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Will Investigate The Mysterious Death Of Wealthy Boston Man

Chemist Examines Body of Young Baker After Embalming Fluid Had Been Used And Finds Traces of Poison.

District Attorney And Coroner Decide to Hold Formal Inquest—Death Which Occurred Last October, Mysterious.

By Associated Press. New York, March 6.—The mysterious death of Walter F. Baker, the wealthy Boston man, which caused a sensation last October, is to be the subject of further investigation by officials of Bogota, N. J., where the death occurred.

It was announced that the district coroner and coroner had decided to hold a formal inquest. The decision to probe further into the circumstances surrounding Baker's death was reached after a corps of military detectives had been at work on the case for many months.

The coroner was not satisfied with the report of the circumstances of the death and decided to have an examination made by a chemist of the organs of the body, even after an embalming fluid had been used.

A chemical and microscopic examination of the viscera and internal organs was made by Dr. Boos, of the Massachusetts general hospital, who reported he found a large quantity of arsenic in the body, poison said to have been found in the organs which the embalming fluid could not have penetrated.

Whitaker's Bond Is Increased to \$2,500. Greensboro, N. C., March 6.—Some time ago there was arrested in Ohio, on a capias on an indictment found in the United States court at Asheville, William G. Whitaker, charged with aiding the United States mail to be stolen.

Whitaker was brought to Asheville and placed in jail in lieu of a \$2,500 bond. Today on petition of the United States district attorney, an order was made increasing the bond to \$2,500.

It is not known how many "Whitakers" in North Carolina out of that numerous and excellent family are interested in the scheme of William G. Whitaker, the petitioner in the interesting reading. It states that evidence is abundant that William G. Whitaker had a deep laid scheme, which he has been carrying on for some years and has collected large sums of money from various persons by falsely representing to them that a large estate belonging to their father in England and that a small sum of \$10 from each would secure it, and that he made these representations to every family he could find who was in any way connected with the name of Whitaker.

SURPRISE WEDDING. From is 19 Years of Age While the Bride is 27. Spartanburg, N. C., March 6.—Miss Minnie Gable and Mr. Robert L. Yates were united in marriage Wednesday afternoon in Mr. Walter E. Sloan's office, Justice W. R. Sloan officiating. Mr. Yates is a son of Mr. S. B. Yates, of Shiloh township, and is only 19 years old. His bride is an Alexander lady of 27 summers.

Empress's Letter Causes Trouble. Richmond, Va., March 6.—Emperor William's letter to Lord Tweedmouth, first lord of the Admiralty, in which it is charged, his majesty attempted to influence the naval policy of Great Britain has created a stir in England, and has caused considerable indignation. The emperor is accused of grave meddling with British naval estimates, and the right of Lord Tweedmouth that the communication was purely personal, is considered unsatisfactory and has attracted neither the raptures nor the indignation of the public.

Peruvians Entertain Officers. Callao, Peru, March 6.—The festivities given by the Peruvians of the officers and men of the visiting United States fleet continue to make the day of the Americans a most pleasant one.

Little Importance Attached. Washington, D. C., March 6.—Little importance is attached here to the arrival in New York yesterday of William G. Whitaker, formerly superintendent of the government for the sale of dynamite secrets, employed in the manufacture of high explosives.

The Engineer Club will have a social tonight at Mr. Irwin Potts' home, No. 205 North avenue.

Was Order to Make S. C. Pay Dispensary

Special to The News. Asheville, N. C., March 6.—Mr. Lawrence Maxwell, of Cincinnati, after having effected a compromise agreement with the South Carolina dispensary fund commissioners, as a result of which the commission agreed to settle the claims of several Cincinnati creditors, whom he represented, aggregating \$100,000, appeared before Judge Pritchard and asked that an order be made by the court authorizing these claims to be paid out of the \$500,000 fund now held by the commission, and the Saunders Distilling company, through its attorney made his application. The court replied that it would take up the matter Saturday, if the commission came into court and asked for the order authorizing them to pay the claims.

Voluntary Petition Of Bankruptcy

Special to The News. Greensboro, N. C., March 6.—A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed before United States District Judge Boyd by Attorney F. P. Hobgood, Jr., in behalf of J. L. Ritch, a leading lumber here. The liabilities are given at \$10,000, with assets at \$13,000. Mr. R. C. Glenn was appointed temporary receiver and the case was referred to Referee in Bankruptcy G. S. Ferguson, Jr., for adjudication.

Southern Continues Its Policy of Curtailment

Special to The News. Greensboro, N. C., March 6.—The announcement that the Southern Railway has abolished the office of stationmaster at all stations in stations in North Carolina was received with incredulity here until it was learned that Mr. Foushee, the stationmaster here for so many years, was actually out of a job. In addition to this curtailment of expense, it is reported that at the freight depot here four clerks have been discharged.

Serious Fire at Spartanburg

Fire Chief And One Fireman Barely Escape Death—Loss to Cotton Mills May be Thousands of Dollars. Spartanburg, S. C., March 6.—While fighting a cotton fire at the Spartan Mills this morning, Fire Chief Kennedy and Fireman Rawson narrowly escaped losing their lives. They entered the warehouse and were overcome with smoke and were brought out more dead than alive. The firemen were revived after hard work by three physicians. Both men are in serious condition. No. 1 contained 1,000 bales of cotton. The fire had been burning sometime before being discovered. The loss is not positively known, though it will run up into the thousands.

Over Five Hundred Pledges for Prohibition

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., March 6.—Five hundred and more people in Harnett county pledged themselves to do all in their power to aid in a prohibition victory the twenty-six of May. This news reached the city this week, the information being obtained from Rev. Braxton Craig, of Chapel Hill, who has been holding a series of meetings in the Baptist Church at Buies creek. Mr. Craig says of the meetings that at these there were over ninety concessions, and that Rev. J. A. Campbell baptized forty as the result of the meetings, which were very largely attended.

MR. HORTON GOES TO VIRGINIA.

Will Take Charge of Noel-Anderson Furniture Company. Special to The News. Statesville, N. C., March 6.—Mr. A. F. Horton, formerly superintendent of the Kincaid Furniture Co., has gone to Danville, Va., to take a position as superintendent of the plant of the Noel-Anderson Co., manufacturers of desks and tables.

MR. IVEY BUYS ABBOT HOUSE.

Mr. F. C. Abbot sold his home in Piedmont to Mr. J. B. Ivey for the consideration of \$9000. Mr. Ivey in turn sold his home on College street to Mr. Abbot.

A BASKETBALL GAME WILL BE PLAYED TONIGHT AT 8:30 O'CLOCK AT THE Y. M. C. A. BETWEEN THE ATHLETICS AND MYSTIC FIVE.



Bill to Prevent Rate Advance

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 6.—The railroad officials made arguments before the senate committee on interstate commerce against the passage of the bill to prevent advances in freight or passenger rates until after the fairness of the increase had been determined by the interstate commerce commission.

Col. Pearson As Assayer

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 6.—William S. Pearson was nominated by the president as assayer of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C.

23 Bodies Yet Unidentified

By Associated Press. Cleveland, O., March 6.—There are still twenty-three bodies unidentified. So far 167 bodies have been recovered. The list of the missing now tallies with the number of unidentified, which would indicate that all of the bodies have been found and that the total death list will stand at 167. In fully 100 cases the funerals will be individual.

Big Flood In Indiana

By Associated Press. Peru, Ind., March 6.—Nearly one thousand men have been rendered idle and 75 homes damaged by the high waters of the Wabash river, which is out of its banks. It is expected that South Peru will be submerged before night.

CONFERENCE ON RURAL PROGRESS

Boston, Mass., March 6.—The second annual conference on rural progress in New England was held today at the offices of the state board of agriculture, the attendance including representatives of all the important rural associations in New England. The general subject of discussion was the teaching of agriculture in the public schools.

Stockholders Meet And Elect Officers

Special to The News. Greensboro, N. C., March 6.—At a meeting yesterday of the stockholders of the Southern Collar & Bridle Company, a corporation recently chartered to manufacture and deal in leather goods at Greensboro, the following officers were elected: President, John D. Bannell; vice president, H. L. Paylor; secretary-treasurer and general manager, W. K. Merrick; directors, F. C. Eagles, H. C. Wells, E. Bryan Jones, C. H. Ireland, W. K. Merrick, H. D. Paylor, John D. Bannell.

Vice-President Of Bank a Suicide

By Associated Press. Detroit, Mich., March 6.—Elwood T. Hanes, first vice president of the United Trust Company, and former postmaster of Detroit, shot and killed himself today. His friends say he had been greatly depressed over his financial affairs for some time, and that his health also had not been good.

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ED RUDISELL'S CAREER

Young Negro Makes a Record of Roguery. Ed Rudisell, a young negro, was tried before the recorder this morning on three warrants for house-breaking, two for larceny and one for a simple assault. He was bound over in all cases, and the bonds required aggregate \$250.

SUGAR ADVANCES.

New York, March 6.—All grades of refined sugar were advanced ten cents per hundred pounds here today.

Four Men Killed.

Kherson, Russia, March 6.—In an encounter last night between the authorities and a couple of revolutionists, two policemen and two gendarmes were shot and killed.

400 Houses Were Burned

By Associated Press. Tokio, March 6.—A serious fire took place this morning at Noda Soy, a brewing town near Tokio. Four hundred out of 1000 houses in the town were destroyed. The damage is estimated at about \$2,500,000.

Gary Chosen U. S. Senator

Special to The News. Columbia, S. C., March 6.—The first ballot for United States senator resulted in the following votes: Gary 67; Walker 28; Coker 14; Nash 14; McLeod 14; Mauldin 8; Willie Jones 4; Ira B. Jones 5.

Confessed Jewel Theft.

New York, March 6.—Charged with the theft of jewels valued at \$20,000 from one of her wealthy friends, Mrs. Jeanette Newmann, who lives at the Stratford House in this city, was locked up at police headquarters. The police say Mrs. Newmann has made a full confession and told them she was actuated by her desire to keep her young son in a private school and to maintain her social position.

Presidents Yacht Runs Aground

By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., March 6.—Special to the Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch, from Old Point Comfort, says the president's yacht, Mayflower, from Washington to Norfolk navy yard, went aground in the lower Chesapeake Bay during a thick fog this morning. The naval collier, Nero, has gone to her assistance.

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Electric Co. Charged With Retaining Lobby At Washington City

'Black Hand' Made Good Their Threat

By Associated Press. Rochester, N. Y., March 6.—Supposed "black hand" operators made good their threat to wreck the home of Francesco Demaria last night, after he had failed to comply with their demand for money. Dynamite was exploded under the porch which was torn away and the windows in the building shattered. None of the occupants were injured.

POLICE REPORT.

There Was a Falling Off During Month of February. There was quite a falling off in the work of the police court during the month of February. The report of Seagrave Reynolds shows that for the month only 161 cases were tried, 86 of these being convictions by the recorder.

This falling off is explained in part by the fact that two weeks of the month criminal court was in session, and it is always the case during this period that the recorder has hardly anything to do. Why this is so, however, is hard to explain.

The report for the police department for the month is as follows: Fines imposed, \$388.75; costs, \$383.85; fines remitted, \$10; sent to jail, \$192.70; sent to superior court on appeal, \$31.95; miscellaneous, \$4.10. The total amount remitted to the city treasurer was \$696.99, of which \$523.85 was for the month of February, and \$173.14 was for miscellaneous collection, which do not come in the month's report.

Miss Robertson in Accident.

Miss Julia Robertson, who is visiting Mrs. H. H. McLendon in Wadesboro, was in a thrilling accident there last Tuesday afternoon. She and Mrs. McLendon were out driving in a buggy when the horse became frightened and backed down an embankment. Miss Robertson was thrown from the vehicle into a six-foot ditch, the buggy toppling over on her. Mrs. McLendon was also thrown out. Both escaped serious injury and were none the worse for the accident except the shock of their frightful experience.

Hoskins Line Is Completed

Beginning tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock a regular schedule on the Piedmont-Hoskins line of the street railway system will be maintained. The first car over the Hoskins end of the line, however, will leave Independence Square at 12 o'clock, or as close to that hour as other schedules will permit. If the weather is clear and warm one of the big open summer cars will be used. On board, as guests of Mr. E. L. Latta, president of the company, will be representatives of the press, city officials and officers of the 4C's Co. After a trip to the mills and other suburban lines and in the city, this car will return to the square, probably about 1 o'clock. Then two cars will be sent out to Hoskins and turned over to the people of that community for two or three hours. Promptly at 4 o'clock the schedule will go into effect and the thriving suburb of Hoskins with its population will be thrown into Greater Charlotte.

Two Deeds Filed for Registration in the Clerk's Office.

Two deeds were filed for registration today in the office of the clerk of the superior court: Mary J. Hutchison to Martin H. Collins, for a lot 160x150 feet at Seventh and Broad streets, the consideration being \$2,870. Mr. W. L. Miller to J. C. Pressley, for a lot 85x150 feet in McInchville, the consideration being \$700.

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Sensational Charges Filed Against Electric Boat Company, of Spending Money to Influence Legislation.

Washington, D. C., March 6.—Without discussion or division today the house adopted the resolution brought in by the committee on rules, providing for the appointment of a committee to investigate charges made by Congressman Lilley, to the effect that the Electric Boat Company of New Jersey, had engaged in an effort to corruptly influence members of the house.

It is Alleged Company's Attorney Wrote Amendment to Appropriation Bill—Entire Matter to Be Probed.

Accompanying the report of the committee on rules is a copy of Mr. Lilley's statement to the committee, in which he charged that the electric boat company has for years maintained a lobby at Washington under its annual retainer. He charges that large sums of money have been spent in entertaining members of congress; that the attorney for the company wrote the senate amendment to the appropriation bill of 1907; that large sums of money had been contributed to the company by the campaign funds of the members of congress; and that since 1893 the efforts of the company have resulted in suppressing competition in submarine construction, and that representatives of leading newspapers have been subsidized by the company.

WORKING FOR CONVENTION

The Committee of One Hundred Will Hold Meeting To Make Plans. A meeting will be held in the assembly room of the Selwyn on Monday night at 8 o'clock, of the committee of one hundred, which is to go to Raleigh on the 11th to work for securing the democratic convention for Charlotte. This meeting is called by the chairman of the committee in order that some definite plan may be decided upon as to how to go about presenting Charlotte's claims before the state executive committee.

First Street Car to This Thriving Suburb Will Be Operated Tomorrow Leaving the Square at 12 O'clock.

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