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CONCORD MAN SAYS MRS. KING'S DEATH WAS DUE TO AN ACCIDENT, NOT MURDER

Salisbury Visitor Thinks that There is No Motive for a Murder and that the Coroner's Jury of Cabarrus Found the Right Solution of the Matter--Reported That Legal Representatives and Dead Woman's Brothers are Coming to Investigate and Will See and Confer with Solicitor Clement--Afton Means in New York and Gives Evidence before District Attorney.

Attorney P. C. McDuffie, of Atlanta, representing Mrs. Anna L. Robinson, mother of Mrs. Maude A. King, the wealthy Chicago-New York woman who was mysteriously killed near Concord, arrived in the city today for a conference with Solicitor Hayden Clement, of this judicial district, in regard to the case.

Mr. Clement is busy with a big murder case in Rowan court, now being in the midst of this case, and stated at noon that he would be unable to meet the Atlanta lawyer until after the adjournment of court this afternoon.

Mr. McDuffie, when seen by a newspaper man shortly after the solicitor was seen, stated that he had absolutely nothing to give out today. He was expecting a brief conference with Mr. Clement immediately after the adjournment of court for the noon recess. He expects to leave tonight for Concord.

CONCORD MAN TALKS OF THE KING CASE.

Says That He Believes That the Woman Was Shot Here and That She Was Not Murdered.

A well-known citizen of Concord in this city this morning was discussing the case of Mrs. King, now much in the public print and mind. This Concord citizen does not believe that Mrs. King was murdered, but holds to the theory that she met her death accidentally, just as the Cabarrus coroner found. According to this gentleman, Captain William S. Bingham, who was with the party at this time, does not believe that the woman was shot by any one other than herself. He declares that there is positively no motive to be found, no reason why any one should have killed this woman. This man declares that he knows that Gaston B. Means was to profit by the suit entered to bring to Mrs. King more of her husband's fortune, and therefore it was to his benefit that the woman live. The man thinks that the activity at Chicago and New York is being prompted by a desire to do injury and injustice to Gaston Means.

According to this and other evidence Mrs. King was in need of some one to look after her affairs. She was followed by and made the mark of swindlers who sought to enrich themselves off her, and in one case it is said that Gaston Means recovered a large sum of money that had been unjustly taken from her by the sale of worthless bonds.

Friends of Gaston Means explain the target practice by saying that this was not the first time that this party had been out shooting late in the evening and at night. Also that Mrs. King was determined to learn to shoot and this led to her being taken out on more than one occasion.

EVIDENCE THAT KING ESTATE IN N. Y. WAS LOOTED.

Assistant District Attorney Dooling Conducts an All Night Examination of Papers and Correspondence Belonging to Gaston B. Means--Chicago Begins an Investigation into Alleged Forgeries.

New York, Sept. 12.—Assistant District Attorney Dooling, who is in charge of the investigation here of the death of Mrs. Maude A. King at Concord, N. C., announced today that after an all night examination of papers and correspondence belonging to Gaston B. Means he had found sufficient evidence to warrant an indictment for grand larceny against one or more persons for alleged looting of the King estate.

The assistant prosecutor said he found in Means effects papers upon which an agreement whereby Means was to receive \$950,000 in case the new will of Mrs. King's husband, which is now up for probate, got through successfully.

Means was business manager for Mrs. King and witnessed her death August 29th by a pistol shot.

Attorney Dooling was accompanied to the criminal court building here

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PAINLEVE FAILS ON NEW CABINET

French Minister of War Whom President Poincare Asked to Form New Ministry Fails.

DISAPPOINTMENT AT LAST HOUSE BY TWO SOCIALISTS

The Former War Minister Tried to Form a Cabinet to Represent Not Parties but War

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, Sept. 12.—Paul Painleve, minister of war, has announced that he is unable to form a new ministry to succeed that of M. Ribot which resigned, owing to the withdrawal at the eleventh hour of the socialist members, Albert Thomas and M. Varenne.

Asked by President to Try Again.
London, Sept. 12.—A dispatch from Paris to the Reuters, limited, announces that Paul Painleve, former minister has failed to form a new cabinet and returned the mandate to President Poincare this morning at 1 o'clock. The President asked M. Painleve to continue his efforts and was informed by the former war minister that he would consider doing so.

Painleve to Head French Ministry.
Paris, Sept. 10.—Paul Painleve, minister of war, informed President Poincare to-night that he had accepted the task of forming a ministry to replace that headed by Alexander Ribot, who gave up the effort to form a new cabinet following the refusal of the Socialist party to collaborate with him.

M. Painleve declared the new ministry should not be representative of political parties, but would be a government of national unity pending the full strength of the nation to an increasingly energetic conduct of the war.

It is regarded as of the first importance that the administration be well established before parliament resumes its sittings Sept. 18. The political situation in complex and difficult, but political circles here believe that M. Painleve will succeed in overcoming objections, and in forming a new cabinet very quickly.

Socialist Deputies explained to-day that their action was caused by their belief that Mr. Ribot's proposed ministry did not offer sufficient guarantees of a vigorous conduct of the war or of a truly democratic policy.

It is understood that Prof. Painleve is again trying to construct the ministry. Painleve's first combination proved even more abortive than did Ribot and collapsed from the same cause, the exigencies of the Socialists. What those exigencies are is not exactly known. Professor Painleve had compiled a list yesterday and his success in forming the ministry was regarded as a foregone conclusion.

At 10 o'clock p. m. Albert Thomas, Socialist and minister of munitions, and Deputy Varenne left the war ministry. The ministers did not return until an hour and a half after midnight. Their absence was said to be due to the necessity of consulting three prominent delegates charged by the Socialist party to watch the cabinet crisis. According to the Minister M. Thomas refused to collaborate in the new cabinet because Premier Ribot remained in the foreign office.

WAR SUPPLY PLANT BURNS

Standard Screw Company's Factory at Detroit, Mich., Burned With a Loss of \$300,000.

(By Associated Press.)
Detroit, Mich., Sept. 12.—The plant of the Standard Screw Company was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is estimated at \$300,000, said to be covered by insurance. The plant was working on war orders.

CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPENS ON MONDAY

All Teachers Called to Meet in Auditorium of Ellis Street School Saturday Morning.

PUPILS SUMMONED MEET AT RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS

Superintendent and Principal Busy Preparing for Opening—List of Instructors.

The city public schools will open next Monday morning, September 17th, at 9 o'clock.

All white teachers are requested to meet in the auditorium of the Ellis Street school, Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock, for the first general meeting.

All pupils in the first five grades are requested to report at the various schools of the districts in which they reside on Thursday, Sept. 13, from 9 to 4 o'clock, to receive their book notices.

All pupils in the sixth and seventh grades and all high school pupils are requested to report at the Ellis Street school Friday, Sept. 14, from 9 o'clock, to receive their book notices. All high school pupils who desire to take examinations for the removal of conditions are requested to report at the high school Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The new superintendent, Prof. T. Wingate Andrews, is now busy getting everything in readiness for the opening of the school, and Prof. Beam, principal of the High School, is also busy looking after the opening of his department, while all of the teachers are ready to begin their duties.

The following teachers will be in charge of the various schools:

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS, 1917-1918.

Mr. M. S. Beam, principal, science.
Miss Eleanor Watson, English.
Miss Jessie Lawrence, History.
Miss Janie Shipman, Science, Latin.

Miss Julia Groves, Mathematics.
Miss Ethel Wood, Latin.
Miss Vivian Washburn, German.
Miss Nina B. Horton, French.
Miss Flossie Harris, English.

ELLIS STREET SCHOOL, Grammar Grades.

W. A. Stoker, Principal, seventh grade.
Miss Sadie Kluttz, 7th grade.
Miss Estelle Crowell, 7th grade.
Miss Lucile Linn, 7th grade.
Miss Johnnie Coit, 6th grade.
Miss Jewell Robbins, 6th grade.
Mrs. I. T. Penny, 6th grade.
Miss Sallie Lee Oakes, 5th grade.
Miss Ethel Holbrook, 4th grade.
Miss Eva Nicholson, 4th grade.

Primary Grades.

Miss Janet Quinn, 3rd grade.
Miss Margaret Linker, 3rd grade.
Miss Mary Moyle, 2nd grade.
Miss Nell Johnston, principal 1st grade.

INNES STREET SCHOOL.

Miss Annie Rabe, Principal.
Miss Gladys Goodson, 1st grade.
Miss Annie Rabe, 2nd grade.
Miss Mamie Norman, 2nd grade.
Miss Edith Walton, 3rd grade.
Miss Lucile Boylan, 3rd grade.
Miss Ruth Charles, 4th grade.
Miss Elizabeth Miller, 4th grade.
Miss Pearle Clarke, 5th grade.
Miss Zora Hannah, 5th grade.

NORTH MAIN STREET SCHOOL.

Mrs. W. W. Weant, Principal.
Miss Bessie Wright, 1st grade.
Miss Annie Daniel, 1st grade.
Miss Annie Belle Cruse, 2nd grade.
Mrs. W. W. Weant, 3rd grade.
Miss Gladys Emerson, 4th grade.
Miss Theresa Cooke, 5th grade.

KESLER MILL SCHOOL.

Miss Beulah Lyerly, 1st and 2nd.

CHESTNUT HILL SCHOOL.

Miss Virginia Jenkins, Principal.
Miss Lois Campbell, 1st grade.
Miss Annie Boston, 1st grade.
Miss Alice McKenzie, 2nd grade.
Miss Carrie Roberts, 2nd grade.
Miss Grace Tyson, 3rd grade.
Miss Gladys Jackson, 4th grade.
Miss Virginia Jenkins, 5th grade.

COLORS SCHOOLS.

Federal Cemetery School.
L. H. Hall, Principal.
Flora Bernhardt, 1st grade.
Minnie Fitzgerald, 2nd grade.
Mattie Bryant, 3rd grade.
Sallie Stevenson, 4th and 5th

JUDGE CLINE WILL PRESIDE TOMORROW

Visiting Jurist Will Preside at the Formal Opening of the Normal Thursday Morning

LOCAL SCHOOL TO HAVE INTERESTING FIRST DAY

Address to Be Delivered by Dr. Stick a Noted Divine and Social Worker of Baltimore.

Public interest centers in the opening of the Salisbury Normal and Industrial school Thursday morning, the opening exercises to be held in the First Presbyterian church at 10:30 o'clock. To these interesting and helpful exercises the public is most cordially invited.

Judge E. B. Cline, of Newton, who is presiding over the Superior court now in session, will preside at the gathering tomorrow and add interest and importance to the occasion. The address will be delivered by Rev. J. M. Stick, of Baltimore. Mr. Stick is not only a speaker of note but a man of many parts, having been active in the musical world before entering the ministry. He will lead the singing at the church and deliver an address that the people of this city should hear.

At 2 o'clock, promptly, in the afternoon the new flag will be raised in front of the Chambers building on Jackson street. The flag will be raised by Little Miss Edith Clark dressed as Columbia and Master Samuel Wiley, representing Uncle Sam. This feature of the opening day will be one of much general interest and the attendance will no doubt be large.

The formal opening over the school will get down to business and the fall term will proceed. The teachers are on the ground and the details of the beginning are arranged, so that the year gives promise of being a successful one for this splendid institution, in which all Salisbury has learned to take a most kindly interest.

Mr. Atkinson and his teachers wish it understood that to all of these opening exercises the people of Salisbury are invited and expected.

grades.
J. W. Hairston, 6th and 7th grades.
L. H. Hall, 8th, 9th and 10th grades.

Union Hill School.

A. W. Whittington, Principal.
Mrs. Wiley Dodge, 1st and 2nd grades.
A. W. Whittington, 3rd, 4th and 5th grades.

GERMAN BATTLE LINE NOW WITHIN 300 MILES OF RUSSIAN CAPITAL



All eyes turn to Petrograd, the Russian capital, now besieged by both home and foreign enemies. The Germans have been successful in their campaign against Riga, and the world is wondering if they expect to push their campaign against the capital city of Petrograd. With Riga in their hands the Germans are within 300 miles of the Russian capital, their battle line being shown here. Many observers do not believe that the Germans will ever get any closer

RUSSIA STILL GROUPING IN THE DARK AND UNCERTAIN CONDITIONS OF CHAOS

RUSSIAN SITUATION OVERSHADOWS WAR

Situation Remains Complicated But Provisional Government in Petrograd Optimistic

MARTIAL LAW DECLARED IN THE CITY OF MOSCOW

Military Operations on the Franco-Belgian Front Are of a Minor Nature Only.

(By Associated Press.)

Military news is still overshadowed in importance by Russian internal situation which remains complicated. The Petrograd provisional government admits it is unable to announce the final overthrow of the Korniloff revolt, but expresses optimism concerning the situation in general.

No further news regarding the reported clash between Korniloff's troops and those of the government which was coupled with the report that German forces had entered Gatchina 35 miles from Petrograd. It was reported in late dispatches that General Korniloff was marching on Petrograd but had been checked by troops and was outnumbered and his retreat was cut off. One unconfirmed report said part of the enemy had surrendered.

In Moscow the trouble apparently is accentuated as martial law has been declared there.

The government's spokesmen announce that the army commands on the Caucasus and Rumanian fronts had declared their allegiance to the government.

The constitutional democratic party has offered to participate in the election of a new ministry in order that civil war may be avoided.

Military operations on the Franco-Belgian front are of a minor nature, with the exception of a German attack on trenches recently captured by the British near Hazicourt, north of St. Quinton. This was repulsed by British fire. Several successful raids against the German lines were carried out by the French in the Champagne. In one of these the French penetrated as far as the third German line.

Two women have been added to the police force at Hattiesburg, Miss.

Government Claims that the Towns of Pskoff and Dno are in Their Hands and that the Forces of the Revolting Korniloff have been Outmaneuvered by Loyal Troops--State of War is Declared in the Ancient Capital of Moscow Where the Citizens are Appealed to Support the Government and Prevent Civil War.

CLAIMS NOW ARE BEFORE PRESIDENT

More Than a Thousand Appeals to the Final Court of Appeals on Grounds Indispensability

GENERAL CROWDER IS PASSING ON THE CASES

On the Evidence and Facts Recommended to Him by Provost General President Will Act

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Sept. 12.—More than one thousand claims for exemption from military service on the grounds that the claimants are indispensable to some war industry are appealed to President Wilson, the final judge, at the office of the provost general today and many others are coming in.

Preliminary examination is being made by General Crowder on whose recommendation the President will act. The general laid emphasis on the fact that only these industrial industries claims are to be appealed to the President and persons or attorneys appearing for the claimants will not be allowed, the evidence being limited to the evidence that was laid before the district exemption board.

Pending final decision the men claiming the exemption on are subject to military duties. In some cases the district boards have granted temporary discharges on recommendation of the local boards and these men are included in the last quota to be called to the training camp.

MARCH OF GEN. KORNILOFF TO PEROGRAD CONTINUES

Petrograd, Tuesday, Sept. 11.—10 a. m.—General Korniloff's march toward Petrograd continues. According to a statement circulated at the winter palace early this morning and which is repeated in today's newspapers, but which has not been officially confirmed or denied, the first collision between the troops and the government forces also has taken place, the followers of Korniloff having begun the hostilities by bombarding government positions with heavy guns.

SWEDISH DIPLOMACY LACKS UNDERSTANDING

(By Associated Press.)

Copenhagen, Christiania, Sept. 12.—The Morgen Bladet, commenting on the Washington disclosures expresses deep regret that Swedish diplomacy is so lacking in understanding of the duties of neutrals that it did service as lacking, which directly furthered the German submarine warfare against neutral ships, even if it did not clearly understand the contents of the German dispatches.

LAST STEP IN RECOGNITION OF CARANZA GOVERNMENT

Formal Notification of Election of General Carranza As President Received and Acknowledged.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Sept. 12.—The last step in the formal recognition of the Carranza government in Mexico by the United States has been accomplished by the formal notification of the election of General Carranza as president and an acknowledgement by the United States.

The proceedings is a technical one, conforming to the usages of international relations, as recognition of the Carranza government was practically completed several months ago.

Officials took occasion today to reiterate that no loan to Mexico was contemplated.

Kerensky to Assume Command.

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The municipal council at Moscow has issued a proclamation to the effect that the people of Moscow ought to rise in defense of the revolutionary government and prevent civil war. The appeal is for the support of the provisional government.

The provisional government has issued a proclamation declaring that a state of war exists in the city and district of Moscow. Pskoff in Hands of Government Troops.

Petrograd, Sept. 12.—The minister of war and finance has told the Associated Press that the towns of Pskoff and Duga are in the hands of the government troops. The correspondents has been officially informed that the troops loyal to the government have caused the arrest of General Korniloff's commander and that the revolt is a failure.

Russian General Joins Revolt

Petrograd, 11th, delayed.—General Guekhoff, former minister of war and navy, after leaving Petrograd last Saturday joined General Korniloff's revolt, and that he had been arrested and is now under guard at Pskoff.

Generals Bennikine and Guekhoff, commanders of the southwest and western fronts, respectively, have joined General Korniloff, according to the announcement in the newspapers.

An earlier report from the Russian capital says that Bennikine had been placed under arrest.

Korniloff Denounces Kerensky

Petrograd, Sept. 12.—The text of General Korniloff's proclamation was published here today. The first, dated at Mohilev, denounces Premier Kerensky's description of Vladimir Lvoff's mission as untrue and declares that Korniloff did not send Lvoff to Kerensky but that Kerensky sent Lvoff to him with the aim to create trouble for Russia men. The proclamation continues:

"Our fatherland is perishing. The government under pressure of Bolshevik majority council is acting in full accord with the plans of the German general staff. Overwhelmed by the consciousness of the impending ruin of the fatherland impels me this menacing moment to summon all Russian men to save perishing Russia."

In the second proclamation General Korniloff declares he is supported by all the higher commands on the front and denounces the government for its incapable government of weakness and indecision.

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