

CRISIS ARISES IN CHINESE PROVINCE, AFFAIRS SERIOUS

Construction of Trunk Lines by Private Enterprise Prohibited by Edict

NAVAL ARRAY IN CHINESE WATERS

Foreign Offices of Several Nations Have Already Taken Precautionary Steps

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—A crisis has arisen in the turbulent province of Szechuan in China and foreign officers of not only the United States but of other countries have taken precautionary steps for the safety of their citizens in that section.

The Chinese foreign office has assured the legation that protection will be given all foreigners and their property and has offered escort to all who desire to leave the disturbed districts.

An imperial edict recently placed under the ministry of communications of the central government, the construction of all trunk lines

POWERFUL PLEA TO BEATTIE JURY BY ATTORNEY CARTER

Judge Watson in his Charge Dwells Particularly on 'Reasonable Doubt.' After Smith and Wendenburg Arguments, Goes to Jury.

CHESTERFIELD COURT HOUSE, Va., Sept. 7.—Five hours long in a hot and murky court room, Attorney Hill Carter with a plea of both pathos and argument sought the hearts of twelve jurymen in an effort to secure the acquittal of Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., indicted for the murder of his wife on Lone Middlethian turnpike last July.

At sunset Mr. Carter concluded and for tomorrow the great battle of the trial, the clash between Harry M. Smith, Jr., of the defense, and L. O. Wendenburg, of the commonwealth, close friends and notable lawyers, is scheduled, a verdict being expected some time during the night.

From the depth of an argument in which he unparagonably denounced Paul Beattie, cousin of the accused and principal witness against him as a weakling and falsifier, Mr. Carter at times shouted to the jury as he leaned over the bar, but when the day was drawing to a close his voice sank to a whisper of impassioned appeal.

Impassioned Appeal. "If you, gentlemen of the jury," he said in measured tones, "can within the sanctity of your oath prevent the poisoning of the poisoned chalice to the lips of this aged father, his heart already bleeding from the stab of the dagger which took away a life; if you can, I say, spare him the son whom he loves so dearly, I ask you within mercy to bring in a verdict of not guilty."

The day began with the reading by Judge Watson of the instructions to the jury. More vital than usual were drawn to the frailty of the alleged confession of Henry to Paul and the manner in which it came—in jail from an incarcerated witness to the commonwealth's attorneys. Other points in the story of Paul which reflected to the conversations of Paul or the meetings of the two cousins alone unsupported by witnesses were held up as requiring a careful scrutiny.

and con to circumstantial evidence, and the necessity for the conclusive establishment of its case by the state, the court submitted a dozen paragraphs dealing with "reasonable doubt," all of which are condensed into the twenty-first, and concluding the most definite instruction (as the lawyers phrase it) as follows: "Reasonable Doubt."

"Upon the trial of the criminal case by a jury, the law contemplates the concurrence of twelve minds in the conclusion of guilt before a conviction can be had. Each individual juror must be satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt of the defendant's guilt before he can, under his oath, consent to a verdict of guilty. Each juror should feel the responsibility resting upon him as a member of the jury and should realize that his own mind must be convinced beyond a reasonable doubt of the defendant's guilt before he can consent to a verdict of guilty. Therefore, if any individual member of the jury, after having duly considered all the evidence in the case, and after consultation with his fellow jurors, should entertain such reasonable doubt of defendant's guilt as to set forth in the other instructions in this case, it is his duty not to surrender his own convictions simply because the balance of the jury entertain different convictions."

Argument Opens. J. M. Gregory, who opened the argument for the prosecution, laid particular stress on the awfulness of the crime, the admission of the accused himself on the witness stand as to his relations with Beulah Binford, and his continuance of them notwithstanding his marriage and the birth of a child. The prosecutor appealed to the moral and religious sense of the jurymen and bespoke in bitter terms the aversion of society and the nation to the life of dissipation depicted by young Beattie, his chum, Sampson, and numerous other witnesses.

Quoting from the Scripture and pointing out wherein the character of Beattie had been most revolting in its departure from the accepted standards of morality, Mr. Gregory reviewed the loathsome details of the double life admitted by the accused while on the witness stand, and held forth to Beulah Binford, the girl of the underworld as the motive for the crime. He concluded with the question of how the gun bought by Paul Beattie on one day last July for his cousin, happened to be the identical weapon by the prisoner's own admission that was used in killing Mrs. Beattie. His speech occupied barely an hour and a half, but the one that followed by Mr. Carter for the defense was many times as long.

A man of girth and great stature, Mr. Carter overpowered the bar occasioned by the reading of the instructions to the jury.



L'FOLLETTE IS HAILED AS STANDARD BEARER "ADVANCED REPUBLICANISM"

Progressive Republicans From Four Corners of Minnesota Gather at Banquet Board to Pay Him Tribute—Resolutions Adopted Giving Him Support For President "First, Last and all the Time."

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Sept. 7.—More than 300 progressive Republicans from the four corners of Minnesota gathered here tonight to hail with acclaim Senator Robert M. LaFollette, of Wisconsin, as the logical standard bearer of advanced republicanism.

Senator LaFollette found an ardent champion, President Taft an avenging insurgent, in Congressman Lenroot, of Wisconsin, at the banquet which formally opened the LaFollette campaign in Minnesota for the nomination for president on the Progressive Republican ticket.

Mr. Lenroot condemned the reciprocity agreement with Canada, declaring that history would record the attempted betrayal of 9,000,000 American farmers to the greed of great interests. He also condemned the president for signing the Payne-Aldrich tariff measure, while vetoing the recent tariff measures—the products of insurgency.

Walter I. Houser, secretary of the National Progressive Republican League, prophesied that the progressive Republicans would control the next national republican convention, and that Minnesota would be for LaFollette.

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After paying exalted tribute to Senator LaFollette as a constructive statesman, Representative Lenroot arraigned President Taft for alleged unfaithfulness to three people. "Since March 4, 1909," he said, "it has been

difficult to tell who was the president of the United States, or where he should be placed. Elected as a

Bonus for Both. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Sept. 7.—Held simultaneously, two meetings here last night sought to further respectively the interests of President Taft and of Senator LaFollette in Minnesota.

The Taft supporters at a session of members of the Young Men's Republican club, added a few more touches to the presidential program. At the same time a gathering of the executive committee of the Minnesota Progressive Republican League, enthusiastic followers of the Wisconsin senator, completed arrangements for a banquet at the West hotel tomorrow night, at which the principal speakers will be Congressman Lenroot, of Wisconsin, and Prof. Charles E. Merriam, recent candidate for the mayoralty of Chicago.

It was stated after the meeting of the Young Men's Republican club that Mr. Taft will be given a notable reception upon his visit to Minneapolis October 24. The committee are working upon lines endorsed by the president himself.

NAVAL OFFICER MAKES TRIP FROM ANNAPOLIS TO WASHINGTON EASILY

Longest and Most Successful Flight Yet Made by Any of the Officers

BY LIEUT. RODGERS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—Lieutenant John Rodgers, U. S. N., flew over to Washington from Annapolis tonight, the flight being one of the longest and most successful yet accomplished by any of the three young aviators, who are stationed at the Aerodrom near the naval academy, leaving Annapolis shortly before 4 o'clock in a Wright biplane he had flown 45 miles when he landed near the white house a few minutes after five.

The trip was accomplished without accident. Starting from Annapolis, the young aviator sighted a rain storm as he neared Odenton, Md. Flying around that he continued his journey and flew over the army aviation school at College Park, Md., but did not land. He flew on to Benning, E. C., and thence down the eastern branch of the Potomac. Passing over the war college he directed his flight over the city, attaining a height of about 2,000 feet.

Having exchanged greetings with Captain Chambers, Lieutenant Rodgers, a few minutes later made a graceful ascent, and again circling the Washington monument flew back to College Park.

CHARGE THAT TAX LEVY IN FOUR COUNTRIES FAR UNDER THEIR VALUATION

Assessors Must Appear and Show Cause Why Assessments Are Not Higher

RAILROADS "KICK"

RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 7.—The corporation commission has issued orders for the chairman of the county commissioners and the county assessors in four counties, Pitt, Wilson, Davidson and Forsythe, to appear before the commission September 20, and show cause why the valuations of the real estate in their respective counties should not be advanced to its value in money under the state tax regulations.

This is on account of affidavits by citizens of these counties that the Atlantic coast line and the Southern railway companies have filed setting out that the assessments on real estate are as low as from 15 to 20 per cent of value in money.

The railroad companies are using these affidavits in demand that the commission reduce the tax assessments the commission has made against the railroad property for taxation. The certificates of lowest valuations on real estate are from Pitt county where it is asserted that they are as low as 15 to 20 per cent.

It is expected that the investigations into these affidavits will bring about some interesting revelations.

"HEARSTISM" REPUDIATED BY EDITOR ON FLOOR OF CONFERENCE IN ILLINOIS

Utterance of Wheeler at Re-Organization Meeting Proved Sensation

TO "CAN" SULLIVAN

CHICAGO, Sept. 7.—A political sensation was sprung by H. W. Wheeler, democratic state central committee man and editor of The Herald of Quincy, Ill., at the round-up of Hearst democrats here today. Editor Wheeler, from the floor of the conference, repudiated what he termed "Hearstism," and declared that Illinois democracy would have none of it.

This utterance of Wheeler proved the sensation of the gathering. The meeting was called by progressive democrats with the object of reorganizing the democratic party in Illinois and with wresting the national companionship from Roger C. Sullivan, of Chicago.

The organization was effected by the election of Mayor Carter H. Harrison, of Chicago, as chairman. A declaration of progressive democratic principles was read and approved and it was decided to hold a rally at Springfield, Ill., Oct. 4.

Mayor Harrison was suggested for national committee man from Illinois to succeed Roger C. Sullivan. The actual organization work is to be in the hands of a committee consisting of one from each of the twenty-five congressional districts in the state.

DECOMPOSED BODY OF YOUNG BARKLEY FOUND

Young Man Was Drowned in Yadkin River Near Spencer Last Sunday

SPENCER, N. C., Sept. 7.—In a badly decomposed state the body of young Braxton Barkley, who was drowned in the Yadkin river ten miles north of Spencer last Sunday, was found today at Devils Den, near Spencer, by Phillip Sowers and William Ward, two young men of the neighborhood.

The body had been washed out on the bank by high water and was discovered through a large number of buzzards assembled at the place. It had drifted five miles down stream in spite of the fact that searching parties had been diligently at work.

An undertaker went to the scene and carried the body to the home of the young man's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Barkley of Salisbury.

WOULDN'T MEET UNIONS.

MARSHAL, Tex., Sept. 7.—The question of meeting union representatives as a federated body arose on the Texas & Pacific railroad here today and was decided against the men. F. H. Anthony, superintendent of machinery on the Texas & Pacific, refused to meet a committee of eight representing sheet and metal workers of the road as a federated body, telling them that he would meet them singly as representatives of their unions after thirty days' notice. The present contracts of the men are about to expire.



WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—Postcoast: North Carolina, generally fair Friday, probably local showers Friday night or Saturday; cooler Saturday; light variable winds.

FARMERS' NATIONAL UNION HAS ANNUAL ELECTION

C. C. Wright, of North Carolina, Given Place on the Board of Directors

SHAWNEE, Okla., Sept. 7.—The convention of the Farmers' National Union adjourned today after electing officers and hearing committee reports. All the general officers were re-elected, as were the directors with the exception of C. C. Wright, of North Carolina, who was given a place on the board. President Barrett, of Georgia, gave out a statement tonight in which he said the session was one of the most fruitful in the history of the organization.

"We have done what we come here to do," he said, referring to the action yesterday, when the Union urged the farmer to hold his cotton for 15 cents during September and October and for 15 cents thereafter. A delegation of twenty-five was named to attend the cotton congress which assemblies at Montgomery, Ala., September 12.

CHICAGO CLUB MAN SHOT.

CHICAGO, Sept. 7.—Robert Bruce Watson, member of most of the leading clubs here, a wealthy architect and active in the republican party, was shot and seriously wounded today by Mrs. H. B. Conroy. The shooting took place in front of Watson's home, to which the architect had refused Mrs. Conroy admission. She was arrested and admitted having shot him.

Mrs. Conroy called at Watson's home earlier in the day and is said to have been ordered away. She waited on the sidewalk, however, and when he left home an hour later, drew a small revolver from her hand bag and shot him.

"I have known Watson a long time and I couldn't stand it when he turned me down," Mrs. Conroy told the police. "He told me to get away from his home because his mother was there. It was more than I could stand and I shot him."

SIDELIGHT ON BEATTIE'S TRIAL GREGORY'S DEFEAT

Commonwealth's Attorney Defeated in Virginia Primaries by Large Vote

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 7.—One of the sidelights of the Beattie trial today was the defeat of J. M. Gregory in the democratic primaries for re-nomination as commonwealth's attorney for Chesterfield county. L. O. Wendenburg, technically the assistant to Gregory, but as a matter of fact counsel for the state, fared better as he was elected to the state senate from the third district. Wendenburg's services in the Beattie case are gratuitous. He volunteered at the corner's inquest, having conducted all the examinations of witnesses since then. He also will close the case for the prosecution tomorrow. Neither has been able to devote any time to campaigning on account of the trial.

It was said today that Attorney Harry M. Smith and Hill Carter, of the defense, would receive more than \$25,000 if they secured an acquittal of young Beattie.

OPPOSED TO BUREAU.

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 7.—Announcement was made today that the Southern Cotton Buyers' Association at a meeting here yesterday went on record as opposed to the proposed central bureau plan of handling bills of lading, as suggested by the Liverpool conference committee. A committee of three was named to attend the New Orleans conference on September 15, to voice the association's position.

CLEMSON FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 7.—The Clemson football schedule for this season was announced yesterday as follows: Oct. 14—Auburn, at Clemson. Oct. 25—University of Florida, at Clemson. Nov. 2—University of South Carolina, at Columbia (fair week). Nov. 4—Clemson, in Charleston. Nov. 9—University of Georgia, in Augusta. Nov. 15—Mercer in Macon. Nov. 19—Tech in Atlanta. CLEMSON SCHEDULE.

BEULAH IN MOVING PICTURES, PAUL IN VAUDEVILLE SHOW

Such is "Roward" Given Couple Gaining Notoriety in Beattie Murder Case

NO WELCOME FOR BEULAH ON STAGE

New York Women Enter Strong Protest Against "Insult to all Womankind"

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 7.—After being held in the Henrico county jail as witnesses for the commonwealth in the Henry Beattie case for more than a month, Paul Beattie and Beulah Binford, were given their liberty today by order of Judge Walter A. Watson, of the Chesterfield Circuit court. Paul Beattie went directly to his home and enjoyed his liberty immensely. He will later go to New York and go into vaudeville, having received many tempting offers during his incarceration. The "Girl in the case" did not leave the jail until some time after Paul Beattie. She was in conference with agents of a New York film company and left about noon with them for the metropolis to pose for moving picture production. No demonstration whatever marked the liberation of the two witnesses.

NEW YORK WOMEN PROTEST.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—If the protests that are going up from prominent club women actresses and other women well known here are to be taken as a criterion of the feeling of the city, Beulah Binford will not be heartily welcomed at the Metropolitan stage as "a girl actress" or anything else.

Among the women who are protesting against the Beattie trial at Chesterfield had been liberated from jail at Richmond and had started north to "go on the stage," many of the leaders of the women in the city protested that such an exhibition of Miss Binford would be "an insult to all womankind."

Beulah Binford, the singer, a local acting agent is credited with the statement that the Binford girl will appear at a Philadelphia theatre next Monday. Asked as to her historical abilities, she said her act probably would consist of a couple of songs. "It really does not matter what she does," she is alleged to have added, "so long as the people have a chance to look at her."

MARTIN AND SWANSON GET RENOMINATION TO SENATE BY BIG VOTE

Indications Are That Regulars Triumphed in All the Local Elections

LITTLE INTEREST

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 7.—Senators Thomas S. Martin and Claude A. Swanson have been renominated on the democratic ticket for the long and short terms in the United States senate from Virginia. The total vote up to 1:15 o'clock this morning gave Senator Martin a plurality of 22,284 over Representative Wm. A. Jones. Senator Swanson's plurality over Carter Glass was 21,118.

Indications were that the regulars likewise had triumphed throughout the state in the local elections.

In the city there was practically no interest manifested concerning the returns. The Swanson-Martin landslide being a foregone conclusion from early evening.

WANT CUTTERS' ASSISTANCE. WILMINGTON, N. C., Sept. 7.—Private telegrams received here today requested the assistance of the revenue cutter Seminoles for the schooner Anna B. Heidtner, Charleston to Presidents, reported ashore at Cape Roman.