

BEATTIE ADMITS GUILT AND DIES

On Eve of His Atonement for the Crime, He Pens Confession for Spiritual Advisers.

SLAYER'S IRON NERVE UNSHAKEN TO THE END

Electric Current Applied to Death Chair at 7:23—Scene Deeply Affects the Witnesses.

Richmond, Nov. 24.—Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., before his death in the electric chair at 7:23 o'clock this morning for the murder of his wife, Louise Owen Beattie, last July, confessed to having committed the crime.

In his confession he said: "I, Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., desirous of standing right before God and man, do on this, the 23d day of November, 1911, confess my guilt of the crime charged against me. Much that was published concerning the details was not true, but the awful fact, without the narrowing circumstances, remains.

"For this action I am truly sorry, and, believing that I am at peace with God and am soon to pass into His presence, this statement is made."

The confession was accompanied by the following statement by the attending ministers:

"This statement was signed in the presence of two attending ministers and is the only statement that was made to the public by them. Mr. Beattie desired to thank the family's many friends for their kind letters and expressions of interest, and the public for whatever sympathy was felt or expressed."

Beattie before his death wrote the statement for Rev. Benjamin Dennis which the Beattie family has consented shall be made public. Douglas Beattie, Henry's brother, said that at the request of Henry he would be made public just as the dead man wrote it.

Beattie went to the chair unshaken. In a torrential downpour of rain the 12 witnesses to the execution followed through the murky down up the hill to the penitentiary. They were quickly marshaled and were conducted in single file through the gates of steel bars to the chamber where Beattie was to offer his atonement. There was no conversation. The witnesses were seated six abreast before the chair. They shuffled their feet uneasily; when one leaned forward to speak to another his action was received with frowns. Major Woods, with two deputy wardens, addressed the witnesses, going through the formalities demanded by the law. Then with his two men trooping behind he passed into the apartment where Beattie awaited the summons.

Final Summons Read. The warden's voice could plainly be heard reading to the doomed man the final summons, which seemed to the witnesses interminable. In reality this compliance with the law occupied only a brief moment. Then, with Beattie between them, the deputy wardens began their progress toward the chair only a few feet away.

When the procession followed by Superintendent Woods, started a signal was given which plunged the death chamber into darkness save for a single light immediately over the chair. This was so hooded that it outlined the chair in a circle of blazing radiance, so intense that the remainder of the room seemed in utter darkness. The witnesses scarcely could see each other.

The Current Applied. There was no delay in preparing for the end. Beattie took his place, the prison surgeon and electricians adjusted the straps, half a dozen clamps were quickly thrown in place and snapped, the cap was adjusted and the men stepped back. Raising his hand, the warden gave the signal for the electric current to be turned on. Instantly Beattie's body stiffened with such violence that the straps cracked with the strain and the clamps rattled as though they were castles in the hands of giants. Then that which once had been Henry Clay Beattie, Jr. relaxed. It was just 7:23 o'clock when the shock was applied and one minute later Beattie was dead. The surgeon went forward and with a stethoscope listened for another faint beating of the heart that less than 60 seconds before had lived. He stepped back and pronounced "He is dead."

The witnesses solemnly filed out of the death chamber, one or two were dazedly pale, as they stepped into the early morning light.

His Last Day on Earth. For a few brief moments yesterday Beattie broke down, and it was feared his remarkable nerve and stoicism were about to desert him. This was when he took leave of his father and brother, Douglas. When the parting came, the son laid his head on his father's breast and sobbed convulsively. One arm was flung across his father's shoulder, the other hand gripped that of his brother.

But he recovered quickly. The fortitude of the elder Beattie had more to do with the recovery than the comforting office of Rev. Benjamin Dennis, who has history with the family. He was with Beattie until the last moment, with Beattie's eyes fixed on his.

Woman Indicted On Fraud Charge



New York, Nov. 24.—Mae L. Dugan, the first woman to be indicted in the campaign of the postal authorities against alleged "get-rich-quick" stock selling concerns, is named in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury here. She has been sought by the federal authorities in vain for the last two months.

She came to New York from Toronto, Canada, by way of Boston. She has had a romantic and spectacular career as a business woman. She was in Nevada at the time of the Goldfield rush, and later returned to New York and associated with Heron Bayley, who was president of a real estate company in that city. He also has been indicted.

As applied to one of the foremost public men of the country today, a leader who is favored by a large following in the phases of the United States, those putting it mildly, are interesting questions. They are people both widely discussed by people who follow politics and which in the end may have an important effect upon the New Jersey governor's chances for the democratic nomination.

The old saying that all is fair in love and war might easily be expanded to include politics. At the same time neither lover nor warrior has retained a good name in history whom the suspicion of treachery attends, and so of politics, also. Were the charge in such conduct sustained against any candidate for the presidency in either party, it is certain he would lose the support, not only of the public, but of the politicians as well. For, even in the lowest phases of American politics, down where the ward chief hatters with the precinct and gang leaders, and however corrupt the participants in other ways, a man to succeed must make his word not only as good but better than his bond. Consequently the mere fact that such talk circulates of Governor Wilson commands public attention and justifies discussion of the subject. Therefore the facts which have started such talk in connection with the public character of the governor are of great concern at this time. The story chiefly concerns former Senator James Smith, Jr., who was senator from New Jersey during Cleveland's second administration. Former Senator Smith, for years democratic leader in New Jersey, a thorough going machine man of the type now so generally demanded, supported Wilson for the nomination and election for governor in 1910. This year, as is well known, Senator Smith turned his organization's power against Wilson. As a result the ambitious young governor of New Jersey no longer has a democratic legislature. It is said the Smith power will be used just as energetically to carry a portion or all of the New Jersey delegates against Wilson in the democratic national convention. The accounts of Wilson's alleged bad faith trace to sources identical with the power and motives of Smith.

\$50,000 PLEDGED M'NAMARA DEFENSE

Resolutions Adopted at Atlanta for Contribution to Los Angeles Fund.

Atlanta, Nov. 24.—One week's pay from every paid officer of a labor union in this country is called for, to swell the McNamara defense fund in a resolution adopted by the convention of the American Federation of Labor. Every other delegate to the convention, not a paid officer, pledged a day's wages to the fund.

Another action aimed to help the McNamaras was the adoption of a resolution framed by President Gompers endorsing the candidacy of Job Harriman, the socialist candidate for mayor of Los Angeles, and calling upon wage workers all over the country to give such moral and financial support to Harriman's campaign as is within their power. Leaders in the convention succeeded in heading off the proposition to have the body make a direct appropriation of \$50,000 for the McNamara fund. A sum greater than that by \$10,000 will be raised by the voluntary subscription of labor officials if all respond to the appeal.

Several speeches denunciatory of the prosecutors of the McNamaras were made, one Los Angeles delegate making the statement that \$5,000,000 would be spent if necessary to secure their conviction.

Consideration of the report of the committee on the president's report consumed the entire day, practically all of Mr. Gompers' recommendations in his annual report being endorsed.

DETROIT GETS BANKERS' NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

New Orleans, Nov. 24.—Detroit today was selected as the meeting place for the 1912 convention of the American bankers association. The time of meeting will be named by the executive council of the body at a meeting in the spring.

BYRCE MAY BECOME FOREIGN SECRETARY

Sir Edmund Grey's Retirement from the British Cabinet Is Expected Soon.

DID DR. WILSON BREAK FAITH?

The Wilson-Smith Political Feud in New Jersey—Smith's Claims of Obligations Unfulfilled.

MACHINE MAN FACTOR IN GOVERNOR'S CAREER

Started Him in Politics, and Gave \$70,000 to Campaign Fund; Got Nothing Himself.

Gazette-News Bureau, Wyatt Building, Washington, Nov. 24.

Did Woodrow Wilson break the faith in his dealings with other democratic politicians of New Jersey? Is the distinguished New Jersey governor guilty of ignoring pledges, either direct or implied, such as are held inviolable in honor between man and man?

As applied to one of the foremost public men of the country today, a leader who is favored by a large following in the phases of the United States, those putting it mildly, are interesting questions. They are people both widely discussed by people who follow politics and which in the end may have an important effect upon the New Jersey governor's chances for the democratic nomination.

The old saying that all is fair in love and war might easily be expanded to include politics. At the same time neither lover nor warrior has retained a good name in history whom the suspicion of treachery attends, and so of politics, also. Were the charge in such conduct sustained against any candidate for the presidency in either party, it is certain he would lose the support, not only of the public, but of the politicians as well. For, even in the lowest phases of American politics, down where the ward chief hatters with the precinct and gang leaders, and however corrupt the participants in other ways, a man to succeed must make his word not only as good but better than his bond. Consequently the mere fact that such talk circulates of Governor Wilson commands public attention and justifies discussion of the subject. Therefore the facts which have started such talk in connection with the public character of the governor are of great concern at this time. The story chiefly concerns former Senator James Smith, Jr., who was senator from New Jersey during Cleveland's second administration. Former Senator Smith, for years democratic leader in New Jersey, a thorough going machine man of the type now so generally demanded, supported Wilson for the nomination and election for governor in 1910. This year, as is well known, Senator Smith turned his organization's power against Wilson. As a result the ambitious young governor of New Jersey no longer has a democratic legislature. It is said the Smith power will be used just as energetically to carry a portion or all of the New Jersey delegates against Wilson in the democratic national convention. The accounts of Wilson's alleged bad faith trace to sources identical with the power and motives of Smith.

ROSS FRENCH PAYS CRIME'S PENALTY

Murderer of Swain County Girl Is Electrocuted at Raleigh.

Gazette-News Bureau, The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, Nov. 24.

Ross French, the Cherokee Indian, was electrocuted this morning. He was pronounced dead at 10:40 o'clock. The crime for which French was electrocuted was the killing of a 14-year old girl, Ethel Shular, in Swain county last September. He first met the girl at a baseball game and, although a married man, he began paying her attentions. She repulsed his advances and he later cut her throat.

French was convicted in the Superior court of Swain county and sentenced to electrocution. He admitted the crime and since being brought to the state's prison has talked freely of it. He is a Cherokee Indian and was only 20 years old.

His aged grandfather, John Talala, and a cousin, Mrs. Sallie Thompson, made all arrangements before the electrocution for having the body sent to Swain county. The old man bought a \$35 casket and had the death certificate partially filled out. He did not witness the execution of his relative, but remained in the city until after life was pronounced extinct.

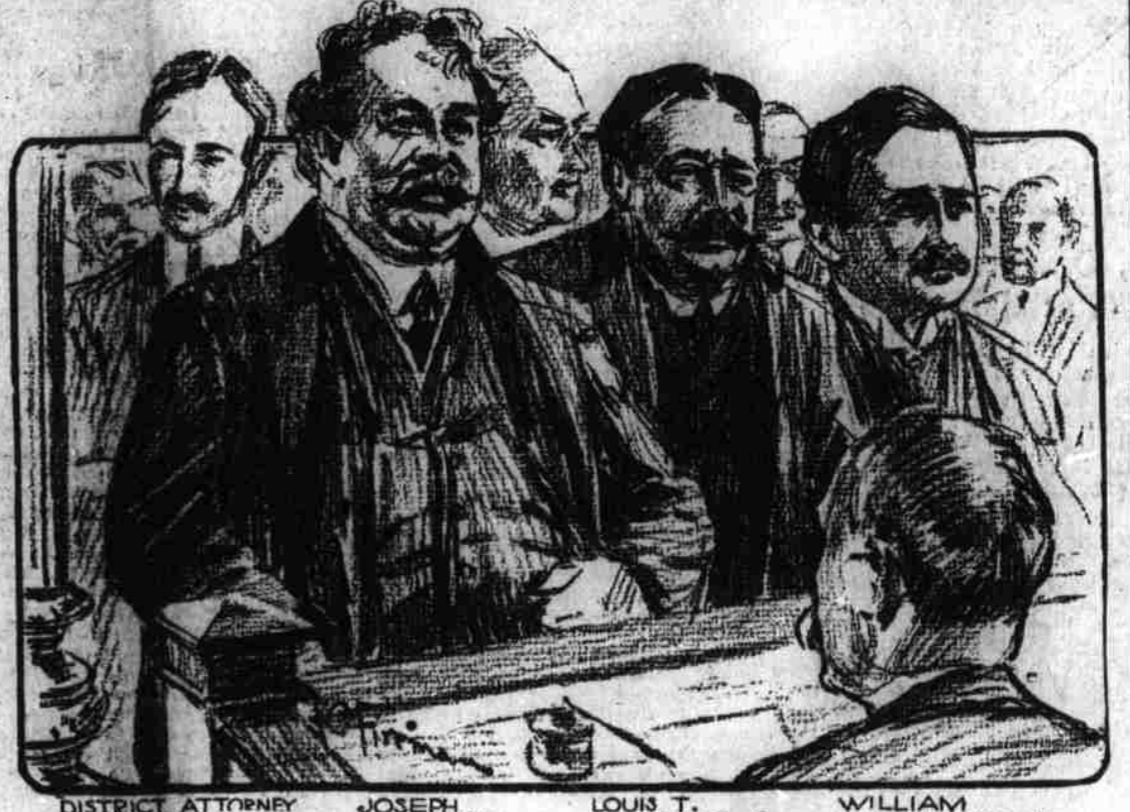
Another electrocution is set for next Friday—that of Taylor Love, a negro, who was sentenced to die for killing John Morehead, a negro, in Haywood county. Governor Kitchin granted Love a respite for a week pending the filing of a petition for commutation of his sentence to life imprisonment.

ATTACK ON TURKISH CAPITAL IS PROBABLE

Italy May Force Dardanelles and Dictate Peace at Constantinople.

Constantinople, Nov. 24.—Neutral commerce is seriously threatened by Italy's proposed blockade of the Dardanelles and the Turkish government's consequent defensive measures. Ambassadors of the foreign powers are conferring on the subject, as it is believed Italian action will not be delayed much longer. It is thought Italy may force the Dardanelles and dictate her terms of peace at Constantinople.

Judiciary Scandal Proves Sensational; Politicians Haled to Criminal Court



New York, Nov. 24.—Joseph Cassidy, for years the democratic leader in Queens borough, New York, together with William Willett, defeated candidate for the Supreme court bench, and Louis T. Walter, are now being heard before the bar of justice, charged with a criminal offence. The affair grew out of the judiciary scandal in New York politics, wherein it is alleged that Willett paid for his nomination. Walter is not only charged with acting as the go-between for the others, but also with having sold his vote to Mr. Willett in the judiciary convention.

It was Mr. Walter who placed Mr. Willett in nomination, in a most eulogistic speech, and the charge is now made that he delivered this speech in consideration of the purchase by Mr. Willett for \$5,000 of 63 alleged worthless shares of stock in the Automobile Building company. Some sensational developments are promised.

ROSS FRENCH PAYS CRIME'S PENALTY

Murderer of Swain County Girl Is Electrocuted at Raleigh.

Gazette-News Bureau, The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, Nov. 24.

Ross French, the Cherokee Indian, was electrocuted this morning. He was pronounced dead at 10:40 o'clock. The crime for which French was electrocuted was the killing of a 14-year old girl, Ethel Shular, in Swain county last September. He first met the girl at a baseball game and, although a married man, he began paying her attentions. She repulsed his advances and he later cut her throat.

French was convicted in the Superior court of Swain county and sentenced to electrocution. He admitted the crime and since being brought to the state's prison has talked freely of it. He is a Cherokee Indian and was only 20 years old.

His aged grandfather, John Talala, and a cousin, Mrs. Sallie Thompson, made all arrangements before the electrocution for having the body sent to Swain county. The old man bought a \$35 casket and had the death certificate partially filled out. He did not witness the execution of his relative, but remained in the city until after life was pronounced extinct.

Another electrocution is set for next Friday—that of Taylor Love, a negro, who was sentenced to die for killing John Morehead, a negro, in Haywood county. Governor Kitchin granted Love a respite for a week pending the filing of a petition for commutation of his sentence to life imprisonment.

GET YEAR IN JAIL FOR TARRING GIRL

Three Who Confessed Sentenced—Jury Yet Out in Last Case.

Lincoln Center, Kan., Nov. 24.—Three confessed members of the "tar party"—E. O. Clark, Jay Fitzwater and Watson Scranton—were sentenced to a year each in jail by Judge Grover today.

The jury has as yet reached no verdict in the cases against the other three just tried. Judge Grover summoned the jury for a conference this morning and was told no agreement had been reached. He admonished the jurors that they must return to their deliberations after a respite for breakfast. The court, it is said, may keep the jury together until tomorrow morning.

PARDON IS NEAR FOR BANKER MORSE

Financier May Be Removed from Prison at Once—In Ill Health.

Washington, Nov. 24.—If there is no legal objection, Charles W. Morse, the New York banker, now serving a 15 years' sentence in the Atlanta penitentiary, will be removed within a few days to a point near Atlanta and placed under the observation of physicians to determine whether his physical condition is such that he should be granted a pardon by President Taft. Attorney General Wickersham is busy looking into the legal aspects of such a removal and it was said the matter would be taken up at today's cabinet meeting.

Morse is not eligible for parole, but if his health is found as bad as Wickersham, himself, understands it to be, he probably will be given a pardon.

President Taft later directed the warden of the Atlanta penitentiary to transfer Morse to the United States Army hospital at Fort McPherson, near Atlanta, where he will remain under federal authority and be given medical treatment.

Banker Cummins Sentenced. New York, Nov. 24.—William J. Cummins, the suspended Carnegie Trust company here, who was recently convicted of the theft of \$140,000 from a trust fund held by the Carnegie company, was sentenced today to an indeterminate term in state prison of from four years and eight months to eight years and eight months.

TWO PRESIDENTS

Unique Distinction for Washington and Lee—Both Are Brothers of Rev. Dr. R. F. Campbell.

Washington and Lee university will have the unique distinction after January 1, next, of having two presidents to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of President Denny, says an Associated Press dispatch of last night. "The executive committee of the institution has named Dr. Harry D. Campbell, at present dean of the university, and John L. Campbell, its secretary and treasurer, to perform jointly the duties of the presidential office."

Both of these gentlemen are brothers of Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., of Asheville.

COLD WAVE WARNINGS

Lower Temperatures Are Forecast by Weather Bureau for Many Parts of the South.

Washington, Nov. 24.—The weather bureau issued cold wave warnings today for southern Virginia, eastern and central North Carolina, South Carolina, east and south Georgia, and Northern Florida.

33 DIE; 100 HURT IN EXPLOSION

Boiler Blows up in Liverpool Mill—Many Are Trapped in the Burning Ruins.

45 MEN ARE DROWNED AS DESTROYER SINKS

Japanese Vessel Goes Down in Gale—Six Lose Lives as Austrian Steamer Founders.

Liverpool, Nov. 24.—At least 33 workers were killed and 100 injured in an explosion at the Bibby Oil Co.'s mills here today. An exploding boiler caused the disaster. The mill took fire and the buildings are burning fiercely. It is feared many workers are trapped in the ruins.

The force of the explosion was so terrific that the roof of the great mill was blown off, while the walls split and crumbled. An outburst of flame followed.

Nearly 400 workers were engaged in the building at the time. Bodies of those in or near the boiler room were horribly mangled, some of them being thrown into the streets, together with bricks and debris.

Men could be seen at every window with fire ruffing behind them, frantically appealing for rescue.

Tokio, Nov. 24.—The Japanese destroyer Harusame foundered off Shima province 1 a storm today. Forty-five men of the crew of sixty perished.

Austrian Steamer Lost. Vienna, Nov. 24.—The Austrian steamer Romania was wrecked today near Rovigno and it is reported six persons were drowned. A straggle has swept the coast of the Adriatic for three days, causing much damage to shipping.

Flames Sweep Russian Towns. Sarajovo, Russia, Nov. 24.—The small town of Vlnoko, 17 miles from here, is burning. Three hundred houses already are in ashes. Many people are destitute.

2 KILLED, OTHERS HURT IN WRECK ON SOUTHERN

Trains Meet Head-on at Scotland, Ga.—Engineer Brantley Dead.

Scotland, Ga., Nov. 24.—Southern passenger train No. 14, bound from Chattanooga for Atlanta and Jacksonville, collided head-on with an extra train at 4:03 o'clock this morning, killing Engineer Brantley, and an express messenger. The fireman of No. 14 and seven passengers were slightly injured.

District Passenger Agent J. H. Wood of the Southern Railway received official information this morn of the wreck on the south switch at Scotland, Ga. It was a head-on collision between extra train "Ten-Thirty-Five," northbound, and section No. 1 of train No. 14. Two men were killed—Engineer Brantley of the first train and an express messenger, Engineer Raby of No. 14. Baggage Master Ahonah, an express messenger and the fireman on the latter train were seriously injured and several passengers slightly injured. It was stated that the cause of the accident is as yet unknown.

The extra train carried one light coach and was in charge of Conductor J. A. Wood. No. 14 was in charge of Conductor Minnehan and composed of one baggage car and five sleepers.

CHORUS GIRL IN TEARS AS STOKES TESTIFIES

New Orleans, Nov. 24.—Lillian Graham, the show girl who, with Ethel Conrad, is charged with attempting to kill W. E. D. Stokes, the millionaire horseman last June, burst into tears in court today when Stokes declared on the stand that he refused to give her \$500 because he was married "and the incident might be misinterpreted."

Miss Conrad comforted her by words and caresses, but the trial was not interrupted.

Stokes testified that he met the Graham girl in 1906 and gave her money on several occasions. Later the Graham girl had lived in his Ansonia hotel here, he said, and he gave her money to go to Paris. When he saw her in May, last, he said, she was seeking a position on the stage and wanted \$500.

Tobacco Companies Ask Incorporation

Trenton, Nov. 24.—As part of the plan for the dissolution of the so-called tobacco trust, articles were filed with the secretary of state today for the incorporation of the F. Lottford company, with capital of \$25,000,000 and for the incorporation of the Lottford & Co. company, with capital of \$25,000,000.

Tokio, Nov. 24.—Newspapers here declare the powers are preparing to send troops to China.

Peking, Nov. 24.—At a meeting of ministers of the foreign powers today it was decided to propose to increase the legation guards.