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BEATTIE CONFESSES TO MURDER OF WIFE

KILLED HIS WIFE

Left Written Confession That He Was Guilty of the Crime of Murdering His Wife

CONFESSED MURDERER CALMLY WENT TO DEATH

Confessed Man Went to Chair Unshaken—Solemn Scene in Death Chamber—Everything Moved Precisely and There Was No Delay in Preparing for the End—Pronounced Dead One Minute After the Shock Was Applied—Some of the Witnesses Ghastly Pale After the Ordeal—Story of the Crime.

BEATTIE CONFESSES.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 24.—Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., before his death in the electric chair confessed to the murder of his wife as follows: "I, Henry Clay Beattie Jr., desirous of standing right before God and man, do on this the 23rd day of November, 1911, confess my guilt of the crime charged against me. Much that was published concerning the details was not true, but the awful fact, without the harrowing circumstances remains. For this action, I am truly sorry, and, believing that I am at peace with God and man, I go to his presence, and this statement is made."

Richmond, Nov. 24.—The Beattie confession was followed by the following statement by the attending ministers: "This statement was signed in the presence of the two ministers and is the only statement that can and will be made public by them. Mr. Beattie desired to thank the many friends for kind letters and expressions of interest and the public for whatever sympathy was felt or expressed."

In Death Chamber. Richmond, Nov. 24.—Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., was electrocuted in the state prison this morning at 7:23. One minute after the shock he was pronounced dead.

MORSE MAY BE GRANTED A PARDON

Washington, D. C., Nov. 24.—If there are no legal objections, Charles W. Morse, the New York banker, now serving fifteen years in the Atlanta penitentiary, will be removed within a few days to a point near Atlanta and placed under the observation of physicians to determine whether his physical condition is such that he should be granted a pardon by President Taft.

versation. The witnesses were seated, six abreast, before the chair. They shuffled their feet uneasily, and when one leaned forward to speak to another his action was received with frowns. Major Woods, with two deputy wardens, addressed the witnesses, going through the formalities demanded by law. Then with his two men trooping behind, he passed into the building where Beattie awaited the summons. The warden's voice could plainly be heard reading to the doomed man the summons, which seemed to the witnesses interminable. In reality, the compliance with the law occupied only a brief moment. Then with Beattie between them the deputy wardens began their progress toward the chair only a few feet away. When the procession followed by Supt. Woods, started, a signal was given which plunged the death chamber into darkness, save for a single light immediately over the chair. This was so hooded that it outlined the chair in a circle of blazing radiance, so intense that the remainder of the room seemed in utter darkness. The witnesses scarcely could see each other. There was no delay in preparing for the end. Beattie took his place, the prison surgeon and electricians adjusted the straps, half a dozen clamps were quickly thrown into place and the snap cap adjusted and the men stepped back. Raising his hand, the warden gave the signal for the electric current to be turned on, and instantly Beattie's

MANY BLOWN TO DEATH

Terrific Explosion and Fire Spreads Death

Thirty-three Are Known to Be Dead as Result of Explosion in Liverpool Mill—Fire Followed Explosion, Imperiling 400 Workers.

TO USE LIFE-PRESERVERS

Navy Aviators Will Be Equipped With Them. Washington, Nov. 24.—Navy aviators who operate the hydro-aeroplane with which it is expected every American battleship, soon will be equipped with life-preservers. Experiments to perfect the preserver are now being conducted at the navy aviation headquarters at Annapolis by Lieut. John Rodgers, one of the navy fliers. The affair is very similar to the baseball catcher's breast protector and is attached in the same manner. The straps, which go around the neck and waist to keep the apparatus on, will be rubber tubes, and when the preserver is in use these straps, as well as the whole piece, will be inflated. This would keep a man afloat at least, until assistance could reach him.

FAVOR TAFT IN WASHINGTON

Progressives in Pacific Coast State Stand by President. Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 24.—While progressives in the larger Washington counties and many of their leaders openly favor President Taft, declaring that Washington Republicans will give him their almost unanimous support, many progressives oppose the efforts which are being made to induce Governor Hay to call an extra session of the legislature to pass a law permitting a direct primary on presidential candidates. Governor Hay has decided to hold public hearings at Tacoma on



HENRY CLAY BEATTIE, JR., Electrocutted at Richmond, Va., This Morning For Wife Murder.

December 5th to determine this question. Regular Republicans and many of the progressives are vigorously opposing Governor Hay's announced intention of calling an extra session. Only 25 progressives attended the House county meeting here last night. Nearly every speaker favored President Taft and declared against an extra session of the legislature.

WRIGHT ON "PRINT" BETTER

State to Begin Campaign Against Faked Goods. Trenton, Nov. 24.—William Waldron, state superintendent of weights and measures, today inaugurated a campaign against the sellers of underweight "print" butter by sending out to all makers of butter who sell their produce in this state a notice to the effect that on and after January 1 next every "print" of butter sold in New Jersey must contain its net weight on the wrapper. Waldron announces that every violation of the order will be followed by immediate prosecution.

Two Subgrazers Go to Jail.

London, Nov. 24.—Lady Constance Lytton and Lady Sibill Smith, both prominent in the suffragette movement, were sentenced respectively to a fortnight and a week in jail for smashing windows in Tuesday's demonstrations.

Forty-five Perish in Storm.

Tokyo, Nov. 24.—Japanese destroyer Harukane, founded off Shimonoseki, was wrecked today. Forty-five men of the crew of sixty perished.

NO VERDICT YET IN TAR PARTY CASE

Lincoln Center, Kas., Nov. 24.—Judge Grover summoned the jury in the "tar party" case for a conference this morning and was told no agreement had been reached. He admonished them that they must return to their deliberations after the breakfast repast. The court said he might keep the jury together till tomorrow.

Three Confessed Sentenced.

The three confessed members of the "tar party," E. G. Clark, Jay Fitzwater and Watson Scranon, were sentenced to a year each in jail by Judge Grover today. The jury has not yet reached a verdict in the cases of the other three just tried.

Small Town Burning.

Saratov, Russia, Nov. 24.—The small town of Visoko, seventeen miles from here, is burning. Three hundred houses are already in ashes. Many people are destitute.

COLD WAVE IS HERE

It Struck Raleigh Early This Afternoon

Low Temperatures in Northwest Last Night and Today and Wave is Marching Southward—Weather Bureau Issues Warning—Continues Several Days.

Washington, Nov. 24.—The cold wave warning issued for the South and Central North Carolina and South Carolina, Georgia and Northern Florida. Coming from the northwest, where very low temperatures were reported last night, a cold wave struck Raleigh this afternoon, beating by a few minutes the Associated Press dispatch announced its approach. Earlier in the day the local weather bureau notified the office of the approach of the wave. It is not believed that any unusual storms will occur on the coast, and it is unlikely that the weather will continue very cold many days.

BANKERS TO DETROIT

That City Selected as Place of Next Meeting of Bankers. New Orleans, Nov. 24.—Detroit today was selected as the meeting place of the 1912 convention of the American Bankers Association. The time will be named by the executive council at the spring meeting.

BANKER TO PRISON.

New York, Nov. 24.—William J. Cummings, a Nashville banker and head of the subsidized Carnegie Trust Company here, recently convicted of the theft of \$150,000 from the trust fund held by the Carnegie Company, was sentenced today to an indeterminate term in the state prison of four years, eight months to eight years, eight months.

Two Tobacco Firms.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 24.—As part of the plan for dissolution of the so-called tobacco trust, articles were filed with the secretary of state today for the incorporation of P. Lorillard Company, capital \$26,463,200 and for Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company, capital \$46,800,200.

ROSS FRENCH DIED TODAY

Paid Sentence of Death in Electric Chair For Crime of Murder

KILLED ETHEL SHULAR

First Indian to Be Electrocutted in the State of North Carolina, Paid the Penalty Today at the State Prison to Satisfy the Broken Law—Went to His Death Calm and Composed and Watched Carefully the Straps as They Were Buckled Around Him—Grandfather Takes Body Home.

Ross French, the Indian boy, paid the death penalty this morning at the state prison in the electric chair. About sixty people viewed the execution. French was calm and composed as the straps were buckled around his body. His grandfather took the body home. At exactly 10:22, the word was given by Warden Sale and the current was turned on. French was dead in less than a minute. The first execution was carried on at 10:23 and instantly the twenty-four little bulbs began to glow, showing the current to be in perfect order. At 10:25 a second test was made.

Condemned Man Enters

Supported by 120 guards and followed by his regiment officers, Rev. J. E. Kille, pastor of Ambrose Episcopal church, solemnly and Rev. S. M. P. ... The condemned man entered the chamber and took his seat, pressed in a dark suit, looking very light colored. He looked at the all-bleeding Indians for his long stay here had been out and hooded. While the straps were being buckled on him he watched the current intently on their work. He watched carefully every movement made by the attendants until the black strap was moved over his eyes and then he began to read the prayer book in his right hand and his left. While he read the scriptures he had committed his soul to his Maker in hushed low and soft tones, and no one probably knew just what he was uttering in broken English. Everything ready, the signal was given by Dr. T. H. Jordan, and Warden Sale pulled the lever at 10:24 that shot 1800 volts into the young fellow's body. Instantly there was a faint "crackling" humming of the bundles, the arms and legs drawing tight, until a moment the big straps would break as they cracked and strained and the powerful current, back to zero, for a moment the current moved, they back to the limit and out of. As the man's body relaxed and sank limp into the chair, a man's life had been taken to satisfy the broken law.

THIRD DAY OF CONFERENCE

Business of the Conference Is Progressing and Everything Is Well in Hand

THE NEW PREACHERS

Twenty-second Question Completed Yesterday and the Characters of All the Preachers in the Conference Were Passed—Day Began With Another Beautiful Devotional Service—Sessions Are Well Attended, Many People of the City Availing Themselves of the Privilege—Class for Admission on Trial Today.

Richmond, Nov. 24.—The opening of the third day's session of the North Carolina Methodist Conference in the Queen's street Methodist church at 9:30 this morning found the business of the conference well in hand. The twenty-second question was completed on Thursday, the characters of all the members in the conference passing and their reports being given. Those were all good, showing much progress in all lines of church work. The day began with another beautiful devotional service, the singing of the old familiar hymns without music and the reading of the scripture and a short, earnest prayer.

WILL DECIDE MATTER SOON

Judge Peebles to Render Opinion Next Wednesday in Case of Dr. McCullers

WAS ANSWER A SHAM?

Judge Says Idea of Chairman Johnson Not Having Knowledge of What County Board of Health Did Is Ridiculous—Six Philadelphia Lawyers Could Not Have Confused Issue More, He Tells Lawyers—May End Long Controversy.

After hearing discussions in the case of Dr. J. J. L. McCullers against the board of county commissioners for the possession of the office of county superintendent of health, Judge R. B. Peebles left Raleigh today with the promise that he would give his judgment next Wednesday. Judge Peebles estimated, however, that the election of Dr. McCullers September 5th by the county board of health was valid and said that he would hold that the appointment by Dr. W. S. Rankin secretary to the state board of health, was not valid. In the course of the hearing today his honor told counsel for the defendants that he was of the opinion that their answer to the complaint of Dr. McCullers was a sham of the first water, and he thought it highly improbable that a member of the board of health could be entirely ignorant of the actions of that body. Messrs. Beckwith and Simms, for Chairman Johnson and the commissioners, had refused to answer much of the complaint, because they alleged that they did not have sufficient knowledge of the actions of the health board to form an opinion. It was this that the judge thought was a mere sham and he expressed his opinion accordingly.

STATE GAME WARDEN

Constable D. R. Byrum Is Appointed

Honor Came Unsolicited and Duties of Office Will Be Discharged With Ability—Will Continue to Act as Constable Raleigh Township. Raleigh, Nov. 24.—D. R. Byrum, state game warden, was appointed today as game warden and he was sworn in as this officer. He succeeded the late John R. McArthur, who held the office for many years. Mr. Byrum will work under the direction of the State Audubon Society and he will be his duty to see that the state game laws are enforced. They will do this duty those who know the man have no doubt he will do it well. Mr. Byrum took the oath of office today before Clerk of the Superior Court Milton M. and filed his bond of \$100. He will continue to act as constable of Raleigh township, the additional duties of game warden not interfering with that work. The honor came to Mr. Byrum unsolicited and unsought, and was in recognition of his fearlessness and integrity as an officer. He has been constable since 1903, and he has measured up fully to the requirements of the office. Mr. Byrum possesses ability and courage and he will discharge his new duties with ability.

CONFUSION WORSE CONFOUNDED.

"If you gentlemen," remarked Judge Peebles today, "had got about six Philadelphia lawyers to help you, you could not have got the thing in more confusion than it is." Referring to Dr. Johnson's answer, the judge said: "The idea of his not having sufficient knowledge to form a brief is ridiculous," and turning to counsel asked, "Don't you believe Johnson believed it was so?"

Must Have Documents.

Judge Peebles took a batch of documents with him and requested the attorneys to forward the rest tonight. He will make up his mind here now and Wednesday as to whether Dr. McCullers was legally elected by the county board of health and if he holds that the doctor was legally elected the system of fees will likewise be valid. Mr. Beckwith contended that the board of county commissioners had not been regularly notified of any election by the board of health and that the commissioners had elected a registered physician to do the work of county health officer and that there was no vacancy.

May End Long Litigation.

The order of Judge Peebles next Wednesday is expected to bring to an end a matter that has been in dispute since last May, and has been

TWO BOYS BURN TO DEATH

Mother and His Father Injured in Effort to Smother Flames. Baltimore, Nov. 24.—Two children were burned to death here as the result of a desire on their part to play with fire. Another child and his father were burned on the hands and feet.

SHOW GIRL BURSTS INTO TEARS AT TRIAL

New York, Nov. 24.—Lillian Graham, the show girl, who with Ethel Conrad, is charged with attempting to kill W. E. D. Stokes, millionaire horseman last June, burst into tears in the court today when Stokes declared on the stand that he had refused to give her \$500, because he was married "and the incident might be misinterpreted." Miss Conrad comforted her by words and caresses but the trial was uninterrupted. Stokes testified that he met the Graham girl in 1906 and gave her money on several occasions. Later, the Graham girl had lived in his Ansonian hotel here. He gave her money to go to Paris. When he saw her in May last he said she was seeking a position on the stage and wanted \$500.

WRECK OF SOUTHERN PASSENGER TRAINS

Scotland, Ga., Nov. 24.—Southern passenger train No. 14, bound from Chattanooga and Atlanta to Jacksonville, collided head-on with an extra train at 4:05 o'clock this morning, killing Engineer Brantley and one express messenger and badly injuring Engineer Raby and Baggage Master Anchors and an express messenger and fireman of No. 14. Several passengers were badly injured. Austrian Steamer Wrecked. Vienna, Nov. 24.—The Austrian steamer Romania was wrecked today near Rovigno. It is reported that sixty persons drowned. A Sierco swept the coast of the Adriatic for three days, causing much damage to shipping. Will Increase Legation Guards. Peking, Nov. 24.—A meeting of the ministers of foreign powers decided it advisable to increase the legation guards.