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QUIET ABOUT BEATTIE CELL

The Little Town That Has Been Filled With People so Many Days Deserted

BEATTIE TO THE PEN

The Convicted Prisoner Will Probably Be Taken to the State Penitentiary Today to Await Execution November 24th, or the Possible Granting of a Writ of Error by the Court of Appeals—Many Lawyers Believe Writ Will Not Be Granted—Community Received Verdict With Little Surprise—Sympathy For Father.

Chesterfield, Sept. 9.—Severe reputation of Beulah Binford as the girl from whom he tried vainly to detach himself, and 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 of wife murder.

He lamented bitterly that any other jury, composed of city folks with worldly views, would have been more merciful.

"Fearfully unfair," he muttered in his cell, when asked his opinion of the verdict. "Beulah Binford," he added, "figured largely in the verdict more than the testimony of the killing. These country folks cannot understand how women of the world can be crazy about you."

"They don't know when that happens, how very hard it is to get rid of her. I have been drifting along, hoping against hope that something would occur to enable me to rid myself of that Binford girl. And once a woman of that kind feels you no longer take any interest in her she usually seeks suicide in suicide. So I drifted along, waiting for a chance to break off relations with her without her hurting herself. I tried hard to persuade her in the meantime to live a proper life. I have not given up hope. I cannot feel an innocent man will be permitted to suffer for this hideous crime."

Rumors are abroad that Beattie would never die in the electric chair, but would find means of committing suicide, as a last resort.

Scene About the Jail.

Chesterfield, Va., Sept. 9.—The guardsmen who patrolled the little stone Chesterfield jail today, were the only persons Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., convicted last night of murdering his wife, saw as he looked out upon the pastoral scene which until last night was dotted with hundreds of his fellow townsmen. The quiet landscape of Virginia fields that met Beattie's eyes unused to the excitement of a murder trial. Today it was deserted. Jailer Cogbill brought the prisoner breakfast. He ate it in silence. His thin, pallid face, wore a flickering smile as he gazed through the grated windows at two newspaper men loitering on the grass. Some time before night fall it is expected Beattie will be taken to the

TARGET PRACTICE FOR THE COAST ARTILLERY

Washington, Sept. 9.—Realizing that a foreign enemy in war might creep to the coastline and destroy our defenses. The war department is planning an extensive night-target practice for the coast artillery. One of the most important drills will be at Fort Terry, N. Y., September 15-21. The soldiers will fire at moving target at Long Island Sound with three inch guns, the projectiles having tracers. Chief Coast Artillery Brigadier General Weaver and other officers have been detailed to observe the practice. It marks a changed policy. Similar exercises will be made later at Fort Caswell, N. C.

Died in Dentist's Chair. New York, Sept. 9.—Olin A. Franahan, a mechanical engineer, of international reputation, died suddenly while in the dentist's chair undergoing an operation for an abscessed tooth.

WOULD ELECT DEMOCRAT

Republican Insurgents on Nomination of Taft

Say That It Would Mean the Election of a Democrat—Are Sending Out Statements From Their Headquarters in Washington to That Effect—Figures as They Give Them Out.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 9.—Statistics intended to show the danger of re-nominating President Taft are to be circulated widely throughout the country by the insurgent republicans. These new figures were obtained at the new headquarters of the progressive republicans here today. The electoral vote under the reapportionment act recently passed is analyzed, giving the democrats a big majority in the electoral college if Taft is the candidate they have to beat.

First, the states which went democratic in 1908 are listed as surely democratic under any circumstances, and those which were won away from the republicans in 1910 are listed as very probably democratic if Taft runs again. This would give a total as sure democratic and probable democratic, 318.

Table with 2 columns: States, Electoral Vote. Lists states like Arizona, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland and their respective electoral votes.

COTTON ESTIMATE PLACED AT 650,000

Maj. W. A. Graham this afternoon made public the estimate of the North Carolina cotton crop, as follows:

"Estimate of the North Carolina cotton crop for 1911, made by the State Department of Agriculture, upon reports made by delegates to the Farmers' Convention at Raleigh, August 29, 1911 ult., and correspondence with counties not reporting, 650,000 bales. Reports since the session of the convention have add declined."

TO RESCUE SCHOONER

Derelet Destroyer Seneca Goes From New York to Render Assistance to Annie P. Highriter—Makes Stop at Southport for Supplies.

Wilmington, N. C., Sept. 9.—The United States derelict destroyer Seneca, with headquarters at New York city arrived at Southport yesterday morning on the way south to render assistance to the schooner Annie P. Highriter, which is ashore off Cape Romaine. This is the first trip of the Seneca to the Cape Fear River section. It was stated in marine circles that so far as is known, this is the first southern trip of the derelict destroyer. The Seneca is one of the finest boats in the government service used for destroying derelicts on the Atlantic coast. A message was received here yesterday morning stating that the Seneca had arrived at Southport harbor and asking that supplies be sent. The materials as ordered were sent to the Seneca on the steamer Wilmington, by firm of C. D. Maffitt & Co.

BRIBER SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS

Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 9.—Rodney Diegle, former sergeant-at-arms of the Ohio state senate, recently convicted of aiding and abetting in the alleged bribery of State Senator Andrews, was sentenced to serve three years in the penitentiary.

Kidnapped Child Murdered. Madison, Wis., Sept. 9.—The body of seven-year-old Annie Lemberger, kidnapped Wednesday night, was found in Lake Monona today. She was murdered.

ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY

The Witnesses Testify that Property is not Assessed at its True Value

CASE OF THE RAILROADS

Seven Witnesses Before the State Tax Commission, at the Request of the S. A. Officials Testifying as to the True and Assessed Valuation of Property in Several Towns and Counties—Witnesses From New Hanover, Durham, Moore, Mecklenburg and Chatham Counties.

Seven witnesses, summoned before the state tax commission at the request of officials of the Seaboard Air-Line Railway, testified today as to the valuation, true and assessed, of property in their towns or counties. The evidence of these witnesses was to the effect that real property has not been assessed at its true worth.

Mr. H. F. Wilder and Mr. W. M. Cummings, of Wilmington, stated that real property in New Hanover county was assessed at about 60 per cent. of its true value, though they said that the question of values was one about which there is difference of opinion.

Sheriff J. F. Harward and Mr. Elliott, of Durham, said that property in that county was assessed at about 60 per cent. of its true value.

State Senator D. A. McDonald, of Carthage, Moore county, gave evidence as to the value of farm lands in his county. He said the increase had been from 20 to 25 per cent., and that property was assessed at from 60 to 70 per cent. of its real value.

Mr. A. W. Brown, real estate man of Charlotte, said the assessment in Mecklenburg county was on an average of from 40 to 50 per cent., some of the property being assessed higher than this and other pieces lower. He said he was a member of the tax board in 1907, and was also a member of the board of equalization. The increase in assessments was greater in the county than in Charlotte, particularly in the Selwyn hotel was assessed at about \$75,000, rented for \$18,000 a year, was mortgaged for \$100,000, and was worth between \$150,000 and \$200,000. The hotel pays no dividends and has never been a money-maker. The Commercial National Bank paid \$50,000 for its building and site and this is assessed at \$18,000.

Maj. H. A. London, editor of the Chatham Record, said he was an unwilling witness, but stated that property in his county was not assessed at its selling value. He thought property was higher in the towns than in the county. Property is assessed at about two-thirds of its value, that being the tacit understanding of the officials.

Seaboard officials here today were Judge Lech Watts, general counsel, Portsmouth; Mr. W. L. Stanley, general claim agent, Portsmouth; Mr. R. M. Coffey, claim agent at Portsmouth; Mr. E. S. Burgess, tax agent; Portsmouth, and Mr. Hugh Hinde, claim agent at Monroe. Mr. Stanley presented petitions in an effort to substantiate the contentions of the railroad that real property is undervalued for purposes of taxation. Mr. Jas. H. Pou, conducted the examination of witnesses, the cross-examination being conducted by Chairman McNeill, although Messrs. Lee and Travis asked questions.

IDEA OF ANNEXATION CAUSES NEAR-RIOT

Detroit, Sept. 9.—Windsor, Canada, had a near riot yesterday as the result of the display of the Australian New Zealand flag in decorations in honor of Laurier. The populace grew excited, suggesting annexation, after reciprocity.

Cruise of the Black Cat.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 9.—Four hundred lumbermen, with their wives and friends, departed from Detroit today on the steamship City of Cleveland for a five day's cruise on the upper lakes. The lumbermen are members of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo and the cruise is in connection with the twentieth annual convention of that fraternal order, the sessions of which will be held on board the boat. The cruise will be through Georgia Bay to the Soo, returning down the east shore of Lake Huron.

RIOTS BECAUSE OF HIGH PRICES OF FOOD

Paris, Sept. 9.—Reports from Valenciennes say women are parading the streets protesting against the high cost of food and the higher element is engaged in plundering shops. The movement is sending additional troops to the northern departments to meet the situation.

EARLY MORNING ALARM BUT NO SERIOUS FIRE

A small blaze in the elevator which adjoins the coal chute of the Seaboard Air Line Railway at 7:59 today caused an alarm of fire from box 47. The fire companies were prompt to respond and a little water poured on the troubled splinters did the work. The damage was nothing, but the alarm was turned in for fear the fire might reach the coal chute and soon get beyond control.

COMMISSIONER YOUNG HOME FROM MILWAUKEE

Mr. James R. Young, insurance commissioner, returned last night from Milwaukee, where he attended a conference of insurance commissioners of the various states. This was one of his best conventions of his kind ever held. Mr. Young says there was great interest in the sessions.

TO TEST NEW YORK'S NEW WEAPON LAW

New York, Sept. 9.—Henry Backer, a German resident of Seattle, Washington, was arrested as he was about to sail for Europe, because he carried a shotgun in a case. The case is to test the new New York law, making possession of a dangerous weapon by an alien a felony, punishable by seven years imprisonment.

Milwaukee Bride to Live Abroad.

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 9.—Two thousand guests attended the wedding this afternoon of Miss Ruth Mitchell, daughter of the late United States Senator John L. Mitchell, and William van Rheinvelt van Breda of London. The wedding took place at Meadowmere, the country home of the bride's mother, on the outskirts of Milwaukee. The bridegroom is a practicing lawyer in London, where he and his bride will make their home.

Celebrate Church Founding.

Geneva, Ill., Sept. 9.—The seventy-fifth anniversary of the organization of the First Congregational Church of this place will be celebrated with an elaborate programme of jubilee exercises, commencing tomorrow and continuing for three days. The society had its preliminary organization at Bergen, N. Y., Sept. 13, 1836, just as the members of the colony which came to the Illinois prairies were preparing to leave their homes here. Of the charter members there is only one living, Mrs. Harriet T. Miller of Geneva.

SCHOOL OPENS MONDAY

Fall Term to Begin With Splendid Prospects

Number of Children Will Be Ineligible Because of Vaccination Rules—Teachers Hold Meeting to Perfect Plans for Session.

The Raleigh public schools will begin the fall term Monday morning with prospects of a good school year. The attendance may be reduced slightly on account of the new rule requiring that all children shall have been vaccinated, but it is expected that the number of students will not be materially changed one way or another.

SOME PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE OLD RALEIGH

Mr. C. B. Edwards has presented to Secretary Olds of the Chamber of Commerce some photographs of Raleigh in former days. One of these was taken about 1875, and two others about 1891, during the celebration of Raleigh's centennial. Secretary Olds desires to secure every old photograph of Raleigh to be had, in order that copies may be made. He has a map of the city in 1872, made by a Frenchman, Camille Drie, this being a gift from Richard H. Battle, Esq. There must be quite a number of photographs of Raleigh taken since the Civil war, say up to ten or fifteen years ago, when so many changes began to be made. In 1881 a great many photographs were made and especially exhibited in the Raleigh and Wake county section of the state exposition. This particular series of pictures, about a hundred in number, or perhaps even more, were made by Mr. Baldwin von Herff, then one of the state chemists; now residing in New York. Secretary Olds will be glad to get any pictures of Old Raleigh from any source, or to secure any information regarding such pictures.

Zepelin Balloon Sails.

Cochs, Germany, Sept. 9.—Zepelin dirigible balloon, Schwaben, sailed with six passengers this morning on the first stage of a trip from Baden-Baden to Berlin.

IGNORED A SUBPOENA IN HANDS OF SHERIFF

Percey Jones, a colored man who lives near Garner, ignored a subpoena issued for him by Judge R. B. Peebles, who is presiding over court at Lillington, and Deputy Sheriff Ferrell, of Harnett county came and got him. Percey left her last evening in charge of the officer. He is wanted as a witness for the defense in the case of State against Zack Marks, a white man, who is being tried at Lillington on the charge of murder. The crime is alleged to have occurred several years ago, and Marks was arrested on complaint of his wife in Florida, because of some domestic irregularities.

Wilson Endorsed for President.

Jersey City, Sept. 9.—The Hudson county democratic committee unanimously endorsed Woodrow Wilson for president. The action is expected to be followed by committees throughout the state.

GOVSHEE OF DURHAM JUDGE

Governor Kitchin this Afternoon Named the Durham Man, as Successor to Judge Biggs

WERE FOUR CANDIDATES

There Were Four Candidates, Mr. Foushee, Jacob A. Long, of Graham, A. Wayland Cooke of Greensboro and A. A. Hicks, of Oxford—Mr. Foushee is a Native of Person County, But for Many Years Has Been a Resident of Durham—Partner of Judge Manning.

Mr. Howard A. Foushee of Durham was this afternoon named by Governor Kitchin as judge of the ninth judicial district to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge J. Crawford Biggs, who has accepted a professorship in the Trinity law school. Judge Foushee will serve until the next election in 1912, when his successor will be elected.

PEPPER IS 80 YEARS OLD.

Pictures of Ex-Senator From Kansas Gives Vindication of His Policies.

Topeka, Kas., Sept. 9.—Former Senator William A. Pepper, who represented Kansas in the United States senate from 1881 to 1887, and who was one of its most picturesque members, will celebrate his eightieth birthday anniversary. For nearly a decade after leaving the senate Mr. Pepper continued to reside in Washington, but last spring he returned to Topeka to spend the remaining days of his life.

It is with a sense of the utmost satisfaction that the former senator reverts to the part he has played in public affairs. In the current trend of the people's will he sees a vindication of his theories and, in part at least, a fulfillment of what as a senator he demanded. In a recent interview he said: "The country now hotly demands legislation it abused me for advocating. I anticipated the evils against which it now cries out."

Unfilled Steel Tonnage.

New York, Sept. 9.—The United States Steel corporation announced unfilled tonnage on books August 31, was 3,895,925 tons, against 3,584,085 tons July 31st.

Lawn Tennis Championship.

Philadelphia, Sept. 9.—H. H. Whitney, of Harvard, won the intercollegiate lawn tennis championship in singles, defeating A. H. Mann, of Yale. Score, 6-1; 6-2; 6-2.