

SECOND INQUEST IS IN PROGRESS

Man Named Bradley to Be One of Chief Witnesses—Search Is Made for Woman Involved.

MUCH RUMOR HERE; OFFICERS ON THE CASE?

Talk Has to Do With Buncombe Woman, Who Is Well Known in This Section.

A telephone message from Hendersonville this afternoon stated that the second inquest in the Hawkins case began at 3 o'clock. There were no new developments this forenoon, the suspect not having been arrested, although it was stated he might be arrested at the inquest.

There is a great deal of rumor in Asheville today in which the name of a woman in the vicinity, and known in a way throughout western North Carolina, is heard.

Late this afternoon it was reported that the Sheriff and other officers were examining two women at a man, suspected of being implicated in the Hendersonville case.

It is expected that there are persons in Asheville who have guilty knowledge of the Hendersonville affair. It was said this afternoon that a quiet investigation is being made by officers who desire to know more about the recent movements of two women, residents of this place, who are known to have visited Hendersonville within the past few days.

Special to The Gazette-News. Hendersonville, Sept. 15.—One of the principal witnesses before the second coroner's inquest into the death of Myrtle Hawkins, which began today, is expected to be a man named Bradley, who lives in Flat Rock, and is engaged in the plumbing business in Hendersonville.

Another witness of importance, it is expected, will be Ed McCall, the partner of Bradley; still another, Mrs. Ed. McCall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. McCall and Mr. and Mrs. Bradley live at the same home. Miss Hawkins was a frequent visitor to the McCall home.

Questioning on the part of a man who appeared to be a casual stranger about Hendersonville's streets yesterday revealed the fact that a recent visitor to the McCall home was said to be a trained nurse from Atlanta. This person left Hendersonville, it is said, on the train for the south shortly before noon last Sunday.

Miss Hawkins and Bradley Friends. Miss Hawkins and young Bradley had been friends for a considerable time. A few weeks ago Bradley was married. Some time previous to his marriage, it is said, Miss Hawkins wrote a letter to the girl to whom he was engaged. She asked if it would be agreeable to her, his fiancée, for Miss Hawkins to continue to keep company with Bradley, saying in effect that there would be no impropriety in this, as both of them were engaged. The fiancée replied that she had no objection.

Lewis Anders is expected to testify that he heard a top buggy, about 2 o'clock Thursday morning, going from the direction of Flat Rock toward the woods where the body was supposed to have been placed. He knew it was a top buggy because he heard the top dragging under branches of trees.

With this light before them at present it is said to be the authorities' intention to place on the witness stand several members of the Hawkins and McCall families. There has been increasing reason to suppose that more than one or two people are familiar with all or most of the circumstances preceding and attending the death of the girl.

PREMIER STOLYPIN EXPECTED TO LIVE

Russian Premier for Third Time, Seems to Have Escaped Violent Death.

Kiev, Russia, Sept. 15.—There are grounds for hope that Premier Stolypin will for the third time survive an assassin's attack. He was fired upon at close range by Lawyer Bogrof as he sat defenseless in the Municipal theater last night, but escaped with two wounds, neither of which, it is said, is necessarily fatal.

Surgeons have decided that an operation will be unnecessary. Stolypin was wounded twice by his assailant. One bullet entered his hand, while the other penetrated the body, grazing the liver and lodging in the spine. It was reported that the premier's wounds were mortal. Emperor Nicholas was present in the theater at the time. The premier's assailant was arrested.

This is not the first attempt made against the life of Premier Stolypin. When governor of Saratov in 1905 three shots were fired at him but without effect. On August 25, 1906, a bomb was thrown while Stolypin, then premier, was holding a public reception at his country house on Aplekarsky Island. The premier was slightly wounded. Thirty-two persons were killed and a still larger number wounded, including the premier's 15-year-old daughter and his three-year-old son.

Know the Dangers. At that time there was a reign of terrorism in many parts of Russia. When Stolypin accepted the premiership in July, 1906, he was perfectly conscious of his danger. He remarked at the time:

"I have no doubt that attempts will be made upon my life but I hope that order will be restored and stability established in Russia before they are successful."

As Stolypin outlined the policy of the government, it was to be one of "strong-handed reform." He promptly issued circulars to the provincial authorities, directing them to spare no effort to prevent disturbances. As minister of the interior prior to taking the premiership he was assailed in the duma in making his first speech with cries of "murderer" and "assassin," when he defended the alleged illegal acts of police officials and provincial governors in the suppression of disorders.

The retaliatory steps which he took against the terrorists and liberals aroused alike the detestation of the advanced parties and the support of the administration.

"Stolypin's Necktie." "Stolypin's necktie" became the synonym for the hangman's noose throughout Russia. He quarreled frequently with the duma and was victorious in his disputes with that body owing to the confidence with the emperor reposed in him.

The agitation tried to lynch the assassin. Reports have it that a musician also was wounded. The minister of finance, M. Kokovsov, was sitting beside the premier at the time of the attack.

Wound Was Said to Be Mortal. St. Petersburg, Sept. 15.—Alexander Stolypin, a political writer of the Novoye Vremya, who is a brother of the premier, received a telegram from Kiev stating that a bullet perforated the premier's lung.

According to dispatches to the newspapers here the liver was perforated and the wound is mortal. According to the same dispatches after the wounded premier was removed from the body of the house, the audience insisted upon singing the national anthem.

MAJORITY OF 361 VOTES FOR THE DRYS IN MAINE So It Stands Now, But Cancellation of the Returns Will Be Necessary.

Portland, Me., Sept. 15.—Unofficial returns of Monday's elections indicate a majority in favor of retention of the prohibition clause in the constitution of 361 votes, with seven towns in dispute, as compared with returns now being compiled in August.

The vote reported from these towns it is said will be sufficient to overthrow the majority of 134 in favor of the repeal as shown by the secretary of state's figures. It now remains only for the governor and council to canvass their returns, which are only about 70 absolutely official figures.

Aeroplane Smashed; Aviator Unconscious. Versailles, France, Sept. 15.—The machine of M. Nievolet, an aviator, was caught in a gust of wind today as the aviator rose for a flight, and crashed. The aeroplane was smashed. Nievolet was unconscious when taken from the wreckage.

Taft's Trip May Make or Mar His Fortunes Say His Friends



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MANY LIVES ARE LOST IN CLOUDBURST TODAY

Pittsburg, Sept. 15.—A hundred thousand dollars of property damage was done and a number of lives are reported lost in a cloudburst over the village of Etna, Sharsburg and Millvale.

TWO KILLED, TWO HURT WHEN CAR HITS TREE

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HARMON TALKS OF HIS PLANS

Sees Nothing Radical in Appeal to Supreme Court in Behalf of State Rights.

PURSUING THE POLICY HE HAS LONG FAVORED

The Governors Decide to Hold Their Next Meeting in Richmond—Gov. Noel's Address.

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Outline of Conditions. Governor Noel's address was devoted chiefly to an outline of conditions in various states. He said, in part: "Our state legislatures determine who can make wills; how they shall be made; what property may be, or may not be, so disposed of; and who shall, or who not shall, be beneficiaries. Along with this authority over property and persons, within its borders, goes the unquestionable right of states to collect inheritance taxes on all transfers of property, incident to death. Acquisition of property by will or inheritance, under our government, is neither a natural, nor a constitutional right, but is a privilege, created and controlled, by law."

"All property, or interests in property, transferred by death, or in contemplation of death, is subject to taxation. If tangible property, then in the state where situated; and if intangible property, such as money on hand or deposit, notes, stock or bonds, in the state containing the domicile of the decedent, or in which such property may have been technical local situs, for instance, as to corporate securities, stock and bonds, the state granting the charter, and in which record transfers are to be made."

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RAIL TAX CASES ARE DISMISSED

Equalization Board Rules Against Southern, Seaboard A. C. L., Which Charged Assessment Inequalities.

IS CRUSHED TO DEATH UNDER WAGON WHEELS

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DELICATES TO BUFFALO. To attend the meeting of the National Guard association of the United States, which will be held at Buffalo, October 9-11, Governor Kitchin named delegates. Adjutant General R. L. Leinester, a member of the executive committee, will attend, the other delegates being Lieut. Col. S. W. Minor, Third Infantry, Durham; Maj. Raleigh T. Daniel, assistant paymaster general, Weldon; Capt. Paul Jones, company A, Second Infantry, Tarboro, and Capt. O. Max Gardner, First Infantry, Shelby.

DETROITERS NEAR DEATH. Extinguish Spluttering Fuse of Missile in Hands of Italian Bomb-Thrower. New York, Sept. 15.—Another young Italian was caught with a bomb in his possession today. The police say the prisoner, Giovanni Rizzi, aged 19 had applied a match to the spluttering fuse, but detectives extinguished it.

ATTEL-WELLS BOUT THURSDAY. New York, Sept. 15.—With the conclusion of tonight's contest between Carl Morris, the Oklahoma giant, and Jim Flynn, the heavyweight, boxing fans will turn their attention to a boat between Abe Attel, the featherweight champion, and Matt Wells, the English title holder, scheduled for Thursday night.

A BOOZY COW TAKEN UP. Campville, Conn., Sept. 15.—An unusual case of intoxication has been presented to the authorities. The victim is a blue-ribbon cow owned by a local farmer. The cow was discovered staggering along the state road, her eyes were due to an over-indulgence in beer.