

WIFE'S MOTHER ON THE STAND

Surprise Sprung in Beattie Case—Mrs. Owen Says Daughter Was Sad and Had Crying Spells.

A SCATHING ATTACK MADE ON TESTIMONY

Effort of the Defense to Show That Scherer, Detective, Approached Defense's Witnesses.

Chesterfield Court House, Va., Aug. 28.—A scathing attack upon Detective Luther Scherer's testimony was made by counsel for the defense when the Beattie trial was resumed at 10:30.

Scherer admitted he has discussed the case with Paul two times and with Beulah perhaps 30 or 25 times.

"Did Beattie tell you he failed to stop at any houses along the way because he knew there was a physician at the Owen home where he was talking his wife?"

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"Your name?" asked Wendenburg, simultaneously as Beattie's clothes were brought in.

"Mrs. R. V. Owen." "Your home?" "Dover, Del."

"You were the mother of the dead woman?" "Yes."

"I wish you would tell the jury all about your daughter's living happily with her husband," said Wendenburg.

"Did Beattie ever go out with his wife alone?" Mrs. Owen was asked.

"Not until that night." "Witness said that on the night of the murder she cautioned Mrs. Beattie not to go out alone with her husband."

"The prosecution's idea apparently was to prove that Beattie killed his wife because of fear that his father might learn of his condition and cut him off from his family."

"The dead girl's mother came from Delaware last night. Her appearance was secretly arranged by the prosecution and she was unheralded."

SURVEY OF STATE FROM THE CAPITAL

Wake County's Medico-Legal Battle Comes to a Head—Damage to Cotton Crop.

Gazette-News Bureau, The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, Aug. 28.

Ninety-three candidates, including one woman and three negroes stood the examination today to practice law in North Carolina.

Authoritative announcement is made of the purchase of the Academy of Music building by Dr. J. R. Rogers, H. E. Litchford, ex-Judge R. W. Winston and F. K. Ellington from a Charlotte man, who formerly owned the building.

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Victoria II, bred in the imperial kennels of Moscow, Russia, and her son, Prince, were taken to the county home this afternoon, where they will remain.

Dr. J. Y. Joyner, state superintendent of public instruction, has returned from Durham and Chapel Hill, where he went in the interest of his work.

At Chapel Hill Dr. Joyner helped in selecting the site for the new educational building, which will be erected on the university campus at a cost of \$40,000.

With the declination of Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary to the state board of health, to honor the suggestion of D. T. Johnson, chairman of the board of county commissioners, as to the appointment of a new sanitary inspector, the legal and political battle that has been raging between Dr. J. J. McCullers, appointed by Dr. Rankin, and the board of county commissioners, was fairly brought to a head.

Dr. Rankin declined to appoint another man because the position had already been filled and declined to take cognizance of the politics being played by the commissioners.

Dr. McCullers, it is claimed, was legally appointed and his fees fixed; the commissioners, who wanted another man, refused to accept him and have barred him from the jail and other county institutions.

Hart M. Gatling, counsel for Dr. McCullers, announced that he had associated with him in this case ex-Gov. C. B. Aycock, and added, "The fight has just begun."

Statesville Boy Dies After Running to Fire.

Statesville, Aug. 27.—Fire, which began in the boiler room of the Statesville Lumber company's plant near the depot at 11 o'clock Saturday morning, completely destroyed the plant and considerable lumber.



UNCLE SAM'S LATEST

RAGE TROUBLE FEARED, STARTED BY A FIGHT

The Fight Started Over a Pint of Whiskey—One Man Was Killed.

Huntsville, Ala., Aug. 28.—Rage trouble is feared as the result of fight over a pint of whiskey at a barbecue last night, when one negro man was killed and a white man wounded.

SON CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF HIS FATHER

Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 28.—The vicinity of Etowah is greatly excited over the discovery of the mutilated body of James L. Miller, aged 65, a well to do farmer, who resided within two miles of that place.

Miller had been to Etowah Friday. It is believed he was killed while returning home that night.

Washington, Aug. 28.—With the designation of 23 post-offices as postal savings banks, beginning business September 23, in Florida, Missouri, New York, and North Carolina, the post-office general fund is expected to be increased by \$1,000,000.

BOUGHT ONE COFFIN AND PROVIDED TWO CORPSES

Georgia Deacon Becomes Angry, Kills Another Deacon and Suicides.

Ashburn, Ga., Aug. 28.—R. G. Whidden, a well-to-do farmer and a church deacon, living near here shot J. M. Lawson, a neighbor and also a deacon, Saturday at a church on the Whidden farm and then committed suicide.

Whidden was in Ashburn Friday and bought a coffin. Several years ago he built a vault near his home to receive his body when he died.

Middletown, Conn., Aug. 28.—Of 40 passengers injured in the wreck of a New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad train last night, one is reported dying.

New York, Aug. 28.—The British steamer Helene today brought news of a collision with the schooner Jane Palmer off Nebraska Point.

Norfolk, Aug. 28.—Frost is reported from northern Nebraska points. Tender plants were killed.

Fair Weather for Gunney Tests.

ALLEGED ASSAILANT OF HENRY GIVES HIMSELF UP

Zonia Nance Admits Being Connected With Still—Denies Shooting.

Information has been received here by the revenue department that one of the men, who is alleged to have been implicated in the shooting of Deputy Collector Henry, during a raid on moonshiners in Wilkes county a week or two ago, has given himself up to the authorities.

Mr. Henry returned to Asheville a few days ago and is at his home. It is said that he continues to improve.

Knoxville Adopts Commission Government.

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MANY KILLED IN WILD STAMPEDE

Moving Picture Film Parts; an Excited Boy Raises the Cry of "Fire" and Panic Ensues.

DEAD AND DYING WERE PILED TEN FEET HIGH

Mostly Women and Children—Twenty-Six Taken Out Dead and More Than Fifty Injured.

Cannonsburg, Pa., Aug. 28.—Mourning emblems fluttered from more than a score of houses today, the result of Saturday night's panic in a moving picture theater, causing 26 deaths and scores injured.

The moving picture machine developed a slight defect. A small boy shouted "fire" at the same time starting for the narrow exit.

All Quickly Over. It was all over within a short time. Volunteer firemen, several policemen and a few level-headed citizens untangled the human mass.

Then the rescuers came to the silent forms of those who had reached the fatal stairway first.

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COAST STRUCK BY HARD BLOW

Like West Indian Hurricane—Charleston, Beaufort, and Georgetown are Isolated.

NO DAMAGE TO CROPS OR PROPERTY KNOWN

And No Reports of Loss of Life—Telephone and Telegraph Wires Are Down.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Weather bureau reports indicate a storm central over South Carolina, near the coast. Storm warnings are ordered displayed on the Atlantic coast from Ft. Monroe to Jacksonville.

Communication with Charleston and Savannah is unestablished. It is reported a flood has reached Charleston. A message this afternoon from Branchville states there are three feet of water in Charleston depot.

Wind 60 Miles an Hour. Macon, Ga., Aug. 28.—The Central of Georgia railroad has received the following from Savannah: "Wind 60 miles an hour. Windows blown in, signs and awnings torn down, trees stripped and blown, telephone and telegraph wires tangled. Shipping apparently safe. Charleston it is believed got worst of storm."

Highest Since Tidal Wave of 1886. Augusta, Aug. 28.—A telephone message from Ridgeville says the wind at Charleston is blowing 60 miles an hour.

Along the Charleston water front the water is highest since the tidal wave of 1886.

Columbia, Aug. 28.—Telegraph and telephone communication with Charleston, Savannah, Beaufort and Georgetown, interrupted by yesterday's storm, has not been restored.

South of Savannah there is slight damage to wires, the storm's operations being confined to this city and the region north of here.

Early last night the local wireless station was in communication with a number of ships at sea.

All vessels in communication with the local wireless station report unusually heavy seas rising suddenly.

Very high tides are reported from Tybee Island, and earlier, before the wires were lost from Beaufort, S. C. Efforts to get into communication by wireless with Charleston also failed and nothing is known here of the extent of the damage there.

The storm came as a sudden surprise to shipping. It was here at sea and struck almost without warning.

Excursionists from Charleston arriving here last night report that the authorities had issued to all excursionists and summer visitors on the Isle of Palms and Sullivan's Island a warning to quit the beaching island at once.

One message on the night from Branchville states that when the train left there it was in a flood.

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