

Solicitor Hall Johnson Reaches The Scene Of Girl's Murder

The Coroner's Report That Miss Myrtle Hawkins Came to Death as Result of Operation Has Stirred a Deep Sensation.

Family Will Not Talk - Washington Detective Reaches Scene - Young Man Being Watched - Arrests Hourly Expected.

(BY BRUCE Q. NABERS.)

Special to The News. Hendersonville, Sept. 14.—The news feature in the now famous murder case in which Miss Myrtle Hawkins, of this city, lost her life as the result of an operation unlawfully performed, is the fact that the solicitor of this district, Mr. Hall Johnson, of Winston, arrived in the city last night and got on the case.

He will assist the coroner in getting to the bottom of the mystery and render all possible assistance from a legal standpoint. The statement by Coroner Kirk last night to the effect that another autopsy would be held and his comment on the girl's death started talk of an avalanche of wild talk that up to the present time has practically obscured the real facts in the case.

It is regarded here as unfortunate that the report that a young Hendersonville physician was implicated in the case, should have gained currency as there is nothing to warrant that assumption. Others today are following every clue that will possibly throw light on the matter and it is thought by the time the inquest is held tomorrow that they will be in position to really make some definite move leading to the apprehension of the real criminal.

His Cooper, the young man who was engaged to marry the young woman, is here but nothing could be learned from him. The family of the girl are also reticent and the doors of their home are closed to representatives of the press. The town is alive with newspaper men and the editor of the Daily Herald, Hendersonville's daily paper, has assumed the appearance of a metropolitan daily with a staff of special writers. Interest in the case is still at a high pitch and developments are eagerly awaited.

By Associated Press. Hendersonville, N. C., Sept. 14.—Despite reports that suspicion had been directed against two men and rumors that the authorities were ready to place their hands upon the guilty parties, citizens of Hendersonville today discussed plans of raising money to be offered as reward for the slayer of Miss Myrtle Hawkins. The authorities have already promised a reward of \$10,000.

First reports that the girl had died from the effects of chloroform were discredited by the coroner's announcement that an illegal operation had caused death. The authorities have not yet formulated a theory as to how the body of the girl was taken to Lake Ocoee, on whose waters it was found Sunday.

Young Man Being Watched. A young man, resident of this vicinity, is under surveillance of the authorities in connection with the death of Miss Myrtle Hawkins, whose body was found in Lake Ocoee last Sunday. It was learned today that the youth is said to have been seen with Miss Hawkins a short time before she disappeared last Thursday and while his name is being withheld an arrest is expected hourly.

Detectives Busy. An operative from a Washington detective agency reached Hendersonville today and immediately began an investigation. The announcement of the coroner that an illegal operation had caused Miss Hawkins' death has stirred feelings here and it is said the authorities have taken extra precautions to safeguard any suspect arrested. Coroner Kirk has present evidence to a new jury at the second inquest to be held tomorrow, which he believes will result in a verdict of manslaughter.

PRESIDENT OF BANK WAS ARRESTED.

By Associated Press. Louisville, Ky., Sept. 14.—Charging that money was accepted for deposit after J. S. Woods, president of the defunct Franklin Bank of Louisville, knew the bank was insolvent, an attorney for Miss Lillian Kimball, of New Albany, Ind., today brought before the grand jury a charge of embezzlement against Woods. Woods' arrest today charged the grand jury with the case. Officers of the bank issued a statement saying that the bank had been unable to realize on some of the paper it was carrying but that depositors would be paid in full.

Death of C. D. Berry. By Associated Press. Fairfield, Conn., Sept. 14.—C. D. Berry, a prominent attorney of Nashville, Tenn., and a graduate of Yale, in the class of 1868, is dead at the home of friends here from apoplexy. He was 67 years old.

Maine Results Still in Doubt

By Associated Press. Portland, Me., Sept. 14.—Constitutional prohibition's fate in Maine remained in doubt today. On the face of the unofficial returns there appeared to be a small majority on the prohibition side. In two instances, however, unofficial returns from the town and city clerks do not agree with the figures sent by the same clerks to the secretary of state at Augusta.

DIEGLE STILL IN DAYTON, OHIO.

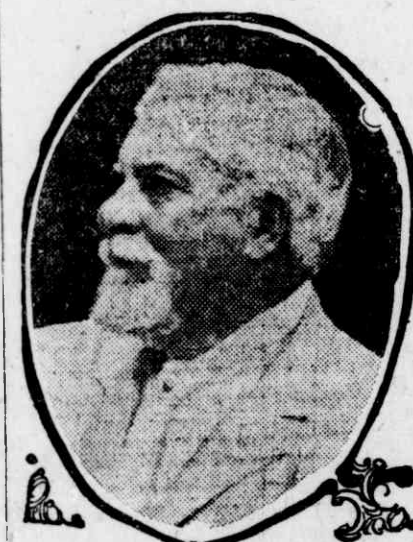
By Associated Press. Dayton, O., Sept. 14.—According to reliable information Rodney J. Diegle, former sergeant-at-arms, of the Ohio state senate, under sentence of three years in the penitentiary for facilitating bribery in the Ohio legislature, is still in Dayton or was early today. It is believed he will remain here until after his case is presented to the circuit court in Dayton tomorrow. Diegle is here in company with Attorney John E. Egan of Dayton, one of the convicted man's personal counsel. When Diegle was sentenced last Saturday he was granted a stay of execution until next Monday upon promise to submit to the state's attorneys a written statement concerning the legislative bribery scandal last winter. Diegle is believed to be here preparing that promised statement, with the aid of Attorney Egan, but the exact whereabouts of the attorney and his client remain unknown.

TENNESSEE DEMOCRATS WOULD UNITE

By Associated Press. Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 14.—Failure on the part of the regular democratic state committee to reply at once to the peace proposition of the independent state committee has led to their publication today of the basis adopted last Saturday on which the independent leaders were willing to cooperate in bringing about democratic harmony in Tennessee. The plan contemplates a direct primary early next year for white democrats, held by a committee of twenty, both sides equally represented and at which voters would ballot on a candidate for president, national convention delegates and electors, all state officers elected by the people and on members of a new democratic state committee. In some quarters the failure of the regular democratic committee to act promptly is construed to mean that the committee may not join in the negotiations. So far no sub-committee has been appointed by the regulars and no call for the committee to meet has been issued. Meanwhile friends of Harmon, Clark and Wilson have become quite active in Tennessee. Just what effect a continuation of the democratic breach would have on the state's vote is problematic.

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 14.—Forecast: North Carolina—Fair tonight and probably Friday; rising temperature Friday; moderate northeast winds.



R. T. CRANE. R. T. Crane, wealthy and prominent manufacturer of Chicago, whose public charges that the college youth of America are leading immoral lives have brought forth a mountain of denials by college men and professors all over the country. Mr. Crane, whose accusations, based on an investigation of the habits of Harvard students, were published in a Boston newspaper, declares that in a majority of cases, a college education is degrading rather than elevating.

MYSTERY SUR-ROUNDS DROWNING OF CAPT. WARNER

By Associated Press. Cleveland, O., Sept. 14.—Mysterious circumstances surround the drowning of Capt. Frank G. Warner, aged 38, commander of the Dorothea, Ohio's naval militia ship, off the Ninth street pier today. Warner is said to have tumbled out of the small row boat and not attracted the attention of two men who also occupied the boat. These men gave an alarm following the discovery of the accident and then disappeared. The police are looking for them. The Dorothea was to have sailed from Cleveland harbor next Sunday on her last cruise of the season. Captain Warner, it is said, got off from a pier early today in company with two civilians who were to be his guests at an inquest on the boat. The Dorothea is half a mile off shore. According to the story told by the men they were not more than half way out when they looked around and noticed that Warner was missing. They hastily put back. Life savers recovered the body three hours later in 18 feet of water.

Noted American Authoress Dead

By Associated Press. Abing, Upper Bavaria, Sept. 14.—Elizabeth Edson Evans, the American authoress died here today. She was born in New Port, N. H., in 1822, and had resided in Europe since 1870. Mrs. Evans was a daughter of Dr. Willard Putnam and Lucia Field (Williams) Gibson. In 1868 she married Edward Payson Evans, the author, who is a native of Rensselaer, N. Y. Mrs. Evans contributed verse and prose to the newspapers and magazines and her books included the novels "Laura, an American Girl," "Transplanted Manners" and "Confessions," and "A History of Religions," "The Story of the Kaspar Hauser," "The Story of Louis XV, of France" and "The Christ Myth."

Saloon Vaudeville To Be Abolished

By Associated Press. Chicago, Sept. 14.—Saloon vaudeville is to be abolished in Chicago by order of Mayor Carter H. Harrison. Singing of rag time songs or sentimental ballads does not constitute vaudeville in the opinion of Mayor Harrison. But let the singer do a dance as well and the line has been crossed and the performer has entered the realm of vaudeville. "Midnight vaudeville," which draws after-theatre crowds into Chicago's restaurants and saloons must go, the mayor declared.

Molasses Killed Fish. New Orleans, Sept. 14.—Dead shrimp by the million and fish by the thousand are floating about on the waters of Lake Pontchartrain near the bulkheads at the entrance of the new basin as a result of a diet of molasses which found its way into the lake from the city sewers when 600,000 gallons were recently let loose in the streets when a storage tank burst. The molasses contained about 2 1/2 per cent potash to the gallon. Unless the tides carry the dead fish away it is predicted that the odor will be so great that the residents will be forced to move from West End.

LEPER STUFFED IN FREIGHT CAR.

By Associated Press. Seattle, Wash., Sept. 14.—Acielo Paley, the Filipino leper, whom the health authorities of the city of Washington held in isolation for the last six months arrived here today in a box car, which was burned as soon as he left it. Paley will sail for Manila tomorrow on the United States transport Dixon on the deck of which a cabin has been built for him. This, like the box car, will be burned at the end of the voyage.

FELLED BURGLAR WITH A POKER

By Associated Press. Hendersonville, Ky., Sept. 14.—Summoned from home early this morning by a passerby who saw a burglar in his store, J. M. Overfield, a grocer, entered armed only with a poker, killed the supposed thief after a vigorous fight and sat on him until the police came. The prisoner has been identified as Frank Williamson, who escaped from jail several weeks ago while being held on a highway robbery charge. In addition to robbery and breaking jail, a third charge of house breaking now rests against him.

Horace Clark Resigns.

By Associated Press. Denver, Col., Sept. 14.—The resignation of Horace W. Clark, second vice-president and general manager of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad was announced here yesterday. Ill health which compels Mr. Clark to seek a lower altitude is assigned as the reason. In this connection it is declared, without confirmation, however, that there is a strong probability of Mr. Clark's connection with the Texas and Pacific and Great Northern Railroads, which recently merged.



AVIATOR FOWLER. Aviator Fowler, who has started on his cross-continent flight from San Francisco to New York for the Hearst prize of \$50,000. Fowler fell the first day, but is planning to resume his flights.

Aviator Ward To-day Resumed His Coast-To-Coast Flight For \$50,000 Prize

By Associated Press. Paterson, N. J., Sept. 14.—James J. Ward, the youthful aviator resumed his flight at 9:22 o'clock this morning toward the Pacific coast. The first leg of his journey in his proposed flight from coast to coast was made yesterday when he flew from Governor's Island, against buffeting winds to this city. Ward is flying for a prize of \$50,000 offered by William R. Hearst. Well out of the crisp cross of railroad tracks that led him astray yesterday as soon as he left Jersey city, Ward expected no more trouble today in finding his way. He planned to follow the tracks of the Erie railroad and make his stop at Middletown, N. Y., about 50 miles away. There he will get more gasoline and try to reach Elmira, 225 miles from today's starting point before night fall. Descended at Southfield. Paterson, N. J., Sept. 14.—Ward descended at 9:45 in the town of Southfield, near Tuxedo and about 25 miles from his starting point. Lands at Middletown. Middletown, N. Y., Sept. 14.—James Ward, the aviator, landed here in his flight to the Pacific coast at noon today. Ward's machine worked badly after leaving Paterson, compelling him to alight near Southfield, N. Y.

Opposing Political Forces Lined Up In Battle Array In Canada To-day

By Associated Press. Halifax, N. S., Sept. 14.—Opposing political forces are formally lined up in battle array on the hustings of every parliamentary constituency in Canada today, barring a few counties where polling will take place a week or more after the day of the general elections, Thursday, September 21. British Columbia 11, Ontario 21, New Brunswick 11, Nova Scotia 12, New Brunswick 11, Parliament has a membership of 221, of whom 133 were supporters of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and 88 opposed, as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Province, Liberals, Conservatives. Ontario 25, Quebec 53, Nova Scotia 12, New Brunswick 11, Manitoba 2, Saskatchewan 9, Alberta 4, Prince Ed. Island 3, Yukon 1.

Ward's Affairs in Receivers Hands

By Associated Press. London, Sept. 14.—Financial affairs of Reginald H. Ward, who at one time in the role of a "copper king," figured prominently in certain moneyed circles of London, were today placed in the hands of an official receiver in bankruptcy. Mr. Ward explains that extensive declines in copper properties in which he is interested were responsible for his embarrassment, which he maintains is but temporary. He intends, he says, to continue in business.

Abductor is Being Hotly Pursued

By Associated Press. Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 14.—A seven-mile cordon of armed men was drawn across the international boundary all night, while a posse of 500 men beat up the bushes in an effort to disclose the abductor of Eleanor Gladys Price, the Riverdale school teacher. The work of the bloodhounds was ineffective because the animals were taken from one scent to another and lost both. Early this morning a man believed to be the one wanted broke into the bar of the Western hotel at Snowflake to replenish his supply of liquor. The proprietor, aroused by the noise, hastened down stairs armed. A rapid interchange of shots followed. The man escaped. Men came rushing from all directions, mounted horses and started in pursuit while the border force was notified by courier of the shooting.

MUCH TOBACCO EARLY BY EARLY FROST.

By Associated Press. Suffield, Conn., Sept. 14.—Under the heaviest September frost this part of Connecticut has experienced in twenty-five years, 800 acres of standing tobacco were ruined during the night, causing a loss estimated at \$250,000.

Pellegrins Treated.

By Associated Press. Atlanta, Sept. 14.—Ten patients were received into Atlanta's new pelagra hospital, which opened today. It is connected with the Tabernacle infirmary. There will be provision for six charity patients.

Thousands Flee Before Advancing Floods Of Lava

Fowler Building A New Biplane

By Associated Press. Colfax, Cal., Sept. 14.—Aviator Robert G. Fowler and his mechanics began construction of a new biplane today from the parts of the machine wrecked Tuesday, the second day of Fowler's flight from San Francisco. New parts arrived today from Ouden. Except for a slight soreness of one leg, Fowler is uninjured. The aviator is the guest of Colfax. The Colfax gun club has contributed \$250 to help him to reconstruct his machine. Fowler said he would be ready to renew his journey Saturday and that his mechanics told him that possibly he would be able to start earlier. He said that he was confident that he could make the trip over the Sierras. His experience Tuesday taught him that in the altitude it is necessary to increase the supply of air which feeds with the gasoline, as the rare air does not feed fast enough through the ordinary valve to make sufficient combustion. The rebuilt machine will have a larger valve than that ordinarily used.

FINGER RING FIGURES IN CAMORRIST TRIAL.

By Associated Press. Viterbo, Italy, Sept. 14.—The finger ring which Carabineers claim to have found in the possession of alleged assassins of Gennar Cuccolo and his wife again figured in the prolonged Camorra trial today. Some witnesses asserted the ring had been the property of the murdered man, while others denied it was the same Cuccolo had worn.

PLAN TO REORGANIZE TOBACCO TRUST.

By Associated Press. New York, Sept. 14.—Preliminary to the conference of federal judges, Attorney General Wickersham and American Tobacco Company officials here today, James Duke, president of the company declared he did not think any thing definite would be accomplished at the meeting toward the reorganization ordered by the supreme court. Several more meetings will be necessary, according to Mr. Duke. So far as known the reorganization plans formed are those of the company, whose attorneys do not think the matter will be settled for six months.

Longshoremen Organize.

By Associated Press. New Orleans, Sept. 14.—The gulf district branch of the International Longshoremen's Association was organized last night Galveston was selected as headquarters. J. H. Huff, of Mobile, was elected president. A provision of the constitution provides that no vessel loaded at a foreign port by non-union labor will be unloaded by members of the association in any port where the international longshoremen's association has jurisdiction.

Says Maine is Dry.

By Associated Press. The Hague, Sept. 14.—A wave of enthusiasm swept over the 13th international congress against alcoholism today when a cablegram was read by Minister Talma announcing a prohibition victory in Maine.

KILLED WIFE, MOTHER-IN-LAW AND SELF.

By Associated Press. Lawrence, Kas., Sept. 14.—Dr. C. C. Payne, of Eugora, Kas., today shot and killed his wife and his mother-in-law, Mrs. M. E. Smith and then committed suicide here.

Germany's Reply to France.

By Associated Press. Paris, Sept. 14.—While it is hardly expected that the German reply to the communication of France reaching Berlin today will be an acceptance on every point, yet the spirit of the semi-official observations on the Moroccan dispute made by the Cologne Gazette creates favorable impressions officially in Paris of an approaching agreement.

Charged With Double Murder.

By Associated Press. Somerset, Ky., Sept. 14.—Taking of evidence in the trial of James Ellis and Fount Helton who are charged with a double murder began today. There are but few witnesses and it is believed that this part of the trial will be completed by nightfall. It is expected both of the defendants will be called to the witness stand. The case will probably go to the jury by tomorrow night.

Lumbermen Meet.

By Associated Press. Chicago, Sept. 14.—Members of the executive committee of the Southern Lumber Operators' Association had a secret meeting here today. Although the committeemen were reported to have discussed the labor situation in Southern mills, they refused to talk and adjourned early this afternoon.

Twenty Thousand Inhabitants of Castiglione And Franca-villa Rush to Safety—Both Towns Threatened with Destruction.

Discharge From the Crater and From New Fissures Have Increased in Volume—Water Supply of Villages Cut Off.

By Associated Press. Catania, Sicily, Sept. 14.—Twenty thousand inhabitants of Castiglione and Franca-villa fled today before the advancing flood of lava from Mount Etna. Both towns are threatened with destruction. A large flow from the crater and new fissures increases in volume. The main stream pouring down the northeastern side of the volcano has made its way sluggishly over the foot hills toward the base, crossed the railway and invaded the valley of the Alcantara. Today the front, 50 feet high and a third of a mile wide, broke over a long declivity and, gathering velocity, forced the peasant dwellers in its path to make a hurried retreat. It cut off the water supply of several villages. When the stream was within three miles of the Castiglione and Franca-villa the people collected their portable property and made for the higher places.

WOMAN BATTLING FOR THE BALLOT.

By Associated Press. Spring Lake, N. J., Sept. 14.—Dr. Anna Shaw, president of the National Woman's Suffrage Association, took her battle for the ballot to the floor of the Governor's Conference today. Twenty-eight governors and twenty-eight senators are in the chamber assembled half an hour earlier than usual to hear her speak. Mrs. J. W. Brannan, of the Woman's Political Union, of New York, preceded Dr. Shaw. She presented to the governors a book showing, she said, "the strange confusion of woman's status in the different states."

EXTRA SESSION OF PANAMA ASSEMBLY.

By Associated Press. Panama, Sept. 14.—President Arosemena today issued a decree calling an extra session of the general assembly. The purpose, it is understood, is to amend certain laws which conflict with the republic's agreement with the United States.

To Rescue of Schooner.

By Associated Press. Charleston, S. C., Sept. 14.—A dredge has been engaged to make a channel for the schooner Jacob S. Winslow, lumber laden which went hard and fast aground in the harbor during the recent hurricane. The work of lightening the lumber cargo of the Schooner Edwin, stranded at East Battery, is fast proceeding. Tugs will drag her through mud to the channel. Powerful hydraulic hose will be used at the navy yard to make a channel to get the five torpede boats into the Cooper river. Other vessels will soon be floated, several having been driven several hundred feet beyond the shore line.

Racing at Lexington.

By Associated Press. Lexington, Ky., Sept. 14.—A light rain which set in this morning it is feared will mar the opening of the fall season of western racing here today. The autumn handicap at two and a quarter miles, which was to be the feature of the meeting will lose in interest on account of the withdrawal of several of the entrants because of the heavy track. The very cool weather now prevailing will, it is expected, cut down the attendance.



MISS MATILDA MOISANT. Miss Matilda Moisant, sister of the late Statue of Liberty aviator, who is rivaling the feats of her distinguished brother. The latest achievement of the world's altitude record for women, when she flew 2,500 feet high at Mineola, Long Island. Miss Moisant's only rival is Madame Helene Betrieu, of France, who flew over Bruges, Belgium, at a height of 2,000 feet.