

Curious Crowds Throng To The Beattie Trial At Early Hour To-day

Chewing Gum And Smiling Beattie Arrives At Scene

Blase Young Man Charged With Dastardly Crime of Wife Murder Acts as if He Was Only a Minor Figure in Drama.

Father And Son Seated Side by Side--Poul Beattie And Beulah Binford Ready to Take Stand--No Women in Court Room.

By Associated Press. Chesterfield, Va., Aug. 21.—Standing at the side of his gray-haired father, Henry C. Beattie, Jr., of Richmond, entered a plea of not guilty here today when arraigned in the circuit court on an indictment charging him of the murder of his young wife.

Counsel for the defense argued to have the arraignment postponed until next Monday, but the court denied the prayer, together with a perfunctory motion to quash the indictment.

Shortly after 11 o'clock a venire of twelve men was empaneled and the trial of the case was begun.

N. W. Farley, a farmer, was found acceptable to both sides and was the first juror to take his seat in the box.

William Jackson was excused when he said that newspaper accounts of the crime might influence his opinion, but Henry Covington, a farmer, answered all questions satisfactorily and took his seat as juror No. 2.

In less than ten minutes time John Dance, a farmer, had been selected, making three in the box.

E. L. Wilson was quickly accepted and made juror No. 4.

A. F. Cardwell, a bearded farmer past middle age, said he could give the prisoner a "square deal," but added that it would take "mighty strong evidence" to make him change an opinion already formed. He was quickly excused.

A. M. Fetterolf, a farmer, of about 35 years, took his place as juror No. 5.

J. Ernest Goode, a bronzed farmer, weathered a maze of questions at the hands of the court and defense, but was finally asked to stand aside when he admitted that he had expressed the opinion that Beattie was guilty.

Edwin M. Bass, Jr., a young farmer, sat down as juror No. 6 shortly after noon, so that in a little more than an hour half the jury had been selected.

E. W. Fagua, another farmer, was quickly chosen as juror No. 7.

With seven jurors in the box and three talesmen tentatively selected pending decision as to their suffrage qualifications, adjournment was taken at 12:50 p. m. until 2 p. m.

Chesterfield, Va., Aug. 21.—Bare-headed, chewing gum and smiling, Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., swept up to the Chesterfield county court house in an automobile at 11 o'clock to answer the charge that he killed his wife in a motor car on a turpentine near Richmond a month ago.

Move to Quash Indictment.

The defense perfunctorily moved that the indictment be quashed on the ground of error. The motion was overruled.

Beattie was arraigned at 10 o'clock. He stood steadily but with eyes closed as the indictment was read. He entered a plea of not guilty.

Beattie did not seem to realize when the reading of the indictment had been concluded, it was necessary for his lawyers to prompt him.

Then in a clear voice he said: "Not guilty."

Chesterfield, Va., Aug. 21.—Long before the early morning mist had fled from the giant sycamores and pines in the court house yard here today, the stage was set for the opening of one of the most spectacular trials in the history of Virginia, the arraignment of Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., of Richmond, on an indictment charging wife murder.

Crowds Gather Early. There were all sorts of rumors of possible postponements or continuance but, with more than 60 witnesses subpoenaed by the commonwealth and a venire of 32 talesmen en route to the court house, the crowds began to assemble early, hoping to catch a glimpse of the merchant's son charged with shooting his young wife as they motored near Richmond on the night of July 18th.

W. T. Tinsley, the aged father-in-law of Judge Walter Watson of the Chesterfield circuit court, whose illness gave rise to reports of possible delay in the case, spent a comparatively good night and the judge let it be known that notwithstanding illness in the family he would be on hand to convene court. It had been given out that the dapper young prisoner might be brought here as early as 8 o'clock and the shadows of dawn had scarcely been dissipated when the crowd began to gather. Court opened at 10 o'clock.

Beattie Up With the Sun. Beattie was up with the sun, ready for the fifteen-mile automobile ride from Richmond to the jail here.

His jailers say he slept well—as he has done since his arrest more than a month ago. He dressed carefully, glanced at the morning paper, ate a light breakfast and sat waiting in the jail corridor for his first trip in the open air since his imprisonment.

There was a slight prison pailor on his face but the wholesome routine of jail life has healed his hard earned scars of boyish dissipation and on the whole he appeared the well groomed, clean-cut boy of good family that he is.

Paul and Beulah. Beulah Binford, the pretty 17-year-old "girl in the case," made no preparations to leave the jail in Richmond, where she has been held as a material witness, but Paul Beattie, the prisoner's cousin, who has sworn that he acted as the gun with which Louise Wellford Owen Beattie was shot, was instructed late last night that he must be ready to make the journey by automobile to Chesterfield.

The Star Witness. The star witness for the prosecution, Paul, has said little since his incarceration but on his testimony the commonwealth hopes to send his 26-year-old cousin to the electric chair.

The Binford girl may be called as a witness as the trial progresses.

The strictly formal proceedings of Beattie's indictment drew more than 500 persons to the court house here last Monday and with prospects of the actual beginning of his fight for life, Chesterfield county has a prospective spectator or auditor in every family with a male member more than 12 years old.



PRINCIPALS IN BEATTIE MURDER CASE. Principals in the Beattie murder case which was brought to trial today. From left to right are: Henry Clay Beattie, Sr., father of the accused; Paul Beattie, who bought the gun which is believed killed Henry Beattie's wife; Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., the prisoner; Beulah Binford, Beattie's affinity and the alleged cause of the tragedy.

INVESTIGATE GREAT PANIC OF 1907 NOW

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 21.—An investigation into causes leading to the panic of 1907 and the benefits secured from it by any persons or corporations was asked in a resolution offered today by Senator Owen of Oklahoma.

Consideration was not asked. The resolution named as an investigating committee Senators Kern of Indiana; Works, California; Reed, Missouri; Page, Vermont; and Clark, Wyoming.

Wants Facts Relating To State Prison

By Associated Press. Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 21.—Following a personal inspection of the main prison at Nashville, and the branch prison at Brushy Mountain, Gov. B. W. Hooper today made public a letter he has written Chairman J. C. Beasley of the state prison commission, asking for specific information concerning the conduct of certain affairs at the prison.

He wishes to know the number of prisoners under 16 years of age when convicted, whether persons under 18 years are kept separated from older criminals, whether the chaplain conducts a school in the prison, whether the prison library is maintained, whether the law leasing convicts is complied with as to number and accounting for same, and also whether prison officials and employees have had free use of dining room and laundry and the services of convicts as personal servants.

The custody of convict funds is also made subject of executive inquiry.

Vote on Liquor Issue.

By Associated Press. Huntsville, Ala., Aug. 21.—The voters of this (Madison) county are holding an election today to determine whether liquor shall be sold under license and if so whether by private dealers or dispensary. A spirited campaign was closed Saturday night.

To date three Alabama counties have held local option elections under the law passed by the recent legislature. They were Mobile, Montgomery and Russell. All went "wet". Jefferson county, in which is Birmingham, will vote Aug. 24.

ENGINES PLUNGED THROUGH TRESTLE -- ONE KILLED

By Associated Press. Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 21.—Southern passenger train No. 28, known as the "Carolina Special," northbound, ran into a burning bridge at Suvellie, S. C., yesterday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock according to information received at the Southern railway offices in this city last night and Fireman Bennett, white, of Columbia, S. C., was killed. The train was a "double-header" and both engines went through the trestle, the remainder of the train remaining upon the track. None of the other engine-men were injured, according to the information received here and no passengers were hurt. The passenger was transferred to another train which was sent to the scene of the wreck from Spartanburg.

THE BIG FILTER CRUSHES WHEEL OF CARR'S WAGON

While en Route to its Future Home at Briar Creek, Filter Causes Break Down of Wagon--New Wheel Made--Second Accident.

Six Mules and "Mary Jane," The Road Engine Pulling the Big Mill of Iron to Briar Creek--Installation Will be Matter of At Least 2 Days.

The big power pressure filter purchased for the new Briar creek station, is becoming historic in local water annals.

It has passed through a series of mishaps which might be construed as a protest from it, to being moved from so picturesquely beautiful a stream as the French Broad to the lesser—but certainly not less historic, locally speaking—trivulet, Briar creek.

After the difficult trip to the train in Asheville, the big filter got on board all right and landed here all right Saturday afternoon, as Sunday's News noted.

But the journey was not over. It was still many miles to "Millie Bright".

Mr. J. P. Carr was given the contract for moving the filter. The city and Charlotte township loaned their strongest mules—six of them.

Mr. Carr used his strongest wagon which has safely landed the biggest safes in town.

Eastward the big thing took its way. The filter is one big piece of machinery and weighs 23,000 pounds. It sat steady in the boat until the intersection of McDowell and Seventeenth streets was reached, when, by the unsteadiness of the propelling power and by unevenness in the road, the filter careened and would have fallen but was held by a strong and friendly telephone, or telegraph post.

But the pressure on one wheel had been too great. The wheel crushed as an egg shell, and "dar you were". The water commissioners, Superintendent Vest, Mr. Maffitt and many others interested, were soon at the scene.

AVIATOR ATWOOD SETS OUT FOR UTICA TODAY

By Associated Press. Lyons, N. Y., Aug. 21.—Well on his way into New York state in his aeroplane flight from St. Louis to New York, Harry N. Atwood today prepared to fly 98 miles from here to Utica. He said he probably would stop at Syracuse and might detour over Auburn.

If he reaches Syracuse tonight he will have flown 1,026 miles since he left St. Louis a week ago today and he will have 239 miles still to fly before landing in New York city. He has been in the air every day since he started and has never been compelled to land because of any emergency more serious than the using up of his gasoline. His daily report, not including today's plans, together with the number of stops between the daily start and finish is:

St. Louis to Chicago, two stops, 256 miles, five hours and 43 minutes. Chicago to Elkhart, Indiana, no stops, 101 miles, 2 hours and 16 minutes.

Elkhart, Ind., to Toledo, Ohio, one stop, 133 miles, 2 hours and 56 minutes. Toledo to Cleveland, two stops, 123 miles, two hours and 20 minutes.

Cleveland to Swanton, Pa., no stop, 84 miles, 2 hours and 7 minutes. Swanton to Buffalo, one stop, 99 miles, 2 hours and 25 minutes.

Buffalo to Lyons, New York, no stop, 104 miles, 2 hours and 11 minutes. One result of his flight, Atwood says, will be to encourage long distance flying in place of aviation meets.

"Aviation meets, as they are managed now, will soon be a thing of the past," said Atwood. "The invite too many spectacular attempts with fatal results. Man flight, if it is to be developed along the line of practical results, must be confined to simple flying."

"It is more credit to civilization that a man can fly across the continent than that he can turn a flip flop in the air."

Tomorrow night Atwood hopes to arrive in Albany. From there on Wednesday he thinks he will be able to fly to New York.

Flight Delayed. Auburn, N. Y., Aug. 21.—When called by telephone this morning, Harry N. Atwood, the cross-country flyer, said he would be unable to leave Lyons this morning, but hoped to get away about 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Normal Conditions Are Being Restored In England To-day

Two Policemen Shot; A Third Injured

By Associated Press. Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 21.—Two policemen were shot and probably fatally wounded and a third was badly hurt when they attempted to arrest Gilbert Pond, 28 years old, of West Montgomery, in a Chinese restaurant here today. The injured: William Kirby, seriously. Patrick Connor, seriously. John Carr.

Pond entered the restaurant flourishing a revolver. The police were called and when the three patrolmen rushed into the place, Pond began shooting. A fourth policeman subdued him.

Pond and a woman who accompanied him to the restaurant were committed to prison without bail.

The police say that Pond used the woman as a shield during the encounter and this prevented them from using their revolvers effectively. The woman is charged with being an accessory to the shooting.

One Killed; Five Hurt in Auto Wreck

By Associated Press. Lafayette, Cal., Aug. 21.—F. H. Martin, of Stockton, Cal., was instantly killed and five other persons were seriously hurt in an automobile accident near here last night when the car turned over a thirty-foot embankment.

The injured are Mr. and Mrs. Harley R. Wiley and their daughter, Elizabeth of Berkeley, and Martin's two daughters, June and Lois.

Martin's neck was broken. Mrs. Wiley sustained two fractured ribs and may die. The others probably will recover.

Heavy Rainfall.

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 21.—Nearly two inches of rain fell over Northern Oklahoma today giving crops the best soaking they have had in weeks.

SECRETARY WILSON GIVES HIS VERSION OF WILEY CASE

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Aug. 21.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson told the house investigating committee today about the bill in the department of agriculture. His story ranged over the proposed dismissal of Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry, by cause of an alleged illegal contract for the employment of Dr. H. H. Rusby, a drug expert, at \$1,600 under an arrangement to work only 80 days a year.

Dr. Wiley testified that Secretary Wilson at first approved a salary of \$2,000 for Dr. Rusby instead of \$1,600. "I don't remember anything about a \$2,000 contract," said Secretary Wilson. "I don't say he did not bring such a contract to me, for we were busy from morning to night."

He added that all he remembered about employing Dr. Rusby was that Dr. Wiley came to him with a statement that he had an arrangement to employ Dr. Rusby. "I did not know the details," said Secretary Wilson, "I had to depend upon my subordinates for that."

Managers Hoped to Have All Lines in Regular Operation by Evening--Board of Arbitration to Settle all Differences.

By Associated Press. London, Aug. 21.—The railroads were rapidly restoring normal services today and the managers confidently expected that by evening all lines would be operating almost as smoothly as before the general strike on the roads of Great Britain was ordered last Thursday night.

There were some hitches, but these were believed to be but temporary obstacles to a formal pact assuring a better working arrangement between employers and employees satisfactory to both sides.

The settlement brought about Saturday evening through the good offices of the government and the board of trade provided for the appointment of sectional conciliation boards representing both parties which shall undertake to adjust all immediate differences. Tomorrow the membership of a special commission of inquiry will be announced. This commission will assume the burden of working out a permanent agreement.

The men expect an advance in wages, concessions regarding the consideration of future grievances and recognition of their unions. Heretofore the railroad companies have positively refused to treat with the representatives of the unions who were not in their own employ.

On the other hand the companies have been assured that at the next session of parliament the government will propose legislation providing that an increase in the cost of labor due to the improvement of conditions will be a justification for a reasonable advance of railway rates within the legal medium.

Men on the London and Northwestern road were still on strike today and there was some trouble on the Midland railway. The Midland employees returning to work this morning found that in some cases they were not to be reinstated exactly in their old positions to which men who had remained loyal had been promoted. When the strikers discovered that they had lost their seniority they refused inferior positions pending a reference of the difficulty to the union executives.

Additional troops were sent to Manchester to assist in relieving the congestion of freight at the railway stations. Of 100,000 strikers at Liverpool work early today and the number increased hourly.

Liverpool Trouble Settled. Liverpool, Aug. 21.—Local dock troubles were settled at a conference between ship owners and representatives of the striking dockmen at the Cunard line offices this afternoon. The strikers and local heavers will return to work with the dockmen.

Congress on Eve Of Adjourning

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 21.—Leaders of the senate and house reported an understanding at 2 o'clock this afternoon that congress would adjourn tomorrow afternoon, but the hour will be determined by the convenience of President Taft.

Members of both parties agreed that it would be disastrous to the president to adjourn without giving him a chance to transmit to the house his veto of the cotton bill.

It was decided, however, that no action would be taken upon the veto message.

To effect adjournment tonight, Democratic Leader Underwood unanimously consent for immediate consideration of the cotton bill with debate limited to four hours. Representative Anderson, of Minnesota, republican, objected because it did not provide a separate vote to reach senate amendment. Immediately the rules committee met and brought in a rule to carry out Mr. Underwood's plan, to which Republican Leader Mann had agreed.

When the house convened there was almost unanimous expression of desire of members for adjournment tonight if possible. Democratic and republican leaders were equally anxious but it was problematical whether the cotton bill, with its senate amendments, could be disposed of and printed in time to adjourn before tomorrow.