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## NISS GUICE TO TESTIFY

WHEN THE INQUEST IS CONTINUED—SHE THE WOMAN WHO PERFORMED OPERATION

### GEORGE BRODLY TESTIFIES

Hendersonville, Sept. 18.—New and peculiarly atrocious features of the Myrtle Hawkins murder were uncovered Saturday. Movements of the girl on the fatal Thursday are being gradually traced and the identity of the man seen with her at a late hour that day is known.

Mrs. Reuben White who lives near the McCall home stated this afternoon that last Wednesday night she heard a woman screaming as though in great pain. She arose from her bed and went out on her back porch. The screaming she says gradually changed to moans which finally died away in the stillness of the night. Mrs. White says she was greatly frightened and told her son and daughter of the occurrence.

Frank Brown a negro who lives near the McCall home, declared that he heard a woman screaming about midnight Thursday. He will testify positively that it was Thursday night he heard these noises.

A Mrs. Winters of Lakeview inn, near the lake heard screams Wednesday night.

The authorities are experiencing much difficulty making the conflicting statements detail as there are a few witnesses who swear they saw Myrtle Hawkins Thursday.

The coroner's inquest was called at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, but adjourned immediately until 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. "We will have Mrs. Bessie Clark Guice then," said one of the officials. "That's why there was no hearing Saturday morning."

Mrs. Guice, it is said, has been located in Atlanta, Ga. Two days ago the officers had her located, but she eluded them and this has been the greatest cause of the delay since Detective Bradford and Solicitor Johnston arrived.

"Will she talk after you get her here?" was asked.

"We will make her talk. She will have to explain her whereabouts Wednesday and Thursday nights. We have witnesses who saw her near Hendersonville."

There will be a very interesting witness who will tell of a conversation she had with Myrtle Hawkins Wednesday afternoon, at which time Myrtle told of Mrs. George Bradley's jealousy of her and of a terrible quarrel they had that afternoon. Myrtle also told the witness that the Tuesday before Mrs. Bradley had slammed the door in her face when she went to their home.

At the inquest Friday two letters were introduced as evidence by A. Homer Hawkins, the brother of Myrtle. The contents of the letter given in the Times Saturday, in which Myrtle wrote her mother of her shame, saying she had "been sick for a month and a half," was read in the court room. The other letter was not read and until today its contents was not learned.

This letter was from Myrtle to Hal Cooper, her fiance, in which she urged an early marriage. It was written Tuesday before her disappearance and she begged him to marry her immediately. "Mother won't object now," she said. "She will let us be married here. I know we will be poor, but I can work and after we are married we will be happy. I won't be a burden to you and I dread the long wait. Next January is so far off." The letter was intercepted and Hal Cooper never received it. Homer Hawkins found it in the top dresser drawer of Myrtle's room.

Solicitor Johnston has told Hal Cooper that he may return to his

home in Johnson City. He will not be needed and the heart-broken and disillusioned child will leave today.

Miss Estella Grant, the trained nurse of Atlanta, Ga., whose name was mentioned at Saturday's inquest arrived in the city yesterday and is at the home of her uncle, Congressman John B. Grant. When her name was mentioned and it was said she spent Saturday night following Myrtle's disappearance at the home of Mrs. Beatrice McCall, Congressman Grant immediately sent for her to come from her home at Edenville which is 16 miles from Hendersonville. The young girl received the message at 4 o'clock Saturday morning and left immediately. She and her uncle went to Coroner William R. Kirk's office first thing. Miss Grant asked that she be allowed to explain her presence at Mrs. McCall's home Saturday night. She later went to Sheriff Blackwell's office and announced that she would testify at the inquest to be held today.

She and her uncle were much distressed that her name should have been mentioned in any connection with the terrible murder. Miss Grant is about 20 years of age. Four years ago she spent a winter at the home of Mr. Dan McCall and taught school nearby. She and Mrs. Beatrice McCall are friends and on almost every visit to Hendersonville Miss Grant calls on her. The State officials have expressed the regret that Miss Grant's name should have been used at the hearing Saturday. She and her uncle are anxious that the matter be entirely cleared away and that no suspicion rests on her name.

Miss Grant has been in Atlanta for three and a half years in one of the hospitals of that city where she received her nurse's diploma. She has been at her old home near Hendersonville for several weeks.

There is no better known man in western North Carolina than her uncle, ex-Congressman Grant, and the name is one of honor and respectability in that section. The young lady's testimony will be heard that justice may be done her in disabusing the mind of the public of any suspicion which may have been centered on her because of her visit to Mrs. McCall.

Mr. W. H. Hawkins, father of Myrtle will testify at the inquest today. He has engaged the law firm of Staton & Rector to assist Solicitor Johnson in the prosecution. He has expressed himself since yesterday's hearing as being determined to have the whole mystery surrounding his daughter's death cleared away if human brain and power could do it.

The more evidence developed in the now famous murder case, the more farcical seems the first coroner's inquest, which was held a week ago today when a verdict of "death from unknown causes" was returned by the jury at the direction of Coroner Kirk. At that inquest Homer Hawkins and Dr. A. B. Draft identified the body as that of Myrtle Hawkins. Mr. E. A. Freeman, a visitor at Lakeview hotel, who telephoned the officers that a dead body was in Lake Osceola, and Deat Reese and Will Staton, the men who first saw the body and finally withdrew it from the water were the only ones called to testify.

It has now been nearly two weeks since the girl disappeared and her mutilated body was found and not an arrest has been made. Until Solicitor Johnson and Detective Bradford arrived on the scene the local officials were entirely uninterested in the case, but since that time have endeavored to impress the public with their activity.

Mrs. Bessie Clark Guice, the woman for whom an officer has been sent, lived in Hendersonville four years ago. She was Miss Bessie Clark and operated a manuring and hair dressing establishment. She married a man by the name of Guice, from whom she had been divorced. The reputation of the woman at Hendersonville is anything but good. It is stated that she is wanted at Brevard on a similar charge to the one preferred against her in the Myrtle Hawkins case.

## \$30,000,000 TAX GAIN

INCREASE IN PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS OVER LAST YEAR

### \$20,000 IN SIX YEARS

(By W. J. Martin.)

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 18.—The corporation commission has just certified to the state treasurer the tax assessments of railroads and other public service corporations so that the state treasurer will at once call on these corporations for the state taxes. The total tax valuation is \$126,052,257, compared with \$95,444,707 previous assessment, this giving a gain for the new assessment of \$30,607,550. The percentage of increase is 31.183. The railroad valuations, as heretofore announced aggregate \$115,239,684, and this leaves \$10,812,573 assessment for the other public service corporations. The increases in assessments follow: Electric light gas companies from \$2,220,408 to \$3,303,032 railway companies, from \$2,035,296 to \$2,559,943, telegraph companies from \$922,464 to \$925,413, Southern Express Co., from \$419,099 to \$800,000; Pullman Co., from \$258,758 to \$342,198, Water Companies from \$526,794 to \$561,907, bridge and canal companies, \$176,550, cut to \$151,350, refrigerator companies \$66,341 to \$70,048, steamboat companies from \$86,750 cut to \$71,710, flume companies, from \$12,850, to \$29,020, turnpike companies \$13,025 same as last year.

Walter Armstrong, young married man of the city, while walking along the parallel tracks of the Southern and Seaboard Air Line railroads early Sunday morning was struck on the head by the swinging door on a car on a Southern freight train, was knocked unconscious on to the Seaboard tracks where another passing train crushed his left arm. He is in a precarious condition at Rex Hospital here. The railroad authorities will contend that he was drunk.

George Bradley seems unconcerned but interested in all that is being said and written about the affair. Mrs. Bradley's attitude is that of cold indifference.

The home of Ab McCall, in which Mr. and Mrs. George Bradley also live faces the Kanuga road, while Dan McCall and family live in a newer house, facing on the Osceola Lake road. In the corner of the large lot there is a very small house formerly occupied by a man named McCarron and family. This house is unoccupied now, but the McCarron furniture and belongings are in it. The doors are kept locked but Dan McCall has the keys to the residence. The barn of Dan McCall is back of this house and of his own residence. It was in this barn that Bob Waddell smelt the odor which was different from anything he had ever before smelt and like the dead body of Myrtle Hawkins. The barn of Ab McCall is across the Kanuga road directly in front of his home. The same odors were detected in this place and the pills of "bulk" was found there, on which it appeared a person had been lying.

George Bradley, when called, was cool, calm and composed. He answered all questions put to him promptly. He stated that he and the wife were married on the third of last month. They live with Mr. and Mrs. Ab McCall. He has lived in Hendersonville for a year; met Myrtle Hawkins two or three weeks after he came here, but denied that he had ever been one of her fellows. He began going with her about six months ago. Myrtle knew all the time that he was to be married and understood. He sometimes saw Myrtle once a week, twice a week and oftener. However, Myrtle

## AVIATOR HURT

WAS TRYING TO MAKE LANDING AND TO AVOID CROWD—FELL INTO A TREE

### MACHINE BADLY SMASHED

Middletown, N. Y., Sept. 18.—Aviator Rodgers, who arrived yesterday in the Hearst contest met with a serious accident when he tried to resume his flight today. His machine was badly smashed and the aviator was picked up unconscious. He fell 35 feet. An immense crowd refused to make way and he was forced to run into a tree.

Corning, N. Y., Sept. 18.—Ward flew here from Owego 14 miles in 13 minutes and landed here.

Raleigh, Sept. 18.—Maj. W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture for North Carolina, just back from the conference of commissioners and growers of the cotton States at Montgomery says that the estimate of 12,500,000 bales made by the conference was all that they could possibly figure for the probable yield and he does not believe it will be any above this amount. He believes that the growers should easily realize 15 cents a pound for it. There were five hundred people attending the conference, the best posted men on the condition of the crop that could possibly be gotten together in the South.

His mother objected to the friendship. He had stopped at her house only two times, he said, since his marriage. He had walked with her and seen her at the McCall home.

To the question, "Don't you know you are the father of that child?" he answered, "I don't think I am. I know I am not. I don't see how I could be."

He denied that his wife was jealous of Myrtle Hawkins and had quarreled with Myrtle Wednesday afternoon before Mrs. Bradley had slammed the door in Myrtle's face. He had not complained Thursday and Friday morning of resting badly. He did not see Myrtle Thursday. Farmer Johnson did not see him talking to two men Thursday night near the bridge.

He denied he sent a box of pills to Myrtle wrapped in the scrap of paper with the Pittsburg firm name printed on it. Did not know Myrtle was in a delicate condition. He did not know how Myrtle came to her death and knew nothing of her after Wednesday afternoon, when he met her up the street and talked to her. "I'll be over tomorrow, if I don't go to Asheville," were Myrtle's last words to him.

Friday he had a talk with Homer Hawkins, brother of the dead girl, who told him the girl was still missing. He had thought until that time she had gone to Asheville, although Mrs. Hawkins had written Beatrice asking for news of her daughter. He suggested to the brother that the girl had run away and married.

Hal Cooper, her fiance of Myrtle said he will be 18 years old next July and was engaged to marry the girl in January, 1913. Expressed the belief that she was murdered, but could throw no light on the affair. Received a letter from her a week before her death, saying: "I have been over to Asheville and came back feeling as blue as ever."

Cooper knew nothing of the girl's physical condition until he read of it in the papers.

Mrs. George Bradley closed the session with her confession that the family had talked over the evidence they should give at the inquest. She had decided that she would say very little as she knew very little and the others had agreed that it would be wise to say as little as possible.

resident Taft in Detroit. Detroit, Sept. 18.—Taft arrived at an o'clock this morning. He was met on a hearty reception, crowd several hundred.

Five Killed and Fifty Wounded in Bread Riots.

Vienna, Sept. 18.—Heavy squadrons of Dragons armed with Carbines and sabres patrol the streets today to prevent outbreaks in the bread riots which begun yesterday when five were killed and fifty wounded. Artillery is massed in the parks.

Dr. Wiley Gratified.

Bluemont, Va., Sept. 18.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry of the Department of Agriculture, expressed himself more fully today upon President Taft's letter, made public Saturday in which the chemistry bureau chief was completely vindicated and cleared of the personnel board of the department and the case closed so far as Dr. Wiley was concerned.

In a statement to the Associated Press today, Dr. Wiley said:

"I have read the text of the President's letter and am deeply grateful for the sympathetic and comforting expressions contained therein. I rejoice, too, that Dr. Rusby has been found free of fault, and am sorry that it was found necessary to reprimand Kebler and Bigelow both faithful and conscientious workers. Their offense was in the phrasing and not in the heart.

"I always felt certain that the President, with his high sense of justice would follow the course which he did.

"I am grateful also to the press of the United States for the practically unanimous support which it has given me during this ordeal. I feel that the tribute is not a personal one but to the cause which I have endeavored to espouse.

"I cannot now say anything of the future save that as long as I remain in the public service I shall endeavor to carry out the purposes which have actuated me in the past.

"I desire also to take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to the hundreds of friends, known and unknown who have written and wired to me in the past few weeks and whose messages I have yet been unable to answer."

May Not Return.

Shelby, Sept. 18.—It looks now as if Benjamin Ellisor, who deserted his young bride to whom he was married three weeks will not return to her. Ellisor wrote her several letters the first part of the week, assuring her that he would return in a few days. The abandoned young bride does not know where he is or has been since leaving last Monday morning as he failed to indicate his whereabouts in his letters and mailed them on the train, perhaps purposely to keep her in the dark.

A traveling man coming in last night knows Ellisor and said he saw him at the station at Spartanburg, S. C. He was with a woman dressed in black, supposed to be his first wife or divorced wife who came here last Sunday night and enticed him away from his 18 year old bride and registered at the hotel as Mrs. A. B. Anderson, Charlotte, N. C. The traveling man saw Ellisor talking to a policeman, and, curious to know what the conversation was about, asked if he could go through the cemetery to the railway station without being arrested. He received the permission of the policeman and strolled away with the mysterious woman, who has such an all-powerful influence over him.

THE WEATHER  
Cloudy tonight and Tuesday with moderate northeast winds.

## BUGROFF'S TRIAL

WILL BEGIN WEDNESDAY FOR SHOOTING RUSSIA'S PRIME MINISTER

### STOLYPIN IS DYING

Kieff, Sept. 18.—Stolypin is again reported as dying. His temperature is higher and his heart action is weaker. At times he lapses into unconsciousness.

The court martial of Dmitry Bogroff, who shot the Premier, will begin September 20. Colonel Kuliabko, chief of the secret police of Kieff, who is responsible for Bogroff's presence in the theatre is prostrated, as Bogroff enjoyed his confidence. When asked to attend the interrogation of the prisoner, Colonel Kuliabko weeping begged permission to testify in writing.

At the inquiry Bogroff manifested much independence and unconcern. He said that when he appeared Stolypin was completely unguarded. He drew a revolver from his hip pocket covering it with his program.

When Count Potocky, who was close to Stolypin, hesitated to identify Bogroff, the latter blurted out, "Yes, I shot him." On the way to the fortress Bogroff asked for a cigarette, remarking: "The whole business has upset me dreadfully. I have not yet come to my self."

The prisoner's wounds include a sabre cut on the head. Two teeth were knocked out and his whole body a mass of bruises from the trampling he received.

Five Persons Seriously Hurt

Altoona, Pa., Sept. 18.—Five persons were seriously hurt on the state highway when an automobile crashed into a telephone pole in the darkness and all occupants were hurled out.

Lexington, Ky., Sept. 18.—Charged with attacking three little girls under twelve years, W. T. Ham, aged 61 a cripple and prominent church worker was taken from here to Maysville under a guard of sixty members of the national guard. A lynching is still feared.

## TO-DAY'S MARKET

STOCKS.

New York, Sept. 18.—The opening was irregular in the stock market and later developed a downward tendency. The movement was headed by Canadian Pacific which sold off 1 7/8 in the first few minutes stocks with speculative interest showed strength. Later losses were all along the line. Reading, Lehigh Valley and Amalgamated lost one point. The curb was dull. American stocks in London were sluggish.

COTTON TODAY.

New York, Sept. 18.—Jan. opened 11.30; May 11.51; Oct. 11.24; Dec. 11.34.  
At 11.45, Jan. was 11.29; May 11.52; Oct. 11.23; Dec. 11.32.  
Liverpool closed practically unchanged from the opening with Jan. Feb. 6.04 1-2, March, April 6.08 1-2, Nov. Dec. 6.04 1-2.  
Spots in Liverpool 7.10.  
Spots in New York 11.75.  
Spots in Wilson 11.25.  
Cotton closed Dec. 11.31; January 11.27; March 11.40 and May 11.50.

PROVISIONS.

11.30 A. M. Dtc. wheat was 96 1-2, corn Sept. 67 7-8.  
Chicago, Sept. 18.—The opening in wheat was Dec. 95 3-8, corn Sept. 67 1-2.  
2 o'clock Wheat was Sept. 92 1-8, Corn Sept. 67 3-4.