

Mother Of Murdered Wife Put On Stand -- Caused Sensation

Beattie Visibly Affected by Testimony -- Her Arrival was Dramatic -- She Took Stand as Beattie's Bloody Clothes Were Brought into Court.

She Told Story Quietly -- Prosecution Proposes to Show that From Beattie's Actions on Fatal Night Mrs. Owen Suspected Him of Murder.

By Associated Press. Chesterfield Court House, Va., Aug. 28.—Suddenly and without the faintest intimation hitherto during the trial, the prosecution today confronted Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., with Mrs. R. V. Owen, mother of the woman he is alleged to have murdered.

Timely Arrival. In a taxicab, whose arrival was timed to coincide exactly with the moment Sheriff Gill exhibited in the court room the clothing worn by Beattie on the night of the murder, Mrs. Owen came to Chesterfield. Her presence in this vicinity having been a well-kept secret by the prosecution.

Quickly and without the usual perfunctory questions incident to the introduction of a new witness, Prosecutor Wendenburg questioned the woman as to her knowledge of the domestic life of the Beatties and brought to surface a point intended as relevant to the alleged motive of the murder, namely that Beattie's physical condition due to dissipation, had caused much unhappiness to his wife.

Mother Cautious Wife. The witness said that on the night of the murder she had cautioned Mrs. Beattie not to go out alone with her husband.

Attempt to Prove Cause. The prosecution's idea for today apparently was to prove that Beattie killed his wife because of his fear that she might learn of his condition and cut him off from the family.

Everyone Surprised. The testimony of Mrs. Owen took Judge Watson, as well as the crowd in the court house by surprise and immediately the court suggested a recess and conferred with counsel on both sides, jury and prisoner to discuss further prospective testimony along this line. Mrs. Owen had come from Dover last night, with her husband, who accompanied her to the court room. She entered the court room and took the witness stand without a word being spoken, the customary announcement of a witness by the sheriff being dispensed with by previous plan of the prosecution.

Beattie Recognized Her. The prisoner raised his head in surprise, recognized the woman and his head dropped. At first he endeavored not to look in her direction, but she spoke so feebly that he found it necessary to join the row of projecting heads on the bench to hear her testimony.

Very Nervous. Once he nervously whispered to Lawyer Smith, beside him: "Ask her to speak louder, I can't hear."

Told of Baby's Birth. On the stand Mrs. Owen told how she arrived at the Beattie home on May 21 and of the birth of the Beattie child on May 31 and hinted at the tribulations of her daughter caused by Beattie's relations with the Binford girl.

Mrs. Owen Calm. Mrs. Owen sat calmly in the witness chair while her gray-haired husband looked on. Gowned in heavy black, a thick veil gave only a partial glimpse of the woman's features, comely, though aged.

Still in Chair. When court recessed she still remained in the witness chair.

Did She Suspect Beattie? It was learned that the prosecution expected Mrs. Owen to testify on direct examination late today that from Beattie's actions when he brought his daughter home she suspected him of the murder.

Wild Rumors Afloat. Outside the court room it was rumored that Mrs. Owen even asked Beattie questions practically inquiring if he did not commit the deed.

The conference as to the admissibility of Mrs. Owen's testimony was between on the opposing counsel, Judge Watson and the prisoner. All returned to the court room at 1:20 o'clock and the examination of Mrs. Owen was resumed. She testified at length indicating that there was no doubt of young Mrs. Beattie having knowledge of the physical condition of her husband. The testimony brought out that the condition of young Beattie became known to his wife on Thursday before she was killed.

"You were present on several occasions when the prisoner called at the residence of Tom Owen; who invited you?" "Mr. Owen."

"On the fatal night who invited you?" "No one."

"On the night of the murder," said Mrs. Owen, "I asked Beattie who could have been so cruel as to kill an innocent girl. He gave no explanation but said 'Take me out of the room.' He gave no explanation."

No Tears. "Did you notice any ears on the prisoner's face then?" "No."

Cross-Examination. Cross-examination then began by Mr. Carter for the defense. The attorney drew from Mrs. Owen the admission that her knowledge of Beattie's condition was based purely on what her daughter had told her. Mr. Carter moved to strike out the evidence. Judge Watson reserved decision.

"You spoke of your daughter having crying spells," suggested Hill Carter, "that was unusual was it?" "Yes, unusual to me. I never knew her to be hysterical before," replied Mrs. Owen.

The court at this point announced that it had decided to overrule the motion of counsel for the defense to strike out the testimony of Mrs. Owen regarding Beattie's condition.

Mrs. Owen was then excused and left the room with her veil dropped over her face.

Court immediately adjourned for luncheon at 1:40 p. m.

Dr. Franklin on Stand. Court reconvened at 2:45 o'clock when Dr. A. G. Franklin was called to the stand.

Chesterfield, C. H. Va., Aug. 28.—The most vital cross-examination thus far aimed against Henry C. Beattie, Jr., indicted for wife murder, was planned by the prosecution for today's session of court here.

The story of the motive carefully had been assembled by the commonwealth for emission through a string of witnesses. Besides arranging to have witnesses on the stand who could testify concerning Beattie's alleged relations with Beulah Binford as indicative of his alleged desire to eliminate his wife so that companionship with the Binford girl might continue unobstructed, the commonwealth was prepared to pour into the record the testimony of physicians and others who would tell of Beattie's alleged physical ills, in an effort to show that the prisoner feared his wife might inform his father of them and that the latter then might disown him.

From Richmond's underworld, the prosecution had secured witnesses to testify as to Beattie's visits to certain resorts, and as to his being seen at such places with the Binford girl. The prosecution intended to make a single effort to impress the jury with the testimony regarding the motive and it was considered not at all impossible that if by the end of the day the apparent effect on the jury had been sufficiently strong the state would not revert again in the trial to this line of argument. Such a contingency would mean, it is admitted, the possible elimination from the stand of Beulah Binford, the girl in the case, from whom the public, but neither the prosecution nor defense has looked forward for dramatic testimony. It is pointed out that the Binford girl has made many statements and given many interviews, their tenor so diversified as to make it risky to hazard her as a witness.

It is feared that by possible inconsistent statements on the stand the effect of her testimony would be nullified. The prosecution is interested in the girl only in so far as she might have furnished the motive, and numerous witnesses other than the girl are available to aid the commonwealth on this point.

Should the state today complete its fight on the motive, it hopes next to have Paul Beattie on the stand to begin its direct evidence concerning the purchase of the gun by Paul for Henry. Paul Beattie was expected to be brought again to the court house from Richmond today but the chances of his taking the witness chair were considered slim.

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ALL CHAFF AND SCREENINGS.

TWO MEN DEAD IN ACCIDENT ON A WARSHIP

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 28.—Word reached the navy department today that two seamen, William A. Creech and Wilson D. Mickey, both of South Carolina, had been killed on board the battleship Ohio as the result of an accident to the anchor gear. The Ohio is in Tangier Sound, Chesapeake Bay, preparatory to participating in the target practice of the Atlantic fleet.

The official report gave no other details of the accident.

Creech was a native of Barnwell, S. C., was 26 years old and had been in the naval service a little more than four years. His father, Richard W. Creech, is a resident of Kline, S. C.

Mickey, the other victim, was from Mileroy, Pa., not South Carolina, was 29 years old and had been connected with the navy eight years. His father, H. B. Mickey, lives in Pittsburg.

Found a Badly Mutilated Body

By Associated Press. Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 28.—The vicinity of Etowah is greatly excited over the discovery of the mutilated body of J. L. Miller, aged 65, a well-to-do farmer who resided within two miles of that place. Miller's son, Roscoe, Thomas Senter and G. W. Rose and wife, the last two tenants on one of Miller's farms, are under arrest, charged with the murder and have been spirited away to the jail at Athens on account of the high feeling against them at Etowah. Officers claim that one of the quartette has confessed. According to the confession Roscoe is said to have planned the murder, revenge being his motive, the elder Miller having prosecuted him a short time ago on the charge of stealing corn.

Miller had been to Etowah and on Friday it was believed was killed while returning home that night.

SPANIARDS TO OCCUPY PART OF MOROCCO

By Associated Press. Madrid, Aug. 28.—Dispatches received here today from Las Palmas, Canary Islands, say that 500 Spanish soldiers are making preparations to embark tomorrow on the transport Almirante Lobo to occupy Saguia el Grande, on the Moroccan coast to the north of Agadir where the arrival last July of the German warship, Panther stirred up the present international dispute over Morocco.

The news reporting the movement of a Spanish force to Southern Morocco has not yet been elucidated, and should it be confirmed it is expected further to complicate the Moroccan problems, over which negotiations are in progress between Jules Cambon, the French ambassador at Berlin, and Herr Von Kiderlin-Watchter, the German foreign secretary.

TOLD OF COLLISION. New York, Aug. 28.—The crew of the British steamer Hellenes told today of a collision with the schooner Jane Palmer, Norfolk for Boston, off Nobska Point, Mass., yesterday.

The schooner's forward gear was carried away and the after-deck gear of the Hellenes for a distance of 80 feet was stripped. Neither ship was in danger of sinking and both proceeded to port.

Charleston Cut Off From World by Storm -- Savannah is Safe

Storm Located Over Southwest Corner of South Carolina Tears Down Wires and Stops Trains—Reports Say Charleston is Being Flooded.

No Trains Expected From Charleston For Six or Seven Hours—Three Feet of Water Reported in the Union Depot at That Place.

The severe storm which struck Charleston and Savannah last night seems to be centering in the same locality today. Indications are that it is moving northward. Both cities were completely cut off from communication with the outside world today and it is therefore impossible to ascertain the extent of the damage the storm had wrought.

A message this afternoon from Branchville, 70 miles from Charleston, states that there is three feet of water in the Charleston union station, partially confirming earlier reports that Charleston was menaced by flood. The message also says that no trains have left Charleston since 8 o'clock last night.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 28.—At 11 o'clock Southern Railway officials here were advised over a wire that was secured for a few minutes that a man who had reached Summerville, 20 miles north of Charleston, reported water to have flooded the Charleston union station. The Southern Railway passenger train, due to leave Charleston at 3:20 a. m. and scheduled to arrive here at 6:55, had not left Charleston. The Atlantic Coast Line has not telegraphic communication with Charleston, but does not expect a train from there before 5 or 6 hours at the earliest. It is hoped to have communication restored within a few hours.

At 11:30 o'clock Director Geren said that upon his observations, considered along with reports from elsewhere, including Jacksonville but not Charleston or Savannah, he had located the storm at the extreme southwestern corner of South Carolina. He thought it likely that the storm was moving northwestwardly and hence was in the vicinity of the Charleston station. The Washington office believed the storm was moving north easterly up the coast. The wind at Columbia, now from the east, is expected to remain high during the day and probably through the night and will likely haul around to south and southwest.

At 12:20 p. m. a message from Branchville, said it was reported there that there was three feet of water in the Charleston union station and the building had been partially unroofed by the gale. All wires within nine miles of Charleston were down. No train had left there since 8 o'clock last night. Several trains were tied up between Charleston and Summerville.

At 11 o'clock the Atlantic Coast Line had a message via Florence from Mount Holly, 18 miles north of Charleston, advising that Coast Line train No. 52, Charleston to Greenville, via Columbia, was approaching Mount Holly, running six hours late.

On receipt of this news the Coast Line annulled No. 52 and announced that its first train out of Columbia for Greenville would be No. 54, which will leave on its schedule time, at 5 p. m. The Coast Line train from Greenville, No. 53, due to leave here for Charleston at 5:05 p. m., is en route to Columbia and is expected to proceed to Charleston on schedule time.

Can't Get Savannah. Macon, Ga., Aug. 28.—Central Railway officials here have been trying all morning to reach Savannah but have failed so far. The nearest point to which the wires are working is Millen, eighty miles from Savannah. A train from Savannah is due in Macon at 1 p. m. and the railroad people are hoping for definite information if the train gets through. Neither of the telegraph companies can raise Savannah.

News of Savannah. Macon, Ga., Aug. 28.—The Central of Georgia has just received the following from Savannah: "Wind blowing about 60 miles an hour, windows blown in, signs and awnings torn down, trees stripped or blown down, telephone and telegraph wires badly tangled, shipping apparently safe. Charleston is believed to have gotten the worst of the storm. One of Baltimore ships due last night could not come in but would probably reach here today."

Summer tourists, and residents of Tybee came in on late trains last night. People arriving from Tybee on last Tybee train last night report everything apparently all right at Tybee at that time. No reports from there since.

News of Charleston. Augusta, Ga., Aug. 28.—A telephone message from Ridgeville, 31 miles from Charleston, at 11 o'clock, says the wind in Charleston at that hour was blowing between sixty and seventy miles an hour and considerable damage had been done along the water front, but people who returned from Charleston this morning, leaving there during the night, reported no loss of life.

A later message from St. George is to the effect that the union passenger station in Charleston is under water. Everybody on the Isle of Palms and Sullivan's Island were warned in time yesterday afternoon to get to the peninsula on Mount Pleasant, though some of them were not able to get over to the city on the boats, but were forced to go back inland toward McClellandville. Along the water front in Charleston the water is the highest known there since the tidal wave of 1886.

Railway traffic in and out of Charleston has been blocked since last night on account of inundation of tracks between Magnolia and Aseley Junction, and information in Augusta shortly after midday is that a train will make an effort to ford the water in that place and get out of the Charleston territory immediately. A special train sent out over the C. & W. C. road from Augusta late last night will meet the train from Charleston and return to Augusta, probably arriving here between 4 and 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Valley Line Train Purposely Wrecked Says Investigator

ANNOUNCE THE PLAN FOR LONG AERIAL FLIGHT

By Associated Press. St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 28.—Plans for an aeroplane flight of at least 1,500 miles down the Mississippi river in September to eclipse the world's record just established by Harry N. Atwood, are well under way. It was announced tonight. Two courses are under consideration. One is from St. Paul to Vicksburg, Miss., 1,511 miles. The other is from Dubuque, Iowa, to New Orleans, La., 1,555 miles.

The purpose of the flight is to focus attention on the Mississippi on the eve of the deep waterway convention at Chicago and to promote aviation interest in the middle West, as well as to establish a new world's record for distance.

Albert Bond Lambert, president of the Aero Club of St. Louis, starter of three international balloon races, is chairman of the temporary organization of the trans-Mississippi Flight Association. He declares that the flight is practicable.

The flyer selected for the flight will drive a hydroplane which will enable him to follow the course of the river with impunity, landing on the river surface when the fair grounds are not available.

By Associated Press. Beverly, Mass., Aug. 28.—Twenty-four of the United States will be visited by President Taft on the swing around the circle, according to a partially completed schedule announced today. The president will start on Sept. 15, and with the exception of five states and Arizona and New Mexico, he will pass through every Commonwealth west of the Mississippi.

Included in the 24 are Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Maryland.

Among the big towns and cities that the president will visit are Syracuse, Erie, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha, Kansas, Denver, Cheyenne, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento, Portland, Oregon, Tacoma, Seattle, Spokane, Wallace, Walla, Idaho; Butte and Billings, Mont.; Deadwood, Aberdeen and Pierre, S. D.; St. Paul and Minneapolis, Milwaukee and Pittsburg.

By Associated Press. Jeffersonville, Ind. Aug. 28.—William Lee, confessed murderer of his father, mother and brother at Booneville, Ind., is in solitary confinement in the Indiana reformatory now. He reached the prison yesterday from Princeton, where officers took him following the publishing of his confession at Evansville. He made a supplementary confession last night. This is a reiteration of details of that given out at Evansville. In addition, however, he said he killed his parents because he believed they had planned to kill him.

"I thought I would beat the old man to it," was the way he concluded his third acknowledgment of the butchery of his father, Richard Lee, his gray-haired mother, and his younger brother Clarence.

The prisoner maintains a cheerful demeanor. On the journey from Princeton to Jeffersonville, he was even light-hearted and annoyed the officers in his efforts to engage them in small talk.

By Associated Press. Canonsburg, Pa., Aug. 28.—Emblems of mourning fluttered from more than a score of houses in this thriving village today indicating the full force of the blow following Saturday night's panic in the Canonsburg opera house in which were white ribbons, showing that children made up in large part the victims of the terrible happening.

All the bodies had been taken from the improvised mortuaries by their former homes, and preparations were made for the funerals, many of which will be held today and tomorrow. Little white hearses were called into action, and 25 caskets arrived from Pittsburgh.

It was rumored early in the day that an arrest would be made by Coroner James T. Heffran, but the name of the person under suspicion as the cause of the panic was not made public.

Deputy Factory Inspector James R. Patterson today began the investigation ordered by the state and will hasten the work in order that his report may be ready for the coroner's inquest to be held Thursday or Friday, next. Persons acquainted with the situation declare the opera house was unfit for public exhibitions and say it has been known for some time it was unsafe. It is expected these facts will develop as the inspector progresses in his work. Measurements of the exit and door were taken yesterday by members of the coroner's jury.

Of the injured Mrs. Wilbur Lane, who was taken from the bottom of the pile of dead in the doorway, after her children had been killed, will also recover. She collapsed when told of their deaths.

By Associated Press. Greely, Col., Aug. 28.—Thomas W. Lawson, the Boston financier, is negotiating for the purchase of 30,000 acres of ranch land forty-five miles northeast of Greely. Mr. Lawson intends to devote the entire ranch to the breeding and raising of fancy cattle and horses for exhibition and racing purposes.

While the deal is not formally closed, a local real estate company declares that it is only a matter of a few days until the transfer of the property will be completed.

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 28.—Forecast: North Carolina—Rain to night; Tuesday showers and cooler, brisk probably high shifting winds.

Supt. West of Shore Line Division of New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Says the Train was Deliberately Wrecked.

Says all Spikes in One Rail Were Pulled Out Which Precluded Possibility of the Awful Wreck Being an Accident.

By Associated Press. Middletown, Conn., Aug. 28.—Of the sixty or more passengers who were hurt in the wreck of the evening train over the Valley Line of the New Haven and Hartford Railroad last night one is reported as being near death and he is Abram Brown, of Hartford, who suffered an injury to his spine. The hospital report that the other patients are doing well.

The cause of the wreck is being looked into. Early this morning Superintendent Woodward, of the Shore Line division, who went to the scene of the disaster at Maromans, notified the police that he found upon close inspection that the train had been purposely wrecked. He says: "All the spikes of one rail—that nearest the river—were pulled out and were lying around the track. They were not damaged a bit by the wreck which would have been the natural result if they had been in their proper place at the time of the accident. Not one was twisted or bent. The spikes were pulled up from the rail nearest the bank of the river and on both sides of that length of the rail. My conclusion is that it was an attempt to wreck the train. I cannot tell whether the spikes of more than one rail's length had been torn up, as the others were covered with mud and debris."

By Associated Press. New York, Aug. 28.—The past summer has been the most profitable for burglars and sneak thieves in the history of the New York post office department and it is estimated that the total of plunder since June, including burglaries in suburban towns, is more than \$500,000. The police list of stolen property for the last two months shows more than 4,200 items of which recoveries have been made in only twenty instances. The list includes 750 watches and \$200,000 worth of diamonds and jewelry.

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Funeral Instead of Banquet Will be Chicago Motor Club's Celebration of Elgin Races

By Associated Press. Chicago, Aug. 28.—A funeral instead of a banquet will constitute the Chicago Motor Club's observance of the close of the Elgin races.

All arrangements for a celebration this evening have been cancelled and plans made for the funeral of "Dave" Buck, the racing driver whose life was sacrificed in the Elgin national trophy event last Saturday.

with the score of drivers who participated in the meet as guests of honor but the only occasion which the club members now are asked to take part in is an automobile funeral from Grace Episcopal church.

It is expected that the longest line of automobiles ever seen in a funeral procession will follow the body. The body of Samuel Jacobs, Buck's mechanic, who also was killed, will be sent to his sister in Cincinnati.