

Coroner's Jury Fails to Bring Indictment in Hawkins Case

Courts To Have a Hand In Bills Of Lading Squabble

Say Girl Came to Death From "Causes Unknown to Jurors"

After Deliberating Only 20 Minutes Second Coroner's Jury Announce That Death Was at Hands of Unknown Parties.

Record Made by Coroner's Jury Subject of Criticism—The Beattie Case Held Up in Contrast—Still Hope of Indictments.

- Special to The News.
- Hendersonville, N. C. Sept. 20.—The coroner's jury met at the court house at 10:30 this morning and after 30 minutes of deliberation, found that Miss Myrtle Hawkins came to her death from causes unknown to the jury.

- Hendersonville, N. C. Sept. 20.—Thursday, September 7th Myrtle Hawkins disappeared from her home.
- Sunday morning, 10th, her body was found floating in Lake Okechoa.
- Sunday afternoon, 10th, coroner's jury found she came to her death from causes unknown.
- Friday, 15th, inquest was reopened and taking of testimony begun.
- It was continued every day up to today when the jury returned verdict that indicated murder.

At inquest yesterday eighteen new witnesses were examined which made a total of about fifty. The family of the murdered girl will offer a reward of \$500 for the murderer and with that offered by the governor of \$250, popular subscription, \$1,000 and county authorities, \$500. It is estimated the rewards will approximate \$2,500. It was proved definitely that Mrs. Bessie Clark Guice was seen here on Thursday, the day the crime was supposed to have been committed. She will be brought back here if apprehended.

Circumstantial evidence figured in every phase of it and nothing positive was proven. There is no little criticism of the authorities for the way in which the case was handled. It was a distinct disappointment that the guilty parties were not arrested and that suspects were not held as suspicion centers around four people. Possibly new evidence will be introduced and in the event a special grand jury will be empaneled and returns made to it of all suspects they will continue to work on the case.

Says Dominion of Canada Is Stench In The Nostrils Of Other Nations of World

By Associated Press. Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 20.—In one of the most remarkable political meetings ever held in Vancouver, Jos Martineau, M. P. for St. Pancras, London, England, last night attacked the liberal party for the corruption which he said they had allowed to creep into the party, saying that now the do-

STATUS OF HARVESTER "TRUST" CASE

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Sept. 20.—That the government is ready to per-

Pending the result of differences between Attorney General Wickham and attorneys for the company, the threatened dissolution of the Sherman law suit is being delayed.

Negotiations looking to an understanding between the government and the company have reached the stage, it is said, where it will be necessary for Mr. Bancroft, counsel for the company, to refer the question of reorganization to the company's board of directors.

Financial circles recently have heard persistent reports that the government was ready to bring an anti-trust suit against the company. Some papers necessary for court proceedings were prepared. The understanding here is that the government at no time has been inclined to be precipitated so long as the company showed a disposition to meet the demands of the federal authorities.

General Strike At Cordova

By Associated Press. Cordova, Spain, Sept. 20.—A general strike in the province of Cordova was decided on today. This will affect the extensive coal mines at Belmez and Penaroya.

Normal at Bilbao. Bilbao, Spain, Sept. 20.—The situation here appears to be normal today. The rioting has ceased and the restaurants have reopened. Seventy-five arrests have been made.

Arrests Ordered. Madrid, Sept. 20.—The government has ordered the arrest of workmen committees and political agitators in the disturbed districts.

Thirty hundred persons were imprisoned here last night. The general strike in this city called for today was prevented by the action of the authorities. The railways were running as usual.

Aviator Ward Resumes Flight

By Associated Press. Hornell, N. Y., Sept. 20.—James J. Ward, the aviator, resumed his coast-to-coast flight this morning, leaving Corning at 9:30. Twenty minutes later he was reported as having landed just west of Addison.

Ward was stopped at Addison because of a defective water connection in his motor. He has sent to Hammondsport for assistance and does not expect to resume his flight before 2 p. m.

Strike Situation Serious. Rocky Mount, N. C., Sept. 20.—The strike situation took a sudden serious turn this afternoon.

Fifteen Hundred Employees Of Street Railway Strike

Detroit Populace Forced to Walk To-day or Take a "Tax"—Not a Street Car in The City Running To-day.

Fifteen Hundred Employees of Detroit United Railway Co., Strike For 25 and 30 Cents an Hour.

By Associated Press. Detroit, Mich., Sept. 20.—Fifteen hundred employees of the Detroit United Railway Co. went on strike at 6:20 this morning and no street car is running in the city.

The men get 23, 25 and 28 cents an hour. They ask 25 and 30 cents an hour.

Last night leaders of the local Street Car Men's Association took up headquarters in a public hall and as soon as the crews finished their respective runs they marched to the hall.

The attitude of the board of directors of the harvester company is expected to be communicated to the department of justice in about a month. It is said to have been an impossibility to present the situation to the board of directors before, because many of the members have been in Europe.

The negotiations which Attorney General Wickham has been carrying on with officials of the harvester company do not constitute an entirely new departure in federal regulation of corporations although the proceeding is of a character only recently instituted.

Only recently instituted. In the case of the so-called electrical "trust" and that of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association, the corporations recently were permitted to agree to the government's demands.

There are asking for a raise of 2 cents an hour and when the company at one point in the conference asked whether the union would consent to a 13-hour day at the new schedule they offered to try the hours for 13 days.

The company insisted that if the question of wages was to be considered the men must accept a 13-hour schedule without trial.

The wages which exist at present are 23 cents an hour for men who have worked less than six months, 25 cents for those who have worked under 18 months and 28 cents for those who have worked over 18 months.

The increase which the men ask would make the maximum wage 30 cents and the minimum 25 cents.

Out of the 2,400 employed by the company, 1,700 are members of the association. The remaining 700 are men who have been employed by the company for less than 90 days and who are not entitled to membership until they have worked that length of time.

WOMEN HOLD OFFICERS AT BAY. Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 20.—Armed with a revolver and threatening to shoot the first man who came upon her premises, Mrs. Toenges, wife of All Night and Day Bank, held at bay officers of the law from 6:30 o'clock until 9 o'clock this morning at her home in a fashionable part of the city. The officers were trying to arrest her husband.

It was not until reinforcements in the shape of four mounted patrolmen arrived that Toenges surrendered. Together with A. C. Cook, a former cashier of the bank, are charged in the warrant with having accepted deposits when it was known that the bank was insolvent.

THIRTEEN INJURED WHEN GUN BURST. Toulon, France, Sept. 20.—A gun on the French armored cruiser Glorie burst today. Thirteen members of the crew were hurt.

Advance in Whiskey. Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 20.—An advance of 3 cents a gallon in the basis for distillers' goods, commonly referred to as whiskey, was made effective today. This fixed the basis at \$1.36 a gallon. The advance is made because of the high price of raw materials, such as corn, malt, etc.

THE WEATHER. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Sept. 20.—Forecast: North and South Carolina: fair and slightly cooler tonight; Thursday probably fair; light variable winds.

WHITE STAR LINER STRIKES CRUISER HAWKE

By Associated Press. Cowes, Isle of Wight, Sept. 20.—The White Star line steamer, Olympic, the biggest passenger carrying vessel in the service, was in collision with the British protected cruiser, Hawke, near Osborne Bay on the north side of the Isle of Wight this afternoon and was so badly damaged that her captain, E. J. Smith, beached her on a mud bank in the Cowes roadstead.

Later she was released and started back for Southampton. Captain Smith immediately after the accident, signalled for aid to Portsmouth, from where tugs were sent. At the same time assurance was given that the passengers were in no danger.

The Olympic was damaged, but less seriously, and anchored close by the steamer until the Olympic cleared of the mud bank, set out on her return to Southampton. The Hawke then started southward under her own steam.

The cruiser's bows were crumpled by the impact and her plates torn to the water line.

The Olympic sailed from Southampton at 11:25 o'clock bound for New York by way of Cherbourg and Queenstown. She sailed with the largest list of first-class passengers that ever started across the Atlantic on one ship. The first cabin passengers numbered 742, twenty-four more than her best previous record.

Among them were between twenty and thirty American millionaires. Some like \$250,000 had been paid in passage money. All told there were nearly three thousand persons on board.

In the collision the Olympic was struck on the starboard quarter and a large hole was stove in. When the vessels separated after the impact it was seen that the Olympic was crippled and Captain Smith immediately ordered her beached.

NEWS EXTRA PRAISED BY ALL -- QUICK WORK

Coroner's Verdict in Hawkins Case Given to The Charlotte Public by the News 40 Minutes Before any Other Paper Was Out.

Rush for The News' Extras—Supply Exhausted by Big Sales—Verdict no Surprise to Public—The Lake and The Dead Keep the Secret.

The News gave the coroner's verdict in the Hawkins case today, to the public, in an extra, 40 minutes before any other paper.

The News' extra had been read by every man in the up-town district, 40 minutes before any other paper appeared.

The verdict of the public was—as it is always—that The News' extra carried the best story published.

The public has learned that when The News gets out an extra there is something in it worth reading, hence the eager always demand for the papers.

During the Beattie trial whenever The News boys cried, "Extra!" the public made a rush for the papers. "The News' stories are always good," said the people. It has proved the same in the Hawkins case. The public has recognized the honest intent of The News to tell it something in an extra, not to give it a reshuffle.

The quick work of The News in putting the coroner's verdict on the street, was commended throughout the business section.

The verdict was not a surprise to the public. Those who have followed the wretched windings of the wretched affair, were prepared for the verdict: "Death by unknown causes."

More in keeping with the stories which have been sent out from Hendersonville, based on evidence given today on the case, would have been the verdict: Death by too many known causes.

While Cotton Men of Two Countries Are Considering Plans for Guaranteeing Bills Courts are Arranging For Hearing of Case.

Several Noted Litigations Followed Failure of Steele, Miller & Co. of Corinth, Miss.—Controversy Takes Another Turn.

By Associated Press. New York, Sept. 20.—While cotton men of two continents are discussing plans for guaranteeing bills of lading, it is not generally known that the courts of this country have yet to untangle the snarl of litigation created by the failure of Steele, Miller & Co., of Corinth, Miss., whose crash precipitated all the trouble.

Three members of the firm have already been sent to jail but various civil actions growing out of the case remain to be adjudged.

These actions involve thousands of dollars and will be settled in the supreme court, Brooklyn, where the cases are on the calendar. All are actions in equity and the plaintiffs are Mississippi banks and the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad. All seek to recover from the New York Dock Company cotton shipped to New York by Steele, Miller & Co. for which Stephen M. Weld, New York cotton broker, held bills of lading which the plaintiffs charge were forged.

Basis of Action. Cotton valued at \$28,000, is the basis of two actions brought by the Lackawanna. Weld & Co. here held one bill of lading but before delivery the Steele, Miller & Co. disclosure came and the bank of Holly Springs, Miss., and the First National Bank of Jackson, pressed claims for the cotton which was purported to be the original bill of lading.

The Lackawanna, as carrier, established to its satisfaction that the Mississippi banks were entitled to the cotton, but the New York Dock Co. into whose hands it had passed, declined to give it up in the face of a claim from Weld & Co. The Lackawanna thereupon replenished the cotton and on motion of the New York Dock Co. Weld & Co. were made co-defendants in order that all interested parties might be represented in the suit.

Similar suits were then quickly filed by the Bank of Macon, Mississippi, the Granada Bank and the Bank of Tupelo. The Granada bank's case has already been submitted to the court and a decision is expected soon.

In the federal case already been decided in favor of the local bank holding the original bill of lading. The bank of Holly Springs, was the plaintiff and the New York Central Railroad defendant. Cotton valued at \$15,000 was at stake.

Railroads Brought to Books. New Orleans, Sept. 20.—The bill of lading controversy took another important turn yesterday when the railroads were brought to book by the steamship lines at a lengthy conference on the board of S. Haight, the New York lawyer, representing the Liverpool interests.

The railroads agreed to promptly furnish the steamer lines copies of through bills of lading on all classes of freight, preventing the singling out of cotton and putting every commodity on an equal basis and placing a safeguard around everything were a day. This was done of the local bank holding the original bill of lading. The bank of Holly Springs, was the plaintiff and the New York Central Railroad defendant. Cotton valued at \$15,000 was at stake.

Mr. Haight left last night for Texas points still hopeful that the Liverpool plan would eventually be adopted.

Arrests Follow Recent Lynching

By Associated Press. Coatesville, Pa., Sept. 20.—Warrants charging two members of the mob in the negro lynching case with murder and two policemen with involuntary manslaughter were today issued by Judge Butler upon the recommendation of the special grand jury. They had been in session for three weeks and it had been charged they were reluctant to take action.

The men indicted for murder are: Richard S. Tucker, insurance agent who was the first man to enter the hospital on Sunday night, August 20, when Zack Walker was dragged by a mob from his bed and burned to death.

Walter Markwood, mill hand, who it is claimed, took only an obscure part in the lynching.

The grand jury report censured the entire police force of Coatesville Burgess Shillcross and the Branwyn Fire Company for failing to further the ends of justice.

The citizens of Coatesville are anxiously having knowledge as to why they because their attitude throughout the inquiry hampered the work of investigation.

Rogers to Try Again Tomorrow. By Associated Press. Middletown, N. Y., Sept. 20.—C. P. Ridgers decided this afternoon that he could not get his engines ready to start today on his cross continent airplane flight and so will remain here until tomorrow morning.