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ACCUSED UNDER ARREST.

Mystery of Myrtle Hawkins' Death Near Hendersonville May Soon be Cleared.

Hendersonville, March 8.—A profound sensation, surprising even that on September 10 last when the body of Miss Myrtle Hawkins, aged 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hawkins, of this place, was found in Lake Osceola, two miles from Hendersonville after three days' absence from her home, death being the result of a criminal operation, was sprung here today at five o'clock when, after an investigation of three days, the Henderson county grand jury returned true bills against four men and one woman, who have been arrested, charging them with guilty knowledge of the crime.

George Bradley, said to be an old sweetheart of the murdered girl, is charged with being the principal. Abner McCall and wife, Beatrice McCall, the latter being a chum and old school-mate of the deceased, and who lived near Lake Osceola, are also charged as principals to the murder. Dan W. McCall, father of Beatrice McCall, and who lives near the lake, is charged with being an accessory after the fact, it being alleged that he disposed of the corpse. Boney Bradley, brother of George Bradley, is charged with being an accessory before the fact, it being alleged that he consulted Dr. J. H. Williams, a prominent physician of Asheville, as to Myrtle Hawkins' condition, her photograph being identified by the doctor, who also identified Boney Bradley as consulting him about the case. The doctor refused to treat the girl. Another person whose name is unknown to the grand jury is mentioned in these bills as being an accessory after the fact. The doctor's refusal to treat the girl, feeling is high here tonight and Solicitor Johnson and other officers and interested parties are in consultation, and other sensational developments are confidently expected shortly.

Nearly all the defendants had been subpoenaed, it is said, since the futile inquests held by the coroner held directly after the body was recovered. They would not make a statement for the press except Abner McCall, who said: "I am an innocent man." Dan W. McCall late tonight was released on \$10,000 bond.

Two Prisoners in Hawkins Case Removed for Safe Keeping.

Hendersonville, March 9.—The most interesting developments in the Myrtle Hawkins case were the denial of bail for three of the defendants and taking of George and Boney Bradley to Asheville for safe keeping in the Buncombe county jail on an order of Judge Howard A. Foushee, acting upon motion of Solicitor Johnson who asked for such action on account of the crowded condition of the Henderson county jail.

Boney Bradley, charged with being accessory to murder before the fact, failed to give \$10,000 bond required. His brother, George Bradley, Abner McCall and wife, Beatrice, are held as principals without bond. Dan McCall, father of Beatrice, charged with being an accessory after the fact, furnished \$10,000 bond. Judge Foushee denied motion of counsel for defense for bill of particulars.

Solicitor Johnson is unprepared to say whether or not all will be tried for murder in first degree.

Refuse to Make Statement.

Asheville, March 9.—Chief of Police Garren of Hendersonville arrived here tonight at 10 o'clock, having in custody George and Boney Bradley, who were placed in Buncombe county jail. Neither of the prisoners would make a statement.

Eat 'em—National Oats.

Many sufferers from rheumatism have been surprised and delighted with the prompt relief afforded by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. Not one case of rheumatism in ten requires any internal treatment whatever. This liniment is for sale by All Dealers.

CHINA IS NOW A REPUBLIC.

Yuan Shi Kai is Formally Inaugurated First Provincial President.

Peking, March 10.—In the new foreign office today, Yuan Shi Kai was formally inaugurated provincial President of the Republic of China in the presence of a great gathering of delegates, province envoys, military and naval officers and other prominent personages. Many foreigners attended the ceremonies but legations were not represented. Yuan Shi Kai, who was in military uniform, read a declaration promising faithfully to develop the republic, observe the constitutional laws and retire when the National Assembly appointed a permanent President. The ceremony was solemn—almost pathetic and typical of China's transition.

A report has reached Peking that Tung Kwan, the famous pass on the borders on the Shensi and Honan provinces, has been captured by Gen. Sheng Yun, Governor of the province of Shensi, before whom, if the report is correct, the provinces of Honan and Chili are now open country. The report says also that 1,000 republican cavalry and infantry have deserted to the Imperials and a large part of the republican army in the north is showing strong symptoms of reaction and may be seriously affected.

If the report is true it is probable that the differences between the north and the south will be brought no nearer a settlement because of the inauguration of President Yuan Shi Kai.

Nanking, March 10.—Yuan Shi Kai privately took the oath of office on Friday after which the Assembly notified him of its acceptance of Tank Shao Yi as President. Mr. Shao appears to have wearied of the strain during the last two months. He says that when the cabinet is appointed he will retire to his old home at Kwang to rest.

Leaving Yadkin County.

Yadkin Ripple. The Winston Journal of last Wednesday printed a long story about a colony of 23 persons passing through that city on their way to the West to make their future home. They gave their reasons for leaving Yadkin, bad roads and slow developments in modern improvements. We have tried to get people to see the condition of things. The population of Yadkin county is less today than it was ten years ago. The Journal goes on to say:

It is notable that all of them were farmers or farmers' wives. All were young farmers though one family carried four children. They declared it had come to pass in Yadkin that they could hardly "tongue and buckle meet." And then said that when they made a little tobacco for spending money, it was well nigh impossible to get the product of their summer's toil to market, so extremely bad were the roads in their section during the winter. One stated that for the past three months the roads of Yadkin had been all but impassable. And it was said that one of the leading public roads, leading from the western portion of the county to Elkin, the nearest railroad station, at times had been entirely impassable, except on horseback.

Salisbury Girl's Heroism.

Salisbury, March 7.—Gathering her baby sister up in her arms, little Lessie Laflin, aged 14 years, today wrapped her own skirt about the little one, smothering out a blaze which had the baby enveloped. The baby was only slightly burned on the hands and arms. The children are motherless, and Lessie is a "little mother" to the other children. She was preparing dinner when cries brought her to another room, where she found the 3-year-old baby in a blaze. They are the children of R. L. Laflin.

The Blue Ribbon bow package—National Oats.

Found South Pole.

Charlotte Observer.

Rodd Amundsen left Buenos Aires late in 1910. In his little 400-ton gasoline auxiliary, the Fram—the same boat which carried his countryman, Nansen, northward on the latter's famous expedition—he sailed around the eastern coast of South America to Cape Horn. From these stormy waters he sailed southwestward in a course nearly parallel with the Antarctic Circle, turning inward upon the Antarctic Continent at King Edward VII Land, on the northern shore of Ross Sea. Here he broke through the pack ice with comparatively little difficulty; the ice barrier which so far had defended most of the Antarctic Continent's eastern front did not to any great extent bar his way. Owing, also, to the indentation made by Ross Sea he was little more than seven hundred miles from his goal. Pursuing a course generally similar to that which brought Sir Ernest Shackleton's party within one hundred miles of the Pole in 1905, he mounted the high plateau rising as high as eleven thousand feet above sea level and thence onward to the point where longitude no longer exists and every direction is north, ninety degrees south latitude. The labors introduced or attempted by Cook, Chace, Ross (nephew of the ill-fated Arctic explorer) our own Captain Charles Wilkes, Shackleton and a host of others had been accomplished at last. Upon both Poles of the earth, as nearly as a crude instrument like the sextant working with a sun which makes hardly any circle above the horizon could determine them, man has planted his foot.

Amundsen's plan differed from Shackleton's principally in that he employed dogs instead of ponies. Those familiar with Shackleton's expedition will recall that but for the fall of one of its last serviceable ponies down a crevasse it would have kept on in the expectation of reaching the Pole. When Amundsen formed his first camp on January 4, 1911, he had eighteen men and 115 Eskimo dogs. His equipment was comparatively simple and inexpensive but in accord with the teachings of long experience in the frozen North. Probably he had fed most of his dogs to the fittest among them before he reached Ross Sea on the return. In the respect that they can live upon the flesh of their own kind dogs have an undoubted advantage over ponies. The explorer must go prepared to eat anything if necessary, but this characteristic of the carnivorous animal lessens the chance of enforced reliance upon either uncivilized or insufficient food. Peary was able to make his dogs do all the dog-eating, according to his report.

The circumstances that ponies were chosen for Shackleton's expedition exemplifies the contrast between conditions around the North and South Poles. In the case of the first there is only frozen sea after the northernmost of Greenland and adjacent islands has been passed. If this sea were solidly frozen, the Arctic explorer might not be any the worse off. But convulsions caused by wave and wind are continually breaking up the ice. He must be prepared to cross one open "lead" after another on floating cakes. He cannot even feel quite assured that his snow igloo will not be let down into the icy depths while he lies asleep. As compensations for these hardships and dangers he has the advantages of potential food awaiting his rifle at a latitude far beyond the point where any life is found in the Antarctic wild. He has also available the services of a people skilled in Arctic condition and peculiarly adapted to smooth his way. Until Shackleton's expedition it was generally agreed that the North Pole was the less inaccessible of the two. On the whole, it is difficult even now to say in which direction the greater task lay. But while dogs could traverse frozen mountain heights, as they do in Alaska, ponies on the Arctic Sea would

clearly be of no use at all.

Amundsen wrote his name high among the immortals of geographical exploration when he discovered the Northwest Passage around America, the dream of explorers and adventurous mariners for hundreds of years. It is certain that there will be no more question concerning his discovery of the South Pole than there was concerning this former feat. He was not the man to leave behind his last white comrade and friend at the final stage, for the avowed reason that he wished to enjoy the glory all alone. He was about to try for the North Pole, and would have doubtless have attained it, at the time when Cook and Peary returned with their respective claims. In the circumstances, he decided to try for the South Pole instead. He was in generous rivalry with a British expedition under Captain Scott, whose present whereabouts appear to be unknown, and with German and Japanese expeditions, which have not as yet approached within the near vicinity of the Pole. It is considered probable that Captain Scott has turned back. The German expedition, being specially equipped for scientific purposes, may go on even after word of Amundsen's achievement. If they attain the South Magnetic Pole, situated about two hundred miles from the shore of Ross Sea at a point opposite Amundsen's landing, they may completely end the criticism that no practical and scientific results have followed upon Polar expedition yet.

From his camp in King Edward VII Land, regained by a route closely parallel with the Poleward march, Amundsen returned to civilization having his back toward the line of approach by way of Cape Horn. With one big loop Poleward midway, he had passed around the southern extremity of our globe when he reached Tasmania, off the Australian coast of Melbourne, and the toils of this modern Viking were at an end.

Unusual Accident.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Friday, 8.—A 10-year-old son of Oscar Henley, a farmer living a few miles from Winston-Salem, was the victim of an unusual accident yesterday. The boy's father was preparing to go hunting and while trying to extract a cartridge from his Winchester rifle the weapon accidentally discharged, the bullet striking the boy on the lower lip, inflicting an ugly wound, knocking out two of his front teeth and imbedding itself at the root of his tongue, and attending surgeons have thus far been able to locate it. While the unfortunate boy's condition is considered quite serious, it is thought that the injury will not prove fatal.

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BLACKBURN DEAD.

Former Congressman Drops Dead at His Home in Tennessee.

Greensboro Record, 12th. The news of the death last night of Hon. E. Spencer Blackburn was received today. Mr. Wiley H. Swift, of the law firm of Hudson & Swift, received a telegram from Tennessee, announcing the sudden death of the ex-Congressman. According to this message, Mr. Blackburn died suddenly in Elizabethtown, Tenn., where he has lived since leaving Greensboro.

Mr. Swift being from the same county as the deceased, was wired the intelligence of his end.

Mr. Blackburn was twice the representative in Congress of the eighth North Carolina district. He built the home he occupied for several years here on Summit avenue; but for the past two or three years he has been in business in Tennessee.

Wealthy Blind Tiger of Asheville Hired to Wife for Term of Sentence.

Asheville, March 6.—In lieu of a 30-days jail sentence imposed on P. H. Thrash, a wealthy man of Asheville, for violations of the prohibition laws, the board of county commissioners today hired him to his wife for the time of the sentence for the sum of \$500.

The order recites that at the February term of superior court Judge B. F. Long directed that Thrash be imprisoned in the county jail for thirty days, giving the commissioners authority to hire him out at their discretion; that Mrs. P. H. Thrash offered \$500 for his time, and as no higher bid was received, her offer is accepted and the \$500 is appropriated to the county treasury.

Thrash was first sentenced by Judge Long to 20 months in jail. He was finally induced to change the sentence to a fine of \$2,000 and 30 days in jail, and after considerable persuasion, he consented to let the commissioners hire him out during the time of the sentence.

Thrash, who is reputed to be worth between \$50,000 and \$100,000, owning considerable real estate and other property in Asheville, was charged with having in his possession more than the amount of whiskey allowed by law in this State. He was convicted of the offense in police court and appealed to superior court, where he was again found of like nature against him, in one of which he was acquitted, and in consideration of the commutation of sentence, he entered a plea of nolo contendere to the others, and was required to give a bond of \$4,000 for good behavior.

Almost every device known to criminal practice was resorted to to keep him off the roads and out of jail. He was represented by an array of counsel and touching appeals were made for mercy to the Judge, who seemed determined to imprison him.

Counsel told the Judge that if he would consent to let the commissioners hire him out, his wife would pay \$500 to the reformatory; that she would sell her diamonds to do this. Judge Long said he did not wish to deprive her of her jewels. A few days before Judge Long had dismissed the jury that had acquitted Thrash in another case, which may have accounted for his determination to see Thrash imprisoned, for he declared in effect that the action of the jury was disgraceful and that he had virtually charged the jury to find him guilty, the second jury was not long in returning a verdict of guilty.

After counsel for the defense had made the motion for the commutation of sentence, they introduced several men who testified that they believed Thrash was not engaged in the sale of whiskey and had not been for many months. At the time Thrash was indicted he was in possession of a Federal liquor license.

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HOMICIDE AT SCHOOLHOUSE

Monroe Hall Charged With Murder in Ashe County.

Jefferson, March 9.—The sheriff has just brought to jail Monroe Hall, who is charged with the murder of a young man by the name of Pennington at Nathan's Creek, this county.

Hall came from Wilkes county some years ago with his father, who now lives at Burnhill, in Ashe county, near the home of Rufus Pennington, a most excellent citizen and father of the deceased. The parties were at a school entertainment on last Saturday night, when the crime was committed. It is said that Hall was seen to strike Pennington; that Pennington fell to the ground and lay there some time, his friends thinking that perhaps he was only intoxicated and not hurt; but that later on they went to him and found that he had been stabbed about the heart and was dead.

Hall went to his home and retired, where he was later in the night arrested and brought to Jefferson jail. The deceased is a boy about 15 years old, while Hall is a grown man. It is said that Hall was under the influence of whiskey and claims not to know anything about the affair and that Pennington was probably drinking also. Both young men are said to have been peaceable and law-abiding up to this time.

This is the fourth man who has been lodged in jail here on a charge of murder since Christmas. Christmas day, David Cornett was shot to death near Sutherland, in this county, and three of his cousins by blood, and also his nephews marriage have since been lodged in jail.

The Suffragettes Create Wild Scenes in Prison Quarters.

London, Friday, 8.—Resenting the action of the authorities and attacking the hard labor clause in the prison sentences of the suffragettes led by Alice Wright, of Albany N. Y., the girl who was given two months while a majority of her accomplices got 30 days, suffragettes have defied the prison officials.

The women rebelled when ordered to take a compulsory bath and don prison garments. Two wardresses tried to enforce the order and their clothes were torn off. They had to use fetters to subdue the suffragettes and make them bathe and dress in prison garb, after which the prisoners today were taken to the work room to sew on bags according to prison rules. A signal was given, and suffragettes jumped up and destroyed the machinery. The leaders were put in solitary confinement, where it is understood they are yet.

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