utilized to better advantage in advancing the general prosperity of the country. Even as written in the plain figures of 1916 production, the wonderful record of our mines sets forth a degree of national industrial independence only hoped for a few years ago.

Naval Program

The naval appropriation bill, which will be introduced in the House during January or early in February, will carry \$360,000,000 for the fiscal year 1918. It will provide for the construction of three battleships, one battle cruiser, three scout cruisers, fifteen torpedo boat destroyers, four fleet submarines, fourteen coast submarines one fleet submarine tender one destroyer tender, a total of forty-two, and between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 for naval aeronautics.

The General Board recommended for 1918 four battleships, three battle cruisers, four scout cruisers, twenty destroyers, nine fleet submarines, eighteen coast submarines, one fuel ship, one transport, one destroyer tender, one fleet submarine tender and one gun-boat.

There are now 35,000 licensed automobiles in the State, an increase of 11,000 in six months. The number running on "license applied for" cards is unknown.

NEWS OF CURRENT EVENTS

Incidents Gathered From All Parts Of the Country.

Snow fell in Los Angeles, Cal., Tuesday for the sixth time in the 40 years since the weather bureau was established and melted almost as rapidly as it fell.

Bismarck, N. D., the place where they have the coldest weather, snow beat the record Tuesday—17 inches falling in 24 hours. Severe cold and much snow in the West.

For setting a new record in her flight from Chicago to New York, Miss Ruth B. Law received a gift of \$2,500 at a dinner given in her honor in New York by the civic forum and the Aero Club of America.

Six men were killed on the night of the 21st when a double-header extra freight train ran into a washout four miles west of Lake City, Fla. The victims were Engineers Lee and Coxwell, Conductor Payne, two negro firemen and a negro brakeman.

Capt. W. C. Matt of the Richmond (Va.) fire department was killed and two other firemen were seriously injured when the yffel from a ladder while fighting a fire which destroyed the warehouse of the Imperial Coffee Company, entailing a loss of \$100,000.

Cuba's sugar yield for 1916-1917 will be a record-breaking one, according to a report to the Federal Sugar Refining Company. The current crop will amount to 3,446,000 tons, as compared with 3,006,000 tons last year and 2,582,245 in the previous season, according to the messages. The large output is attributed largely to favorable weather.

In the House of Congress on the 21st Republican Leader Mann led in paying respects to Representative Page of North Carolina, who retires from Congress after this session. Chairman Fitzgerald of the appropriations committee spoke in high terms and the House gave rousing applause to the high tributes paid the industry, fidelity and ability of the North Carolinian.

Private Albert Streigel of the quartermaster corps, United States army, stationed at Columbus, N. M., was shot and killed Tuesday by a sentry. Streigel had been confined to the stockade on a charge of disorderly conduct. He had been given permission to go to his tent for blankets and was being taken there when the sentry claimed Streigel attempted to escape.

Alfred Coffin Bedford has been elected president of the Standard Oil Company, to fill the vacancy left by John D. Archbold. It is said that in promoting him from the vice presidency the directors followed their own inclination and the express desire of Mr. Archbold. Bedford is 52 years old and began with the company at the age of 18, working his way up from an humble position.

Memorial services for a woman suffragist were held in the national capitol Christmas Day for the first time. Members of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage gathered in statutory hall, by permission of Speaker Clark, to pay tribute to the late Inez Milholland Boissevain and so great was the crowd that the police had to bar the entrance. The hall and its galleries were packed before the programme began.

Following the publication of the president's "peace note" last week there was a great flurry on the New York stock market. Then came the report that a "leak" from Washington had put certain favored ones wise and that these had reaped a harvest. A resolution to investigate the alleged "leak" is pending in Congress. Tom Lawson of finance fame has asserted that such "leaks" are common and Lawson has been invited to come to Washington and tell about it.

During the Holidays

Through an error, The Star failed to mention in its last issue that the Belmont cotton mill remembered its help on Christmas by giving to each employee a cash bonus to the amount of his or her day wage. The substantial and generous manner in which the four cotton mills of Shelby remembered their help is commendable.

Postmaster W. J. Roberts is also to be congratulated for the splendid service rendered the patrons during the holidays. The general delivery window was kept open on Saturday night and on Sunday from 11 til 1, the city carriers were on hand to deliver mail to their patrons. The mail was handled with quick dispatch and no incoming or outgoing mail encountered any delay on account of the heavy rush.

Express Agent Porter had all he could attend to, day and night, in handling Christmas packages, but he and his assistants rendered faithful and efficient service, of which the public is truly grateful.

HOME-SICK FOR HOME

Doris F. Willis, Tells Some of The Hardships of a Soldier on the Border.—Snakes and Lizards the Only Game.

Special to The Star:

Brownsville, Texas.—As I am in the army and doing duty on the border, I would like to write to my friends back home and wish them all a merry Xmas and a happy New Year. I was on the Army Reserve and was in hopes of getting to spend Xmas in Shelby, but as I was called back to the border, it will be impossible for me to be there. I only hope my friends at Shelby will remember me while they are enjoying their Xmas dinner at home and I am down here in the wilds of Texas eating hard tack and bacon, and hiking 29 to 25 miles a day. Let me tell you, friends, the life on the border is no cinch. If I ever get back to Shelby I think I will stay there. The State of N. C. is large enough for me to room around in. Of course if it is so I will have to stay here, I can do it, as I am the man that has the sticking blood. Of course, if there was any trouble down here, I would be the first man to stay, but as there is no trouble down here, I don't care to stay here for the novelty of the thing.

Speaking of Xmas dinner, the turkey you get is handed to you like a well, any way it is not like you get at home. I will tell you, friends, the reason it makes it so hard, the state guards are here and we have to instruct them and that is pretty hard for us here in the sands of Texas. If I only had had Mr. Ernest Hoey down here and could shave him with his hard whiskers he certainly would have a growl coming, for we hang their heads over a pole like clipping mules when we shave them.

We have been hiking now for over a week and all we can see is cactus, Bon docks and Mexicans. You can travel for a month in this country and never see a white person or a house. All you can hear in this country is the neigh of a burrough or the howl of a coyote and that sure does not sound home-like to me. I have been hunting several times and all I have seen are snakes and lizards. I certainly would like to be in upper Cleveland county where hunting is fine, where there is all kind of game. Believe me, friends, there is no place like home after all. So take a tip from me and stay while you are there. D. F. WILLIS.

Newspaper Man Shot Doctor

At Mt. Airy on the afternoon of the 21st, Dr. J. L. Moorefield was shot by Will Johnson, son of Editor Johnson of the Mt. Airy News, and seriously if not fatally wounded.

The wound was inflicted with a 38-caliber revolver. Mr. Johnson met Dr. Moorefield in the lobby of the postoffice about 3 o'clock and fired twice. The first bullet struck the abdomen, the other injured a hand of the physician. No authoritative cause for the shooting could be learned. It was rumored that the two men had had an altercation an hour earlier in the afternoon at the home of Mr. Johnson. Johnson is 24 to 25 years old and bears a good reputation. He was associated with his father in the publication of the Mt. Airy News, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have two children.

Dr. Moorefield is married and has lived at Mt. Airy about a year, coming there from Hopewell, Va. He formerly lived at Pomona, Guilford county.

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SOIL SURVEY IS FINISHED

DETAILED REPORT WITH MAP SHOWING CLASSES OF SOILS WILL BE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Messrs. E. S. Vannatta of the U. S. Department of Agriculture assisted by F. N. McDowell of the State Department of Agriculture finished last week the soil survey of Cleveland county and their report has gone to the departments.

On leaving Mr. Vannatta who is a native of Missouri paid a tribute to Cleveland when he said that our soil is the finest for agricultural purposes of any he had surveyed in the South. He said further, if he were to select a place to farm, he would most certainly choose the soil in Cleveland.

Cleveland has about 15 classes, which will be plainly shown in colors in the map and descriptive matter to be issued by the Department of Agriculture in about 18 months. This information will be of inestimable value to the farmers of Cleveland county in knowing exactly what kind of soil they have, what it is deficient in and what it is best adapted to growing. The four soils below predominate in Cleveland:

Our Four Leading Soils

The Cecil Sandy Clay Loam consists of about 4 inches of a grayish to a reddish brown loam underlain by a red brittle clay. This is the most extensive soil in the county. It is well suited to cotton, corn, wheat, oats, legumes, various hard and forage crops, truck, vegetable, small fruits, fruit. This type is capable of being brought to a high state of fertility. In common with the other soils of the county, it is low in organic matter contents.

The Cecil Clay Loam consists of brownish red, heavy loam to clay loam to a depth of four to seven inches, underlain by a brittle red clay. Early maturing varieties of cotton are best suited to this type. It is particularly well suited to the subsistence crops of the county. Owing to its heavy character, it is a difficult soil to handle. The hilly phase differs from the main type in topography and consequent agricultural value.

The Applying Sandy Loam consists of a light gray loamy sand, sandy loam to a depth of six to eight inches, underlain by a model yellow and red pliable clay. This soil possesses easy handling qualities. All the crops common to section are grown. It is not well suited to wheat. It is considered well adapted to oats and the clovers.

The Louisa Loam consists of a yellowish brown to reddish brown loam to a depth of five to ten inches, underlain by a pliable greasy light red silty clay. The only patially decomposed bed rock frequently occurs in a three foot section. It is well adapted to cotton, corn, wheat, oats, legumes and grasses. It is liable to injury from drought and has a tendency to pack after heavy rains. Its organic matter content is low.

The report consists of several chapters, based on statistics, experiences of the best farmers and observations of the field men. This is the only bulletin issued by the Federal or State Departments of Agriculture which will afford the people definite information of a county as regards its topography, drainage, water power possibilities, climate, agriculture and soils.

The chapters on description of the area, climate, soils, and summary are of general interest, and a knowledge of these should be in the possession of every citizen who would be well informed as to conditions prevailing in his native county. Some of the schools of the State now include a study of the soil survey among their courses of instruction; for instance, the graded school of Smithfield.

The chapters on agriculture and soils are of particular interest to the farmer. In these chapters, recommendations are made as to deep plowing, fertilization and rotation of crops. These are the fundamentals that the majority of the farmers of the State are most interested in, and justly so. If the farmers in a county profit by the information given and the recommendations made in these chapters, the State Department of Agriculture, and other agencies cooperating, will be well repaid for the expense of the survey. It is also pointed out in each report that certain soils are well suited to the production of certain crops in the respective counties. This is of great value, for man farmers are trying to grow crops to which their soils are not suited. Farmers are also frequently led to believe that their soils are similar to the soils in a known section which is growing certain special crops and that their soils will produce these crops. They are told that the best farmers obtain large yields from soils similar to theirs. This is of value to

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