

No Solution Yet As To Mystery Of Death Of Myrtle Hawkins

Police Able to Offer no Solution as to Who Committed Awful Crime in Hendersonville—No Warrants Have as Yet Been Issued.

Articles Found Near Scene May Afford Some Clue—There is no Apparent Reason For the Suicide or Murder—Police Make Statement.

Special to The News. Asheville, N. C., Sept. 12.—Authorities have not yet solved the mystery of the death of Miss Myrtle Hawkins, who disappeared from her home at Hendersonville last Thursday and whose body was found Sunday, floating in Ocoosa Lake.

The suicide theory has been discarded and the opinion of the authorities and general public is that the pretty and popular young woman was murdered.

W. A. Garren, chief of police, stated today that he cannot give theories as to the murderer, but is satisfied that she was murdered.

Dr. Kirk and Craft, who performed the autopsy, are also reticent. The autopsy disclosed the fact that no water was in the lungs, although the body was discovered, it was not bruised and had evidently been exposed to the sun probably for 24 hours before being thrown into the water.

It is thought she may have been choked or smothered, and the chief told of finding some articles in the woods nearby which may afford a clue. He said no warrants were out to arrest anyone.

Though there were few guests at the hotel, there was much passing near the lake and it is improbable that the body could have remained in the water long without discovery.

The chief knew nothing of Hal Cooper, of Johnson City, supposed to be the lover of the young lady, and who was reported to have visited her recently.

It appears that the home life of the deceased was happy according to a statement of J. W. Thomas, a brother-in-law, who lives here and who could give no reason for suicide or murder.

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Engaged to Hal Cooper. A relative of the woman states that she was engaged to Hal Cooper, a prominent young business man of Johnson City, Tenn., but that he is in no case suspected of having been responsible for her death either directly

or indirectly. The wedding was expected to occur at an early date.

JONES STATES THAT HE WILL BE CANDIDATE

Lancaster, S. C., Sept. 12.—The Lancaster News received today the following statement from Chief Justice Ira B. Jones, who on yesterday forwarded his resignation, effective in January, to the governor:

"The Lancaster News: You are authorized to state that if Providence permits, I will certainly be a candidate in the primary next August for nomination as governor.

DIEGLE ON WAY TO COLUMBUS TO APPEAR IN COURT

Columbus, O., Sept. 12.—Rodney J. Diegle, former sergeant-at-arms of the Ohio senate convicted of abetting bribery, who is expected to make a confession that may result in further stay of execution of his sentence to three years in the penitentiary, has been located in French Lick Springs, Ind.

REBELLION IN DISTRICT OF CHENG TU NOW

Chen Kiang, Western China, Sept. 12.—A serious rebellion has occurred in the district of Cheng Tu. The soldiers refuse to obey instructions and are trying to bring force against the government control of the railway.

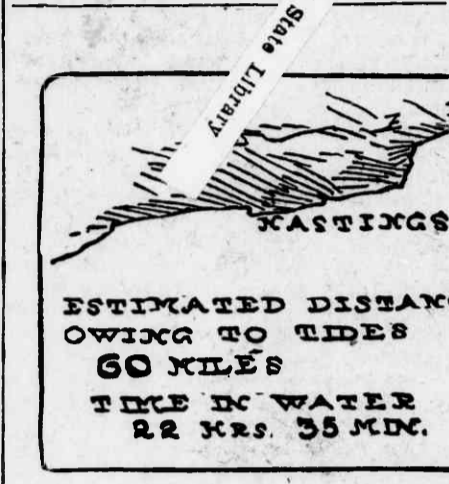
BRODIE DUKE ARRESTED IN HIGH POINT

Lexington, N. C., Sept. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Brodie L. Duke, of Durham, while in their touring car going from this city to Thomasville yesterday afternoon ran into a team of horses belonging to Mr. June Leonard, a David county farmer. One of the animals sustained, it is claimed, serious injuries. The car was being run by Mr. Duke's chauffeur, a man named Lucas. The party continued their trip to High Point, where they spent the night. Mr. Leonard had a warrant issued for Mr. Duke and sent on to High Point, where the arrest was made last night.

Steamship Wrecked. Seattle, Wash., Sept. 12.—The Pacific coast steamship company's steamer, Ramona, has been wrecked on Deception Island, near Juneau, Alaska. The Ramona took the place of the Spokane, which was wrecked in Seymour Narrows, B. C., in June.

M'NAMARA MUST BE TRIED IN LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 12.—Judge Bordwell before whom John J. and James J. McNamara will be tried Oct. 11 on indictments charging them with dynamiting and murder in connection with the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times plant, ruled yesterday that John J. McNamara must be tried in Los Angeles and not at Indianapolis, from which city it was claimed he had been kidnapped, which the defense requested. The bill of exceptions filed by counsel for McNamara questioned the jurisdiction of the superior court, but the court held it had jurisdiction. Cyrus McNutt, one of the attorneys for the defense, said there would be no appeal from the decision.



SWIMMING THE CHANNEL. William Burgess, conqueror of the English Channel, shown in the water, and a map of his remarkable swim from Dover to the coast of France. It was the first time the feat had been accomplished since Captain Matthew Webb did it thirty-six years ago. It took Burgess 22 hours and 35 minutes to reach the French shore. The photographs shows the swimmer taking nourishment while in the channel, and explain how the feat is at all possible.

CONFERENCE TO ATTACK HIGH COST OF LIVING

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 12.—A consumers and producers conference to attack the high cost of living opened here today with representatives present from labor and farmers union men, commercial organizations, boards of trade, citizens at large and the Texas cattle raisers association.

Plans for the attack have narrowed down to two steps. One is a central selling agency and the other an independent packing house to be established at some point in Texas. An indirect step will be the endorsement of municipal slaughter houses similar to the Paris abattoir and the stimulation of the representatives to secure such slaughter houses for their cities.

CHIEF JUSTICE JONES MAY OPPOSE COLEMAN BLEASE

Charleston, S. C., Sept. 12.—A dispatch from Lancaster, S. C., states that Chief Justice Ira B. Jones has forwarded his resignation to Governor Blease to take effect in January 1912. While Justice Jones made no statement as to the cause of this step it is generally understood that it is for the purpose of making the race against Cole L. Blease for governor next summer. It is known that Justice Jones has been strongly urged by the conservatives in the state, those opposed to the Blease administration to make the race for governor.

Death of Major Lyon. Stockton, Cal., Sept. 12.—Major H. G. Lyon, 17th Infantry, U. S. A., who was retired last May owing to impaired health, died here yesterday. Major Lyon participated in Sioux Indian campaigns and served in Cuba and the Philippines. He was wounded at San Juan Hill.



Back Home Movement Was Enthusiastically Launched To-day

Prominent Men Who Have Stayed at Home and Helped Made North Carolina the Great State it is Met at the Selwyn.

Plan of Organization was Adopted After Speeches, Emphasizing the Benefit and Need of a Back Home Association.

Judging from the spirit of enthusiasm which permeated the meeting held this morning at the Selwyn for the purpose of organizing a back home association, the movement has already taken hold of the state, assuring the success of a permanent organization with this greatly to be desired result.

It is the day on which the state people in the state are met to band together for the purpose of bringing back home the state people who are out of the state. The idea of forming an association originated with the Greater Charlotte Club, but it is local in inception only. The interest, the result, is to be state wide.

Coming together in the assembly hall of the Selwyn today, were such men as Senator Overman, Fred Olds, H. B. Varner, F. W. La Baume, J. H. Calve, Z. P. Smith and scores of others.

Prohibition Election In Maine Is Exceedingly Close

THE "DRYS" CARRIED. Decatur, Ala., Sept. 12.—Unofficial returns complete with the exception of three precincts show today that the "drys" carried Morgan county yesterday by a majority of 359, the vote standing "wet" 1223 and "dry" 1582.

DIED AT AGE OF 117. Hopkinsville, Ky., Sept. 12.—The oldest person in Christian county, in Kentucky, Mrs. Abbie Fuller, is dead. She was at least 110 and relatives claim she was 117.

FOWLER CONTINES CROSS COUNTRY AERIAL JOURNEY

Auburn, Cal., Sept. 12.—Robert G. Fowler rose from the ground at 8:33 o'clock this morning to begin the second day of his trans-continental airplane flight. Today's trip, if successful, will take him across the Sierras, Alta, Calif., Sept. 12.—While flying over this place at a considerable elevation, Aviator Fowler fell with his machine which was demolished. Fowler escaped with a few minor bruises. He said the accident was caused by the rudder failing to work and declared that the motor might be repaired as it did not appear badly damaged.

Explains the accident, Aviator Fowler said: "The vertical rudder quit working for some reason and all I could do was to go around in a circle. My machine swung to the left in the spires, then dropped and hit a couple of trees, damaging the frame badly. The engine though is all right. "My back is wrenched but not a bit of skin is off anywhere. It will take three or four days to rebuild."

Next interest to the prohibition question was that of the adoption of rejection of a state wide primary act. Returns thus far received indicate its adoption by a good margin. The official vote from seventy cities and towns at hand this morning show 23,730 favorable and 6,362 opposed votes, a majority in favor of 17,418.

Neighbor Held in Connection with Murder. Madison, Wis., Sept. 12.—John A. Johnson, a neighbor of Martin T. Lemberger, is held by the police to tell what he knows of the death of Annie Lemberger, the 7-year-old girl whose corpse was found in Lake Monona Saturday morning.

SELECT JURY TO TRY MEN FOR MURDER

Somerset, Ky., Sept. 12.—Special bailiffs held here today to summon a venire of 100 men in Lincoln county from which to select a jury to try Fount Helton and James Ellis, charged with the murder of Magistrate A. J. Beally and Constable W. F. Heath at Burnside, Ky., in July.

At yesterday's session the regular Pulaski county panels were exhausted without securing even one juror. Helton and Helton are heavily guarded in the jail here, having been brought from Danville where they were held for safe keeping. Mob violence is feared.

THE WEATHER. By Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 12.—Forecast: North Carolina: Probably fair tonight and Wednesday, cooler Wednesday; probably north and west winds. South Carolina and Georgia: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; light west winds becoming variable.

VOLCANO, OLD MOUNT ETNA, ON THE RAGE

Catania, Sicily, Sept. 12.—Volcanic Mount Etna's spouting is increasing. Sixteen new fissures have opened. From the two nearest the base of the volcano a great stream of lava issues. It is moving 1,250 feet an hour and today it had covered several miles in the direction of Linguaglossa, north-east of Etna.