

Newspaper Story May Lead to Reunion of Brothers After 32 Years

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A paragraph relating to the exciting life of Mr. E. N. Pankoff which appeared in "The Telegraph" of last Thursday, has released the floodgates of memory of a giant Russian engineer of Ipswich, Mr. Ivan Pankoff, and filled him with the hope that he might once again be united with the brother he has not seen since he ran away from his home in Libau, Latvia (then a part of Russia), 32 years ago.

"I feel sure he is my brother, and I would love to get in touch with him," he told a "Telegraph" representative.

It appears now, however, that contact has been lost, for E. N. Pankoff, who arrived in Brisbane from the East on the steamer Nankin last week, has apparently left the ship in Sydney and his whereabouts are not known.

Mr. Ivan Pankoff, who is known to his friends and workmates at an Ipswich sawmill, as "John" was elated when he read the paragraph in "The Telegraph" and lost no time in sending a telegram to the ship at Sydney. Apparently the message arrived too late for Pankoff to collect it, as no reply has been received.

It was in 1906 that Ivan, an adventurous youngster of 16, decided to break away from family ties and seek his fortune. He ran away to sea and roved the world until the war found him in arms with the allies in France. More sea life followed the Armistice until he settled down in Ipswich a little more than a decade ago.

"When I left home my brother, whose name was Earnest, was about nine," said Pankoff to-day. "He was always a good scholar and attended high school. We had one little sister, Olga, who was a baby at the time.

"I do not remember much of my brother, but I was sure when I saw that photograph and article in 'The Telegraph' that I had found him again.

"My father, whose name was Andrew, died in 1914, and that was the only time I received any communication from my family. My mother's name before she was married was Katherine Gouch.

"If only I can find my brother I will be happy."