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CHARLOTTE N. C., FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 24, 1911

In Eleventh Hour Statement Henry Clay Beattie, Jr. Confessed His Guilt

Died In Electric Chair At 7:24 For Murder Of His Young Wife

Wanted To Be Right With God And Man'

That He Killed His Wife.

Hesitated to Confess Because of Feeling For His Father— Walked Bravely to Chair Without a Quiver.

Richmond. Va., Nov. 24.- in his cell adjoining. Henry Clay Beattle, jr., before his death in the electric chair

◆ confess my guilt of the crime ◆ against me. Much that was pub-♦ lished concerning the details ◆

made."

Beattle's confession was fol-♦ lowed by this statement by at- ♦ ing but the chair. tending ministers: "The statement was signed in

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and the public for whatever sym pathy was felt or expressed."

Many Rumors Afloat.

Throughout the forenoon the city had rung with rumors that Beattie had contessed. These were denied at the penitentiary, where, in connection with the announcement of the death, it was said that the condemned man had tie was dead.

The attending ministers would not Richmond and had secured their permission to make the confession pub-

Eleventh-Hour Confession. The confession evidently was made at the eleventh hour, when Beattie finaily became convinced that all hope of escaping the electric chair had Massed. Two days ago Rev. Dr. Fix anounced that Beattie had said he would not confess. This was ascribed to the act that Beattle desired to spare his dynamos of the city lighting plant ather the blow of admitting guilt after is many protestations of innocence to

In Beattie's mind there was a strugsle between filial devotion and a desire not to go to his death with a lie on He was urged to confess by his spir-

fual advisors and at last broke down.

immediately after the death of Beatbeen made public and there were conflicting reports on the streets, both that it was and was not a confession.

in Death Chamber. was naught but sinister. Straps dan for burial. gled from its arms and back and shining steel clamps appeared in the light of the electrics like tentacles out-

stretched to clasp a victim. Henry Clay Beattie, jr., was abreast in an angle of the room. They and asked forgiveness.

Shuffled their feet uneasily and when "He was convicted of the room." The witnesses were seated, one leaned forward to speak to an-

Then with his two men trooping be- ATTITUDE OF THE hind, he passed out into the building where Beattle awaited the summons

in the Death Chamber. In the death chamber the voice of ure of the Beattle execution

on, it seemed to the witnesses interinity that the law occupied only a brief moment.

Then with Beattie between them the deputy wardens began their progress stituted the electric chair for the deputy wardens began their progress.

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Took His Place Like a Man. The statement was signed in the presence of the two attending ministers and is the only ing ministers and is the only ingular and is the only ingular and is the only ingular and is the o *Mr. Beattie desired to thank the many friends for kind letters and expressions of interest and the men stepped back. Meets Death.

The warden raised his hand. Instantly Beattie's body stiffened with such violence that the straps creaked with the strain, the clamps rattled as though they were castanets in the hands of death and then that which

Died at 7:24. It was just 7:23 when the shock was applied. One minute later Beat-

with a stethoscope had listened for boy in the city was selling them another faint beating of the heart that like hot cakes and calling for more. discuss the case in any way until they had visited Beattle's parents in South Richmond and had saven the stepped back. "He Is Dead."

> Young Beattie's death chamber was below ground. It has no windows. Because of its isolation and the death cells adjoining, the chamber is silent as an abandoned tomb. Into one corner of the chamber a black cable drooped. It was the heavy main wire leading from the

dynamo for the fatal shock. Over this cable pourned 2,200 volts bands of electricity. It was as silent as signers. it was deadly. There was no purring of dynamos to indicate its fatai power. When the executioner turned on the full voltage and the body responded to the fearful shock the witnesses gasped. There was no

ities do not depend on their own

warning. Fora full minute the current racthe was announced the penitentiary ed through the body cells of the penitentiary ed through the body cells of the condemned man condemned youth. For five seconds had made no statement. It developed it was kept at its maximum power however, that he had left a and then was diminished slowly durstatement, written in his own ing about twelve seconds. When the hand, with his spiritual advisers. Up needle on the indicator pointed to 11 a. m. this statement had not 200 volts it remained stationary been made with there three seconds and then slowly through another twelve seconds moved around again to maximum mittee in Washington at noon, January

full minute Arrent was shut off. was instantaneous, de prison surgeon. The nad been taken in the the electrodes and in the straps and clamps to any strain. There was no slip. The murderer's exit was as painless as modern sci-

ence could provide The witnesses filed out. One or two were ghastly pale as they stepped into

chamber where Beattie was to offer laid to await the coming of the coro-death penalty for the brutal murder his atonement. There was no con-ner who arrived shortly afterwards of Miss Ethel Shuler, a crime com-fession.

Rev. Dr. Fix remained as the sole mitted October 8, in Swain county. watcher.

ness. The chair, a solid structure of oak, would ordinarily have appeared like the chairs seen in scores of libraries throughout the land. In the som-berly have chamber, however the chair berly bare chamber, however, the chair his guilt. In this the body was clad at 10:30 o'clock. The electric cur-

> Dover, Del., Nov. 24.—"Is that so? I am glad he made a clean breast of it," declared Mr. Owen when told six that Beattie had confessed the crime

By Asociated Press. Richmond, Va., Nov. 24.—One featthe warden could be plainly heard, aroused a great deal of interest and to the murder of his wife. The reading to the doomed man the final speculation was the attitude assumed reading to the doomed man the final speculation was the attitude assumed. statement which was given out summons. The warden's voice droned toward it by the Virginia newspapers on, it seemed to the witnesses intermi- which are forbidden by a state statement which are forbidden by a state statement.

toward the chair only a few feet away. hangman's noose, the Virginia legis-Prisoner Sees Chair. lature wrote this paragraph into the When the procession, followed by statute. "No newspaper or person lature wrote this paragraph into the Superintendent Wood, started, a signal shall print or publish the details was not true, but the awful fact, was given which plunged the death of the execution of criminals under without the harrowing circum
chamber into blackness save for a this act. Only the fact that the crimstances, remains. For this ac
single light immediately over the chair, inal was executed shall be printed single light immediately over the chair, inal was executed shall be printed

> The legislature, however, failed to provide a penalty for a violation of the section. Hitherto the law has ness. The witnesses scarce could see been complied with out of respect to state authority but the Beattle case has so enthralled the state during the past several months that there There was no delay in preparing for the end. Beattle took his place, the newspapers would feel compelled to

> > Continued on Page Three. NEWS EXTRA SELLS

LIKE HOT CAKES.

The News' extra issued this morning and containing the account of once had been Henry Clay Beattie, Beattie was a record breaker. There orately the running of the first page Jr., relaxed. one of them were sold in the first swick. half hour. The forms were sent to press three times as the previous The surgeon had gone forward and editions were sold out. Every newsboy in the city was selling them This was a record breaking issue Brunswick county, and to the st for any Charlotte extra.

would be advisable to increase the legation guards.

An edict just issued orders Sheng Yung, the new governor of the prov-ince of Shen Si, to proceed to his post immediately in order to supress bands of outlaws and protect, for-Piracy on the west river is so ram-

obliged to suspend their services. Several of their steamers have been looted and some of the officers and

WILL DECIDE ON DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Mount Clemens, Mich., Nov. 24.-The time and place for holding the Demo-cratic national convention will be de-cided by the democratic national com-Story of Execution.

Where it remained vibratory for three seconds. Then back to the made today by Norman E. Mack, chair-three seconds. Then back to the made today by Norman E. Mack, chair-maximum twice again it took its man of the committee.

were ghastly pale as they stepped into the early morning light.

Carriages were waiting for the witnesses and they were driven rapidly away. The identity of but few was though the murky dawn up the down upon the city. They were quickflow upon the city. They were quickflow upon the city. They were quickflow phases and they were driven rapidly away. The identity of but few was to offer the follow his example and declaring he fully deserved the punishment he was receiving. Ross from the chair and taken to the morturary room adjoining. Here it was laid to await the coming of the corollar in east portions; Saturday fair, colder in east portions; Saturday fair, where the early morning light.

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Special to The News.

Raleigh, Nov. 24.—Sending greetings and messages to his fellow in dians in Swain county, entreating that none of them follow his example and declaring he fully deserved the punishment he was receiving. Ross from the chair and taken to the morturary room adjoining. Here it was laid to await the coming of the corollar in east portion; brisk and high northwest winds.

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rent of 1,800 watts voltage was turned on twice by Warden Sales bewas waiting out side the death chamber with a casket in which to place publication. "He was convicted on circumstan- his grandson and convey the remains tial evidence and this fact left a to the Cherokee home in Swain from tuberculosis of the lungs when doubt in the minds of some people.

VIRGINIA NEWSPAPERS.

Wm. J. Cummins Gets Prison Term

By Associated Press. New York, Nov. 24.-William J. Cummins, the Nashville Tenn., bank- 'Get it.'

er and the head of the suspended Carnegie Trust Company, of this city, recently convicted of the theft of \$140,000 from a trust fund held sentence in the state prison of four years and eight months to eight CARRYING OUT THE years and eight months.

Immediately after sentence was pronounced counsel for Cummins moved for an arrest of judgment pending an By Associated Press.

IT WAS A BIG BLOW-OUT AT SOUTHPORT.

Wilmington, Nov. 24.—Southpor were issued 2,500 papers and every senger train into that beautiful ut-

It marked also the birth of a port, and several thousands eartily in the celebration.

History was made at Southport and the occasion will ever be a memoriable one to the citizens of steel rails that now stretches from TO INCREASE LEGATION GUARD. Navassa almost to the very water edge in the harbor of Southpert gives to the county, the state and the Peking, Nov. 24.—At a meeting of ministers representing the foreign powers here itw as decided that it would be advisable to indeed that it North State among the very fore most of the nation's richest territo

The Atlantic Coast Line engin No. 456, gaily decorated and drawing a gaily decorated train of cars, thronged with enthusiastic visitors, drew into the city of Southport this pant that the British steamboat morning shortly after 11 o'clock to companies of Hong Kong have been obliged to suspend their services. swick county and the city-cheers that were given willingly and from passengers killed. The British torpedo boat destroyers have left Hong Kong to patrol the West river. this train signify Southports cipation from years of isolation and open up to the town a future which heretofore has existed only in its

By Associated Press. Abilene, Tex., Nov. 24.—After being delayed two days by wind, Aviator Robert Fowler resumed his flight to New York. He planned to make his first stop at Eastland, 58 miles from

THE WEATHER.

North Carolina, rain this afternoon, fair and much colder tonight, cold wave in east and • central portions; Saturday fair, •

The Patterson Murder Irial

fore the physicians pronounced life terson, who today resumed the witness the attorney general has extinct. The old grandfather of the prisoner, John Talala, 82 years old, murdering her husband was unfit for transfer Mr. Morse murdering her husband, was unfit for transfer Mr. Morse to the United

Taking up the subject of Patterson's one leaned forward to speak to an doubt in the minds of some people. One minute after the current other his action was received with doubt in the minds of some people. One minute after the current other his action was received with doubt in the minds of some people. One minute after the current other his action was received with doubt in the minds of some people. One minute after the current other his action was received with doubt in the minds of some people. One minute after the current other his action was received with doubt in the minds of some people. One minute after the current other his action was received with doubt in the minds of some people. One minute after the current other his action was received with doubt in the minds of some people. One minute after the current other his action was received with doubt in the minds of some people. Out to be buried in the family burying ground. The leave-taking the was killed—Mrs. Patterson said tween the old man and his like had nursed him until a physician ordered her to take a rest. She continued to visit him, however, and one day she testified, he exclaim-

"He pated his pillow," continued the Charle witness, "and said, 'I have the thing er to the lat Fort M

you as sure as I live." In July 1910 witness said she filed

ey, saying he wanted to go west for lanta prison, will be removed from his health," narrated Mrs. Patterson. that institution within a few days to

millionaire whose name has been brought into the case. Mrs. Patterson said she refused this request and her husband beat her. Later she said York, and H. F. Doughtery, one of

obtained an order directing the trict attorney to show cause why note of reasonable doubt should not issue. The order is returnable next Monday.

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Trial of Dr. Hyde. y Associated Press.

Kansas City, Nov. 24.—The death honas H. Swope and the circum-tances of the fatal day were retailed lly to the jurors in the second trial probably be given a pardon.

Atlanta, Nov. 24.—Warden Wil-B. Clark Hyde by Miss Pearl sia Kellar, nurse who took up told the jury of the capsule

Dr. Hyde took from a pink box ad her to give to Colonel Swope. Tate alleges the capsule contained

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North Carolina Conference Session

Kinston, N. C., Nov. 24 .- During the

misappropriated church funds. A confession to that effect was received from him, with the other statement that he did so with the hope of replacing the same.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Nov. 26 nouncement of the transfer was made in the following statement gives out at the white house today:

"Application has been ma president on behalf of Charles States army hospital Pherson, Atlanta, where treatment while of the federal

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Wash treatment. The transfer of Morse is suit in Chicago for divorce and went to be made because of poor health. to live with her parents in Sandoval, Washington, Nov. 24.—If there Washington, Nov. 24.—If there is

is. no legal objection, C. W. Morse, the "My husband kept after me for mon-New York banker, now in the At-"When I told him I had none he said a point near Atlanta and placed un-Get it.'"

der observation by physicians to determine whether his physical conditional der observation by physicians to determine whether his physical conditional der observation by physicians to determine whether his physical conditional der observation by physicians to determine whether his physical conditional der observation by physicians to determine whether his physical conditional der observation by physicians to determine whether his physical conditional der observation by physicians to determine whether his physical conditional der observation by physical conditional der observation der obs tion is such that he should be pardoned by President Taft.

District Attorney Wise, of New in a bad condition. Mr. Wickersham The three are Everett Clark, wealthy DISSOLUTION PLAN. recently made a hurried and unannounced trip to Atlanta. It develops now that it was to see Morse per-Trenton, N. J., Nov. 24.--As a part of sonally. The present negotiations

> Attorney-General Wickersham busily looking into the legal aspects of such a removal. It was said the matter would be taken up at the cabinet meeting today. Morse is not eligible for parole, but if his health is found to be as bad as Mr. Wickersham himself understands it to be, the banker will

liam H. Moyer, of the United States liam H. Moyer, of the United States was too great and a few hours later prison in this city, where Charles they returned to the scene of their they returned to the scene of their W. Morse, the New York banker, is confined is in the east and no statement relative to Mr. Morse's transfer or release could be obtained. It is understood, however, that the New was largely on Miss Kellar's testi- York banker is suffering from kidney mony that the accused physician was trouble and that while his condition is not at present critical it is claimed is not at present critical it is claimed that he cannot live in the close confinement of a prison:

Southern Train

By Associated Press. Scotland, Ga., Nov. 24.-Two men

and several pasengers badly shaken up No. 14, bound from Macon to Jackson ville, collided with an extra north bound train. Engineer Hugh Brantley, of Macon, in charge of the extra train, and an unidentified express messenger are dead, while another unknown express messenger is fatally injured. The cause of the collision has not been

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Liverpool, Nov. 24.—Ten work ers were killed and fifty others injured in an explosion at J. Bibby & Sons' oil cake mills
 here today.

Men could be seen at every window tically appealing for ladders were quickly at the scene and

he wil have many of the men were saved. hair of these brought down told of the

be determin. Many of those who were taken to the hospital are suffering from shocking injuries. Some of them have lost legs or arms and others are fearfully

Lincoln Center, Kas., Nov. 24.-Three members of the mob who confessed to participation in the tarring sentenced by Justice Davis in the supreme court to an indetermediate sentence in the state prison of four eral days ago. The attorney general to terms of a year each in jail today.

> The jury trying three men for conmplicity in the tarring had not agreed at noon. The testimony of witnesses Chester Anderson and E. G. Clark, which the jury requested near midnight last night be read to them again.

was gone over many times. On every hand today were heard predictions that the jury would be Two of the defendants spent practically all of last night in the court room, sleeping on benches. They were Sherrill Clark and John Schmidt. After Judge Grover lett

about 1 o'clock Schmidt departed to meet Clark, who had preceded him to their hotel. But the suspense It was said that the cases of the defendants who pleaded guilty might be disposed of today. It was known their attorneys desired sentence de

ferred until the next term of court but Judge Grover made no definite promise that he would do this. The three men sentenced today were told they would be given ample time to arrange their affairs before being committed to jail.

None of the men seemed surprised at the action of the court. They think Reported in Wreck paroles will be exercised after they have served a short time it is said have served a short time, it is said. "Have you any reason to give why sentence should not be passed?" the

court asked each man. Constructively, explained the court, the prisoners would be henceforth in the sheriff's charge. All, however, are

free on bonds. COMMERCE THRATENED

BY BLOCKADE.

By Associated Press. Constantinople, Nov. 24.—Neutral commerce is seriously threatened by the proposed blockade of the Dar-danelles by Italy, and Turkey's con-sequent defensive measures. The ambassadors of the foreign

powers here are conferring on the subject as it is believed that Italian action will not be delayed much of the Adriatic Chicago, Ill., Nov. 24.—Mrs. Jane action will not be delayed much of the Adriatic Quinn, whose husband was found shot to death in his bed recently, was charged with his murder in an indiction of peace at the believed that Italian action will not be delayed much longer. It is thought that Italian action will not be delayed much longer. It is thought that Italian action will not be delayed much longer. It is thought that Italian action will not be delayed much longer. It is thought that Italian action will not be delayed much longer. It is thought that Italian action will not be delayed much longer. It is thought that Italian action will not be delayed much longer. It is thought that Italian action will not be delayed much longer. It is thought that Italian action will not be delayed much longer. It is thought that Italian action will not be delayed much longer. It is thought that Italian action will not be delayed much longer. It is thought that Italian action will not be delayed much longer. It is thought that Italian action will not be delayed much longer. It is thought that Italian action will not be delayed much longer. It is thought that Italian action will not be delayed much longer. It is thought that Italian action will not be delayed much longer. It is thought that Italian action will not be delayed much longer. It is thought that Italian action will not be delayed much longer. It is thought that Italian action will not be delayed much longer. It is thought that Italian action will not be delayed much longer. It is thought that Italian action will not be delayed much longer. It is thought that Italian action will not be delayed much longer. It is thought that Italian action will not be delayed much longer. It is thought that Italian action will not be delayed much longer. It is the property of the longer will not be delayed much longer. It is the property of the longer will not be delayed much ment returned by the grand jurytoday. Constantinople.