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Local rains tonight and Tuesday; northeast winds, strong on the coast.

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EXPERT SAYS MRS. KING COULD NOT HAVE FIRED SHOT WHICH KILLED HER

Defendant Removes His Preliminary Trial To Another Magistrate.

HIS COUNSELLORS EIGHT Attorney-General Manning Sits With The Lawyers For The State At The Trial of Means.

Concord, Sept. 24.—Dr. William H. Burmeister, chief coroner's physician of Cook county, Ill., who testified at the preliminary hearing of Gaston Means, said in his opinion it would have been impossible for Mrs. Maudie A. King to have held the pistol which inflicted the fatal wound in the back of her head near here, August 29.

Means, who is charged with the murder of Mrs. King, testified at the coroner's inquest that Mrs. King accidentally shot herself.

Dr. Burmeister also said there was no evidence of powder burns around the wounds. He was the second witness.

Means, by advice of an array of counsel, exercised his legal privilege in declining to be examined before Magistrate Palmer and the hearing was conducted by Magistrate Pitts. Attorneys representing the state of New York and Cook county, Ill., were present.

L. A. Weddington, a Concord undertaker, who was the first witness, told of removing the body of Mrs. King from a Concord hospital to his undertaking establishment.

Afton Means, he said, called him over the telephone, to take charge of the body. A wound in the head behind the left ear and a fractured ankle were the only wounds on the body, he said.

He placed the body in a case and casket, and accompanied it to an undertaker's place in Asheville September 1. There he said Afton Means notified him they had decided they would take the body to Chicago.

Afton Means and Mrs. Mazie Melvin accompanied him to Chicago with the body, where it was placed in a receiving vault. They stopped over at Cincinnati, he said, to do some telephoning and to rest up.

When his trial started Gaston Means, through counsel, asked that the hearing be removed from before Magistrate A. B. Palmer, and under the North Carolina law the request must be allowed.

Magistrate Palmer granted Means' request and Magistrate C. A. Pitts took his place to conduct the hearing.

Means was represented by eight attorneys, headed by F. I. Osborne, of Charlotte. Attorney-General Manning sat with the prosecution of which Solicitor Clement was the head. Assistant District Attorney Dooling completed the list of attorneys for the state.

Both sides announced they were ready at 10:40 o'clock and Means entered a plea of not guilty.

Dr. William H. Burmeister, chief coroner's physician of Cook county Ill., was the second witness. He told of performing an autopsy on the body of Mrs. King. Burmeister described the body and the wound, saying the latter was two inches above the opening of the left ear. There was no evidence of powder burns. Above the left eyebrow was a small hemorrhage under the skin but there was no abrasion on the outside. He said he also described the fractured ankle and said the fracture by the length of the right forearm.

the skin beneath the hair. He also said there was no evidence the hair had been singed or burned when the shot was fired.

M. F. Ritchie, salesman of a local hardware concern, told of selling Gaston Means, on August 29, a 25-calibre automatic pistol for target shooting. Means first asked for a 22-calibre pistol he said, but Ritchie had none. He told also of Means buying another pistol and rifle from Ritchie's store previously. After a brief cross examination Ritchie was excused.

W. M. Bingham, who was a member of the party which went target shooting when Mrs. King was killed, was next called.

Mrs. King, Gaston Means and Gaston's brother, Afton Means, and himself made up the party, Captain Bingham said.

Ernest Eury drove them in his automobile, he added. When they arrived at Blackwelder spring, where Mrs. King was killed, he said the sun was down and the moon visible. He walked about 140 yards away from the spring hoping to shoot a young rabbit with his rifle, Bingham said.

When the shot was fired he heard Gaston Means calling him and Afton Means to hurry to the spring. Arriving there he found Gaston and Afton at Mrs. King's side. Gaston was bathing her head. He said Mrs. King appeared to be dead. Bingham said he helped put the body in the car and they brought it to town.

TO START WORK ON MAIN STREET SOON

Chief Business Thoroughfare is Ready for the Paving Contractors.

Sometime during the present week the work of repairing and resurfacing Main street, from Commerce to English streets, will be started and the contractors expect to push the work to rapid completion. The street will first be washed, or scoured, by the lavish and prolonged use of fire hose, after which stiff brooms will be used to sweep any loose material from the surface. Cavities in the paving will be repaired with bitulithic and a squeegee coat of asphalt and hot sand will be put on. This, it is stated, will make the street practically as new as new.

A special meeting of the city council was held a day or so ago, immediately after City Engineer Taplin had completed the work of ascertaining the front footage owned by those persons signing the petition, and it was shown that there was a total frontage on the section of the street to be paved of 2,390 feet, owned by 44 different persons or firms. Thirty-one owners consented to a frontage of 1,891 feet and signed the petition.

These signing the frontage owned by each were: W. C. Brown, 24.7; George T. Penny, 26.3; Joseph D. Cox, 50; J. Elwood Cox, 46.5; Sherrod and Peacock, 48; D. H. Jones, 24.1; D. W. Melton, 24.9; D. A. Stanton, 25.7; H. Harris and Bro., 54.5; J. A. Olinard, 24.7; R. R. Ragan, 45; P. H. Johnson, 22.2; J. A. Lindsay, 45; J. H. Millis estate 110.2; Bank of Commerce, 41; J. H. Johnston estate, 27.4; Mrs. L. J. Ingram, 51.2; Stanton and Ring, 25; Mrs. J. J. Welch, 26; Mrs. J. J. Cox, 129; E. H. C. Field, 75; Wachovia Bank and Trust company, 28.1; J. C. Welch, 59; Goldstein and Isaacson, 61; R. L. Loflin, 30.5; A. V. Sapp, 50; M. J. Wrenn, 44.8; W. P. Pickett, 70.2; Dyer brothers, 114.85; Mrs. D. E. Richardson, 49.6; Richardson heirs, 89.15.

RALEIGH EXCITED BY SOME EVENTS

Capital of State Excited by Recent Happenings—Folk Deavour Classic Peanut.

(Editorial Correspondence.)

Raleigh, Sept. 24.—Seldom has Raleigh experienced as much excitement in a whole year as it has in the last few days, what with Governor Bickett atired in his "lynching suit" and addressing mobs in front of the court house; Adjutant General Young facing an even larger mob at the state prison, and even the women of the city taking part in mob demonstrations. It all came about because of an alleged assault on the wife of a street car conductor by the negro, Earl Neville, who has long since been spirited away to the Mecklenberg county jail, at Charlotte. Neville was taken away late Friday.

Thursday night an effort was made to take the negro from the Wake county jail at Raleigh, but Governor Bickett, hearing of the mob intent, is said to have shouted to his butler: "Jackson, get my lynching suit," said suit, according to the eagle-eyed young men of the press, being a light grey one, and the governor is said to have looked impressive in it, this probably accounting for the fact that the mob dispersed as soon as he addressed it. Anyway, the governor made the speech, and the mob dispersed.

Friday some more talking was done about the streets, and that mob decided that it just ought to get that negro. So early Saturday morning more than 1,000 people gathered at the state prison, men, women and children, to attend the heekie party. Adjutant General Young heard of the plot, and was on the scene with 20 or more men, each man looking down a Winchester rifle barrel with orders to shoot. That there mob tore one plank off the fence about the state prison and then saw what it faced. It talked—men, women and children, and returned to the city. A good time was had by all present.

Both newspapers in Raleigh are being roundly "cussed" because they condemned the action of the mob. It is no secret that a majority of the people wish the negro had been lynched. Especially do they wish it, since reports Saturday said a similar crime had been committed at Dunn, not so many miles from here. The streets in Raleigh Saturday night were crowded with men—negroes were scarce—and it was reported that another attempt was to be made to storm the state prison, some members of the mob not believing that the negro had been taken away. They were not satisfied after one of their number had looked through the jail and reported the negro gone.

There will be no legal action against the mob, even if some of its members were known, because Governor Bickett promised them that if they would go home, he would guarantee them immunity.

It's really amusing to go into a Raleigh theater and hear them eat peanuts. Everyone in Raleigh seems to repair to his or her favorite movie when it is peanut eating time in Wake.

Ye scribe was enjoying the latest tricks of Charlie Chaplin in a local movie, peanuts were cracking to the left of him, to the right of him, in front of him, and then all of a sudden an over-zealous discipline of the sawdust ring on the seat behind leaned over and the cracking hulls went down ye scribe's back.

But everyone eats peanuts in Raleigh. They probably do without 'em, and as remarked above, it tickles one's vanity to know that in some sections of the world—say High Point—the conventionalities of life are observed.

Ain't nature wonderful!

TEMPERARY WAGE SCHEDULE SIGNED AT SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Sept. 24.—A temporary wage schedule, which will permit 30,000 iron workers, who struck here last Monday, to return to work immediately upon ratification of the agreement by the unions, concerned pending final adjudication of their differences by the federal board of conciliation, was signed today at a conference between representatives of the men, their employers and federal mediators.

MRS. BINGHAM'S BODY EXHUMED ON SUSPICION

Dr. Nesbitt Issues Explanation of His Secrecy About the Permit, Saying That a Crime is Suspected.

Judge Bingham and His Friends Are Awaiting the Next Move of Those Who Are Prosecuting the Examination.

Wilmington, Sept. 24.—Dr. Charles T. Nesbitt, health officer, announced today that he had issued a permit for the exhumation of the body of Mrs. Robert W. Bingham. He told Mayor P. Q. Moore that he would issue a statement to the newspapers later and explained the reason he had withheld information was he had been told by those making the examination that they thought a crime had been committed.

Wilmington, Sept. 24.—Graham Keman, brother-in-law of Mrs. Bingham, who is a Wilmington attorney, issued a statement today declaring that "members of her family" had had an autopsy performed "the usual and regular way" on advice of leading physicians. He said they were justified in this action "by the fact and circumstances relating to Mrs. Bingham's illness and death and as disclosed to them." The result of the autopsy had not yet been made known to them he added.

SPEAKERS SECURED FOR KIRMESS WEEK

Gilbert Stephenson, of Winston; and Prof. Brooks, of Durham.

One big feature of Kirmess week, which opens Wednesday, will be the public speakings of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, which will occur each morning at 11 o'clock in the grove on Washington street. Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock Judge Gilbert Stephenson, of Winston-Salem, one of the state's best known orators, will be the speaker, and his address will be patriotic in nature. Judge Stephenson is one of the state's foremost Sunday school workers and is well and favorably known by a large number of people of the section.

Thursday morning the speaker will be Hon. A. L. Brooks, of Greensboro, one of North Carolina's oratorical stars. Although the subject of the fluent Greensboroite has not been announced, it is thought that his address will concern the patriotism of farmers. He is sure to attract a large crowd, for he enjoys rare popularity throughout the section. Mr. Brooks has assured the men in charge of the program that he will be in the city and ready to speak at the hour announced.

Friday morning Prof. E. C. Brooks, head of the department of education, Trinity college, Durham, will lecture. He is said to be the strongest school man of the state and a lecturer and writer of note. He recently secured a national reputation by the publication of his book, "Woodrow Wilson, the Man."

Although it has been found impossible for a company carrying a number of open air attractions to reach the city owing to transportation difficulties, the management of the gala week has announced that it will be held. This morning the work of fitting up the old Methodist church building on Washington street which is to be used as an exhibit hall was being pushed and the interior was rapidly being transformed. By tomorrow night, when all entries will have been put in place ready for the opening, the display will be a large and complete one, showing practically every phase of the manufacturing and farming industries of the city and section.

SALISBURY NEWS BRIEFS.

Contributions Taken in Churches for Weaver Hall
Salisbury, Sept. 24.—Methodist churches in Salisbury observed yesterday as Weaver day, when contributions were made to build a Weaver hall at Rutherford college in memory of Dr. J. H. Weaver. Dr. Weaver was at one time pastor of the First church here and had a number of warm friends in the city.

WANT FRATERNAL ORDERS TO MARCH

Chairman of Parades, H. A. Millis, States That Fraternal Orders Are Wanted in Parade.

A number of the fraternal organizations of the city have signified their intention of participating in the great parade Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock which is to formally open Kirmess week. H. A. Millis, general chairman of the parade committee, today stated that he wished all orders to be represented in the procession which will form at the South Main street school building and start up Main street to Richardson street promptly at 7 o'clock. At Richardson street the marchers will turn back down Main to Washington, thence to the exhibit hall, where ranks will be broken. All organizations are requested to communicate with Mr. Millis before Wednesday afternoon.

A feature of the week will be one booth at the exhibit hall, a booth that Steve Clark calls the "table de hote" headquarters. To judge from the name real food will be served there. Be that as it may, Steve asserts that it is everyone's duty to visit that booth.

SEVERAL CASES ON THE DOCKET TODAY

Eight Cases Originating During the Week-End on the Docket of Municipal Court.

Eight cases originating during the week-end were on the docket for trial during today's session of municipal court. Mace Loftin, charged with being drunk and disorderly and with resisting an officer, was fined \$5 and taxed with the costs in the first case and with the costs in the second.

Lonnie Jones, charged with permitting his steed to roam at large on the streets of the city, was granted a continuance until Wednesday while Henry Hankins, charged with leaving his horse unblocked, had his affair sent over until tomorrow.

Joe Bondurant was adjudged guilty of bringing about a breach of the peace and was fined \$5 and taxed with the costs. He filed notice of an appeal and bond in the sum of \$25 was named. Bondurant was also charged with being drunk and disorderly and was fined \$5 and taxed with the costs. He again appealed and the same bond as in the other case was named.

Charles Maynard was taxed with the costs in the case charging him with speeding while Louie Hast and Edgar Lee, charged with engaging in an affray, split the costs fifty-fifty.

COTTON PRICES OF LAST WEEK'S CLOSE UPHELD

New York, Sept. 24.—The cotton market was very nervous and irregular during today's early trading. The opening was irregular at a decline of four points to an advance of nine points with October selling 24.55 and January at 24.28 on the call. An early reaction carried October off to 24.41 and January to 24.10, or about 10 points under Saturday's closing figures, but offerings were well held at this decline and the market held well up to last week's final quotations toward the end of the first hour.

Cotton futures opened irregular: October, 24.52; December, 23.40 to 24.10; January, 24.10 to 24.28; March, 24.43; May 24.50.

British Destroyer Sunk.
London, Sept. 24.—A British destroyer has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in the approaches to the channel, according to an admiralty announcement. There were 50 survivors.

CROATANS ARE RACE APART IN CAMP JACKSON

North Carolina Sends Descendants of Lost Colony to Columbia and a Peculiar Problem Arises.

They Associate With Neither Whites Nor Blacks on Plane of Equality and Authorities Don't Know What to Do With Them.

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 24.—Among recent arrivals at Camp Jackson is a contingent of 14 Cherokee Indians, from Robeson county, N. C. Two members of Robeson board No. 2 accompanied the Indians here to explain their social standards to the cantonment authorities.

The Indians were formerly called Croatans, their name being changed to Cherokees by legislative enactment and they claimed to be descended from John White's lost colony. They have separate schools and associate on terms of equality with neither white people nor negroes. Their coming here is expected to give the officials a difficult social problem to solve.

BOND ISSUE TO BE SOLD ON TUESDAY

Sealed Bids for Issue of \$330,000 Municipal Bonds to Be Opened Tomorrow at Noon.

The big sale of municipal bonds, totalling \$330,000, for street improvement and refunding purposes, is to be held tomorrow at 12 o'clock at the municipal building on Jordan street. The city manager, Thomas J. Murphy, stated this morning that a number of bids have been received and it is expected, that the bonds will sell at a good price. No bids of less than par are to be accepted and each bidder must have his bid accompanied by a certified check amounting to 2 per cent of the total before his offer will be recognized.

There was no manner of telling anything about the offers received today when the city manager was asked about the sale as the bids are all sealed and will not be opened until tomorrow at noon. It is one of the largest issues a municipality of this section has ever offered for sale.

KINDERGARTEN CLASS STARTED AT THE ELM STREET SCHOOL TODAY

Miss Claudia Dicks, teacher of the kindergarten in the city schools, has returned and this morning met the members of her class and their parents at the Elm street building where this department will be conducted this year. Miss Dicks stated that she was very anxious for the parents of the children who will enter her class to come and bring their children so that all may get acquainted.

U. S. Flags From Frenchmen.

Paris, Sept. 24.—Five American regiments have been designated by the United States government to receive regimental flags donated by descendants of Frenchmen who fought in the American revolution.

Bobby Byrne Released.

Chicago, Sept. 24.—Bobby Byrne, infielder for the Chicago club of the American league, was unconditionally released yesterday. It is announced.

THE BANKHEAD ROAD BY HERE NOT CERTAINTY

R. B. Terry and Others Received Secretary J. A. Rountree, of Bankhead Association Today and Agreed to Organize.

Twelve Army Camps on Route and Military Necessity May Compel Early Construction of Highway.

An immediate organization of the High Point Bankhead Highway association was agreed upon in a meeting held in the Manufacturers club this morning. The meeting was called to allow J. A. Rountree, of Birmingham, secretary of the general association, to present the plans for the promotion of the highway. Mr. Rountree came to High Point with C. M. Vanstory, of Greensboro the North Carolina Bankhead director. R. B. Terry and other High Point business and professional men met and talked with Mr. Rountree.

The association is confident that the psychological moment for pressing the claims of the south for a national highway to cross the continent has arrived. Mr. Rountree believes the state of war makes the construction of a military road to connect the army cantonments a necessity, and fortunately for the proposition of the Bankhead highway, there are 12 of the cantonments located on the route it would follow. To get the government to adopt the Bankhead road as a military highway is one great object of the association, and congress will be approached with the offer of the route in December.

"You can readily see," said Mr. Rountree, today, "that these cities, where the army camps are established are doubled in population. In other words there are new cities of large population all along the route and the population will have to be taken care of by the government. The shortage of railway equipment serves to intensify the problems of movement of supplies and munitions, as well as of soldiers, and the military road apparently must be built."

When the government needs a military road in time of international troubles, it does not wait for appropriation by congress to pay for the work—but goes ahead and builds the road. When General Pershing was sent into Mexico, he was expected to be on the foreign soil for 10 days. He remained there 10 months. One of the necessities of the friendly invasion was the construction of a road. The United States built an excellent highway 250 miles long into Mexico. It constructed 300 additional miles along the border in Texas, and wherever troop movements are to be made, good roads are essential.

The cantonments along the route proposed by the Bankhead association for the Washington, D. C. to Los Angeles connection, are Petersburg, Charlotte, Spartanburg, Greenville, two at Atlanta, the rifle range at Waco, Ga., two camps at Anniston, Ala., the aviation camp at Memphis and the camp at Little Rock, Ark.

Contrary to a belief which has spread, the routing of the highway proposed by High Point and Greensboro is not assured. It is incumbent upon the towns along the Charlotte to Greensboro route to get a good organization of the association and work for the routing. High Point men yesterday assured Mr. Rountree that this town would be prepared for the coming of the pathfinders on or about November 1, and would arrange an informal reception for them. A meeting is to be held in a few days to form the association.

Mr. Vanstory and an escort of 10 cars, furnished by W. H. Metlamery with a group of Fords, and Gus Ward with a Buick, brought Mr. Rountree out of Greensboro this morning, and Mr. Terry conducted him from this place to Lexington, where they were met by H. B. Varner.

ONE UNIT OF WHITE WAY DEMOLISHED BY SMALL MACHINE TODAY

One of the white way posts was knocked down and badly broken when it was struck by a small automobile shortly after noon today. The machine, after wrecking the post, backed up a bit and went on its way. The number was taken and reported to the police.

LOCAL COMPANY CHARTERED BY THE STATE THIS MORNING

Raleigh, Sept. 24.—The Blue Ridge Timber company, of High Point, was chartered by the secretary of state today. The company is capitalized at \$100,000 and has \$21,000 paid in. It will deal in a general timber and land business.

SAMMIES ENCAPMED ON HISTORIC BATTLEFIELD FAR IN FRANCE

Detachment of American Soldiers Moved Many Miles Away From Campsites of Pershing's Expeditionary Force, But What They Are Doing is Not Revealed to the World.

Somewhere Along the British Front in France, Sunday, Sept. 23.—By Associated Press.—On a historic battlefield which merges into the fighting line are encamped many American troops far removed from the rest of their compatriots who formed the vanguard of Uncle Sam's expeditionary force in France. For military reasons it is impossible to tell the world just where the men are, who they are or what they are doing to further the interests of the entente allied cause but it may be said that on authoritative to France at home that they are a credit to the stars and stripes which for the first time in history fly over a camp of American soldiers in this part of the war rent world.