

PRISONER TELLS STORY TO JURY

Beattie, Confident and Hopeful, Again Relates His Version of Murder of His Young Wife.

HAD NO CONFIDENCE IN PAUL, HE SWEARS

Never Entrusted a Secret to Him—Tells of Relations With Binford Girl—Is Confident.

Chesterfield Court House, Va., Sept. 4.—Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., charged with murdering his young wife, Louise, took the witness stand, confident and hopeful, at 10:47 o'clock today, to testify in his own behalf and close the defense's case.

An eager, expectant crowd jammed the little court room to overflowing. As soon as the prisoner's name was called there was a noisy rustle and straining of necks. Beattie walked calmly to the chair and faced the 12 men who before the week ends will pass judgment on his story about the "bearded highwayman."

Had No Confidence in Paul. Beattie's apparent coolness excited comment. After kissing the Bible and swearing to "tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth" he gave his age as 26 and stated that he was in the mercantile business with his father. Then under the skillful guidance of his counsel Beattie began the narrative which he hopes will save him from the electric chair. The first questioning centered about Paul Beattie.

"What relation to you is Paul Beattie?" Henry was asked. "Second cousin."

"Have you ever had any confidential relations with him or has he been your intimate?"

"No, sir," Henry replied with emphasis. "You had no confidence in him?"

"None in the world."

"Did you ever trust him with any secret?"

"None in the world."

Beattie then told of meeting Beulah Binford, the "other woman," in Richmond, 1907, on Broad street in August.

Asked about the girl's reputation Henry said he was advised soon after meeting her not to have anything to do with her. Henry testified that his improper relations with Beulah were broken off in the fall of 1908.

"What was the cause?" Henry was asked.

"Well, she went to Washington."

Was Laughing Stock of the Town. "When Beulah's child was born what did she do?"

"Her mother wrote me."

"Did they think you responsible?"

"I suppose so, as they thought I had more money than any one else."

Next thing I knew I was called to her lawyer's office and as a consequence I saw nothing to do but fork up the money and was the laughing stock of the town. I never for one minute thought I was the father of the child and Beulah Binford swore at the coroner's inquest she was not his mother."

Effort was made by defense's counsel to interrupt the prisoner's testimony for a few minutes to have Charles H. Kestelberg testify about the number of his car, but the prosecution objected saying it did not want the examination of the prisoner interrupted.

"How long before your marriage," continued Smith, "was the meeting in the lawyer's office?"

"About February, 1909."

"How long had you known your wife?"

"Nearly all my life."

"How long had you been in love with her?"

"I reckon about 12 to 14 months."

"How did you regard Beulah Binford, during the time you ran with her?"

"As everyone else did—as a woman of the town."

"Did you have any love for her?"

"No."

"Did other men run with her?"

"Yes."

"What were the relations between you and your wife up to the night of her death?"

"I never spoke a cross word to her or she to me. We always were affectionate, and I don't see how anyone could have been any happier."

"Was there any reason for her to be unhappy?"

"Not that I know of."

"When you were married did she know about Beulah Binford?"

"Everyone in town did. I told her all about the effort to blame the child on me. I made a clean breast of it."

"Did you tell her of your trip to Norfolk and the resumption of your relations with Beulah?"

"No."

"Tell how you came to go to Norfolk."

"The customer corroborated the story of William H. Harrison, his father, who came to and got the goods for Beulah at the time she was in Norfolk."

JUDGE J. C. BIGGS GOES TO TRINITY

Resigns Judgeship to Take Place in Law School Faculty.

Special to The Gazette-News. Durham, Sept. 4.—President Few of Trinity college makes this important announcement:

Judge J. Crawford Biggs, formerly professor in the University of North Carolina and for the last five years one of the most distinguished judges of the Superior court in the state, has resigned his judgeship and accepted a professorship of law in Trinity college. Judge Biggs has behind him a brilliant record as student, teacher, attorney, Supreme court reporter, and judge. The bringing to the school of so learned and accomplished a lawyer is regarded as a most valuable acquisition.

With Dean Samuel F. Mordcael, LL. D., Judge Biggs and R. P. Rende, LL. B., the school is equipped with a faculty that will enable it to carry forward the great objects for which it was seven years ago established. This was the first southern law school to maintain adequate admission requirements, the first to introduce the case-system, and the first to write its own text books. Under the brilliant leadership of Dean Mordcael, the school continues to hold this primacy. In the face of the disorganized state of legal education in North Carolina the school stands firm for higher standards and better methods of instruction, and it goes steadily on putting out books that meet the approval of the highest authorities in the country.

In this movement to raise and invigorate one of the learned professions, Trinity college is making substantial contribution to that moral and intellectual leadership for which every great college in the country.

MANY NEGROES HAVE FLED FROM AN OKLAHOMA TOWN

Whites in an Ugly Mood Following Murder of White Man by a Negro.

Caddo, Okla., Sept. 4.—For the first time in its history, Caddo last night had no negro residents. The blacks have also fled from much of the surrounding country. The exodus started Sunday from the first report of the killing of Horace Gribble, a white farmer, by negroes Saturday night, and continued throughout the day. No warning notices were necessary.

The blacks took flight at the temper of the whites and feared to remain another night. All outgoing trains were crowded while extra facilities were required for the handling of their baggage and express. More than 1500 purchased tickets for McAlester, Muskogee, Atoka, Oklahoma City and Bonham and Denison, Tex., and smaller towns.

Cattle, hogs and crops were sacrificed at ridiculous prices in order to raise money while much other personal property was left behind. Farmers were in an angry mood following the report of the killing, but the community is quiet since the negroes have fled. A large Sunday crowd at the depot cheered the blacks from the town. The three negroes arrested for the killing were taken in an automobile to Tahlequah. Officers there at first hesitated to keep the prisoners, fearing a mob would lynch them, but an agitation here in favor of such a demonstration.

GOV. CHAS. DENEEN IS SERIOUSLY INJURED

In an Effort to Avoid Collision He Fell, Breaking Bones in the Ankle.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 4.—In an attempt to prevent a collision between his automobile and a two-wheeled conveyance near Glenview, about 15 miles from Chicago, Gov. Charles S. Deneen was severely injured Sunday when he fell, breaking both bones of his left ankle.

The governor, seeing that a collision was unavoidable, sprang on the running board of the machine in which he was riding to grasp the handle of the horse. He fell with his left leg doubled under him. He was hurried to the city and is confined to his room in the executive mansion. Drs. Taylor and Patton, who were called, said the governor would be unable to get to the rooms for five or six weeks.

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Airmen Participating in the Great Boston Meet.



DR. HILL FINALLY BREAKS SILENCE

Ambassador Says There Was Deliberate Intrigue to Discredit Him.

HILL NOT WILLING TO CALL ANY NAMES

Emperor William Presents the Ambassador with a Piece of Porcelain.

Berlin, Sept. 4.—David Jayne Hill, the retiring American ambassador, on the eve of his departure from Berlin, has broken the silence with regard to his resignation which was accepted by President Taft last April. The ambassador gave out a statement Sunday intimating that there had been a deliberate intrigue to discredit him and misrepresent the reasons for his resignation.

"I cannot leave Germany," says the ambassador, "without expressing appreciation of the kindness I experienced here, particularly from his majesty, who generously intimated his wish to confer upon me an honor which the laws of my country forbade me to accept. I have, however, thought it proper to receive from his majesty as a souvenir of our agreeable relations, a piece of porcelain from the royal potteries, and I wish to make a public acknowledgment of this mark of friendship."

"At the time of my resignation in April there was much speculation regarding the reasons therefor, and a feeling concerning my course in the negotiations between my government and Germany over the potash controversy was carefully prepared and widely circulated, positively declaring on alleged authority that my conduct was displeasing to the department of state. Under such circumstances, the duty of a loyal diplomat is silence, and faithfully I performed this duty."

"I have believed that the American people, careless as they often are of international relations, love fair play, and know that the official record of these negotiations would speak the truth at the proper time. I have taken no notice of either the source or the motive of these allegations. I have no comment to make upon them."

"On leaving office, six months after my resignation, I believe that it will be a pleasure to the president if I make public at this time an authentic statement made by him some months ago, which should effectually silence and exterminate the legend which certain newspapers have endeavored to keep alive. He says:

"I write now to assure you that I never had the slightest reason to criticize your course and policy at the very important time in Berlin, and have vindicated your appointment in every way, and has given me pleasure to do so sympathetically and unreservedly. The resignation of the ambassador of the United States to Germany is the result of the action of the German government."

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MORE HARD LUCK FOR THE GOVERNOR

Another Appointment, Judge Biggs' Successor, Must Be Made.

Gazette-News Bureau. Raleigh, Sept. 4. E. M. Renfrow as administrator of the estate of J. B. Bissett has sold at auction at the courthouse the personal property of Bissett, Constable D. R. Hyrum acting as auctioneer. This property consisted of certain paraphernalia in Bissett's cafe, two refrigerators, a gas range, pans, and an electric fan, etc. The goods brought \$80.75.

An election has been called for October 21 to decide the question of remodeling or selling the present market house property on Fayetteville street. Just at present sentiment seems to be in favor of tearing down the old building, which is considered as a disgrace to the city.

The resignation of Judge J. Crawford Biggs has not been received at the governor's office. Col. A. J. Field, private secretary to Governor Kitchin, said he had not received any applications as yet for the place. Friends of the governor certainly have reason to sympathize with him in this juncture. In the midst of a senatorial campaign deaths and resignations have occurred in the official family and Mr. Kitchin has had to appoint. Since there have been many applicants for every position his task has been a hard one, and could not therefore please everybody.

Wiley Austin, a negro, is believed to be held in Norfolk and if he is found to be the man wanted he will answer to the charge of killing Garfield Williams in Holly Springs township last January. Officers will return from Norfolk today with the prisoner, for whom a reward of \$100 was offered. The killing occurred at a hot supper at Williams' house.

Friends Appreciate Bryan's Advice. New York, Sept. 4.—William Jennings Bryan in a lecture last night at Grace Methodist church on "The Old Religion," strongly denounced all games of chance. His face lighted up with a broad smile as he continued:

"During the three campaigns when I ran for the presidency I always advised my friends not to bet."

"And," he added, amid a shout of laughter, from the audience, "they always appreciated the advice after the election."

Two Fatal Cholera Cases. Ghent, Belgium, Sept. 4.—Two fatal cholera cases are reported at Meirbeek.

Weather Forecast. For Asheville and vicinity: Rain to night or Tuesday.

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A SICKENING STORY OF BRIBERY, GRAFT

Rodney J. Diegle, Says Cleveland Paper, Has Confessed—Slimy Trail Leads to Doors of Many Members of the Legislature of Ohio.

Cleveland, Sept. 4.—"Rodney J. Diegle has broken his silence," says the Plain Dealer, in a story relating that Diegle has made confession of bribery and corruption in the Ohio legislature to Ben F. Allen, the Plain Dealer's correspondent, and a friend of Diegle. The confession is being reserved for the Franklin county grand jury, the story states.

"The convicted sergeant-at-arms of the Ohio senate told a story, sickening in many details, of bribery and graft leading to the doors of many members of the Ohio general assembly," it says. Diegle told the story, it is asserted, in the hope of securing immunity from the penitentiary sentence now hanging over him.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 4.—Premier Arthur Sifton of Alberta is keeping up a vigorous campaign for reciprocity in the constituencies of south Alberta. At a meeting in Taber, Premier Sifton said that reciprocity was not a matter of getting a few cents more per bushel one day for wheat or a better price for cattle, it was that the farmer should have freedom of trade in the best markets to sell at the best price offered at the time and to have three or four competitors for his products instead of one or two as at present. The Canadian Pacific under its original charter, had not been allowed to build branch lines near the United States border, but now it has been found profitable to build lines into the United States. Were the stockholders disloyal because of this? he asked.

The Grand Trunk Railway financed by British capital and run by British directors, ran another line into the United States at Portland and another into the United States at Chicago, yet they could not be called disloyal but farmers and ranchers and others who wish to sell their products to the states are in danger of becoming disloyal.

Mr. Edmund Walker, president of the Bank of Commerce of Toronto, Mr. Sifton said, hinted that reciprocity would endanger the loyalty of the country, but the Bank of Commerce yearly moves three quarters of the cotton crop of the United States and yet the directors are not disloyal, he asked.

Battleship Hits Steamer. Toulon, France, Sept. 4.—The French battleship Breton in this morning crashed into the steamer Mergul at Marsailles. The steamer was badly stove in. There were no fatalities.

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GREAT WRESTLERS READY FOR BATTLE

Hack and Gotch Both Express Confidence in the Outcomes of the Match.

GATE RECEIPTS MAY AGGREGATE \$100,000

Gotch is the Favorite at Odds of 2 to 1—Dry Weather is Promised For Today.

Chicago, Sept. 4.—Frank Gotch, the world's champion wrestler, this afternoon meets his challenger, Hackenschmidt of Russia, in a contest for the world's title. The match begins at 3 o'clock (central time). The division of the purse will be—Gotch \$21,000 and 50 per cent. of the moving picture profits; Hackenschmidt, \$11,000. The best two out of three falls decides the winner.

Gotch declares: "I expect to win, but it will be the hardest struggle of my career. I hope the contest will be a clean one." Hackenschmidt said he was prepared for a desperate match.

Fifty Thousand Dollars In. Early sales indicated the largest crowd ever witnessed a wrestling match will be in the American league park when Gotch and Hackenschmidt enter the ring. The throng that will jam the park is estimated at 30,000. Fifty thousand dollars have already reached the box office. It is believed this will be increased to 47,000. Thousands of wrestling enthusiasts from all corners of America gathering here. Iowa sent the largest delegation. Humboldt, Ia., where Gotch has lived since boyhood will be represented by nearly all its male population.

Gotch won their former match in Chicago April 5, 1908, but he did not pin the shoulders of the "Russian Lion" to the mat. For that reason he has never been given universal credit for his victory. But today both contestants insist that the match will not end until one man has obtained two falls. It may be necessary to finish the contest under the glare of arc lights but regardless of this the wrestlers are determined to settle their dispute beyond all possible doubt before they leave the park. The total ticket sales up to 6 o'clock last night amounted to approximately \$75,000. It is expected that at least 25,000 persons will attend the contest and that the gross receipts will be in the neighborhood of \$100,000. Whatever they are, it is certain they will be larger than any other event in the city since the wrestling contest.

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100,000 Persons Drowned In China, It Is Reported