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HUNT FOR MILLIONS AT FRUITLESS END

The Browning millions, supposed to have been lost from sight for years, have proved to be either mythical or long ago disposed of, according to word brought back from Texas by men who went to that state in search of definite information and clues to the vast estate.

Some months ago there became current in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia a story to the effect that a Thomas V. Browning, originally from the East, had died in Texas, unmarried and without a will, leaving all lands valued at approximately \$150,000,000. A rumor became current that the relatives of this man lived in the three states mentioned, and among those mentioned was Lewis Browning of Columbia. So definite did the rumors become that some of those who were supposed to be relatives of the rich oil land owner made investigations, but attorneys returning East from Texas have reported that no trace of the Browning millions has been found.

The Greenville News of Sunday has the following to say in regard to the search for the "lost millions":

"After months of tireless search on the part of attorneys and individuals residing in South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia to locate an unclaimed estate said to have been left by Thomas V. Browning in Texas of fields and values at approximately \$150,000,000, those in closest touch with the effort express themselves as positive that the rumor of the lost fortune is without foundation. With every thread of story which might lead to a trace of the estate, followed closely to its end, the origin of the 'million tale' has been unearthed. It is thought by C. F. Haynsworth of Haynsworth & Haynsworth of Greenville, who has been in the employ of several descendants of the supposed oil king.

"Although details are lacking, it seems that an aged gentleman of Knoxville, Tenn., had clipped a story printed in a Texas newspaper in which an account of the death of Thomas V. Browning was given. According to the newspaper account, it was said that Mr. Browning had died in Texas and that his estate was valued at approximately \$150,000,000, with no will to guide the heirs in disposing of the property. Although little seems to have been known of the man, the account ventured that Mr. Browning had come from the East and become wealthy; after oil had been discovered on his lands, it was said.

"Several years later, it seems, the Knoxville man in conversation with a friend by the name of Browning from North Carolina mentioned the clipping and told the story given by the newspaper. The two agreed that the descendants of Thomas V. Browning were of the South Carolina family of that name and the North Carolina man informed Mary Ann and Martha Pike of this city, and distant descendants, of the estate.

"It was at this time that newspaper reports became frequent over the two Carolinas and Georgia in regard to the fortune 'somewhere in Texas' and descendants from each of the three states were quick to trace their ancestry and put in their claim for a share of the vast estate. Attorneys were employed to go to Texas to search for clues that would lead them to the unclaimed property and records were scoured in hopes that some light would be thrown on the mystery. All of these efforts were fruitless for no one in Texas had heard of an estate left unclaimed or even once owned by a Thomas V. Browning. As a last resort, the origin of the story was then traced and it was learned that it had come into existence through the newspaper clipping held by the Knoxville man. And they suffered a second sore disappointment, for the old gentleman of Knoxville had died and the scrap of paper telling of the lost fortune had disappeared as completely as had the fortune. Despite all efforts to recover the clipping, it has not been found as yet and probably never will be.

"From records taken from dust covered chests, the account of a man by the name of Thomas V. Browning, leaving his home near the Old Hundred school house, Greenville county, in 1858 or shortly before the Confederate war, as a mere boy to seek his fortune in the West, is found, it is said. Since that time nothing has been heard of the pioneer until about seven months ago, when a stranger giving his name as Browning reached this city in search of information about the family, that he might locate descendants of the deceased oil king. And then the story spread like wildfire and investigations were begun by many from all parts of the three states.

Joseph Browning, a mill operative of Greenville, N. C., seems to have been one of the most active in tracing the elusive collection of millions. (Continued on last page)

GINNING FIGURES BY COUNTIES

Ginning statistics for South Carolina up to November 1 show that a total of 412,860 bales of cotton were ginned as compared with 622,815 bales for the same period of 1921, according to figures announced by the department of commerce at Washington.

Spartanburg county leads the state with 48,425 bales while Horry has the smallest number ginned with 413. Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell and Hampton counties have ginned more bales than at this time last year, the report shows, all other counties being below the 1921 figure.

The figures by counties for both years to November 1 are given below:

County	1922	1921
Abbeville	6,462	18,764
Aiken	13,001	12,551
Allendale	5,821	4,028
Anderson	30,927	52,952
Bamberg	5,340	8,714
Barnwell	7,978	7,591
Calhoun	2,806	4,585
Charleston	9,650	11,572
Chester	14,589	19,980
Chesterfield	14,500	19,417
Clarendon	3,632	7,603
Darlington	10,350	18,693
Dillon	12,965	28,504
Edgefield	4,708	6,464
Fairfield	5,296	8,034
Florence	5,328	18,085
Greenlee	25,135	35,436
Greenville	4,139	11,288
Hampton	4,348	2,620
Horry	413	2,415
Kershaw	9,789	10,073
Lancaster	8,716	12,059
Laurens	14,829	29,802
Lee	12,288	16,871
Lexington	4,840	7,301
McCormick	1,178	3,828
Marion	3,139	9,702
Marlboro	28,802	40,635
Newberry	7,633	14,336
Oconee	10,408	17,517
Orangeburg	12,168	16,418
Pickens	12,094	17,360
Richland	5,329	7,266
Saluda	4,847	7,678
Spartanburg	48,425	53,966
Sumter	8,477	16,481
Union	8,502	12,968
Williamsburg	2,389	6,187
York	18,605	30,771
All other	6,921	5,230

Make Peace by Christmas Is Slogan at Conference

Lausanne, Nov. 22 (By the Associated Press).—Although "Make Peace by Christmas" is the slogan in the Near East peace conference circles, indications today are that the work is scarcely well begun by that time if the delegates deal thoroughly with the problems. The conference is organized and ready to get down to work. The meetings are held in private. Ambassador Child, in his statement, said the American delegation claimed the right to be heard on an equality with the others but without the right of voting or obligation to take office on sign agreements or reports.

Lays Turkey's Claim Before Conference

Lausanne, Nov. 22.—Ismet Pasha today laid Turkey's claim to Western Thrace before the conference and claimed all the territory embraced within the frontiers of 1913. Venizelos for Greece at once opposed the claim favoring the maintenance of the Martza river. The Syrian delegate arrived today demanding independence.

Logan Appears Before Navy Board

Washington, Nov. 22.—Representative Logan of South Carolina appeared before the navy department's navy board today to urge the retention of the Charleston yards. Last October Acting Secretary Roosevelt ordered the yard closed but later extended the closing on account of labor conditions. It was later overruled by Secretary Danby.

Philippines Will Petition Congress

Manila, Nov. 22 (By the Associated Press).—The Philippines will petition the president and congress to allow the Philippine legislature to call a constitutional convention to frame the future independence of the republic in the Philippines. The house today adopted the resolution which the senate passed three weeks ago.

Southern Commercial Congress Closes Today

Chicago, Nov. 22 (By the Associated Press).—The Southern Commercial Congress will close its annual convention today with the discussion of transportation and foreign credits. The governors of Nebraska and Maryland and the Peruvian ambassador are to speak at the banquet tonight.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Chick and family will leave tomorrow for their home in Anderson.

FIRE HALTED BY DYNAMITE

Front Royal, Va., Nov. 21.—Dynamite stopped the spread of the fire which threatened the destruction of this town today, after 18 buildings had been destroyed at an estimated loss of \$225,000. For several hours the fire fighting forces of Front Royal, Winchester and Strasburg fought a losing battle with the flames, being handicapped by low water pressure and a high wind.

Finally the flames were checked when a residence in the path of the fire was demolished by dynamite and at about the same time the wind died down. This enabled the firemen to make their feeble water supply effective and at nightfall the men were still pouring water on the embers.

The fire, starting in the basement of the Front Royal Milling company, quickly enveloped the mill and aided by the high wind spread rapidly to adjoining buildings. Soon both sides of the principal streets were in roaring flames and it looked as if the town was doomed to destruction.

Appeals were sent out for help and firemen from Winchester and Strasburg responded. Aided by the new arrivals, practically every man in the village and many women bent their efforts toward saving their town and tonight they were still at work to prevent another outbreak.

Panic stricken women and children fled to the outlying country carrying with them what personal belongings they could take. Tonight they returned to the homes that were saved from the flames.

The origin of the fire has not been established definitely but employees of the mill expressed the belief it was due to an explosion.

To Give Shipping Bill Right of Way

Washington, Nov. 22.—The house rules committee was expected to report a special resolution giving the administration shipping bill the right of way before today's session ended. Should the resolution be adopted the measure will be taken up tomorrow and the final vote will come November 23.

The early passage. The senate interest is centered on Mrs. W. H. Felton, of Georgia, who was seated for one day yesterday as the first woman senator. She was expected to answer one roll call, then W. F. George, who was elected November 7th, would claim his seat.

Jury Holds Mine Comany Responsible

Barnesboro, Penn., Nov. 22.—The coroner's jury today held the management of Reilly Collieries company Mine No. 1 responsible for the gas explosion that killed 77 men on November 6th. They failed to employ enough fire bosses and the proper ventilation.

Circles First Baptist Church

The circles of the First Baptist church will meet Friday afternoon at the following homes at 3:30 o'clock: No. 1—Mrs. R. C. McCall. No. 2—Mrs. R. C. Williams. No. 3—Mrs. H. M. Sparks. No. 4—Mrs. J. H. Bartles. No. 5—Mrs. J. E. Kirby.

Appointments for the Week

The following services will be held at Gipsy Smith's tabernacle this week. Thursday night the Santuc union prayer meeting will have reservations. Friday night the Red Men of Union county will be the guests and on this night Gipsy Smith tells the story of the Gipsies from tent to pulpit.

Saturday night the services are for children of Union county from 10 years and over. Everybody, however, is invited to attend.

Sunday morning at 11:15 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Notice to Choir

The Gipsy Smith choir is requested to be in their places by 7 o'clock each evening; large crowds are expected at the few remaining services to be held in the tabernacle and it is very important that each member of the choir is in his or her place by 7 o'clock.

Services Sunday

Gipsy Smith will preach at the tabernacle at 11:15 a. m. Sunday morning and 7:30 p. m. Sunday evening, and it is expected that enormous crowds will hear him at both services. People from other cities are already making plans to attend the services and the weather man has promised to send good weather, "fair and warmer."

DeAubrey Gregory has been quite sick at his home in the Fairview community with flu for several weeks but his friends will be glad to know that he is improving today.

MANY TESTIMONIES IN MURDER CASE

Somerville, N. J., Nov. 22.—The grand jury today heard testimony from 32 witnesses in the Hall-Mills murder case. The witnesses are mostly farmers who live in the home at least 100 miles from the scene of the crime.

James Mills, the father of the dead woman, and the other witnesses from the Hall home were called to the stand.

Somerville, N. J., Nov. 22.—The Associated Press says that the witnesses had told their stories to the grand jury investigating the murder of the Rev. Edward Wilson and Mrs. Eleanor Mills in the second session of the trial. The grand jury would be called to the stand in the most important witness of the lineup.

The grand jury today heard that the minister and the engineer were murdered; that the engineer was shot once through the head and that the woman was shot three times. The shots were fired by a sharp marksman; the choir members went by the trolley and stood in the street place with the minister.

It is learned that the prosecutor believed Mr. Hall and Mrs. Mills were killed under the crab apple tree on Phillips farm where the bodies were found.

George Sipel, the farmer, who last night popped into the case after his wife announced that she was innocent of any concern in the case was ordered before the jury tomorrow, in all probability, the grand jury will have an opportunity to decide whether Sipel is a real factor or merely a pig-raising farmer who has had business dealings with Mrs. Jane Gibson, the star witness who had talked about them.

Sipel avoided doctors and reporters alike today. He went out into the country in his pajamas before daylight and was still there when the sun set.

The jury heard 18 witnesses, none of whom had any important story to give. The grand jury told how Mrs. Mills' body was found to have been cut with a body and that of the Rev. Wilson were discovered in the woods near the Phillips farm.

Two Somerville undertakers and one from New Brunswick to tell what they saw.

Mrs. Henry Blunt and Mrs. Leo Harding were the next witnesses. On the night of the murders those two women, walking along Easton avenue, told that they saw Mrs. Mills, followed by Mr. Hall, walking slowly toward Phillips farm. Mrs. Harding's story has been that Mr. Hall appeared troubled and although he knew her, did not appear to recognize her.

Raymond Schneider was called when the afternoon session began, presumably to tell how he found the bodies and to corroborate Pearl Bahmer's story of mushroom hunting and the accidental discovery beneath the crab apple tree.

Only two witnesses, Mrs. Anderson and Armstrong, expert testifiers from a local laboratory, were called for Schneider. They had examined the dirt which was near the bodies, and it was on their testimony that Prosecutor Mott relied to prove the murders were committed where the bodies were found.

The prosecution expressed satisfaction with the progress made today but predicted hearing for the week would end tomorrow night.

James Mills, widower of the slain choir singer, was served in New Brunswick with a grand jury subpoena. He was found busy storing furniture in the basement of the school building, where he is assistant janitor, and took the paper just as nonchalantly as he had taken most of the events since the murder.

The detectives declined to say whether Charlotte Mills, the janitor's daughter, would be called or whether they would subpoena Charlotte's woman lawyer, but it was indicated that both would appear before tomorrow's sessions end.

Barbara Touch and Louise Geist, the two Hall maids, have been summoned. It will be the first appearance of any one from the Hall family who can tell intimately of Mrs. Hall's actions.

Dr. Thrasher Well and Happy

Dr. J. S. Thrasher is spending the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Ellison in Atlanta, Ga., and his friends in this county will be pleased to hear that he is well and happy.

Notice

I am leaving for Anderson tomorrow and wish to say that any accounts remaining unsettled and not arranged for be sent home at Anderson.

J. B. Chick
W. Lester Davis, of Greenville, is in the city today.
Mrs. B. M. Gaffney, after a few days' visit to Greenville, has returned to her home in Anderson.

SENATOR FELTON TAKES HER SEAT

Washington, Nov. 21.—Mrs. W. H. Felton of Georgia took the oath of office today as the first woman United States senator.

It is true that her term probably will be only for a day, but the ceremony crowded with success the efforts of the 87 year old woman had made to "blaze the path for American womanhood" in the senate and it was indicated that she would be content to step aside tomorrow in favor of Walter F. George, who was elected November 7, as her successor to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Watson. It was to the vacancy caused by this death Mrs. Felton was appointed last September to serve until the November elections.

The seating of Mrs. Felton attracted a crowd to the senate which rivaled that which had greeted President Harding a short time before in the house, where he addressed congress in joint session. And she was at once showered with congratulations upon the signal honor.

When she was directed to proceed to the rostrum for the administering of the oath of office her face broke into a smile. On the arm of Senator Harris of Georgia and lifting her gown daintly, she walked down the center aisle and up to the vice president's desk, where Senator Cummins of Iowa, president pro tem, was presiding in the absence from the city of Vice President Coolidge.

As Senator Cummins motioned for her to raise her right hand and she exhibited her only sign of unfamiliarity with the proceedings, waving her hand to Mr. Cummins and smiling as if receiving a similar salute. Senator Harris nudged her arm however, and she then raised it, gazing intently at Senator Cummins as the oath was delivered and giving her response in a low voice.

The seating of Mrs. Felton had been expected in view of the tactical agreement of the senate leaders to interpose no objection in the face of possible technical precedents as to her status after the election on November 7 of her successor. But for a time today it appeared as though such objection might be offered and the assurance that the oath would be administered was not reached until a delay of two hours. In fact, it was not until after President Harding had delivered his address to the joint session that Mrs. Felton was given her seat.

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Negro Attacks Jno. R. Mathis

Mr. John R. Mathis was struck with a pistol just below the left temple by Dan Savage, a negro cropper, with whom he was having a settlement yesterday afternoon, and painfully wounded. The negro began cursing and swearing, and threatened to shoot his landlord. Advancing upon him, he suddenly struck a terrific blow with the pistol, and probably would have shot Mr. Mathis if it had not been for another party standing by and saying, "Don't shoot," as Mr. Mathis sank down from the blow. The assault was made in the lot on the Riverside Farm, 15 miles below Union.

Mr. Mathis drove his car into Union immediately after the affair to have the wound dressed.

A warrant was sworn out for the negro, but up to the present he has not been found. He has left for parts unknown. He has a wife and four children, and is about 25 years of age.

Remember Football Game

Remember the game of football at the City park, Friday, Nov. 24, at 3 p. m. sharp, and see the Union Hi eleven clash with the Clinton Hi, and to see a good game, see this one, and support your home team, too.

Notice, Red Men!

Every Red Man in the county is urged to meet at the court house at 6:45 Friday evening, to go to the Gipsy Smith meeting in a body. Do not bring any regalia.

W. P. Turner, 1542-2t C. R. Pawnee No. 4.

Mrs. Smith Arrives

Mrs. Smith, wife of Rev. "Gipsy" Smith arrived yesterday afternoon and will remain in Union throughout the meeting in progress at the tabernacle. Mrs. Smith is being entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sanders, where the Gipsy Smith party has been entertained for the time they have been in Union.

Christmas Bazaar

The ladies of the Episcopal church will hold their annual Christmas bazaar December 7th and great preparations have been made for the success of the bazaar. Every year the ladies hold this bazaar and it is such an elegant place to buy Christmas gifts and get a royal good dinner. Watch for further announcements.

DIAL DELIVERS CHICAGO SPEECH

Chicago, Nov. 21 (By the Associated Press).—A bolt from heaven to wipe out the billion dollar surplus in agricultural crops accumulated during the industrial depression, would have been a blessing, Carl Vrooman, former assistant secretary of agriculture, declared this evening before the Southern Commercial congress, now in session here.

The congress devoted tonight's session to an agricultural conference for the consideration of means of providing a foreign market for the surplus farm crops of the United States.

Addresses ranged from the need of credit in financing the marketing of the overproduction to the effect of foreign exchange on international marketing.

This afternoon's session of the congress was featured by Senator N. B. Dial's address on the defects of the future cotton contract law, and a discussion of immigration from Europe by Guide Rossetti, representing the Italian commissioner of immigration, and Congressman Adolph Sabath of Illinois.

At the morning session ambassadors, ministers and commercial representatives of several nations addressed the Southern business men on trade prospects in foreign lands.

The convention will devote most of the closing session tomorrow to a discussion of domestic problems, including lakes to the gulf and Atlantic to the Mississippi waterways and the coordination of railways, highways and waterways.

Tomorrow night the session will close with the annual banquet, at which the speakers will include the governors of Nebraska, Maryland and Virginia, the Peruvian ambassador, Jacob M. Dickerson, former secretary of war, and Dr. Clarence J. Owens, president of the Southern Commercial congress.

"It is incredible that this, the richest nation the world ever saw, has for a year and a half been headed down the hill of industrial depression, agricultural bankruptcy and business paralysis," Mr. Vrooman said in his address tonight.

"America's most pressing need is to get rid of her surpluses. Our surpluses can and should be dumped abroad at once.

A workable plan of credit is the only factor between the United States and export trade as large as the country can handle, Emmet W. Gans, president of the international chamber of commerce trade commission declared in speaking before the congress.

The United States dollar, he said, is the most expensive money in the world today and makes a nickel look like a franc.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

	Open	2:00 p. m.
December	25.22	25.02
January	25.18	25.05
March	25.20	25.06
May	25.03	24.94
July	24.07	24.60
Local market	25c	

Bandits Rob Postoffice Truck

Chicago, Nov. 22.—Armed bandits today held up and robbed a postoffice truck carrying air mail to the flying field here and kidnaped the driver. The value of the loot is unknown.

Clemenceau Receives Threatening Letter

New York, Nov. 22.—Georges Clemenceau today received a threatening letter signed "A World War Veteran." The police guard has been doubled.

Aswell Denies Report Regarding Ku Klux

Washington, Nov. 22.—Rising to the question of personal privilege in the house Representative Aswell of Louisiana declared the reports that the Ku Klux Klan dominated Louisiana were false and "scurrilous."

A. G. Bentley has returned home after a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Munro Faucett.

Mrs. A. B. Gaines, Will Gaines, Mesdames Wooten and Staggs and Miss Ruth Gaffney and Hal Gaffney were attending the Gipsy Smith meeting Monday night.

Dr. F. C. Hickson of Gaffney was here last evening to attend the Gipsy Smith meeting.

Mrs. Charles B. Counts will leave Friday for Chesnee to give a recital under the auspices of the Eastern Star chapter. She will also give a recital at Liberty Monday night.

Gipsy Smith continues to draw crowds from Gaffney. Among those attending the services in Union Sunday were: Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Bozeman, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Humphries, Misses Elizabeth and Ruth Gaffney, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Daniel, Mrs. Carline Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wilson and Miss Elizabeth Brown.—Gaffney Ledger.

PREPARING FOR WAR, SAYS TIGER

New York (Nov. 21 (By the Associated Press).—The militarists in Germany already are preparing another war, Georges Clemenceau, war premier of France, declared tonight in the first address of his American tour.

"Don't you read the newspapers?" he demanded. "Don't you know what that means?"

The Tiger of France, speaking fervently before a packed house at the Metropolitan opera house, reviewed the situation in Europe, pointing to an approachment of the Turks and Soviet Russia as ominous war clouds.

In the meantime, he declared, Ludendorff and other German militarists were planning a coup against the democratic government.

Describing the present as a time of "greatest crisis," he urged that the United States should renew conversations with France and England which, without definitely committing this country to any set program, would present to German eyes a picture of the three unpleasant folks who faced her in the war.

He said sooner or later America would have to interest herself in the post-war affairs of Europe, because she could not continue to be comfortable and wealthy if Europe was covered with blood.

He expressed hope that the United States might establish a plan as to what was to be done in carrying out the terms of the peace treaty and joining with England in France in imposing it on Germany.

He was frank in his criticism of America's post-war attitude, declaring America had had a large share in imposing the peace terms and had a duty to see that they were enforced.

Challenging the worth of Germany's signature to a treaty, the Tiger declared that if France had known in 1918 that reparations would have been unpaid four years later, she would have gone on to Berlin.

"The Tiger received a great burst of applause for the assertion. M. Clemenceau, who protested that he came to America on no official mission but as a private citizen to present the truth as he saw it, declared that reparations was an American idea, because President Wilson had come forward with his famous 14 points and the armistice represented essentially the American point of view. At mention of Woodrow Wilson there was another great burst of applause. Expressing the hope that America could find some way of renewing conversations with France and England looking toward enforcement of the peace treaty, Clemenceau said:

"I don't want to speak of the league of nations. But I might, I might." The Tiger said he did not believe in the league as a means of preventing war, but he believed in it as a means of arranging matters, deferring war and giving peoples time to think.

"You have seen one of the greatest dramas in the world," he said. "We are now in the greatest crisis. Nobody knows when it will end and what effect European misery may have on American prosperity."

He asked what America had made war for and what she had gained. He said America had come to the last point where she was granted time to think. No sacrifice was demanded of her except the will to assert herself as the people she had vanquished were unable to do anything just at the present moment.

M. Clemenceau, showing little sign of fatigue, spoke for nearly an hour and a half.

Lucky Find on Old Home Place

Dr. Devereaux Turner received a letter from his brother, Chester D. Turner of Hillsboro