

DIED FROM POISON IS FOUND GUILTY

Young Physician Took Overdose of Drug. In Connection With the Death of a Girl.

HAPPENED AT HENDERSON

Dr. Lester Tunstall, of Clarksville, Va., Dies at Henderson—Took Overdose of Drug and Died Suddenly—Was in Very Nervous Condition at Time of Accident.

Henderson, N. C., March 4.—After an all-day examination of witnesses, the jury of inquest completed its labors at 5 o'clock p. m. today at the undertaking apartments of D. W. Hardie over the remains of Dr. Lester Tunstall, a young practicing physician in the vicinity of Clarksville, Va. The verdict rendered was that the deceased came to his death by taking poison, administered by his own hand.

DEBATE

Washington and Greenville High School Joint Debate Here April 29, at Night.

Superintendent H. B. Smith, of the Greenville public schools, was in the city Thursday evening in conference with Superintendent N. C. Newbold with reference to holding a joint debate between the students of the school in Greenville and Washington. It was decided to hold the debate in the school auditorium in this city on the night of April 29. The query debated was:Resolved, that the United States should subsidize her merchant marine in accordance with the terms of the Humphrey Bill.

Washington will have the negative side and Greenville the affirmative. There will be two debaters on a side. The students of the Washington Public Schools have decided to have a preliminary debate on the subject in about two weeks, at which time the debaters for the contest with Greenville will be selected.

MAKES BULWARK

The State Department of Agriculture having forbidden the sale of quantities of flour shipped into this State by a Chicago manufacturer in 140 pound sacks because the State law, chapter 355 laws of 1909, requires that all sacks of flour offered for sale in this State shall weigh 12, 24, 48, 96 and 192 pounds, the Chicago firm raised the issue that such an order was in violation of interstate commerce regulations, and Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham called on Attorney-General Bickett for a ruling. In the course of a comprehensive opinion Mr. Bickett says:

"The statute does not prescribe the weight of packages that may be shipped into this State, but confines itself to packages sold or offered for sale in this State. Therefore, the sale which is regulated is essentially domestic, and the domain of interstate commerce is not entered at all. It is a police regulation made for the protection of our people from fraud and imposition, and the rights of the States to enact such laws in regard to weights and measures is universally recognized. The manifest purpose of our statute is to protect the people from uncertain weights and measures. An illiterate man might not be able to tell how many pounds were stamped on the sack, a careless man might not notice the number, but when the law requires flour to be sold in packages containing 12, 24, 48, 96 and 192 pounds, the citizen will always know from the size of the sack just what he is getting and there is no room left for fraud or mistake. Numerous citations are made as to the constitutionality of the act."

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Regular services at the First Methodist Church Sunday morning and evening. Preaching morning and evening by the pastor, Rev. M. T. Plyler. After the morning sermon the holy communion will be celebrated. At night the pastor will deliver the 5th sermon of the series on the sinners of the Bible. The subject for tomorrow evening is "An Heedless Sinner or Destiny Trembles in the Balance." This will be one of the most interesting themes in the series and it is to be hoped a large congregation will be present. Sunday school and Baraca class meets at 3 o'clock. All cordially invited to attend.

Spelling Match Last Night

Talk of the City—Many Spellers Lose Reputations

If you were not present at the spelling match last night you should have been for you missed one of the most exciting occasions that has happened in Washington in years. Ever since the announcement was made there was going to be a spelling match between the ladies and gentlemen of the city interest has been kindled. It has been rumored that for weeks the would-be spellers have been burning the midnight oil familiarizing themselves with that little Blue Back Speller compiled by old Noah Webster. The funny part about it all is that those who studied the hardest fell soonest in the contest, and today it is not difficult to locate the disgruntled.

Such words as "dorsal" (the editor's), "infralment" (the reporter's), "molasses" (the professor's), "indorsement" (the lawyer's), "commodious" etc., were missed as clear as a mile.

The guilty parties were such well-known people as Superintendent Nathan Newbold, the head of the Washington Public Schools; Alonzo Dumay, cashier, First National Bank; Jimmie Mayo, editor of the Daily News, and many others. All of those who were sent to the foot of the class last night are now wondering how it happened, but as the schoolmaster intimated, the old fashioned way of spelling was the rule of the evening, and not the Roosevelt form.

The auditorium was well filled when the schoolmaster from the old-time rod, donned in a neat sitting out-away and well-groomed side whiskers ascended the platform. In a few minutes the school bell sounded and a hush fell on the audience. The schoolmaster seemed to be at home, evidently he has been there before. Before school opened he announced that refreshments would be served after school adjourned and that they would be free excepting a fee of 10 cents per each plate. The spelling of the evening would be carried out according to the old way of doing things, stated the master, the old way suits me and I desire all the scholars to spell that way. We don't care anything about Webster, Worcester or Tiddy Roosevelt—we shall confine our examination strictly to the Blue Back, the standard of other days, and if it were the standard now we no doubt there would be more good spellers and less bad ones. Without any more introduction the schoolmaster thundered in sonorous tones the names of Lonnie Dumay and Eppie Plyler as leaders of the boys and girls respectively. After they had taken their places the master gave notice that a fine of 25 cents would be charged against any girl whose name was called and failed to respond, and a fine of 50 cents against the boys. It was also announced that when the first supply was exhausted fresh recruits would be called.

The first class was composed of the following: Elizabeth Betts, Katie Bonner, Annie Jarvis, Mrs. W. R. Bright, Ida Grimes, Elizabeth Warren, Cora Hodges, Lillian Campbell, Francis Dally, Julie Grimes, Johnnie Arthur, Jimmie Mayo, Henry Seagrigh, Lindsey Warren, Nathan Newbold, Walton Carter, Johnnie McLean and Henderson Snell.

Henderson was delegated as head of the class and was given the opportunity of opening the ball, and he did it like a veteran. We can't say whether he had been preparing himself or not, but the first word given him he squared himself and struck it right between the eyes. His success in mastering the word brought forth loud applause. In a few minutes such words as lethargy, sorcery, imagery, emery, dorsal, infralment, were given at a rapid fire rate and the number in the class had noticeably diminished. This state of things seemed to please the schoolmaster very much. Notwithstanding the good appointment of the class the schoolmaster did not take any chances, but kept his long switch of the peach variety firmly in his grasp—a precaution for any cause of emergency as to misunderstanding, etc. Soon the word "enamour" was given. It fell to the lot of Henry Seagrigh to do the spelling. Henry placed an "u" in the word, and with a snarl Schoolmaster Bragaw gave a merry twinkle of his eye and whispered, "Henry, you can retire. I never expected you to miss that word." But Henry seemed to protest. For a moment he could not believe his ears. "Enamour?" Why of course the proper way to spell that word is "enamour." But the master told Henry he was confusing himself to the Blue Back, and hence was sorry to inform him he was wrong. The speller retired amid cheers, and rumor says he is still thinking how it was done.

"Spell dorsal, Jimmie," thundered the teacher. "Dorsal!" was the quick response. This occasioned another laugh when Jimmie Mayo, of the Daily News, was told to retire to his seat, he did so without making any noise.

PINCHOT ON STAND

Washington, D. C., March 4.—Gifford Pinchot, the deposed chief forester, took the witness stand for cross-examination by Attorney Vetrees, when the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation committee resumed its inquiry this morning. Mr. Vetrees began by asking the witness what there was of his own personal knowledge bearing all hearsay, inferences, and conclusion, which showed official misconduct on the part of Mr. Ballinger as secretary or commissioner in reference to lands in Alaska.

THE GEM THEATER

The show at the Gem theater last night was far above the average given at this theater. Everybody present was carried away and today the highest commendation is heard. Tonight the following program is advertised: An Arabian Pilgrimage, comic; Three Chatterboxes, comedy; The Two Pigeons, handcolored; Unknown Talent, comedy; Spanish Army, panoramic; Poor Little Pig, comedy; A True Happiness, handcolored. No better program has ever been presented at this popular place of amusement. Every picture is a feature. In addition to the fine pictures to be shown the orchestra will render another of their excellent programs. The Gem has been liberally patronized this week and is growing in popularity all the while. Follow the crowd tonight and enjoy an evening with the prize of admission.

RESCUED AT SEA

Steamship Korea Founders in Midcecan. WAS BOUND TO NEW YORK

The Big Russian Freighter Goes Down. But the Officers and Men Are Taken Off by the Anchor Line Ship—Will be Brought to New York—Dated from Narvik.

New York, March 4.—From over a thousand miles out to sea was flashed from the Anchor Line Steamship Caledonia today a wireless message telling of the loss of the big steel Russian freight steamship Korea, and of the rescue of her officers and forty-eight men in mid sea.

Captain Walter Baxter, the commander of the Anchor Line fleet, sent the wireless to the Broadway office of the company today. The message gave the agents of the Russian ship in this city, assurance that every officer and every member of the crew was safe aboard the Caledonia and would be in New York on Monday.

According to Captain Baxter's wireless he saw the Korea in latitude 52 degrees, 51 minutes north and longitude 28 degrees, 19 minutes west on March 1 at 3:30 in the afternoon. She had signals of distress flying. The Caledonia ran close to the Korea and it was seen that she was in a sinking condition. Captain Baxter's men upon the Korea's officers and crew aboard. The Korea, with lights burning to warn other ships of her helplessness, was abandoned. As the Caledonia resumed her course it was seen that the Korea was heavily listed to starboard and that it was only a matter of a few hours when she would plunge to the bottom of the sea. She carried a cargo of ironware and was bound from Glasgow to New York with 320 cabin and 400-stowage passengers and is due here Monday. She is the fastest ship of the Anchor Line.

DIE CAST

All Efforts at Arbitration by the Workmen Has So Far Been Refused.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 5.—Between 50,000 and 75,000 union workmen are on strike, one hundred different branches of industry are affected and a renewal of rioting in which two men were shot is the situation which confronts Philadelphia towards daylight.

The sympathetic strike which was called by the Central Labor Union and the Allied Building Trades Council in an effort to force the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company to arbitrate the differences with its striking employes, is in full swing. The labor leaders' claim it will gather force.

The police are apprehensive as to the outcome. With thousands of men idle, forced to quit their usual vocations as their leaders allege, because of the obstinacy of the officials of the Rapid Transit Company, it will be an easy matter to fan the spark of discontent into a flame of lawlessness.

The night's rioting, the most serious of which occurred in Kensington mill districts, is looked upon by the police officials as the forerunner of what may be expected Saturday. Director Clay, however, has no hesitancy in declaring that he has enough men at his command to crush any uprising.

The Rapid Transit Company stated that every effort will be made to maintain trolley service. Cars will be dispatched from all barns, they state, at as near regular intervals as possible, and will be increased if police protection is given.

Men are just as feeble as women, but they have fewer opportunities to show off.

GAIETY TONIGHT.

The performance for tonight at the Gaiety promises to be one of the finest that they have ever shown on the screen. Judging from the attendance last night everybody seemed to be pleased with the pictures. The drawing took place at 8:30 for the beautiful vase. Mr. Harrison held the lucky number. This is the third time he has captured the prize. All lovers of good pictures and music should visit the Gaiety tonight and the manager assures all that they will be pleased.

HALIFAX SENSATION

DEATH LIST GROWS

May Reach a Total of 150 in the Wellington Disaster.

Things Laborers in the Employ of the Great Northern Railroad at Wellington Are Missing—They Are Believed to be Dead—Seven Miles of Track Washed Away.

Seattle, Wash., March 4.—Everything today indicates that the death list in the vicinity of Wellington may reach a total of 150. Already thirty-seven bodies have been recovered and desperate efforts are being made to reach those which are believed to be piled up in the gorge sepulchre. With the masses of snow and ice rising mountain-high and interwoven with tons of debris, there is a probability that many of the bodies may remain in the ice until almost midsummer.

Great fears are entertained for the safety of the one hundred rescuers who are tunneling through the ice. Warmer weather the past three days has started the snow melting and there is fear of another avalanche.

Thirty laborers in the employ of the Great Northern Railroad at Wellington are missing and everyone is believed to be dead. The Great Northern management neither confirms nor denies this report.

Since the blockade occurred the force of workmen has been daily augmented until now, not including those killed, there are from 250 to 300 men engaged in blockade removal and the rebuilding of the wrecked road. The lives of these are menaced all the time by threatening slides.

Seven miles of the Great Northern tracks north of Helena are already reported washed out today.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Regular services at the Christian Church Sunday morning and evening at the usual hours. At the 11 o'clock service the subject of the pastor's sermon will be "The Minister in the Market Place." At night the topic will be "God's Power." The Bible school and Baraca class meets at 3 o'clock. Mr. T. W. Phillips, superintendent. Communion after the morning sermon. All cordially invited to be present.

ALEXANDER DUMAS' NOVELS

It has been charged that Dumas accepted the work of other writers and palmed it off as his own. Mircourt, in 1845, and Querard, in 1870, after going through the 1,000 volumes and 60 dramas accredited to Dumas, came to the conclusion that the octonon author was entitled to the credit of having written only about 20 per cent. of them, the rest having come from the pens of Maquet, Borgeois and others. Mr. Percy Fitzgerald, in his "Life and Adventures of Dumas," agrees with Mircourt and Querard, only he goes further, and claims that of the 20 or 25 per cent. accredited to Dumas by critics, he was the author only in part. The Dumas novels appeared to the tune of 25 volumes a year.—New York American.

NEW SHOP

The Palace Barber Shop to be Incorporated With \$3,000 Capital Stock.

Washington is to have a first-class barber shop incorporated with a stock of \$3,000. The major portion of the stock has already been subscribed. It will be known as the Palace Barber Shop. A first-class building will be chosen and all the latest fixtures necessary for the successful prosecution of the tonsorial business will be used. Mr. A. B. Draughan and others are the promoters.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The pastor, Rev. H. B. Seagrigh, will fill his regular pulpit at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday morning and evening. There will be special music by the choir. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. All strangers in the city are cordially invited to attend. Seats free.

New Advertisements

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J. K. Hoyt—Millinery, Skirts.
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Wool Test.
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