

CORONER'S JURY HEARS EVIDENCE IN BLACK MT. TRAGEDY

Watkins is Retaken Into Custody For Causing Death of Mr. Bunting

NO TESTIMONY AS TO SELF DEFENSE THEORY

Witnesses Tell of Disturbance in Hotel But None Saw Officer Attacked

After two hours of examination at the inquest held by Dr. E. R. Morris, the county coroner, yesterday afternoon in which witnesses from every walk of life, including hotel proprietor, a physician, dishwasher and porter took part, telling their stories of the shooting of John Hill Bunting and P. C. Collins, the coroner's jury returned a verdict that Bunting met death from a bullet at the hands of Philatus Watkins, and Watkins was re-taken into custody to await a hearing on Wednesday morning.

The first witness was Mrs. Woodruff from Springfield, Mass., who occupied a room opposite the room occupied by Bunting. Mrs. Woodruff testified that the notes in the room commenced about midnight. The men were wandering around the halls. She said she went to the door and asked for Mr. Manley. A man replied that he was Mr. Adams. She heard one of the men call for a bottle. They were then creeping from one room to the other.

At last she heard the tramp of feet and saw the porter. She said she did not hear what was said in the room. She thought that Watkins was alone in the room. When she heard the gun and the fall she collapsed. She closed her testimony by saying: "I would state that the men had become ugly."

Miss Martha Woodruff, (the daughter) was the next witness. She declared that she heard the two guests come in, but did not hear the noise until awakened by her mother. After being awakened she heard Mr. Adams knock and ask them to be

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TRAGEDY AT BLACK MOUNTAIN RETOLD BY EYE-WITNESSES

Their Evidence Does Not Support Officer's Statement That He Shot Two Men in Self Defense Community Aroused.

The death of John Hill Bunting at the Mission hospital early yesterday morning following the double shooting at Black Mountain early Saturday morning in which Philatus C. Watkins, the town officer, shot Bunting and P. C. Collins has aroused the whole community more than any like occurrence in recent years. The crowd of summer visitors at Black Mountain were highly wrought up over the tragedy and people in the city took not less interest in it.

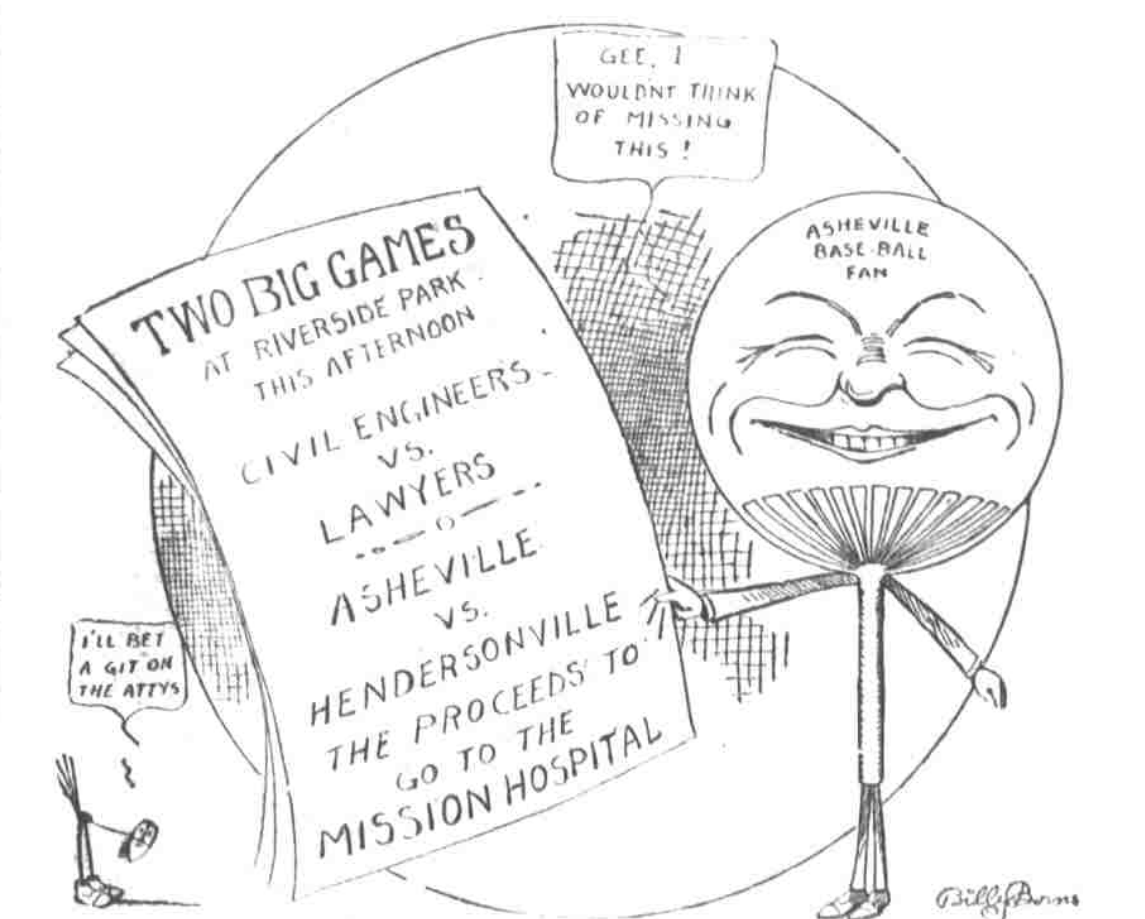
The various reports of the affair which have come out divided sentiment among those who were near the scene of the shooting. Officer Watkins has maintained from the first that he shot in self defense after both men had made an attack on him when he was called in by the proprietor of the Gladstone hotel to make them cease their loud and profane noise in their rooms. On the other hand the only eye witnesses of the shooting, two young negroes employed about the hotel say that the shots were fired before either Bunting or Collins had made any advance toward the officer at all.

The testimony as brought at the inquest proved that the men had been drinking and that one of them, at least was using vulgar and profane language which was loud enough to disturb ladies who had rooms on the same floor. The evidence as gathered at Black Mountain by a Citizen reporter yesterday, however, would indicate that while the men had been drinking neither of them was drunk at eleven o'clock, when they went to their rooms.

Officer Watkins who was not on duty pending the result of Bunting's injuries was re-arrested yesterday and will be held pending the hearing Wednesday. It is likely that the grand jury which is now in session will take up the case at once inasmuch as several witnesses who will be wanted at the trial could not be secured until later.

When the news of the death of John Hill Bunting from a bullet wound inflicted early Saturday morning by Officer P. C. Watkins at the Gladstone hotel at Black Mountain, reached that town yesterday morning with the arrival of the morning papers, there were many expressions of regret. Small groups gathered dis-

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WAR DOGS ASSEMBLE AT OLD POINT TO PREPARE FOR GUN PRACTICE

Flower of the Navy will Spend Several Weeks on Drill Ground off Hatteras Manoeuvring and Trying Big Guns on Target—Throngs of Visitors at Roads.

(By Associated Press.) OLD POINT COMFORT, Va., August 8.—The Atlantic battleship anchored in two long lines in Hampton Roads off Old Point was today a scene of animation, the preparations for departure for the hard work on the drill grounds south of the Virginia capes being evident on board everyone of the fifteen big fighting machines.

Contrary to custom, except perhaps in war time, the Sabbath was violated by several of the ships which were busy all day coaling. These vessels, the Wisconsin, Kansas, Georgia, and Mississippi had been ordered to sail for the target range tomorrow afternoon and it was necessary for them to coal today.

The Rhode Island will be the first ship to have a try at the targets. Comparatively few of the sailors of the fleet have been given shore liberty since the fleet steamed into Hampton Roads on Saturday afternoon, every man being needed on board for some of the multitudinous tasks necessary to be performed before going to sea again.

The battleships will not return to the roads for several weeks, but while they are at sea communication with Norfolk and Washington will be maintained by wireless and by means of the tender Yankton, which will ply regularly between the flag ship Connecticut and Old Point. The tug Mohawk, which also has been assigned to the fleet, will perform a similar service.

For the remainder of the week, the fleet will maneuver daily, but next week the serious work of the cruise will begin. The torpedo flotilla in command of Commander Freeman, is expected to rejoin the fleet in about two weeks and will remain with the flagship for the remainder of the summer cruise.

Old Point today was swarmed with families and friends of the officers and men of the fleet, augmented by thousands of excursionists. The weather conditions were ideal and the war vessels, riding serenely at anchor in the roadstead, presented a beautiful sight.

MARRIES WOMAN WHO SENT HIM TO PRISON FOR LIFE

All Because He Broke into Her House and Stole \$13 Petticoat.

(Special to The Citizen.) WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., August 8.—Sentence to penal the rest of his natural days in the penitentiary in execution of the law, breaking into the home of E. J. Williams and stealing therefrom a skirt which she claimed was worth \$13, and now in jail awaiting his departure to the state institution for those who have broken the law, Frank Dill, a negro, a few days ago at Greensboro, N. C., married E. J. Williams, the woman whose testimony has been read out from him the hope of liberty.

PARENTS IDENTIFY BODY OF THEIR DEAD SON

Young Man Who Was Killed at Hendersonville Was from Spartanburg.

(Special to The Citizen.) HENDERSONVILLE, N. C., August 8.—The identity of the man who was killed on the railroad below this town last Saturday a week ago and who was at first reported to be from Asheville has been established by his mother and father, who arrived Friday and had the body exhumed. Mr. and Mrs. David Reynolds are the parents and the young man who was killed was Melzer Reynolds. The boy had always expressed a desire to visit his uncle, E. J. Wood, at Hendersonville, and married out on that mission. When near Tryon he was set upon and most brutally slain by three thugs and in a half-conscious condition continued on his journey. When within a few miles of Hendersonville, he was struck and instantly killed by the local freight on the Southern. Governor Kirk held the inquest at the depot, the body was held until the next day when it was thrown in a hole in the ground, wrapped only in a piece of old cloth.

WILL CHOOSE PYTHIAN ORPHANAGE SITE TUESDAY

Trustees Look over Property Offered by Both Durham and Clayton.

(Special to The Citizen.) DURHAM, N. C., August 8.—There is yet no decision as to the location of the Pythian orphanage. The board of trustees of the orphanage fund held a meeting yesterday and spent several hours discussing the proposition, but the result of the whole matter was that the final decision of it was put off till next Tuesday.

SUMMER CAPITAL IDEAL LOAFING PLACE FOR THE PRESIDENT AND FAMILY

Can Take Choice of Half Dozen Golf Links Within Easy Reach.

WILL NOT WORK MUCH

(By Associated Press.) BEVERLY, Mass., August 8.—Sitting on the broad veranda at his summer home on Woodberry Point, President Taft is in the very center of an ideal pleasure ground for a vacation. Scattered there in a beautiful residence park made up of three or four estates are many palatial cottages.

The president will enjoy with Mrs. Taft the cool breezes from the bay and ocean. Looking toward the sea the island dotted waters of Salem bay are in the foreground and beyond are the broader reaches of Massachusetts bay. Behind are the woods and the pleasant fields of Essex county with perfect roads for motoring.

The president expects a number of visitors during the summer but the calls will nearly all be of social character and business will be taboo whenever possible. Many members of the diplomatic corps have their summer homes along this northern shore of Massachusetts and they will be among the first of the president's calls.

If the president cares to direct his attention to yachting there are a hundred little harbors which he may explore or the broad Atlantic is within an hour's sail. Across Salem bay and almost within view from his veranda are the Eastern, Washington and Boston club houses, to all three of which he will be welcomed as an honorary member. But perhaps the golf links in the neighborhood will prove the strongest magnet during President Taft's sojourn on the north shore. Within easy motoring distance are the links of Myopia Hunt club, the Essex Country club, the Montserrat Golf club, the Tedesco Country club, the Abenaki club or

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INSANE MAN AGREES TO LEAVE HIS REFUGE IF FATHER WILL GO ALONG

Both Disappear in Woods Leaving Officers who Had Watched in Anxiety.

SEARCHING FOR THEM

(By Associated Press.) AUGUSTA, Ga., August 8.—R. E. Dunnington, the insane man who has been barricaded in his home about four miles from this city, left the house this morning about 10 o'clock, making his father accompany him. He has been in the woods all day and has not been seen by the officers. No further violence has been reported since the wounding of the deputy sheriff.

A strong guard was maintained near Dunnington all last night and there was no way for his escape without being detected. His father, remained in the house with him, but was unable to aid the officers in perfecting his arrest. For the insane man never closed his eyes one minute during the night. His father kept in communication with the officers and this morning notified them that the insane man wanted to leave the place, and wanted him to go. The officer agreed to this, after the aged man had promised to aid in perfecting an arrest. After they left the place, however, they have not been seen since. The people in the vicinity are wrought up to a high state of excitement. The ladies and children are remaining indoors and the men are wearing arms. Sheriff Clarke hopes to be able to find the insane man some time tonight or tomorrow.

JUMPED DOWN WELL.

(By Associated Press.) ANDERSON, S. C., August 8.—Warren Guyton, aged thirty-five, a baggage master of the Atlantic and Western railroad between Atlanta and Chattanooga, committed suicide at his home here today by jumping into a well. He had been in ill health for several years.

THREE CAUGHT IN TRAP IN OVERTURNED LAUNCH GO DOWN TO THEIR DEATH

Seven of Party of Ten Merry Makers Were Rescued by Fishermen.

LAUNCH OVERLOADED

(By Associated Press.) TOLEDO, O., August 8.—Two men and one woman were drowned and seven men were rescued with difficulty when a launch containing a gay party of merry makers capsized in Maumee Bay five hundred feet off of the Casino summer theatre, at four o'clock this afternoon. All were residents of Toledo. The dead are Harry Dill, railway employe; Frank Lehany, railway employe; Mrs. Mabel Hudson, thirty years old. Dill was the owner of the boat and took the party out of ten men and women over the earnest protests of his wife. When in the deep channel of the bay near the mouth of the Maumee river the launch turned turtle from the weight of the party which had collected on one side.

The woman was in the cabin and was unable to get out. Lew Karnes swam ashore and all of the other men were able to regain the overturned boat and cling to it except Dill and Lehany, whose bodies were not recovered.

The endangered men were rescued by fishermen from the shore who heard their cries. One of the rescuers dived under the overturned craft and recovered the woman's body. Dill's young wife was restrained with difficulty from casting herself into the river at the scene of the drowning.

DISCUSSED NEGRO.

(By Associated Press.) SAVANNAH, Ga., August 8.—Talking without regard to speakers at a mass meeting attended by members of both sexes held here today under the auspices of the Morris Brown Colored College of Atlanta discussed plans for negro education. The words, religion, sanitation and self-help, were freely sprinkled through the addresses and connected closely in the general discussion.

GOT GAY IN AIR AND TUMBLED DOWN

CHALONS SEB-MARNE, Aug. 8.—Roger Sommer the aviator who yesterday flew two hours, twenty minutes and fifty-seven seconds in his aeroplane, breaking the world's record held by Wilbur Wright, essayed another flight today. He stopped his engine too abruptly, however, and the machine struck the ground with such violence that it was smashed. Sommer was uninjured.

KILLED MAN WHO KNOCKED OFF HAT

CHASKA, Tenn., August 8.—Joe Burdick, aged thirty, was shot and killed today by Brandon McMahon, thirty-five, McMahon in a playful mood, knocked off Burdick's hat. Angered at this, Burdick attacked McMahon with a stick of wood, knocking him down. While lying on the ground McMahon drew his revolver and fired three shots. One bullet struck Burdick near the heart, killing him instantly. McMahon surrendered.

SUPERVISORS OF CENSUS ARE TO BE CHOSEN THIS WEEK

In Solid Southern States Democrats Will Get Half of The Jobs

NORTH CAROLINA IS NOT IN CATEGORY

No Judges For Customs Court Will be Named Because no Salaries Provided

(By Associated Press.) BEVERLY, Mass., August 8.—Beverly was hot today, but President Taft spent a lazy Sunday and did not seem to mind the more than thirty in the shade. He began the first Sabbath of his vacation by going to the Unitarian church. Miss Helen Taft and Captain Archibald Butt were the only other members of his party. Through the early hours of the afternoon the president sat on the broad veranda of his cottage overlooking the salt-dotted ocean and read "The Greatness and Decline of Rome," by the historian Ferrero, who spent a week at the white house with Mr. Roosevelt.

Near sunset the president took a long motor ride with Mrs. Taft. After dinner he again sought the cool of the veranda. Mr. Taft is going to dispose of the matter of census supervisors throughout the entire United States this week. Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel and Director of the Census Durand, are coming to Beverly the latter part of the week with a list of names and by the time they leave the president hopes to announce his appointments.

He for Democrats. The president has fixed upon the policy he will follow with reference to census appointments from the South. In the states which are solidly democratic, the president will divide the appointments evenly among the democrats and republicans. He will insist that the appointments shall not be active partisans, however, but capable men. From the so-called "Solid South" the president has picked out North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky and Missouri as debatable states and will treat them on the same footing as northern states, giving all of the census jobs to republicans. He will insist, however, that in these states, the same standard of efficiency and character of men shall obtain. The states in which the division between democrats and republicans will be made are: Virginia, South Carolina,

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WOMAN FOUGHT BRAVELY FOR HER LIFE AND HONOR WITH UNKNOWN DASTARD

Assaulted, Killed and Left in the Wood with Nothing to Identify Her.

ITALIAN SUSPECTED

(By Associated Press.) DETROIT, August 8.—The badly mutilated dead body of a woman about thirty-five years of age was found in a clump of underbrush in Hamtramck, this county today. The condition of the body indicates that woman was assaulted and killed. The body was found by Justice of the Peace Munch of Highland Park. It was lying in its back with the skirt partially drawn up over the face.

The skirt was crushed and the face and body was covered with bruises. The clothing was disarranged. A handkerchief, apparently belonging to the victim, was found several feet away in a bush and a pair of shoes which had been torn open and nothing which might serve to identify the body left in it. The ground for some distance was torn up and bits of flesh were in the finger nails of the woman, indicating that she made a violent fight for life before being overpowered. The clothing is of cheap material but was evidently of neat arrangement.

The land on which the body was found is owned by an Italian named Scerria Marke, who of late has entertained it is said, many of his countrymen who seemed to be itinerant peddlers or laborers. While no suspicious attaches to Marke, the officers investigating reports that the woman of the neighborhood have been accused recently by some of Marke's guests. Mrs. J. Sutton says she was accused near where the body was found a week ago by a man whom she thought was an Italian. She says she proposed that she accompany him into the underbrush where the body was found and that she became frightened and ran to her home, a short distance away and locked herself in the house. Her husband tried to track the man but failed.



WASHINGTON August 8.—Forecast for North Carolina: Continued warm, generally fair weather Monday and Tuesday, light variable winds mostly west.