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HENRY BEATTIE TELLS HIS STORY

Slightly Nervous at First, But Gains Confidence

HE TOLD NOTHING NEW

Repeats Story of the Fatal Ride With His Wife and of the Bearded Highwayman Who Shot Her While She Sat at His Side—Testimony Not Finished.

Chesterfield Court House, Sept. 4.—Henry C. Beattie, Jr., began his recital of the murder of his wife by a highwayman on Middlethian Turnpike July 18, when he went upon the stand at 10.45 o'clock. Slightly nervous at first the witness gained confidence and answered interrogatories promptly, telling of his Monday night ride with Beulah Binford and then motoring with his wife Tuesday night to a drug store and purchasing some medicine.

As they neared the Owen home, where Mrs. Beattie was staying, the witness said she suggested a spin and he turned out Middlethian Turnpike, and after describing seeing a man crossing the road and slowing his car to keep from hurting him, witness said: "The man said, 'If you don't stop I'll shoot, I did not think he was going to shoot, and as I started the car, he raised the muzzle of the gun and fired. When he fired my wife fell upon me, back of me.' Witness described wrestling the gun from the highwayman and of throwing it into the rear of the auto. At this point adjournment was taken until 2.20 o'clock.

It was with reluctance that Judge Watson, who is hearing the case, granted a petition of Beattie's counsel for an adjournment Saturday without having placed Henry Beattie on the stand as had been promised. The postponement was ordered to permit the accused man and his counsel to have a final conference over Sunday.

In granting the delay, Judge Watson asked the indulgence of the jury for the apparent prolongation of the case, but assured them that he would hold sessions both day and night this week, if necessary, in order to bring the trial to an early close.

Only two important witnesses faced the jury Saturday, Charles H. Kestlerberg and William H. Sampson, and with the exception of their testimony the day's proceedings were quite featureless.

A sharp exchange between the opposing counsel toward the end of the day revealed that Beulah Binford, the so-called "girl in the case" might go on the stand before the trial ended. It came after a sarcastic remark by one of the defense's counsel, when Sampson had testified concerning the prisoner's relations with the Binford girl.

"You were summoned by the prosecution, too, were you not?" asked Harry M. Smith, Jr., of the defense, addressing Sampson.

"Yes," was the reply. "But never called to the stand by them."

"That makes no difference," interjected Prosecutor Wendenburg.

"Oh, yes, it does," snapped Mr. Smith. "You have kept Beulah Binford in jail now for a month and did not put her on the stand."

"Well, we'll see about that," said Mr. Wendenburg, with a smile, intimating that the Binford girl might be put on the stand in rebuttal this week.

"You didn't dare to put her on in the examination in chief, however," said Mr. Smith quickly, before Judge Watson could speak.

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MAY NOT HAVE TO BORROW

STATE AUTHORIZED TO BORROW \$250,000; BUT IT IS NOT THOUGHT TO BE NEEDED.

Raleigh, Sept. 4.—There is a strong probability now that the state may not have to borrow the \$250,000 that the council of state authorized under a special act of the legislature some days ago. The need for it to meet current expenses was on account of expected delay in the certification of the tax assessments by the corporation commission against the railroads and other corporations, especially the railroads, and the commission now advises the governor that the certifications can be made at once so that the state treasurer can proceed with the collection of the railroad taxes. This will afford ample funds for all the immediate needs of the state. The delay in the certification of the assessments was expected by the legislature in view of the quadrennial re-assessment work devolving on the commission this year. It was for this reason that the special act was passed authorizing a loan if the council of state deemed it necessary.

H. A. FOUSHEE FOR PLACE ON BENCH

Friends of Durham Man Go To Raleigh in His Interest

A committee from the Durham bar composed of Messrs. R. P. Reade, Judge R. H. Sykes and Victor S. Bryant went to Raleigh this morning to confer with Governor W. W. Kitchin in regard to the appointment of a successor to Judge J. Crawford Biggs. The committee will urge upon the governor the appointment of Mr. H. A. Foushee.

There are a number of other candidates seeking the position, but it is thought that Mr. Foushee will be the appointee. The Durham bar is unanimous in his support, and many other circumstances are favorable to his appointment.

In this connection the following dispatch from Greensboro is of interest:

Greensboro, Sept. 4.—That there will be a number of candidates for the position made vacant by the resignation of Judge J. Crawford Biggs of the ninth judicial district is certain. It is probable that nearly all of the six counties in the district will have candidates. The names most frequently mentioned are A. Wayland Cooke, Greensboro; Jacob A. Logg, Alamance; Solicitor S. M. Gattis, Orange; H. A. Foushee, Durham, and ex-Judge A. W. Graham, Granville. This leaves Person as the only county not having a candidate. It is believed here that the appointment lies between Mr. Foushee, of Durham, and Mr. Cooke, of this city. Mr. Cooke is a close personal friend of the governor and was an active supporter of the governor in his campaign three years ago. On the other hand, Mr. Foushee is a native of Governor Kitchin's home county, Person, and has at all times been an active supporter of Mr. Kitchin.

The friends of Mr. A. Wayland Cooke have endorsed his name for the appointment and he will receive the practically unanimous support of the Greensboro bar. Mr. Cooke is still a young man, but is well learned in the law and has had considerable experience as a practitioner. It is not believed that the governor will appoint to fill the vacancy for several days.

ANNIVERSARY OF POPULAR FIRM

Tuesday Marks Twenty-Sixth Year of T. J. Lambe, Sons & Co.

Tuesday is the twenty-sixth anniversary of the establishment of the firm of T. J. Lambe, Sons & Company in Durham, the firm having begun business on September 5th, 1885.

The firm began business as Lambe, Slater and Gorman. Messrs. T. M. Gorman, W. A. Slater and T. J. Lambe being the members of the firm that first opened business. After about a year and a half Mr. Slater sold his interest in the business, and it was conducted for several years as Lambe and Gorman. Mr. Gorman sold his interest to Mr. Lambe in 1889, and Mr. Lambe conducted the business alone for ten years. In 1899, Mr. George Lyon purchased a half interest in the business which he retained until 1904, when Mr. Lyon sold his interest and the present firm of T. J. Lambe, Sons & Company was formed. The principal stockholders in the business now are Mr. T. J. Lambe and Mr. Floyd Lambe.

The firm is one of five business firms that was doing business in Durham 26 years ago. Many changes have been made in the business population of the city since that time and only five concerns have been able to stand the test of years. When the firm first began business, the streets of Durham were lighted with flickering kerosene post lamps and were hazy with mud. The firm was one of the first to advertise in the Durham Sun, which was established nearly 24 years ago, and their advertisement has been kept running in this paper almost constantly since that time.

The many friends and patrons of the firm wish them many more years of successful and prosperous business life.

Contractor Moves to Raleigh.
Raleigh, Sept. 4.—William Long, a well known contractor for plaster and wall decorations, who has contract work in various cities and towns of North Carolina and Virginia, has just moved his family and business headquarters to Raleigh from Greensboro.

Convention of Postoffice Clerks.
Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 4.—Several hundred delegates, representing nearly every State in the Union, were present here today when the annual convention of the United National Association of Postoffice Clerks met.

GREAT CONTEST TAKING ON NEW LIFE

Miss Kate Nichols Still Holds First Place—Miss Ruby Rogers Second and Miss Mamie Tapp Third - Bonus Offer on Ten Year Subscriptions Closes Today, September 5th

Most of the contestants in the Recorder's contest are down to hard, aggressive work, and those who are lagging behind are only losing time which will make it so hard for them to catch up, that is if the leading contestants keep up the pace they have been going for the past two weeks. Keep this quotation in mind contestants: "Procrastination is the thief of time," and this is good to keep in mind also. Count that day last whose low descending sun, Sees no subscription gained. —No bonus won. —Don't forget to call on the con-

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BREAKS SILENCE ON RESIGNATION

Retiring Ambassador Hill Talks Regarding Matter

VINDICATED BY PRESIDENT

Quotes Letter from Mr. Taft Stating That His Services Have Been Satisfactory—Intimates a Deliberate Intrigue to Discredit Him and Misrepresent Reasons for Retirement.

Berlin, Sept. 4.—David Jayne Hill, the retiring American ambassador, on the eve of his departure from Berlin, has broken silence with regard to his resignation which was accepted by President Taft last April. The ambassador gave out a statement 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 forbid me to accept. I have, however, considered 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 reason therefor, and a legend concerning my course in the negotiations between my government and Germany over the potato 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 reputations, love fair play, and knowing that the official record there would speak the truth in 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 autograph statement made by him some months ago, which should effectually silence and exterminate the legend which certain newspapers have endeavored to keep alive."

"He said: 'I write now to assure you that I never had the slightest reason to criticize your course and service at the very important post of Berlin. You have vindicated your appointment in every way and it has given me pleasure to deny emphatically and categorically that your resignation grew out of any disagreement on the part of the administration with your conduct in this country's relations with Germany in regard to the potato or any other questions. I write this to you for you are entitled to have a full statement as to your satisfactory service, written by him whom you have worthily and well represented at the great capital of Berlin.'"

Ambassador Hill was not willing to indicate more closely the persons he believes were interested in discrediting him. The ambassador and Mrs. Hill left Berlin today after a luncheon given in their honor by Herr von Kiderlen-Wachter, secretary of foreign affairs, to which Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor, Representative Richard Barthold and C. B. Wolfgram, the special ambassadors of President Taft to the unveiling of the Von Steuben monument, Brigadier-General E. A. Garlington, Inspector General of the United States army, and Brigadier-General William W. Witherspoon, United States army, president of the army war college were invited. The porcelain, to which the ambassador refers is a magnificent vase, three feet in height, decorated with pictures of the emperor's palace.

SERG'T ALDRIDGE PASSED SUNDAY

Popular Police Officers Succumbs to Dropsy of Heart

Sergeant John W. T. Aldridge, one of the oldest members of the Durham police force and best beloved citizens of Durham, died at his home on Gattis street Sunday morning at 10.40 o'clock.

Sergeant Aldridge had been ill about a week. It was at first thought that he was suffering from malarial fever. He gradually grew worse, and was taken to the Wata hospital Tuesday for treatment. It was soon learned that his illness was due to a form of Bright's disease commonly known as dropsy of the heart. After a thorough examination, the physicians pronounced his case an incurable one and informed his grief-stricken friends and relatives that there was no hope for his recovery. Friday he was taken from the hospital to his home in order that he might be surrounded by his family in his last hours. The decline was gradual and the end came peacefully Sunday morning.

Sergeant Aldridge was born at LaGrange, Lenoir county, 45 years ago. He came to Durham 16 years ago, and became a member of the police force 14 years ago. Kind hearted, sympathetic, he has discharged the difficult duties of his office in a manner that has made him scores of friends among all classes. He was a man every inch, and to know him was to love him and respect the nobility of his nature. His passing leaves a void in the Durham police force that will be exceedingly hard to fill.

Sergeant Aldridge is survived by a wife and three children, Misses Mabel and Louise Aldridge and John Cheatham Aldridge. He is also survived by two brothers, Messrs. M. M. and J. T. Aldridge, of LaGrange.

The funeral services were conducted from the residence this afternoon at 3 o'clock with a large concourse of friends of the deceased in attendance. The services were conducted by Rev. R. C. Craven and "Older Simpkins." The pall bearers were the officers constituting the relief of Sergeant Aldridge: J. W. Beavers, G. W. Proctor, W. A. Cobb, W. A. Perry, C. R. Markham, J. W. Stone, H. M. Dupree and Chief Freedland.

The floral bearers were: W. M. Yearby, Allen Grady, T. B. Harris, R. O. Everett, Jno. F. Howard, D. C. Christian.

The honorary pallbearers from the Woodmen of the World were: W. B. Bagwell, J. D. Priddy, D. C. Mangum, J. R. Patten.

The interment was at Maplewood.

TO PUSH SALES BYRD KNOTTER

Mr. Griswold Has Made Arrangement for Making Machines

Mr. W. J. Griswold returned Sunday morning from an extended trip to Atlantic City and through the New England states.

A MOB ATTACKS GENERAL REYES

Candidate for President of Mexico Not Allowed to Speak

WAS STONED AND ROBBED

Following a Day of Rioting a Mob of Maderistas Attack Aged Opponent of Their Candidate in the Street When He Attempts to Address His Followers—Troops Called Out.

Mexico City, Sept. 4.—Stoned and forcibly robbed of 3,000 pesos yesterday by a mob of Maderistas, in capital, General Bernardo Reyes, candidate for the presidency in opposition to Francisco I. Madero, was forced to abandon an effort to address his constituents and to run the gauntlet of a jeering crowd upon whom the police had received orders not to fire except as a last resort.

Repeatedly the police charged the turbulent element and the records of the Red Cross, the White Cross and the commissaries account for 43 wounded as a result of the day's disorders. Most of these were injured by stones but many show bruises and cuts made by the soldiers and mounted police.

General Reyes was scheduled to make his initial speech of the campaign yesterday in front of the big ten-million-dollar national theater in course of construction. Shortly before 10 o'clock partisans of Reyes began gathering in the neighborhood of the theater. They clashed with a crowd of Maderistas. The Maderistas crowded about General Reyes' machine and prevented him from making his speech. The automobile was abandoned, its occupants walking the length of the Alameda to the center of the disturbance, a distance of four blocks, a crowd following, throwing stones and other missiles. Mounted policemen who had been trailing the crowds, now rode their horses into the mob which gave way before them. Entering a building facing the theater Reyes and escorts went to the second story, where Reyes stepped to a balcony with the intention of addressing the crowd.

Such was the disorder, however, that Reyes' escort attempted to dissuade him from the effort. The old man would not be deterred and raised his hand for silence. Instead, the tumult grew and chunks of marble and rocks gathered from the ground about the new theater, were hurled at the white-haired figure. A number reached their mark and yet Reyes stood despite the efforts of his son to induce him to seek shelter. For 20 minutes he remained there dodging missiles which wrecked the windows and signs covering the front of the building. The police, hated by the populace as the instrument used by Diaz to maintain order with an iron hand, had drawn their sabers and charged the crowd.

Content with momentary success and remembering their orders to deal gently with the mob, the police reformed after each charge and held their position on the opposite side of the street. Emboldened by the knowledge that the police did not intend to attempt drastic measures the rabble turned its attention to them, hurling a shower of stones.

Inside the building Reyes' friends had succeeded in convincing him it was useless to try to carry out his program. Rodolfo Reyes felt for his watch and it was gone. At least a dozen of the Reyesist contingent had been the victim of pick-pockets. A circuitous route the party went to police headquarters, reported their losses and then proceeded to the Reyes home.

YOUTH DROWNED IN NORTH YADKIN

And Comes Near Carrying Friend to Death With Him

Salisbury, Sept. 4.—Braxton Barkley, 17 years old, mailing clerk for the Salisbury Post, was drowned in the North Yadkin river, about twelve miles from this city, yesterday morning at 10.30 o'clock at a point known as Horse Shoe bend.

Young Barkley, with Floyd and Lee Bost, brothers, had gone to the home of Mr. Ed Davis, near the scene of the drowning, with a nephew of Mr. Davis, who lives in Florida and who is here on a visit. The boys were in swimming and Floyd Bost and Barkley were engaged in swimming from a certain point to a rock in the river called Sheephead rock. Floyd had reached the rock and Barkley was following close behind, when all of a sudden he called and said he was giving out and went under. Floyd swam out to where his companion had gone down and who was still under. Floyd let his feet down in an effort to locate the drowning boy, who grasped him by the foot, pulling him under. Bost struggled, freed himself was then too weak to render further assistance to Barkley. Bost saved himself with difficulty.

Barkley never came up and the alarm was given. Boat hurried to Mr. P. O. Tataum's, at South river, several miles distant, and telephoned to Salisbury of the affair, and parties with grappling hooks hurried to the scene in automobiles, to begin dragging the waters, which at this point are from twelve to fifteen feet deep.

The two Bost boys are the ones who were out fishing with another boy near Salisbury one Saturday night several months ago, when a storm came up and they all took refuge under a tree, which lightning struck, instantly killing their companion named Correll and severely injuring Floyd Bost.

Half-Time for Cotton Mills.

Fall River, Mass., Sept. 4.—The majority of the Fall River print cloth mills were put on half time today. Some of the mills are to run three days weekly and others alternate weeks.

NEGRO ATTACKS MAN AND WIFE

Knocks Man Senseless and Tries to Criminally Assault His Wife

Lumberton, Sept. 4.—An unknown negro entered the home of Mr. Gray Tolar Saturday night, shortly after 12 o'clock, struck him unconscious with a plover while he was sleeping and then attempted to criminally assault his wife, who was sleeping in another bed in the same room. Mr. Tolar was brought to the Thompson hospital here yesterday and his skull was found to be badly fractured and he is not expected to live. He has extensive sawmill interests and was living in a house near one of his mills.

When the negro first entered the home he assaulted his owner and then attempted to assault Mrs. Tolar. She could feel his kinky hair on her face as he attempted to choke her. By some means she got his fingers off her throat, and by screaming scared the brute away before he could accomplish his purpose. Mrs. Tolar went over to her husband's bed and found him lying in a pool of his own blood. She grabbed up her two children and, with them in her arms, ran a half-mile to summon the assistance of her neighbors.

Three suspects have been arrested and bloodhounds were sent to the scene of the crime yesterday morning. One of the suspects had an unused ticket to Fairmont in his pocket, which he purchased Saturday afternoon.

Feeling over the outrage is running high, let violence will hardly be attempted as Mrs. Tolar cannot identify her assailant.

MANY CANDIDATES

For the Position of Assistant State Bank Examiner.

Raleigh, Sept. 4.—The corporation commission is having no end of applications for the position of assistant state bank examiner that has been made vacant on account of the promotion of Assistant Examiner Charles V. Brown to the position of state examiner to succeed Mr. J. Kemp Doughton, who has resigned to become interested in the furniture manufacturing business in High Point.

PELLAGRA MOST FATAL DISEASE

Caused More Deaths Than Any Other in July and August

OVER 150 CASES IN CITY

First Appeared Here About Six Years Ago and Has Made Rapid Progress—Physicians Are Bending Every Effort to Controlling It and Have Reduced Death Rate.

During the months of July and August, according to the vital statistics gathered by the health department, there were more deaths in Durham from pellagra than any other one disease. There are now more than 150 cases in the city, and the disease threatens to become epidemic.

These conditions are not peculiar to the city of Durham by any means, but exist to a greater or less extent in all of the cities throughout the Piedmont section as well as in the rural districts. It is estimated that there are, at the present time, 50,000 cases of pellagra in the southern states. The disease is especially prevalent in Kentucky, Tennessee, North and South Carolina and Georgia. Leading men in the medical profession who have made a careful examination of the situation in these states declare that the disease threatens to become an epidemic in this section as it is in some sections of Italy where it originated.

The disease first appeared in Durham about six years ago. Since that time, the growth has been rapid and the physicians of the city have been utterly unable to cope with the situation. The death rate reached its highest point last summer. This summer, there have not been as many deaths as there were last summer, but there are many more cases. This shows that the physicians are becoming more and more skilled in the treatment of the disease and are reducing the death rate. To one who comes in contact with the death certificates as they are handed in by the physicians, the large number of cases in which pellagra appears as the cause of the death is appalling. There are no absolute figures as to the exact number of people who die from pellagra in Durham, for the reason that in a large number of cases the physicians put down the cause of the death as heart disease or some other disease when in reality the cause of the death is pellagra. The report is made in this way by the physicians in order to save the family of the deceased from the embarrassment which they somehow feel if the real cause of the death is reported. But a very conservative estimate would place the number of deaths from pellagra in Durham at ten per month, or more than 100 per year.

A Contagious Disease.
The majority of the physicians of Durham who have had much experience with the disease are of the opinion that pellagra is contagious in some way. The corn poison theory is held by the physicians to be open to doubt. Numerous cases have been found in Durham where the patients were to have contracted the disease from each other, though there is no proof that this is so. The physicians of Durham are bending every effort to find some successful treatment for the disease, and they have succeeded in reducing the death rate considerably during the past year in spite of the increase in the number of cases.

DENIED HIM ADMITTANCE

AN ALLEGED INSANE MAN DECLINED BY DR. M'KEE AT RALEIGH ASYLUM.

Raleigh, Sept. 4.—Deputy Sheriff W. H. Cox of New Hanover county, was here last night to deliver to the state hospital for the insane, W. L. Duke, of Wilmington, his commitment being on complaint of his wife and a son-in-law, and a life pension of \$20 per month from the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company being said to be involved. The motive of his kinship being alleged to be the control of this income. However, Dr. L. J. Pickett and Dr. James McKee, of the state hospital both examined the patient and ruled that he is not insane, or at least not sufficiently so to justify his entrance in the hospital. They refused to receive him, setting up the further ground that the papers were not properly made out with physician's certificate and subscribing witness. Deputy Cox and Duke have returned to Wilmington.