

"Fearfully Unfair" Said Henry Beattie Of Jury's Decision

Convicted Uxoricide Severely Repudiated Binford Girl and Said Jury Judged Him More for Indiscretions Than For the Tragedy Itself.

Wild Reports Circulated Today to Effect That Beattie Would Commit Suicide to Escape Electric Chair—His Friends Say He Will.

By Associated Press. Chesterfield Court House, Va., Sept. 9.—Severe repudiation of Beulah Binford as a girl from whom he vainly tried to detach himself, and the direct imputation that the jury judged him more for his indiscretions than the tragedy itself came today from the lips of Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., convicted last night of wife murder. Any other jury, composed of city folk with mundane views, would have been more merciful, was his belief.

"Fearfully unfair," he muttered in his cell, when asked his opinion of the verdict.

Beulah Binford, he added, "figured largely in the verdict, more largely than the testimony of the killing. These country folk can not understand how a woman of the underworld can be 'crazy' about a man. They don't know when that happens and how very hard it is to get rid of her."

"I have drifted along hoping against hope that something would occur to rid me of that Binford girl. And once a woman of that kind feels that you no longer take any interest in her, she usually seeks solace in suicide. So I drifted along, waiting for a chance to break off relations with her without having her hurt herself. I tried hard to persuade her in the meantime to live a proper life."

"Had this case been tried in any court where those things are not common, this morning I would have been a free man. Interpreting Judge Watson's instructions to the jury, I can not see how the verdict could have been other than not guilty. I believe the jury was influenced by the one-sided newspaper reports before I had a chance to present my side of the case. I wanted to give out a statement as soon as I was arrested, but Mr. Smith, my lawyer, advised against this."

"I have not given up hope, because I can not feel that an innocent man will be permitted to suffer for this hideous crime."

There were many rumors abroad today that Beattie would never die in the electric chair; that he would find some means of committing suicide when all hope of gaining his freedom was gone.

"Billy Sampson, his chum, and one of the important witnesses at the trial, was quoted as saying: 'Henry Beattie will not die in the chair. It will be some other way.'"

"If he is convicted he has nerve enough to kill himself," said Beaulah Binford just before her departure from Richmond.

Chesterfield Court House, Va., Sept. 9.—Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., gazed from the barred windows of a cell this morning on a scene transformed from yesterday's racket and excitement of a murder trial to a perspective of rural quiet.

Where yesterday stood groups of operators awaiting the verdict that should send young Beattie to the electric chair for the murder of his wife—a particular daughter of the Old Dominion—today there were herds of kine that gazed again on pastures from which they had been ousted during the long days of the trial.

On the lawn in front of the court house and jail a negro removed scraps of newspapers and remains of lunches hastily eaten on the green by crowds of many days before.

A jailer brought the prisoner his breakfast. He ate it in silence. On his thin pallid face flickered a smile as he gazed through the grated window at two newspaper men lolling on the grass.

Some time today it was expected Beattie would be taken to the state penitentiary in Richmond to await his execution on November 24 or the granting of a new trial. His court of appeals which meets early in that month.

Many lawyers today discussing the possibility of a writ of error were of the opinion that it would not be granted. The court of appeals they asserted set a precedent in the famous McCue case of 1904.

Public feeling over the crime still runs high in this section and in Richmond, Beattie's home. The verdict was received with little surprise by the community. The loud voiced condemnation of L. O. Wendenburg, the prosecutor, still rang in the ears of the people today as they talked of the case.

prompted young Beattie to commit the crime and fabricate the tale of the bearded highwayman. Somewhat hopeful, yet sorrow bent, the elder Beattie visited the prisoner today. Counsel had told him not to lose hope that they yet might save his boys life. And the sorrow, wrinkled face of the old man stared vacantly into the morning sunlight as he uttered a prayer that this might be so.

Robert Chestnut Was Convicted

By Associated Press. Orangeburg, S. C., Sept. 9.—After deliberating 15 1/2 hours, the jury in the case of the state against Robert Chestnut, indicted for murder, returned early today a verdict of guilty of manslaughter. Such a verdict carries a sentence of one to twenty years imprisonment at hard labor, in the discretion of the presiding judge. The first ballot showed the jurors to stand seven for murder and five for manslaughter. Chestnut, a contractor, killed William R. Sabin, a lumber dealer, at Orangeburg, April 25 last, it is alleged, revealed improper relations between Sabin and Mrs. Chestnut.

TRYING TO PREVENT GREAT STRIKE

San Francisco, Sept. 9.—Men high in the councils of the shop employes on the Hartman system are striving today to prevent the 25,000 individuals whom they represent, from going on strike. Other men also high in the same councils are urging drastic measures as the result of the railroad's refusal to recognize the federation of shopmen.

Discussing the situation J. W. Kline, international president of the blacksmiths' union, said: "The younger men are eager to call a strike at once, but calm consideration is being conserved by the older men. For a young man living at home and receiving seven dollars a week strike benefit, a strike is not particularly a terror, but it is a different question with a man with a family to support."

The various unions have voted to strike unless recognition of the Federation is accorded by the railroad officials but in face of refusal of this recognition the advisory board has hopes for a peaceful adjustment of the dispute."

SENDS UNDERTAKER CHECK AND THE SWALLOW POISON.

Jonesboro, Ark., Sept. 9.—When a local undertaker received a letter signed by H. S. Chitty, asserting that they riter was tired of living, and a check for \$133.05 to defray the expenses of a funeral, entrance was forced to the room occupied by Chitty, a railroad employe, at a Jonesboro hotel. The man was found lying unconscious on the floor of the apartment with bottles, which had contained carbolic acid, morphine and laudanum, about the room. Chitty will probably die.

RODNEY DIEGLE GETS THREE YEARS IN PEN

By Associated Press. Columbus, O., Sept. 9.—Convicted of facilitating bribery in alleged grafting operations in the Ohio legislature, Rodney Diegle, former sergeant-at-arms of the Buckeye state senate was sentenced to serve three years in the penitentiary this morning.

The specific charge against Diegle consisted of the accusation that he was a "go-between" for lawmakers to whom bribes had been offered by these detectives plied the petty official down to a charge of aiding and abetting in the bribing of a senator named Andrews.

The bribes it is said, were offered by a large number of detectives in a room in a local hotel. About this room were scattered little sound transmitting instruments. From these instruments wires ran into a room in which sat stenographers and more detectives. Over the wires every sound in the room where the bribes were offered was carried to the room in which the stenographers sat. Each word of an alleged bribe offered or accepted was set down by stenographers.

It was on evidence gained in this manner that the Franklin county grand jury indicted Diegle, nine members of the legislature and one attaché of the senate. They were senators Crawford Andrews, Hoffman, Cetone and Dean; Representatives Lowery, Nye, Calvey and Evans and Stanley Harrison, assistant sergeant-at-arms of the senate.

Representative Evans pleaded guilty and was fined \$500 and Representative Nye was acquitted at the trial. The others have not yet faced a judge and jury.

Diegle's sentence today was suspended until Sept. 18, 1912, to allow the case to be carried to the circuit court. If the court does not hear the case on or before that time a further suspension will be granted. He was released.

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 9.—Forecast. North Carolina—Overcast weather, probably showers tonight or Sunday, not much change in temperature; light variable winds.

Col. Astor Miss Force Wed

By Associated Press. Newport, Sept. 9.—Col. John Jacob Astor and Miss Madeline T. Force were married here this forenoon. The ceremony occurred at "Beechwood," the summer home of Col. Astor, in this city. William Force, of New York, the bride's father, gave her away.

Among those present at the ceremony were Miss Katherine Emmons Force, a sister of the bride, and Vincent Astor, the son of Col. Astor.

"Beechwood" was beautifully decorated with flowers and the Noma, the steam yacht on which the wedding party made the trip from New York, was a veritable floating bower.

The Noma arrived in the harbor between 7 and 8 o'clock this morning and Vincent Astor made an effort to be the first person to board the yacht. He was beaten in the race, however, by Deputy Sheriff Frank P. King, who served Col. Astor with a writ of summons issued by a Providence law firm representing Mrs. Bridget McCrohan and her children in which damages of \$30,000 are asked on account of the accidental electrocution of Mrs. McCrohan's son Eugene while working at "Beechwood" in July, 1910. McCrohan was employed by the Providence Telephone Company and while inspecting the telephone wires in the basement of Col. Astor's summer house he came in contact with an electric feed wire the shock causing his death. The writ is returnable in the superior court on October 2 next.

Vincent Astor joined the party aboard the yacht and after all had had breakfast Col. Astor and Mr. Force, the Misses Force and Vincent Astor came ashore in the Noma's motor boat. Col. Astor handling the steering wheel. The party immediately went in an automobile to the city hall where the marriage license was issued.

During the city hall proceedings, which were witnessed by a host of newspaper correspondents, Col. Astor appeared nervous but Miss Force seemingly was unconcerned.

After these formalities had been concluded the wedding party motored to "Beechwood," where the Rev. Joseph Lambert, of the Elmwood Temple (Congregational) of Providence, was waiting and performed the ceremony.

BOUNDARY LINE SET BY MURDER TRIAL.

Frankfort, Ky., Sept. 9.—The boundary line between Kentucky and Tennessee presented an unusual question in the proceedings preliminary to the trial of Thomas and James Bowlin for the alleged murder of John Lewis Archer. Thomas Bowlin was marshal of Jellico, which lies in Kentucky and partly in Tennessee, and with a capias pro fine, issued on a misdemeanor judgment, arrested Archer within a few feet of the state line, though on the Kentucky side.

Archer resisted and both men, struggling, crossed into Tennessee. Here, according to the prosecution, they fell, Archer atop, at which the other Bowlin rushed up, struck Archer on the head with a revolver, but and then shot him. The two, it is said, then dragged Archer back across the line where he died.

Both Bowlins were arrested in Kentucky, though the Tennessee officials began proceedings which led to the honoring by Lieutenant Governor Cox of requisitions from the governor of Tennessee on the prisoners. Attorney General Breathitt, to whom the requisitions were referred, advised that the acts of the Bowlins were committed in Tennessee. They tested the governor's decision by proceedings if they see fit.

TO PAY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 9.—Governor Smith has made arrangements to borrow \$200,000, at 2 per cent from the state depositories to be devoted on September 29th to the payment of teachers.

ADVANCE IN SUGAR.

New York, Sept. 9.—All grades of refined sugar were advanced ten cents a hundred pounds today.

BIG DEAL REPORTED IN PROGRESS

The News learns that several capitalists from the north are buying up large real estate interests in the Long Creek section. It is reported that they are to buy Mr. Frank B. Sample's place which includes the Mida spring, for \$12,000; Mr. J. Mack Sample's place for \$11,000, Mr. Panck Houston's, Mr. David Sample's, and part of Dr. Craven's and Mr. Stephen's property.

The object of the purchase, it is said, is to locate a big hunting lodge and later a large sanatorium.



Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada, preaching the advantages of Reciprocity to the electorate of the Dominion. He is shown addressing 10,000 people at Sorel on August 23.

DECISION AS TO STRIKE EXPECTED TO-MORROW

By Associated Press. Chicago, Sept. 9.—Whether the Illinois Central Railroad shopmen will go on strike because of the refusal of President Markham to recognize their recently organized federation will, it is said, be decided tomorrow afternoon at a meeting of the executive board of the nine international trade associations involved.

Several officers of the federation have been in favor of a strike ever since the railroad refused to grant their demands but a number of other interested labor chiefs, including influential members of the international unions, are counselling peace at this time and will do everything in their power to prevent a walkout.

Secretary W. F. Kramer, of the international association of machinists, and Philip Moran of the executive board of the Federation of Illinois Central employes, are among those who are using their influence to prevent radical action.

J. F. McCreery, president of the federated body, one of those leading the movement for a strike, emphatically a lucrative position with the Atlantic of the railroad officials attitude. He is supported in this statement by several members of the executive board of the federation who insist definite action be taken at the meeting scheduled for tomorrow afternoon.

TO REINFORCE SPANISH GARRISON.

Madrid, Sept. 9.—Five thousand Spanish troops have received orders from the minister of war to reinforce the Spanish garrison at Melilla on the Rif coast of Morocco. The government's action is due to the constant reports received from the commander of the garrison that the natives continued to annoy the soldiers by their attacks on the Spanish outposts.

A letter was found in his clothes and opened by the authorities. He had a second cabin ticket from Jacksonville to New York.

At the coroner's inquest it was brought out that the letter was addressed to A. S. Clement, Plymouth, Mass. Its text scrawled nervously in pencil reading: "I have gone crazy. I don't know where mother is." (Signed) "FATHER."

Two sealed but unaddressed envelopes were opened. They contained small amounts of money. The coroner has telegraphed A. S. Clement and will await instruction as to the disposition of the body. The pistol which was found in his hand was exhibited at the inquest. Only one shot had been fired but the magazine was filled.

"I Have Gone Crazy--Don't Know Where Mother Is" Was Note Left by Suicide

By Associated Press. Charleston, S. C., Sept. 9.—J. H. Williams, aged 55 years, said to be from Jacksonville, committed suicide with a pistol at 1 o'clock this morning on board the Clyde steamship Froquois while the liner was at sea. The bullet entered his mouth and pierced his head, making an ugly wound. Death was practically instantaneous. On hearing the shot which startled sleeping passengers, officers rushed to him but he was dead when reached.

Coroner's Inquest. Williams was standing on the lower deck, near the stern when he ended his life. The body was turned over to Coroner O'Donnell when the ship reached port and an inquest was held this morning.

SECRETARY FISHER TALKS OF CONTROLLER BAY

By Associated Press. Seattle, Wash., Sept. 9.—Secretary of the Interior Walter Fisher, at a dinner given here last night in his honor declared Controller Bay to be neither the only nor the best harbor for the output of the Behring river coal fields, pronounced the ex "grossly exaggerated" and announced his policy to be the opening and development of the fields, but not under restricted private ownership. The plan of leasing the coal lands, Mr. Fisher said, deserves consideration because it has the approval of the president.

He read extracts from reports showing the successful workings of this system in Australia and New Zealand and also cited the leasing law of Yukon territory.

"The third remedy," he continued, "is that the government shall own and operate the mines. A great many thoughtful men in the United States are of the opinion that the time will come when it will become necessary for the government to regulate the sources of power—fuel and water falls—upon which industry depends."

"However, the opposition which the government ownership and operation must encounter in congress must be considered."

Of the coal lands he said: "I am disappointed of what I saw in the Behring river coal fields. Reports of their extent and character have been grossly exaggerated. I regret this exaggeration because it may have been the means of leading persons to invest in these fields. However, there is valuable coal and the district is one of considerable importance."

The Matsuska coal fields, tributary to Seward, he did not visit, he said, adding: "It is reported to contain better coal than the Behring river field and more of it. However, it is farther from a railroad and farther from a seaport."

"If any foot of Controller Bay is more valuable than another I do not know."

Ruffians Tan And Feather Woman School Teacher

know it. I am not violating any confidence when I say I believe Con troller Bay is not the only possible harbor for the Behring river coal fields and it is far from the best harbor."

Night Target Practice is Planned

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Sept. 9.—Realizing that in time of war a foreign foe under cloak of darkness might creep close to the coast line of the United States and destroy the ocean line defenses, the war department has planned a program of extensive night target practice exercises for the coast artillery corps. One of the biggest drills will take place at Fort Terry, N. Y., from September 15th to 21st. The coast defense soldiers there will fire at a moving target 10x24 feet towed far out into Long Island sound by a tug.

The target will be found by mammoth searchlights and the projectiles, fired from 3-inch guns, will be equipped with tracers specially designed to show the trajectory of a shell and aid the gun crews in accurately aiming the rifles.

The exercises are regarded as fraught with such important possibilities that Brigadier-General Erasmus M. Weaver, chief of the coast artillery corps, and Captains Percy P. Bishop and James F. Howell have been detailed to observe them.

The navy for some time has been drilling its gunners in night firing but in the past the army has given the matter only intermittent attention. This policy has now been changed and the exercises at Fort Terry will later be followed by similar practice at Fort Caswell, N. C.

State Education Board Meeting. Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 9.—The date of the opening meeting of the state education board has been changed from September 20th to September 26th. It will be held in the office of the state commissioner of agriculture at the capitol.

Mr. George Howell, Jr., has gone to Davidson College to begin his college career.

THE JANITOR FRUSTRATED RECALL PLAN

Special to The News. Wilmington, Sept. 9.—The third of a series of citizens' mass meetings was called to meet in the county court house last night to perfect and adopt the petition for a recall of all the newly elected councilmen of the city. The humorous part of the proceeding was that the agitators of the movement had on the two previous meetings utterly neglected to reimburse the janitor of the court house for the extra service necessary for the accommodation of the meeting. That dignitary, last night, instead of opening the doors wide in welcome and lighting the friendly lights illuminating the pathway of the clamoring citizens, grumbling under their burden of oppression, stayed home and smoked his pipe. The mass denounced this as a deep laid damper on their cause. They condemned the act as an intolerable outrage. There were about 250 citizens at the meeting, considerable dwindling from the 800 who massed some nights ago. The trouble started from a sanitary closet the health department of the city was trying to introduce into the outlying regions of the town, to take the place of the old-fashioned surface closet. The council made the ordinance mandatory and the citizens protested and demanded the repeal of the law. The council offered to make a compromise by extending the time of the compulsory acceptance of the closet for 60 days, in order to give the "can" a fair trial. The mass declared the contrivance a nuisance and would not tolerate it but would take immediate steps to have a recall of the council. While the affair has its ridiculous side it may cause considerable dissension. The present leaders of the movement, which has charge from the former leadership, is composed of K. C. Sidberry, Esq., a youthful attorney of the local bar, Mr. John S. Ramos, a defeated candidate for city councilman, and Dr. Russell Bellamy, who is opposed to the present administration, and to the health department particularly. The council is making no statement but it is not thought that they greatly fear being yanked from their positions.

Mrs. Rebecca Britt, the wife of Mr. Joseph Britt, residing just outside the town limits left her home some days ago with her little 4 year old son, ostensibly to visit her doctor, and has not returned. Her disappearance is thought by her husband to be some fancy of a deranged mind, as she is said to have been acting queerly of late. Inquiries revealed that she left the city on a train going in the direction of Sanford, but her course could not be traced further. The young husband is making every effort to locate the missing wife.

Forty Injured in Anti-Food Price Riots

By Associated Press. Brest, France, Sept. 9.—A fierce battle occurred here today when a large mob of cheaper food manufacturers engaged the troops. At least forty persons were injured.

Troops Rushed Out. Paris, Sept. 9.—The government is sending additional troops to the northern departments of France to deal with the food demonstrations which often are instigated by revolutionary societies. Two battalions of troops were sent to Valenciennes, department of Nord, from the Paris garrison today.

Reports that women were parading the streets in protest against the high cost of food and that the rougher element was engaged in plundering shops were received today from Brest, Valenciennes and Roubaix.

Pig Tailed Sailors VISIT NEW YORK.

By Associated Press. New York, Sept. 9.—Four hundred pig tailed sailors holidaying along Broadway and in the narrow streets of New York's Chinatown, will provide novelty for New Yorkers next week. The Orientals will arrive sometime tomorrow on the Chinese cruiser Hai Chi and for a week will have shore leave and the freedom of the city—a courtesy not offered to the ordinary subjects of China.

There was a report current when the approach of the Hai Chi was first announced that the crew would not be permitted to land on American soil because of the Chinese immigration law. H. F. Sisson, the Chinese inspector of the local immigration bureau, set this report at rest promptly by declaring his authority did not extend over Chinese subjects on a man-of-war.

Would Not Incorporate "Hell." Albany, N. Y., Sept. 9.—Secretary of State Lazansky has refused to incorporate "Hell," a proposed New York city concern wishing to conduct cafes city concern wishing to conduct cafes said, in his opinion, it would be against public policy to permit incorporation under such a name.

Steamer Lexington Departs. Savannah, Ga., Sept. 9.—The steamship Lexington of the Merchants & Miners Transportation Company, recently grounded off Battery Bay Island, left for Philadelphia this morning in tow.

Eight Men And Boys Arrested at Shady Bend, Kansas, Charged With Brutal Crime—One Now Serving Jail Sentence.

By Associated Press. Shady Bend, Kas., Sept. 9.—Eight men and boys have been arrested and placed under bond here for alleged connection with the tarring and feathering of a young school teacher, Miss Mary Chamberlain, ten days ago. A strong effort had been made to keep the matter quiet but County Attorney McAndless refused to allow the affair to go uninvestigated. The trials of several of the suspects have been set for next month. Other arrests are expected.

Charge Against Woman Was That She "Had Talked About" Other Women of the Community—Effort to Eush The Matter Up Fails.

By Associated Press. The men arrested are Edward Ricord, E. G. Clark, A. M. Simms, John Schmidt, Watson Schrantz, Jay Fitzwater, Chester Anderson and Delbert Kindlesparger.

Miss Chamberlain belongs to a prominent family. The only excuse given for the affair is that she "had talked about" other women of the community.

It is charged that one of the men under arrest took Miss Chamberlain for a ride in a buggy and that upon reaching a lonely spot on the road he stopped the buggy and ran into the woods. Several men who had gone to the place on motorcycles, it is said, took Miss Chamberlain from the buggy, removed part of her clothing, applied the tar and feathers and left her. Her escort returned later and drove Miss Chamberlain back to her boarding house. Miss Chamberlain was not seriously injured.

Two of the boys already found guilty in the justice of the peace court and sentenced to three months in jail have appealed to the district court and are out on bond.

Edward Ricord, who took the girl to the spot where the attack was made, is serving a sentence of a year in jail for his part in the affair.