

CORONER PUZZLED BY NEGRO'S DEATH

Inquest Over Body of Raleigh Negro Found at Wake Forest Postponed Until Friday

Unable to reach a conclusion as to how Charlie Small, a Raleigh negro who was found dead on the Seaboard railroad track north of Wake Forest Sunday morning, came to his death, the jury convened by coroner J. E. Owens yesterday adjourned until Friday, in order to obtain additional evidence.

The body was found under circumstances which make it impossible for the boy to have been run over by a train and indications of foul play are so strong that Charlie Small, father of the dead man, has retained attorney Charles T. Harris to assist in the investigation being made by the coroner.

It was established yesterday that Small left Portsmouth on the train that reaches Wake Forest at 2:30 a. m., but it was not established at what point he left the train. The body was discovered at 7:45 a. m., lying across an unused track beside the main line. Deputy Sheriff Edwards and Chief of Police Bobbitt of Wake Forest testified that a pool of blood, a bloody shirt and wads of bloody paper, which are supposed to have been stuffed in the dead man's mouth, were found in the woods about 150 yards from where the body was located. The only bruise on the body was a blow on the back of the skull, which is supposed to have produced death.

The theory of coroner Owens, who visited the scene in person Sunday, is that the negro was murdered and the body placed on the railroad track with the hope that he would be run over by a train. However, there was no evidence yesterday to establish a motive for the killing or the identity of the murderer.

The dead man had a hat check of the kind given by railroad conductors in his pocket when found. The train crew will be summoned to appear at the hearing Friday and it is thought that if it can be established when the dead man left the train, and who else got off at the same time, the crime can be fastened on some individual.

Robbery is discounted as a motive as it is known that the dead man was without funds, having been forced to telegraph to Raleigh for money for a hotel room. Quarrel over a woman is believed to have furnished the motive, but there was no definite evidence on this point.

Julia McNeill, a woman whose grip Small carried when the exchange of trains was made at Norfolk, will also be a witness Friday. The McNeill woman yesterday stated that she last saw Small between Norfolk and Henderson and that he told her that he might get off at Franklinton or that he might go to Raleigh.

DR. GEORGE STUART TO RETURN TO HIS CHARGE

Advailing, Oct. 3. Rev. Dr. George B. Stuart has just left Lake Jamaica to take up again his duties as pastor of the First Methodist church, North of Birmingham, Ala. Dr. Stuart came ill in Advailing last March, just as he had finished delivering at the City Auditorium his eloquent lecture, "Is He Adversary, or Devilish?" given under Rotary auspices, and which was his last public appearance until his illness. He had been in the hospital at Charlotte last week, where he was the guest of R. E. Simpson, general manager Southern railway, the Knoxville and Exposition office, and which he had to return to private life and activities.

Multiple pneumonia was felt for several months by Dr. Stuart's condition, and he was unable to walk or to get up stairs. He was confined to his bed for several weeks. He has been in the hospital at Raleigh for several weeks, and he is now recovering from his illness. He is expected to return to his charge in a few days.

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Dr. Stuart's return to his charge is a great relief to the members of the church. They have missed his presence and his leadership. They are confident that he will be able to resume his duties in a few days.

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CARTHAGE WOMAN DIES WHILE ON RAEFORD VISIT

Raeform, Oct. 3.—The sudden death of Mrs. Alice Sewell at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. Worthly Johnson, in Raeform, yesterday evening was a great shock to the members of the immediate family and her many acquaintances and friends. Mrs. Sewell's husband, Mr. J. P. Sewell, died in Carthage August 31, and was buried exactly one month to a day prior to his widow's death here yesterday. It is thought that this perhaps hastened her death, she having suffered from heart trouble for the past two years, and being in her 76th year.

Mrs. Sewell, however, ate supper and enjoyed the evening about as usual and up to a short while before she died she showed no alarming symptoms at all.

She leaves four children: Mrs. Charley Frye, of Carthage; Mr. O. E. Sewell, of St. Paul; Mrs. J. Worthly Johnson, of Raeform; and Mr. Willis Sewell, of Carthage.

The interment will take place at 11 o'clock in Carthage, Tuesday. The same six grandsons who were pallbearers at Mr. Sewell's funeral will act as pallbearers tomorrow at the burial of their grandmother in the same cemetery.

GOLDSBORO PASTOR WILL QUIT AFTER 14 YEARS

Goldsboro, Oct. 3.—Rev. George T. Watkins, for 14 years pastor of the First Baptist Church of Goldsboro, has resigned from his pulpit. Yesterday morning after a powerful sermon, the minister read his resignation as follows: "To my flock, I hereby hand you my resignation to take effect the last Sunday in December and request that my congregation, in conference, take action on this last Sunday."

All Goldsboro mourned with regret at Mr. Watkins' resignation, which came as a great shock, and the entire membership of the First Baptist Church will deeply feel the loss of this sterling minister during whose pastorate in Goldsboro he not only added hundreds to the membership of his church, but through his untiring efforts erected one of the most handsome church buildings in this State.

REPORT INDICATES FURTHER DECLINE

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month from the condition of the crop on August 25, which was 49.3 per cent of a normal yield in August a production of \$2,000,000 bales was forecast, based on the condition of the crop July 25, which was 64.7 per cent of a normal.

Last year the crop was 13,439,500 equivalent 500 pound bales and its condition on September 25 was 59.1 per cent of a normal, while the ten-year average production is 13,062,256 bales and the year average condition on September 25 is 64.2 per cent of a normal.

Production forecasts of earlier months this year, with the condition of the crop for those months, and the final production of other years with the condition on September 25 of those years, follows:

Table with columns: PERIOD, Prod., Con. % of Norm. It lists data for various years from 1911 to 1921, showing production and condition percentages.

The forecast of production in equivalent 500 pound bales, based on Sept. 25 conditions, with the final production by States, follows:

Table with columns: STATE, Forecast, Actual. It lists production forecasts and actual results for various states including Virginia, North Carolina, and others.

Some Comparative Figures. The condition of the crop on September 25, 1921, compared with the condition on the same date of the previous year, and the condition on the same date of the previous year, and the condition on the same date of the previous year.

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DOUGHTON FAVORS BUILDING ROADS

Congressman Believes This Offers Effective Means of Relieving Unemployment

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg., By EDWARD E. BRITTON. (By Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, Oct. 3.—Congressman Doughton expressed himself this afternoon as being highly in favor of the proposition of the unemployment conference that the appropriation in the Federal aid to good roads be made \$150,000,000 in place of \$75,000,000 in the Senate amendment to the \$100,000,000 in the House bill. Mr. Doughton says that they cannot make the figure too high to please him.

Something new in promotion to higher government has developed here in the Census bureau. A chief of the division of the agriculture was to be selected and there were three who were held as fitted for the job by promotion. The three stood so nearly equal that the Director of the Census Stuart sent cards to the various division chiefs asking them to vote for the man they thought best fitted for the job.

Such crowds of the curious throng about historic National hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue, gutted by fire early Sunday morning, that the police department had to stretch ropes about the building to keep the crowds away. The horror of the fire was increased when it was found that two people were burned to death, Miss Catherine Dean, a telephone operator, whose charred body was found near the elevator, where she was caught in an effort to escape from the third floor, and George L. Mason, a former employe of the United States Shipping Board, who died from suffocation, his body untouched by the flames being found in the bed room.

Congressman R. L. Doughton arrived in Washington this morning from his home at Laurel Springs. All the delegations from North Carolina are now here excepting Congressman Ward Hulse, Hammer and Kitchin.

Among the North Carolinians here today are: J. W. Pless, Marion; F. L. Travis, Halifax; G. H. Butaff; W. Schaefer, S. P. Bond; J. G. McCone, Wilmington; J. E. Ferrell, Asheville; Mrs. S. B. Dixon, New Bern; George A. Matton, High Point.

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