

### HAWKINS TRIAL

Hendersonville, May 22—Remarkable progress was made in the Myrtle Hawkins murder trial today, six witnesses having been introduced when court adjourned this afternoon. Those testifying were Coroner Kirk and members of the Hawkins family. Evidence introduced tended to establish beyond a doubt the identity of the body found in Lake Osceola September 10 and to make certain that the girl died from the effects of a criminal operation. Coroner Kirk testified that death was the result of an operation or shock while counsel for the defense endeavored to bring out the fact that drowning would have been possible, judgment from the condition of the body. Dr. Kirk identified the body as that of Myrtle Hawkins, while Homer Hawkins, brother of the deceased, said that he could not be mistaken in the identification. The clothes on the body were introduced in court and identified by various members of the family as those of the missing girl.

No evidence was brought out tending to incriminate any of the defendants. Since the identification has been made by various persons, much interest is attached to the evidence to be given by O. Shellnutt, who it is claimed will testify that Myrtle Hawkins is still living.

Hendersonville, May 24—Ten witnesses testified in the Myrtle Hawkins case today, the evidence detailing alleged strange noises and actions around the home of the Calls and Bradleys prior to the finding of the body of the girl in Lake Osceola and the reported whereabouts and remarks of Lizzie Shafte.

Robert Waddell, who was employed by Dan McCall last September and in whose house he slept, testified that on Thursday night, September 7, when he returned home at 1 o'clock, there were two lights in Ab McCall's house and that on Saturday morning there was an offensive odor at the barn; that on Saturday night about 12 o'clock he heard from his room a number of persons crossing the creek, just to the rear of the house, moving towards the lake, and that in about half an hour he heard unusual noises in the house and the splashing of water.

On Tuesday, he said, he visited the barn loft and found there sacks laid edge to edge, with some rolled up bearing most of an offensive odor, similar to that he observed on Saturday and also similar to that from the body when taken from the lake. He said also he saw evidences of there something like a body had been lying in high weeds nearby, and there he smelled the same odor. A wide plank, he said, was missing from the barn loft. The witness contradicted himself several times upon cross-examination and admitted that he was an illiterate.

Waddell further testified that Saturday morning Mrs. Beatrice McCall stated in the presence of several persons that Myrtle Hawkins had given her a ring and some other jewelry and had promised her a clock, but had not given it to her. The little clock, found in the spillway Saturday afternoon by Lucy Wright, near the body, was found on Sunday morning, was exhibited and identified as being similar to one belonging to the Hawkins girl and which had not been seen since she left home.

Tilda Dryman and Katie Wheeler of Asheville both testified that the same Thursday they saw Mrs. Shafte purchase two tickets for Hendersonville, one witness giving the opinion that Nora Pitt accompanied her.

J. A. McIntyre and Vance West of Asheville testified that in separate conversations, Mrs. Shafte told them that Myrtle did die from an operation, but from an overdose of chloroform. Arthur Miller, whose daughter married Mrs. Shafte's son and who was subpoenaed as a witness by Mrs. Britt, testified that Mrs. Shafte told him that Myrtle had agreed to take \$150 worth of jewelry from her father's store and give to her if she would "do that job," as he said she expressed it. It was brought out, however, that most of the witnesses had some differences with Mrs. Shafte and may have been friendly toward her.

You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one.

—James Anthony Froude.

### DESPONDENT OVER

#### LOVE AFFAIR HE KILLS HIMSELF

Chicago, May 25.—Henry Puck Von Armenthal, member of the German nobility and large land owner in Oregon, Washington and Idaho shot and killed himself today. Hotel attaches who found the body in his room discovered a revolver in one hand and a photograph of Mrs. Frances Rosenblatt, niece of the late Nelson Morris, millionaire packer, in the other.

Von Armenthal left a note in which he said that his despondency was due to drink and the fact that he had lost "the finest woman in the world" because of his drinking. He also directed that his lawyer in Seattle and his older brother, Phillip Spruck, Baron Somms Sanbach Von Armenthal, of Heesen-Darmstadt, Germany, should dispose of his large estate.

The romance terminated by Von Armenthal's death is said to have originated at Los Angeles hotel two years ago. Attorney Walter D. Jones of Chicago identified Mrs. Rosenblatt's picture and told the police of Von Armenthal's love for her.

Mrs. Rosenblatt for a number of years resided in New York, where her late husband, Benjamin Rosenblatt, was a wealthy leather manufacturer.

Attorney Jones said that Von Armenthal and Mrs. Rosenblatt became engaged shortly after their first meeting in Los Angeles. "The wedding date was set for last June," said Mr. Jones, "and Von Armenthal had arranged to present Mrs. Rosenblatt with \$50,000 as a wedding gift. Then came trouble because of his drinking and the match was broken.

"Later there was a partial reconciliation and Von Armenthal accompanied Mrs. Rosenblatt on a trip to Atlanta, Ga., to visit her son there. This was the last trip he made with her. He returned from Atlanta about three weeks ago and from that time until his death drank heavily. It was reported that he and Mrs. Rosenblatt had broken again.

"Von Armenthal and Mrs. Rosenblatt met at my residence last Tuesday night and my wife and I attempted to affect a reconciliation, but without result. Von Armenthal then told Mrs. Rosenblatt that he would kill himself."

Although she it believed to be in Chicago, Mrs. Rosenblatt could not be found by newspaper men tonight.

Wes Edwards Distributed Shells To The Allen Clan

Wytheville, Va., May 23.—That Wesley Edwards, still a fugitive from justice, distributed cartridges to members of the Allen clan shortly before the shooting up of the Carroll county court was the testimony today of John Dalton, a young farmer, in the case of Claude Allen, charged with the murder of Judge Massie. Dalton also said he saw Byrd Marion shoot several times on the courthouse green and this has caused the prosecution to order the rearrest of Marion, who yesterday was released on bail.

Thirteen witnesses were examined today, among them being Detective Lucas, who arrested Claude Allen.

J. W. Early, a member of the jury, which convicted Eloyd Allen at Hillsville in March, testified the first shot came from the corner of the room where Claude Allen was standing.

The papers are having a good deal to say about J. Bruce Ismay being a coward, because he dressed in woman's clothes and got in the boat and saved his life when the Titanic went down, but there are lots of fellows who tried to get in boats and were driven back at the point of pistols in the hands of the officers, these fellows have already been written up as heroes. Truth of the matter is they went down with the Titanic because they were kept on board at the point of the officers pistols Ismay was just a little smarter than many of those heroes and disguised himself in woman's apparel. He may be a coward, but we are not prepared to believe that all those who went down on the Titanic were heroes. —Clinton Dispatch.

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**ELON COLLEGE PROGRAM.**

Elon College, N. C., May 21, 1912.

We acknowledge receipt of the following invitation: "The Senior Class and Faculty of Elon College request the honor of your presence at their 22nd Annual Commencement June 1-5."

We note the following order of exercises for the occasion:

**SATURDAY, JUNE 1st.**  
8 P. M. . . . . Class Day Exercises.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd.**  
11:30 A. M. . . . . Baccalaureate Sermon  
By Rev. J. F. Burnett, D. D., Sec'y. American Christian Convention, Dayton, Ohio.

8 P. M. . . . . Baccalaureate Address  
By W. A. Harper, President.

**MONDAY, JUNE 3rd.**  
8 P. M. . . . . Society Representatives.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 4th.**  
11:30 A. M. . . . . Annual Address  
By Hon. R. B. Glenn, former Governor of N. C., Winston-Salem, N. C.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5th.**  
Commencement Day.

10:30 A. M. . . . . Graduating Exercises.  
3 P. M. . . . . Society Reunions.  
4 P. M. . . . . Art Exhibit.  
5 P. M. . . . . Business Session of the Alumni Association.

8 P. M. . . . . Alumni Address  
By DeRoy Raesom Fonville, Esq., Charlotte, North Carolina.

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