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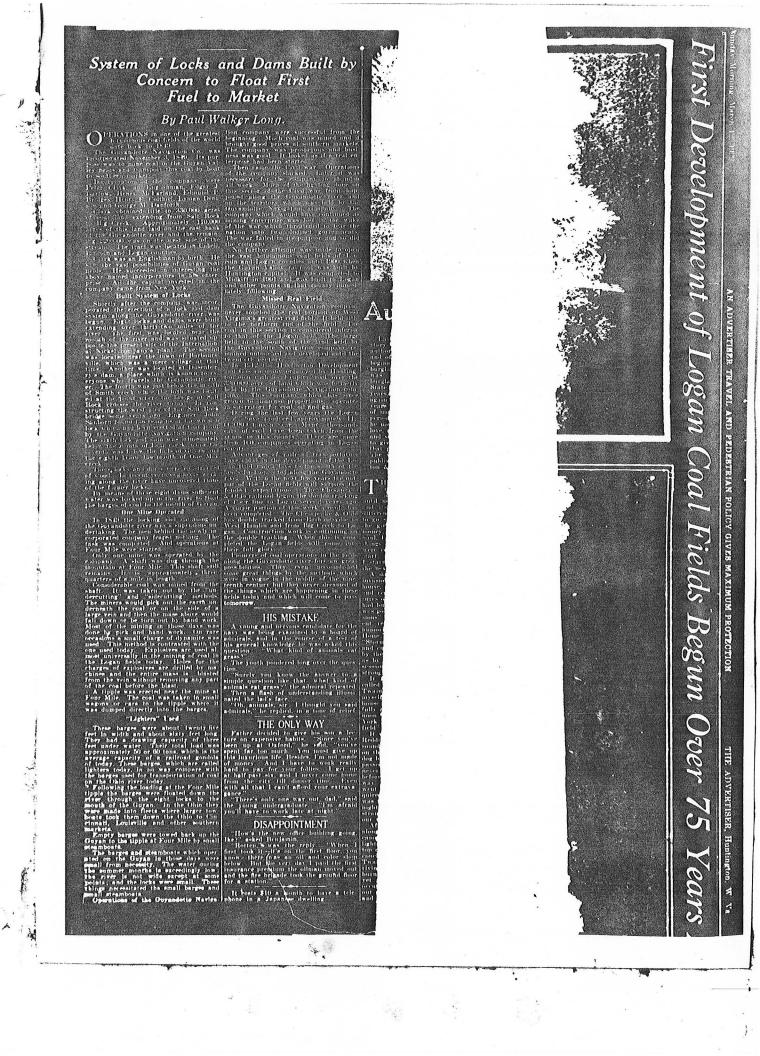
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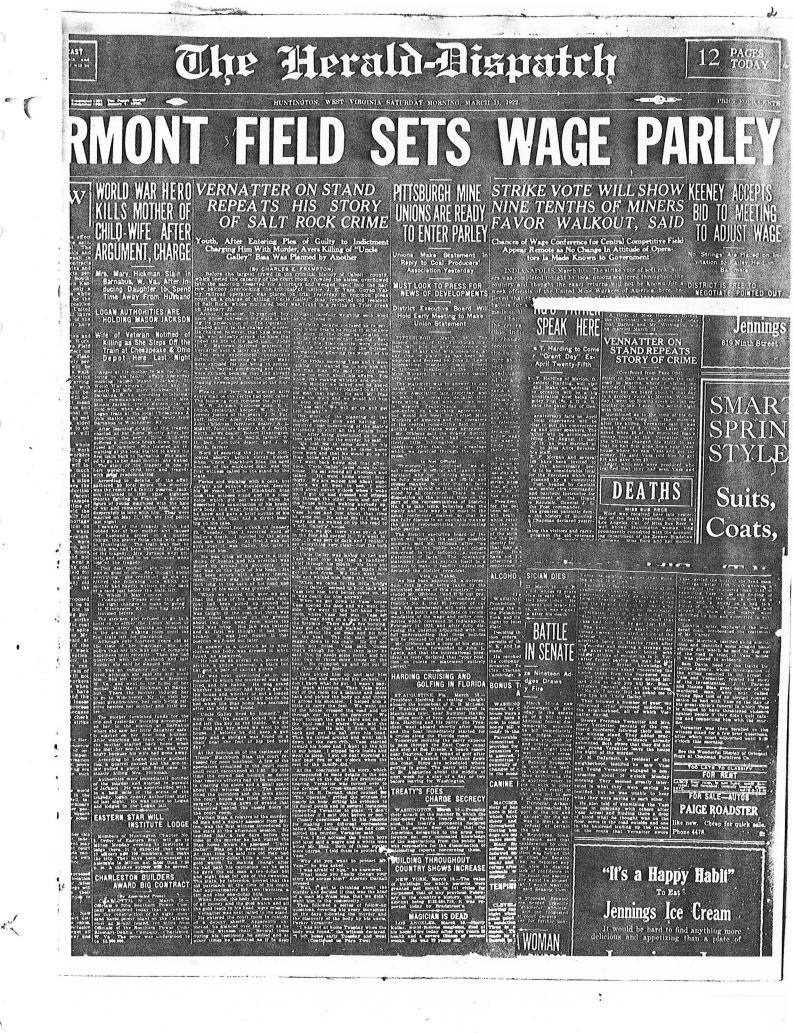
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System of Locks and Dams on the Guyandotte River Sunday March 12, 1922, by Paul Walker Long

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p. 2, Huntington Vaverliser, John ?? Court from page out dired to Sall Rick and down the read to martha, where I visited my brother. I did not tell him about the nurder, but we heard about it that day in a grocery store, at martha. Wednesday. I went up Heaths Creek to visit my brother in - law I spent the second night with him." Inestimed about as to the time of his departure, from home, on the morning after the "hilling; Vernatter said it was about 7:30 on 800 o'clock Later, when asked when \$900 or the man's money, found at the sermatter bary the witness changed his story to say that he had first gone down near Vasio where the saw Tass where he saw the saw the saw of the money. He said . Vars told him he got \$ 1800, and your han \$900, Later, witnesses were produced and testified that they had seen Vars and Vernaller talking together that morning about 10 o'clock Same p giver the death of Sug Rece, niece of (a Rece.

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Vernatter talking together that morn-ing about 10 etclock.

ing about 10 o'clock Pértions of the evidence taken at the preliminary hearing were then rend-purporting Vernatter as saying at his former hearing that Vass had given him the 39 and told him he owed a lot ond would give him some more plater. Vernatter said if he said that he 'didn't remember it' and insisted that Vass had told him he got just \$18 The next ourselons asked by At-Vass had told him he got just \$18. The next questions asked by At-torney Darnail intimated a turn of the defense not revealed before. Vernatter admitted being do Heaths creek after the murder and meeting a strange man who gave him a quart bottle with reversi drinks of monshine in it. Ver-natter denied paying the man for this whiskey and denied knowledge of several questions naked concerning the watch taken from the murdered man "Did you ever ask a man named Mil-iard Jobs to help you kill Mr. Blas." Attorney Darnall shot at the witness "No sin. I never But he naked me to help him kill Uncle Galley." Then followed a number of questions

Then followed a number of questions concerned other proposed murders in the neighborhood, all of which Ver-natter denied.

George Freeman Vernatter and Mrs. Mary Vernatter, parents of the con-fessed murderer, followed their son on the witness stand. They added proc-ilcally nothing to evidence already submitted Both swore that they did not hear young Vernatter leave the house the night of the murder.

J. H. DeJarnett, a resident of the neighborhood, testified he saw Vass and Young Vernatter engaged in conversation about 10 o'clock Monday morning. They seemed greatly interested in what they were saying he testified, but he was unable to hear what they were saying to each other.

He also told of examining the Vass house in company with others after Vass arrest and finding there a drop of blood what he thought was on the foor, some in the road outside and one in the haulroad leading up the ravine on the route that Vernatter swore

Vass carried the body of the dead man. George Carter, 1709 Ninth evenue, a replaw of the murdered man told of examining Vass house and finding of bloodstains on the floor, a spot on a pillow and a smear on a bed tick Pieces of cloin cut from the bed and slieged to show blood stains were identified by him and submitted in evi-dence. denco.

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Linville Carter, nephew of the mur-dered man, coroborated the testimony of Mr. Carter.

Greer Morrison, testified siens similar illnes and identified some alleg d blood stained dirt which he said he dug out of the road in front of Vasa house. It was placed in svidence. It was placed in evidence. Sam Davis, head of the Davis De-tective Agency, whose investigation of the Killing resulted in the arrest of Vass and Vernarter, related his story of the investigation. J. 14 Parsons and Hansie Bias, great-neulta of the murdered man were next railed Young Risk told of an sheard is on ver-sation he had with Vass on the day of his great-uncle's functual in which Wass is alleged to have threatened violence against people if they didn't quit tal-ing and connecting him with the murk der.

Vernatter was then recalled to the witness stand for a few brief questions, after which court adjourned until 3.30 o'clock this morning.

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