

Sensational Beattie Trial Now Reaching The Last Stages

Judge Watson Reads Instructions to The Jury And Argument of Counsel Begins—Women Asked to Leave the Court Room.

Gregory Began Argument For The Prosecution at 10-55—Pictures Young Beattie as a Black Hearted Reprobate.

By Associated Press. Chesterfield Court House, Va., Sept. 7.—Casting aside as unnecessary seventh hour information from an alleged eye witness, the commonwealth of Virginia today began the final argument against Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., indicted for wife murder.

Mr. Gregory's speech occupied nearly an hour and a half and was a scathing denunciation of the prisoner, particularly his continued relations with a girl of prepubertal fancy even in the subsequent months of his married life.

Mr. Carter began the plea for the defense. Pointing to the unsullied character of the father of the prisoner, his religious virtue and his steady truthfulness, Mr. Carter retold the testimony of Henry Clay Beattie, Sr., on the stand.

He argued that there was no motive for young Beattie to kill his wife as the father had pictured the warm affection between the couple. He straigned the detectives who, he declared, had "mercilessly worked up the crisis and cast unsupported suspicions."

Repeatedly pointing to the instructions to the jury as reasonable doubt, Mr. Carter assailed the veracity of Paul Beattie.

Henry Broke into Tears. The prisoner, his face pale and motionless, listened to the speech of the prosecuting attorney without blinking an eye but when Mr. Carter, for the defense, took up the thread of the argument, blood rushed to the cheeks of the accused and he wept bitterly.

Chesterfield Court House, Va., Sept. 7.—Court convened at 10:30 o'clock. Judge Watson declared that counsel in the argument today might refer to portions of testimony "not fit for ladies to hear," and requested all women in the court to leave.

Judge Watson then read the instruction to the jury. Twenty-one separate instructions were given the jury in the Beattie case by Judge Watson this morning. Eliminating the routine and customary ones as to what is presumption of murder, the weight to be given, pro and con, to circumstantial evidence, and the necessity for the conclusive establishment of its case by the state, the court submits a dozen paragraphs dealing with "reasonable doubt," all of which are condensed into the list and concluding and most definitive instruction (as the lawyers phrase it), as follows:

Military Posts In Florida Doomed

By Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 7.—Unless the navy department comes to the rescue of the Floridians, the military posts at Key West barracks and at Fort Taylor probably will be abandoned. This, following the practical closing of the Pensacola navy yard, will leave very little of the United States military-naval establishment on the peninsula.

Brig. Gen. A. L. Mills, commanding the department of the gulf, has pointed out to the war department that the principal value of Key West West barracks and Fort Taylor seems to be for the protection of the naval base at Key West, which has not been of much value since the acquisition of Porto Rico and of a naval base at Guantanamo, Cuba.

General Mills said that at the annual inspection on of the posts the question arose as to whether their importance warranted their continuance. It was alleged that they were not large enough to use as a base for the assemblage of troops awaiting transportation to gulf points. The water supply was inadequate and had and the railroad connections across the Keys could be easily destroyed.

STORM MAY NOT REACH THE SOUTHERN COAST. By Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 7.—The West Indian disturbance which yesterday was reported to the weather bureau as using some distance southeast of the island of Jamaica, showed no indications, according to reports from the island today, of advancing toward the southern states. The government forecasters declared today they thought it would not reach the gulf coast.

COTTON MEN FACE PROBLEM. Boll Weevil Quarantine to Be Enforced After September 10th.

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 7.—The cotton manufacturers of South Carolina are facing a serious situation as a result of the announcement that the boll weevil quarantine will be strictly enforced after September 10th. It is said that the stock of raw cotton of many of the textile plants in the state is very low, and that a majority of the mills will depend on shipments that were to come from the boll weevil territory.

It is the intention of the state entomologist to enforce strictly to the letter the act against the shipment of cotton into the state from the boll weevil territory after September 10. In the event the law is enforced it is said that many of the mills will have to close operations.

Elison A. Smith, the president of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association of South Carolina, has requested a conference with the state entomologist and the commissioner of agriculture to discuss the situation.

GEORGIA TECH OPENS ITS FALL TERM ON THE 20TH. Atlanta, Sept. 7.—The Georgia School of Technology will begin its regular fall term September 20th, but the entrance examinations will commence on Monday, September 11th. Indications are that the attendance on the Tech will tax the capacity of the institution to its utmost.

Last year there were well over 600 students and this year they will reach nearly 700. The new Joseph Brown Whitehead memorial hospital will be ready, fully equipped and the opening of the hospital and the new shops will be ready for use soon after the term begins. The departments of electrical and experimental engineering and of architecture have been enlarged and improved.

ELON COLLEGE OPENING. Elon College, N. C., Sept. 7.—The 22nd annual session of Elon College opened yesterday morning under most favorable circumstances. Immediately after the chapel service, which was conducted by Dr. J. U. Newman, and Rev. J. W. Wellons, the work, matriculation and registration began and when the registrar's books closed at 5 o'clock it was found that the number of students enrolled on the opening day last year was 212 1/2 per cent and last year's enrollment was the largest up to that time of the institution's history.

Every train for the next several days is scheduled to bring an additional quota of students. The regular lecture work began today.

WAS RUN OVER BY TRAIN. Williamston, Sept. 7.—Little Howard Herrick, the eight-year-old grandson of Col. Wilson G. Lamb, was run over by a train at Virginia Beach, where he has been spending the summer with his aunts, Misses Mayo and Annie Lamb, and he is now at Saint Vincent's hospital, Norfolk, suffering intensely. It is feared his leg will have to be amputated.

President Leaves Boston. By Associated Press. Boston, Mass., Sept. 7.—President Taft left Boston at 9:15 a. m. today for Hartford, Conn., by way of Worcester and Springfield.

SIMMS AND DREWRY SELL RALEIGH EVENING TIMES

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 7.—Messrs. J. V. Simms and Jno. C. Drewry, owners of the Raleigh Daily Times, sold the plant and good will today to J. A. Farqu and associates, who will continue in the afternoon field at a change of staff.

The purchase price was paid in gold to President and General Manager Simms.

Mr. Parks says new interests purchase as a speculative investment, without political speculations and the Times will continue democratic.

Mr. Simms has been running the Times for four years, coming from The Charlotte News. He has been in the newspaper business for 10 years. He has not perfected his future plans but will be in Raleigh some time.

His sale of the Times obligates him to stay out of the afternoon field for 10 years.

Another Report. By Associated Press. Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 7.—John A. Park, of Raleigh, and Curtis Johnson, of Knoxville, Tenn., largely interested in the Knoxville Sentinel and Chattanooga News, today assumed control of the Raleigh Daily Times, having formed a stock company.

Many prominent Raleigh men are identified with the company. No changes, it is said, will be made in the present force.

Justice Of Peace Will Marry Astor

By Associated Press. Newark, N. J., Sept. 7.—Following reports from Rhode Island that several Episcopal pastors had declined to officiate at the Astor-Force wedding, Justice of the Peace Frederick E. Force of Netcong, N. J., has volunteered to perform the ceremony and declares that his offer may receive additional consideration owing to the fact that is a distant relative of Miss Force.

"We are related though it would be necessary to go back to Thomas Force, son of Thomas Force, who came to America in 1679 to find our common ancestor," he explained. "If Mr. Astor and my cousin find any difficulty in getting married they can call on me. I can issue a license and can carry them, too."

Astor Makes Denial. New York, Sept. 7.—In spite of the reports from Newport that Col. John Jacob Astor and Miss Jadelind Force were to be married today, Colonel Astor emphatically denied that any date has yet been set. He said that he would be busy at his Rhinebeck estate for several days and that the details of the marriage would not be arranged for some time.

FOUR ARE INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT. By Associated Press. Wilmington, N. C., Sept. 7.—Mrs. Sarah A. Burris, 72 years old, was seriously injured and three others were slightly hurt last night when an automobile belonging to R. H. Brady, a local contractor, skidded and turned turtle four miles from the city on the Castle Haynes turnpike.

Mrs. Burris was caught under the machine and suffered a broken leg and perhaps internal injuries. Willie Smith, the chauffeur, had his front teeth knocked out. Other occupants of the car were Misses Roberta and Ella Brady, daughters of the owner of the car, and Mrs. John Hewett, a friend of the family.

Mountain Climbers Fail. By Associated Press. Seattle, Wash., Sept. 7.—Miss Dora Keen, of Philadelphia, who undertook to climb Mount Blackburn, Washington, 16,140 feet and who was obliged to turn back when only two days from the summit because of the exhaustion of her supplies, food and alcohol, arrived in Seattle today. She declares she thinks her attempt has proved that the peak may be scaled.

The Keen party spent four days in seeking a route by which to make the final cent of the peak and when a possible trail finally was found at an altitude of 8,500 feet a three days' storm set in. Sufficient food and alcohol remained to make the ascent or to weather the storm but the supply would have been insufficient for both so the attempt was abandoned.

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automobile with the butt of a shotgun, and then shoot her as she lay insensible on the ground. He wrote that Beattie threatened him when he found that he had witnessed the deed, and the following day gave him a suit of clothes and money with which to go away. Though he kept quiet at first because he was afraid, the man says now he does not want Beattie to escape punishment and is willing to testify.

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HENRY CLAY BEATTIE, JR. Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., defendant in the sensational Virginia murder case, watching snaphotters at work.

Alleged Eye Witness Says He Saw The Beattie Murder

Farm Hand, on Lonely Cow Hunt, Says He Ran Across Couple Quarreling--Describes The Murder--Accepted Bribe to Leave the Country.

Prosecuting Attorney, However, Decides Not to Ask for Re-Opening of Case--Only One of Many Letters Received.

By Associated Press. Chesterfield Court House, Va., Sept. 7.—With evidence closed and prosecutors and defense confident of giving the case of Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., to the jury tonight, all calculations as to today's developments in the sensational trial have been upset by Prosecutor Wendenburg's announcement that he may ask the court to reopen the case and admit the testimony of a man who claims to have been an eye witness to the tragedy.

If this request should be made and granted, the final argument which was expected to begin this morning will be delayed and court probably will adjourn until Saturday. The alleged eye witness whose name is withheld, is now in a city a day and a half distant by rail from here.

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Paul And Beulah Were Released From Custody This Morning--Their Plans

By Associated Press. Richmond, Sept. 7.—Paul Beattie and Beulah Binford, detained as witnesses for the commonwealth in the Henry Beattie case, were released from custody in Henrico county jail this morning by order of Judge Walter A. Watson, of Chesterfield circuit court.

Paul Hurries Home. Paul Beattie went at once to his home and remained there all morning with his family greeting neighbors and friends and enjoying his liberty to the fullest degree. He says he intends to do nothing else for a month and then he is going to New York to go into vaudeville, having received them for New York on the 12:01 p.

Beulah Delays. Beulah Binford remained in the prison until later in the day packing her clothing and toilet accessories and waiting to decide just what course she should pursue when she actually walks through its portals into the next chapter of her checkered career.

Shortly after 11 o'clock the cause of Beulah's delay was disclosed in the appearance of the jail agents for a New York film company. They held a private conference with the woman and in a little while she announced that she had signed a contract with them and would leave with them for New York on the 12:01 p.

Primary Election For Selection of Senators In Old Virginia

Balloting Began in 1,500 Precincts at Sunrise and Because of Interest in Hot Fight, it was Thought Big Vote Would be Polled.

"Insurgent" Faction Lined Up Against "The Machine" but All Claim to Be "Exponents of Best Principles of Progressive Democracy."

Violent Storm Strikes Chicago

By Associated Press. Chicago, Sept. 7.—One of the most violent storms experienced in many years struck Chicago harbor early today. Between fifteen and twenty launches, motor boats and ships were caught in the storm. One tug, battling against the giant waves in an effort to reach the freighters Lagonda and Christopher, lying a mile out, was capsized. Capt. McCleavey and his crew of five were rescued by live savers.

According to Capt. Garland of the life saving service, this was the fiercest storm in twenty years. It abated at daylight. The path of the storm was narrow.

Can States Stop Sunday Trains?

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Sept. 7.—A grave question has arisen as to the right of a state to prevent the movement of United States troops by stopping railroad transportation on Sunday. When the camp of instruction was held at Chickamauga Park last year, the arrival of the first North Carolina infantry and the third South Carolina infantry was delayed by the South Carolina law prohibiting the running of special trains on Sunday. A similar law exists in Georgia and two companies of coast artillery moving by special trains from Mobile to Charleston were delayed at Augusta because of this law.

Brig. Gen. Mills, commanding the Department of the Gulf, has brought the matter to the attention of the war department with a view of such action as will prevent unnecessary delays in the troop movements. It is possible that the matter will sooner or later be referred to the attorney general and the Interstate commerce commission to determine what course shall be pursued.

LA FOLLETTE IN FOR THE LAST WORD. Washington, D. C., Sept. 7.—Much significance is attached to the decision of Senator La Follette to take a swing through the west and north-west after President Taft, who is to start out from Boston on the 16th and will take in twenty-four states, talking reciprocity, tariff, conservation and Alaska. It is conceded by many that La Follette's strength lies in the west, and that there Taft is weakest. Then, too, La Follette is a "Progressive" and is the only one of this species of republicans spoken of as a possible candidate against Taft.

Thus, La Follette will get in the last word with the westerners. Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., of Oregon, announces his advocacy of La Follette as a republican candidate against Taft.

Senator Bourne is the founder and president of the National Republican league, which made its entrance into the political world during the last session of congress. The Oregon senator is reported in a special to the New York Herald to have said:

"Why have I for months been so insistent for Senator La Follette for president? Because he has many of the qualifications which I believe are absolutely necessary for a man to possess in order properly to fill the high office of the nation's chief public servant. He believes in popular, not privileged government; realizes that the general welfare, not selfish interest, must be the motive power of all successful and permanent government.

"I urge the big business interests of the country to study the laws of Wisconsin enacted since he was first governor of that state. "Such an investigation will show Wisconsin laws to be constructive, not destructive; progressive, not reactionary; intelligently conservative, not blindly radical.

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DANGER OF BASEBALL WAR HAS PASSED. By Associated Press. Chicago, Sept. 7.—Danger of a baseball war was evaporated today when the American Association, meeting here, withdrew the petition of August 1, demanding new drafting rules and prices.

By Associated Press. Berlin, Sept. 7.—The meeting between the German foreign minister, Herr von Kiderlen-Waechter, and the French ambassador, M. Cambon, when it was expected that German's reply to France's proposals regarding Morocco will be handed to the ambassador, will take place this afternoon.

Last night's announcement that the German reply had been delivered to the French ambassador was incorrect. It was based on the conference held by Herr von Kiderlen-Waechter and the German imperial chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, who conferred again this morning.

By Associated Press. Peking, Sept. 7.—Missionaries in the outlying districts of Szechuen province have been ordered by the viceroys to concentrate in the larger towns, in consequence of the general unrest among the natives, arising from the government's railroad policy. All foreigners in Cheng Tu, the capital of Szechuen province, are taking refuge in the compound of the missionary society of the Methodist Church of Canada.

Situation Is Serious. Boston, Sept. 7.—The disorders in Szechuen province, western China, have become very serious, in the opinion of the officials of the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society. A few days ago a cablegram was received from one of their missionaries at Chen Tu, telling of rioting by the natives. Today another cablegram was received, which said: "American consul advises us to leave."

STATEMENT OF BANK OF ENGLAND. By Associated Press. London, Sept. 7.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve decreased, \$52,000. Circulation decreased, \$217,000. Bullion decreased, \$265,395. Other securities decreased, \$1,452,000. Other deposits, decreased, \$388,000. Public deposits, decreased, \$868,000. Notes reserve, decreased, \$104,000. Government securities, unchanged. The proportion of the bank's reserve to liability this week is 53.10 per cent; last week it was 56.33 per cent.

GERMANY'S REPLY TO FRANCE IS EXPECTED TODAY