

Henry Beattie, Jr.'s. Brother Tells Of Domestic Felicity

Several Witnesses Put on to Discredit Paul's Story about Purchase of Gun--Deposition Taken from Sick Witness--Jury to The Scene.

Henry May Not Go on The Stand Until Some Time Tomorrow--Important Witness Thought to Have Been Discovered by The Defense.

By Associated Press.

Chesterfield, C. H., Va., Sept. 1.—Douglas Beattie, brother of Henry Beattie, admitted on the witness stand today that he would not have rendered the assistance he did to the detectives in running the illfated automobile back and forth from the scene of the crime and placing it for them on the left and right of the big bloodspot on the Midlothian turnpike as they directed, had he known they would lay the crime against his brother.

May Charge Douglas. The prosecution drew forth this admission on cross-examination and by its questions sought to lay a charge of destroying evidence upon Douglas for having some blood washed from the machine before the authorities seized it. The witness was still on the stand when court recessed for lunch, and indications were that the testimony of the prisoner himself would not be reached today.

Important Witness. A mysterious message to Harry M. Smith, counsel for the defense, interrupted the trial for a half hour and resulted in the discovery of a witness in Richmond to account for the solitary car, the witness on the running board and the man in front of it, which a group of boys early in the trial testified they saw on the night of the murder and described as resembling the prisoner and his wife.

Prosecution's Theory. The prosecution built up its case with the theory that Mrs. Beattie was shot not while sitting in the machine beside her husband, as the later witness said, but as she was standing on the running board or in the rear, the big blood spot resulting from her fall on the turnpike.

The new witness whose name was withheld until today, concerning the man and woman whom the boys saw, his story it is said, is that the man stepped to crank the machine on the Midlothian turnpike while the woman stood on the running board as the machine load of young boys coming from the dance at Bon Air passed them.

Taking Depositions. The taking of a deposition at the home of Mrs. M. C. Steger, who is ill and who claims to have seen a mysterious man, with a beard, just before the tragedy, threatened to delay today's proceedings.

Hearing Tomorrow May Be. It was considered not unlikely that if the fifteen mile trip to the scene of the crime was made by the jury today, the time for the testimony of Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., might not be reached until tomorrow.

Sun Shining in Court. Sunlight streamed into the court room for the first time in several days when court convened at 10:35 o'clock.

TODAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Character Witnesses. The defense first introduced some character witnesses continuing the testimony begun yesterday to show the good reputation of the prisoner, as well as that of E. H. Neblitt, whose testimony presented an important contradiction to Paul Beattie's story as to the time of delivery of the gun to Henry. The commonwealth waived cross-examination of these witnesses.

Henry's Brother on Stand. Douglas Beattie, an older brother of the prisoner, then took the stand.

Explains Relations. "Will you explain the relations of Henry and his wife," queried Mr. Smith for the defense, "from the time they were married since they lived in your home?"

Perfectly Happy. "Perfectly happy."

"How did he greet her when he met her or departed from her?"

Always Kissed Her. "He always kissed her the few times I saw him greet her."

"Why few times?"

"I went away earlier and came home later usually than Henry, but the times I did see them they kissed."

"What was your first intimation of the murder?"

Subbed and Moaned. "A phone message from Dr. Mercer saying Henry had been held up and shot. I told other people in the house and my father, sister and I went to Tom Owen's house. Henry was in a room to the right of the hall."

Fondled Slipper. He was lying on a reclining chair and my father kneeling by his side. Henry was sobbing and moaning and fondling his wife's slipper."

Corroborates Father. The witness corroborated his father's testimony of yesterday as to Henry's manifestations of grief at the night of the murder.

"Did you examine the car?"

Got Blood on Himself. "When I got into it to go up the road I found blood on the left seat, moved up and I got full of blood on the right seat."

"Why was the left seat covered?"

"I was told it was covered with blood."

"We ask that this be stricken out as hearsay," said Prosecutor Wendenburg. The court sustained the motion.

Drove Car. The witness said he drove the car practically from the time Henry brought the dead woman to the Owen home until the next day.

"How bloody was the seat?" asked Mr. Smith.

Made Big Blood Spot. "It was bloody enough to make a big spot on my pants."

"Did you lift the seat up?"

Blood Ran Everywhere. "Yes, and blood ran in every direction after I had ridden about two hours."

"How much was that car run after the murder before being taken," in charge by the county authorities?"

"He said he had gone up and down the Midlothian turnpike for miles several times. He declared the blood under the driver's seat still was soft the next day."

Described Trips. He described six different trips and how the gun was found some distance from the scene. He said that blood from the car was still on his hands when he handled the weapon.

Cross Examination. On cross-examination the witness said when he had ordered the bloody car washed the left hand cushion was washed but not the right hand one.

"Why was not the second cushion taken off?" asked Prosecutor Wendenburg.

"We didn't have time."

"What was the object of getting rid of the blood on the left hand seat and not the right hand seat which had more blood on it?"

"Didn't want any one to sit in it."

The left hand seat was the one in which Beattie said the dead woman sat.

Would Have Washed It. "I didn't know the machine was to be seized later or I would have had the machine washed at once," said Douglas Beattie, "and furthermore the car would not have made any more trips that night."

"Explain what you mean by that."

Wouldn't Help Detectives. "Well, I wouldn't have given the detectives and others the opportunity to ride around in it and say what they have about it here."

Would Have Destroyed It. "Why would you deprive them of the opportunity?"

"Well, had I known that they were going to work up a case against my brother I would have deprived them of it."

"Do you think that was right as a citizen, not as a brother, to destroy evidence?"

"Well, what man would not?"

"Would you destroy that evidence?"

"Yes, if it was going to be used as it has been falsely against my brother."

"But you weren't there?"

"No."

"And yet you have deprived the jury of that evidence?"

"Yes."

"Didn't you at the coroner's inquest carry a message from Beulah Binford to Henry?"

"No, not then but later."

"The message was that she shouldn't tell the detectives anything except what was absolutely true?"

"Yes."

"You have stated that if you had known what you know now you would have destroyed evidence on the machine. Did you have the same idea with respect to the Beulah Binford evidence?"

"No, Henry's relations with Beulah Binford were well known to everybody in Manchester (South Richmond)."

"How about recent relations? Did you know of them?"

"Were they discussed in the family?"

"Yes. My brother came to me and said, 'Don't you know that damn girl is back in Richmond.'"

Here Prosecutor Wendenburg suddenly asked the witness if he knew his brother's handwriting. He said he did and the prosecution brought forth the "Dear Kid" letter signed by the prisoner with reference to Beulah Binford's obtaining a flat and the payment of some money for furniture.

"Were you present at the coroner's inquest when Beulah Binford was on the stand?"

"Yes."

"Did you ever discuss this Beulah Binford letter with your brother?"

"No."

Mr. Smith in re-direct examination asked the witness if he ever had any objection to a fair examination of the machine. Court ruled it out as a leading question.

"Well, what was your position with regard to giving impartial evidence?"

The witness said he gave all the information possible and helped the detectives as much as he could.

"What did you refer to about not helping the detectives if you had known what they were going to do?"

"In laying the crime on my brother."

Court Recessed. Court recessed at 1:20 p. m. with Douglas Beattie still on the stand. He was cautioned not to discuss the case with counsel or any one else during the luncheon hour.

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PAUL AND HENRY BEATTIE.

Latest pictures of the cousins who are playing the leading roles in great tragedy being enacted at Chesterfield Courthouse, Virginia. At the left is Paul Beattie, who declared on the stand that his cousin confessed the murder to him, photographed while looting outside the court house during a recess. On the right is shown the picture of Henry Clay Beattie, jr., defendant in the case, as he entered the court house. It was expected that Henry Beattie, jr., would take the stand today, but it is now thought that the jury will be taken to the scene of the crime and this will mean that it will be tomorrow before Henry takes the stand and the defense closes its case.

THE ATLANTIC FLEET STARTS ON MANEUVERS

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 1.—With the wind blowing eighteen miles an hour from the northwest and a heavy sea on the Atlantic fleet under Rear Admiral Hugo Osterhaus today began its September war game on the Southern drill grounds off the Virginia capes. The admiral had to have these maneuvers take place during severe weather as well as under favorable conditions and the start was made this morning with atmospheric and other conditions such as made the long range finding an arduous task. The fleet was organized to develop the very best skill aboard the Schroeder fleet consisting as it does the flower of the great American navy. It is planned that in the long range firing no shot will be aimed at less than 5,000 yards, a distance of more than five miles with maximum range firing at 16,000 or more than nine miles. The battleship Louisiana having completed extensive repairs at the Norfolk yard put to sea today and joined the fleet.

C. OF G. DECLARES INTEREST. New York, Sept. 1.—The Central of Georgia Railway Company today declared interest at the rate of five per cent on the first and second preferred income bonds payable Oct. 2, 1911. Last May the company declared 2,312,000 per cent on the first preferred income only out of earnings for the fiscal year 1910.

Georgia Hotel Burned. Quitman, Ga., Sept. 1.—The hotel White House was burned this morning at 2:45 o'clock. It is a complete loss. All the guests escaped. The water pressure was inadequate to fight the flames the water mains having burst a few hours previous to the discovery of the fire. Loss, \$12,000.

Noted Dentist Shot. Anniston, Ala., Sept. 1.—Dr. T. L. Smith, a well-known dentist, was shot and probably fatally wounded early today by his room-mate, Joe S. Thomason, who mistook him for a burglar. Thomason was asleep when Smith returned from an entertainment and fired before he recognized him.

STEAMER DISABLED. Savannah, Ga., Sept. 1.—The steamship Shawmut, British, for Savannah, to load crumsties for Philadelphia, is off Tybee Island with a broken shaft and will be brought here for repairs.

Flying Machine Meet. Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 1.—Under the auspices of a local organization known as the American Aviators, a three-day flying machine meet will open here today.

Baseball Men Gather at Meet of National Commission to Observe Annual Draft Today

By Associated Press. Cincinnati, O., Sept. 1.—Previous to the second day's meeting of the national baseball commission this morning there was a great gathering of baseball magnates in the lobby of the hotel at which the commission is holding its sessions. Each arriving train contributed its quota of baseball men who want to be on the ground to observe the annual draft which is to take place today. The ruling of the national commission yesterday in which it refused the demands of the American Association and gave that organization until September 10 to decide if it wanted to remain in organized baseball was the one topic of discussion.

GROGERS WANT TO COMPROMISE WITH THE GOVT.

Washington, Sept. 1.—Department of Justice officials stated today that the government had received repeated offers of compromise from counsel for the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association, whose president, J. H. McLaurin, declared in Jacksonville, Fla., yesterday that there were no negotiations pending by which the association would submit to the government's terms in the anti-trust suit against the concern.

SOLDIERS ROBBED THE RAILROADS

By Associated Press. El Paso, Texas, Sept. 1.—Railroad ticket offices in this city were swindled out of nearly \$2,000 yesterday by three members of the twenty third infantry stationed at Fort Bliss. Two of the men are in custody at Fort Bliss and the third is in jail in Juarez.

Special to The News. Raleigh, Sept. 1.—William B. Rodman, Jr., and Louis J. Hunter, of Mecklenburg county, are in the list of 80 successful applicants to supreme court for law license out of a class of 91 examined Monday.

TWO MECKLENBURG BOYS PASS LAW EXAMINATION.

By Associated Press. Savannah, Ga., Sept. 1.—The agent of the Merchants & Miners Transportation Company this morning received the following wireless telegram from Captain Connolly, of the steamer Lexington, aground off Botany Bay Island: "Everything in fine shape this morning. Sea running smooth, clear weather."

Total Production Of 12,918,200 Bales Of Cotton Indicated

Department of Agriculture Official Report on Condition of Growing Crop on August 25 Estimated Today at 73.2 Per Cent of a Normal.

Advices From Cotton Belt Indicate Most Important Declines Were Caused by Severe Drought—Considerable Improvement Expected.

WANT REPORT ON DAMAGE TO THE SHIPPING

By Associated Press. Charleston, S. C., Sept. 1.—Further reports of the damage to shipping by the hurricane of Sunday are anxiously awaited here. The revenue cutter Yamacraw, which rescued the Lexington's passengers and the people on the schooner Bessie Whiting, is intent upon ascertaining if other vessels are in distress off this coast. The passengers from the Lexington left this morning for Philadelphia, the steward going to Savannah with his colored helpers. The misplaced buoys are being put back by the tender Cypress, which will have much work to do between here and Savannah. The board of public works has decided to work the street employes on Sunday if the highways are not wholly cleaned by then. The board of health is urgently calling upon householders to remove additional weapons being used to distribute disinfectants over the community. Upon every hand there is evidence of quick rebuilding, all the mechanics in town being rushed with the storm debris from their premises.

Unofficial advices from the cotton belt indicate the most important declines in the crop were due to severe droughts, hot winds and worms. Reports indicate that heavy shedding caused by hot weather was the chief factor of deterioration in practically all states, except Louisiana and Mississippi, where there was too much rain. In all other states heat, drought and generally dry cotton during the month, especially in Texas and Oklahoma.

BELL BOY GOT A VERDICT OF SECOND DEGREE

By Associated Press. New York, Sept. 1.—The jury in the case of Paul Geidel, the seventeen year old bell boy, charged with the murder of William H. Jackson in the Iroquois hotel on July 26 today returned a verdict of murder in the second degree. The jury had been locked up all night.

Pinchot and Pindester. Seattle, Wash., Sept. 1.—Gifford Pinchot and United States Senator Pindester, of Washington, arrived here last night en route to Alaska to investigate conservation problems. They will sail for Cordova tonight.

ASTOR SETTLED FIVE MILLION ON MISS FORCE

By Associated Press. New York, Sept. 1.—The sum which Col. John Jacob Astor settled upon his fiancée, Miss Madeline Force in the marriage agreement signed at Newport last Monday was \$5,000,000 according to the affidavit today. In addition to \$5,000,000 which will be long to the young woman the moment she is pronounced Mrs. Astor, a further agreement was made, it is said, providing that liberal provision shall be made for Miss Force in Colonel Astor's will which is to be drawn immediately after the wedding and deposited with the marriage agreement with the United States Trust Company in this city.

STEAMER AROUND IS IN PRETTY FINE CONDITION.

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