

Inquest Into Murder Of Myrtle Hawkins Postponed Until Next Monday Aft.

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Hair Dresser, Said to Be in Columbia, May Have Been Implicated—No Arrests Yet Made of Any Suspects.

Mrs. Guice Not Connected with The Affair—Little Court Room Crowded at Inquest—Review of The Testimony.

(By BRUCE NABERS.)

Hendersonville, Sept. 16.—The inquest into the death of Miss Myrtle Hawkins was today postponed until next Monday afternoon.

Another Woman in Case. Some additional light was placed upon the case this morning when it was learned that there was still another woman in the mystery. Her name is thought to be that of Bessie Clark, a well known hair dresser who has frequently visited Hendersonville.

The general talk on these streets this morning is that the state has only succeeded in getting one or two witnesses on the stand and unless more evidence is introduced to contradict the testimony given by the suspects the inquest will not yet be solved.

The detectives and county officials are more active today than before. They feel that something must be brought to light before the resumption of the inquest next Monday and will leave nothing undone in getting additional testimony. There are several new witnesses to be summoned for Monday, besides the ten or fifteen whose testimony has not been heard.

It is said that there is one witness to be heard yet who will severely contradict George Bradley in his statement that he was not with the murdered girl at Wednesday a week ago near Osceola Lake.

The little court room was crowded to the doors with eager spectators intent on missing nothing that might be said by the witnesses for this was to be the big day when all the sensational testimony was to be presented. It was thought that the prosecution would exert their every effort to break down the testimony of George Bradley, the young married man who was an intimate friend of the girl and followed her line of attack on him as was the case yesterday.

There were eight newspaper representatives in the court room representing practically every big paper in this country and the local people are watching every man who comes in and leaving him either as a detective or a newspaper writer.

Hendersonville, Sept. 16.—The Bessie Clark story is a fake. The current name is Miss Grant. Nothing particularly startling has developed. The inquest is showing nothing except that George Bradley and A. B. McCall, are suspected of being implicated in the murder. Both are married men.

There have been no arrests made up to the present time.

Last Night's Developments. The solution of the mystery of Myrtle Hawkins' death was no nearer solution last night than it was yesterday. The coroner's inquest, which was reopened yesterday afternoon, adjourned until this morning at 10:30. The warrants for the arrests of suspected parties which were drawn up at noon yesterday have not been served, the coroner stating that the evidence so far adduced did not justify any arrests. The witnesses examined yesterday afternoon by Solicitor Johnson were George Bradley, who before his marriage, was a close friend of Myrtle Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McCall, also friends of the deceased and at whose house Mr. and Mrs. Bradley lived, Robert Waddell, a farm hand, in the employ of the McCall and W. L. Johnson. The last named identified George Bradley as one of the men he saw sitting in a conversation on Lake Osceola bridge at midnight Thursday.

Bradley on the stand refused Johnson's testimony and swore that he was not the person who had been seen following the girl's death or the operation which led to it.

Robert Waddell, a brother of the dead girl, and Hal Cooper, her father, stated on the stand that they had no reason to suspect any person of the murder of sister and co-sister.

The main feature of the inquest, was the throwing of a somewhat new light on the Hawkins mystery, was the production of a letter found in Myrtle's room here by Mrs. J. B. Estelle of Asheville, a married sister of the deceased. The letter writ-

ten by Myrtle and addressed to her mother was as follows:

"Dear Mother—I promised daddy to write and tell you of my misfortune, but I have not the face to tell you the name of the man who is responsible for it. He is not entirely to blame, however, for he has done all that he could to help me and will continue to do so. I am going away so that I will not be any more trouble to you. Tell them that I have gone at Alta's Good bye."

The "Alta" referred to is a girl friend of the deceased who lives at Concord, N. C.

There will be no arrests made unless the evidence to be presented to-day takes a more decided turn. The authorities were inclined to take a gloomy view of the situation last night.

Mrs. Guice Not Implicated. As noted yesterday the rumor implicating Mrs. Guice was merely unfounded, as officers stated.

A warrant has been issued for Miss Isabelle Grant, a trained nurse of Atlanta, according to one report. It is rumored that she will be charged with first degree murder, although the report has not been verified. The warrant had not been served early today.

More important testimony and yesterday afternoon follows:

Those who are said to be under surveillance are George Bradley and his wife, A. A. McCall and his father, Dan McCall, and Mrs. A. A. McCall, the latter being the boon companion of the deceased girl. George Bradley is the man with whom the Hawkins girl had been on very friendly terms.

The chief evidence for the state yesterday afternoon was Bob Waddell, who worked for Dan McCall, near Flat Rock. He testified that McCall had sent him to Hendersonville Saturday night on an ostensible errand, and he suggested that he go to church Sunday night. He said he smelled odor about the barn, and admitted sacks and found them in another barn. He said that he noticed the same peculiar odor at the inquest. He said that all of the McCalls and Bradleys held whispered conversations Friday morning.

He said the bottle was found at the Hawkins home by the girl's sister, along with a paper containing a mysterious black powder. It had evidently been mixed with something in the bottle. Hawkins was asked if he gave it to Myrtle Hawkins and he denied it.

Bradley was married only a few weeks ago. He and the Hawkins girl had for a long time been close friends. He became engaged to another girl and the Hawkins girl became engaged to Hal Cooper, of Johnson City. Before the marriage of Bradley the Hawkins girl wrote to Bradley's fiancée and asked if she had any objection to Bradley and she said she had none.

Bradley was doing in the past, saying there could be nothing wrong as they were engaged. The girl wrote back that she had no objections to offer. It has been known in Hendersonville all day that Bradley would be one of the chief witnesses at the inquest.

A woman, said to be a trained nurse, visited at the McCall home some time prior to the tragedy. This slipped out in casual conversation with one of the interested parties. The coroner and solicitor are anxious to question her, as well as all who were in the neighborhood at the time. This woman took a train for the South shortly before noon last Sunday.

The solicitor's line of questioning the witnesses indicated the theory that the body was hidden in a barn or old building on Dan McCall's place on Thursday and was taken to the lake Saturday. Dan McCall is the father of A. A. McCall, husband of the most intimate friend of the Hawkins girl.

Bob Waddell, who is employed on the Dan McCall place, testified that during the latter part of the week the barn smelled as if there had been a dead body about. He said that there was a print in the loft of the barn.

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President Taft Speaks At New York State Fair

Foremen Get Strike Order

By Associated Press. Schuylkill, Pa., Sept. 16.—Twelve hundred and fifty foremen and section hands on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad have been ordered by President A. B. Lowe, president of the maintenance of ways employes union, to strike at 6 o'clock tonight.

The strike was authorized by national officers of the trackmen's union and comes from the refusal of the company to arbitrate differences with the men.

The section men had asked for an increase in wages which was refused. Subsequently, it is said, M. G. Foley, a section foreman and chairman of the grievance committee was dismissed. The section man claimed he had been discharged because of his activity in the agitation for increased wages and they demanded his reinstatement. This, the men say, was also refused and then the union men suggested arbitration. President Truesdale, of the company, declined to arbitrate and the strike today was the result.

The strike order takes in the entire Lackawanna system between Hoboken, N. J., and Buffalo.

Found His Wife Hopelessly Insane

By Associated Press. Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 16.—P. M. Carlisle, a prominent citizen of Callaway, Fla., passed through Montgomery late yesterday with his little daughter, Dorothy, from Memphis, Tenn., where he says he found his wife on Wednesday in a hopelessly insane condition. He says she had been robbed of about \$750 worth of jewels and considerable money by an unknown man who followed her from Hot Springs, Ark., to Memphis and played upon her weakened mind. Mrs. Carlisle has been placed in a sanitarium.

Authorities have only a vague description of the alleged thief. Mr. Carlisle until recently conducted a large pharmacy at Dothan, Ala.

There was no hint of politics connected with the inauguration of the trip and there is every reason to believe that Mr. Taft is planning to withhold speeches that have to do with more important politics until he reaches the Western states. Today he planned to confine himself largely to a discussion of farming methods and a necessity of conservation of the soil. The extent to which the government can actively enter its work of conservation was taken up by the president and there was hint that the postoffice department in extending its activities to the field of postal savings banks and possibly in the near future to parcels post system furnished a parallel for extensions in other departments of the government.

To Erie Next. From Syracuse the president goes to Erie, Pa., where tonight he will talk of the peace treaties negotiated during the summer and will hardly in the senate. Mr. Taft hopes to bring out the sentiment of the people on these treaties and he believes this sentiment is strong enough to sway the senate eventually to an approval of the compacts.

The President's Address. A discussion of the activities of the department of agriculture and of the opportunities for progress open to farmers formed the subject of the address delivered by President Taft at the state fair grounds today. The president said, in part:

"We are spending \$15,000,000 in the maintenance of a department of agriculture and we might as well face the truth and realize that this expense instead of decreasing is bound to increase. I have given much attention to the matter of economy and efficiency in government. While I do not mean to say that the present department of agriculture, in the work which it is doing might not be made to do the same work for less money with a closer knit organization and greater care in its expenditures."

"I am confident from looking into the future of the department to the pressing need for expansion of its work, than an increase in the appropriations each year for that department may be and ought to be expected in the interest of the government."

"The amount of information which the farmers have received and acted upon in their farming business from the bureau of plant industry in the department of agriculture, can hardly be overstated and the dependence of the welfare of the country on this continued spread of this information for the improvement of agriculture ought to be emphasized whenever opportunity arises."

Our Farming Area. "We have today in this country, in continental United States, about 1,900,000,000 acres of land. Of this 873,000,000 acres are included in the acreage of farms. In the last 10 years that acreage did not increase more than 35,000,000, or a little over 4 per cent. In that same time our population increased 29 per cent. Of the 873 million acres, 477,000,000 are improved farm land. The 873,000,000 included wood lands and unimproved land. The improved land in farms has increased about 63,000,000 in 10 years or some 15 per cent, but this, it will be seen, is not equal to the increase in population. Now, if our population increases as rapidly as it has heretofore, we shall in 50 years have upwards of 200,000,000 people in this country to support on this 873,000,000 acres, much of it unimproved."

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GOVERNOR HARMON WILL ARRIVE IN KNOXVILLE TODAY

By Associated Press. Knoxville, Sept. 16.—Governor Judson Harmon, of Ohio, accompanied by Mrs. Harmon, are expected to arrive this afternoon at 1:45 o'clock to visit the Appalachian exposition and to be its guest of honor on Harmon and Ohio day. He is due to leave tonight for Cincinnati. Governor Harmon will be met at Greenville, 75 miles east of the city by a reception committee headed by Colonel L. D. Tyson, president of the exposition company and formally escorted to the city by the committee. Upon arrival he and Mrs. Harmon will be driven to the home of Colonel and Mrs. Tyson for a brief rest after which they will visit the exposition grounds. At 4:30 o'clock Governor Harmon will deliver an address from the marble pavilion on the exposition grounds which is expected to be heard by not less than ten thousand people. This evening at 6 o'clock President Tyson and the board of directors of the exposition will entertain the governor at a dinner after which he will visit exhibition buildings and other features of the exposition.

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Terrific Storm Sweeps Desolation

By Associated Press. El Paso, Texas, Sept. 16.—A terrific storm and cloudburst in the Moggollen district of New Mexico Thursday night swept over the Cooney Mining Camp in Grant county, flooding the canyon and sweeping eight houses away.

One person, name unknown, was drowned. The mill and plant of the Enterprise Mining Company was badly damaged. Not a house in the Cooney camp escaped injury.

ASSAILANT OF MISS PRICE CAPTURED. By Associated Press. Winnipeg, Sept. 15.—A report has reached here that the assailant of Miss Evelyn Price, abducted last Monday from the school house at Snow Flake, where she was a teacher, has been captured at Hannand and confessed.

Killing at Pennington Gap. By Associated Press. Pennington, Ga., Va., Sept. 16.—In a quarrel here last night, H. C. Slemp shot and killed Cleveland Lynton. Slemp made his escape and a reward of \$1,000 has been offered for his arrest. Slemp is a cousin of Congressman C. B. Slemp.

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