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## A NEW TRIAL IS REFUSED.

Henry C. Beattie Must Die in Electric Chair.—His Only Hope Now Lies With the Governor.

Roxboro, Va., Nov. 13.—Henry C. Beattie, Jr., convicted murderer, whom the supreme court of appeals refused to grant a new trial this morning, was visited in the death chamber this afternoon by his father, his 11-year-old sister, his aunt, Mrs. Rowman, and his chief counsel, Harry M. Smith. The elder Beattie had made a previous visit to the death chamber and had informed his son of the action of the court. The second visit was for the purpose of extending whatever cheer the presence of members of his family and his counsel might bring.

The sight of his beautiful sister visibly affected Beattie more than any thing since he entered the death cell, even the fatal announcement his father had made a few hours before. Nothing has yet broken that apparently impenetrable nerve that has been characteristic of the young man since the night of his wild ride in an automobile down the Middlethian turnpike into the road of Thomas Owen, supporting the slain body of his wife with one arm.

The news of the action of the supreme court of appeals naturally affected Beattie. While his face at the approach of his father wore the same smile that was so noticeable at the trial and during his imprisonment in jail, the announcement of his father caused a sober expression to appear and he assumed the old look of determination and defiance that he displayed during the time when damaging testimony was being given.

Harry M. Smith declined tonight to state what will be the next move for Beattie. He and his associate, Hill Carter, called at the capitol today to see the governor but he was in Petersburg and will not return until tomorrow morning. His secretary, William Owen, an uncle of the slain woman, made an appointment for the counsel.

If you want to wear the "smile that won't come off," call at the Farmers Warehouse.

## DECISION IN TOBACCO CASE.

Plan of Trust Accepted by the Court—It Will Now Go to the Supreme Court.

New York, Nov. 8.—To the surprise of lawyers on both sides of the case Judges Lacombe, Noyes and Coke today announced that they had finished consideration of the tobacco trust plan of disintegration and reorganization as ordered by the supreme court. Also to the surprise of counsel for the government and for the independents that protested against acceptance of the plan, the three judges gave it their approval in written opinions that varied only as to details. On all essential points they agreed.

The outcome of the circuit court approval will be that the supreme court at Washington will have to review the entire work of the circuit court before it can be definitely known what final shape the government's strenuous efforts to "bust the trust" will take. That the independents will plead for a review of the approved plan by the supreme court was plain late this afternoon when their counsel learned what had been done by Judges Lacombe, Noyes and Coke.

Felix H. Levey, who is associated with Louis Brandeis, of Boston as counsel for several powerful groups of independents, said: "The disposition which the circuit court has made in the matter is unsatisfactory and I shall advise the interests I represent to take such steps as may be necessary to procure a review by the United States supreme court."

In view of the fact that the court rejected two or three of the more radical qualifications prescribed by Attorney General Wickersham as a condition precedent to the approval of the plan by the department of justice it is generally believed that he will take the initiative in the appeal to the supreme court.

J. C. Reynolds, the special assistant attorney general, who prepared the government's case against the big combination and prosecuted it through the supreme court, could not be induced tonight to say what the prob-

able attitude of the government will be. It is known, however, that from its inception Mr. McReynolds has been opposed to the plan.

## INDEPENDENTS HOLD MEETING.

Protest Against the Action of the Court.

New York, Nov. 8.—At a mass meeting of independent tobaccoists at the Terrace Tergen tonight as a protest against the action of the United States circuit court in approving the tobacco trust plan of disintegration and reorganization, the name of Theodore Roosevelt was loudly cheered for president. For denunciation of the course of attorney General Wickersham a speaker was equally loudly applauded.

The meeting adopted resolutions appealing to President Taft to instruct his attorney general to carry that circuit court action to the United States supreme court for review.

Sam H. Harris, a large independent cigar and cigarette maker, made a fierce attack on the whole system of government in the United States. He declared that since the failure of the government to bust the trust he was ashamed of his American citizenship and that if he were not 58 years old he would seek another county in which to live and be free. He said that under the economic and industrial conditions brought about by the trust in the United States Russia was now as good if not country to live in.

"And now," declared Harris amid an outburst of applause, "President Taft has taken the steel under his protection by instituting a fake suit of dissolution against it in order to stave off real action against that con-tern. When another administration is installed at Washington."

The speaker created an even greater stir when he declared that the only hope of independent manufacturers and dealers was to be found in the re-election of Roosevelt as president. "He is the only man to look to for relief. All others are tainted with trust money."

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Mr. E. J. Richmond, one of the most popular, and deservedly so, young men of this section, has sold out his farm interests and other business and will leave soon for Durham where he has accepted work. We regret to see his him leave the County, for he is of the kind the country can ill afford to lose.

## WASHINGTON NEWS.

President Taft Feels Shaky—South May Desert Him.

By Clyde H. Taverner.

Washington, Nov. 13.—"As Massachusetts goes, so will the nation go in 1912."

This was the slogan in the Massachusetts campaign. And the Democratic candidate, Gov. Foss won.

The issue was the tariff, the same one that the 1912 campaign will be fought out on. If the high protectionist cannot carry Massachusetts, the people of which state are supposed to reap the tremendous advantages of protection, how can they expect to carry the middle and western states, in which regions live the people who pay the excessive prices caused by the tariff and reap none of the benefits of protection.

## Why President Feels Shaky.

Here is an article which speaks for itself. It is a clipping from the Dakota Democrat, published at Aberdeen, S. D., one of the cities visited by Taft on his trip through the West, and a fair sample of what all the newspapers in the cities visited by the President are saying. Perhaps this article may in a measure explain why Mr. Taft himself predicted failure for the Republicans in 1912:

"The big event—Taft day at Aberdeen—has come and gone. Curiosity to see the President caused thousands to go to Aberdeen, stand in line and even give vent to a few feeble cheers when he spoke, but they were not with him at any stage in the game. Poor Taft! Bighearted, jovial and companionable, a commoner in his bearing. Everybody instinctively admires him for the personal charm of his manner. It is too bad that such a good man should be spoiled in trying to make presidential timber of him. We love him for his large personality, but in view of what he has done we cannot vote for him again."

## The President Voted.

The President got to vote after all. A lot of red tape was necessary, but the president was persistent, and on November 7th he cast his ballot in old Cincinnati. And thereby hangs a tale.

Six years ago Mr. Taft made a speech at Akron, O., in which he denounced the notorious Cox machine in Cincinnati. He said he could take great pleasure in voting against it. He declared this foul republican machine was a stench in the nostrils of all good citizens. The people of Ohio realized that William H. Taft was telling the truth, and they applauded him vigorously and with the utmost sincerity.

On Tuesday Mr. Taft voted for the Cox machine, which is still the disgraceful alliance of politics, corrupt business and the brothels that it was in 1905. The President also indorsed the candidate of the Cox machine on the ground that "conditions had substantially changed."

Whatever the President was alluding to, it was not the Cox machine, for it had remained as a foul as ever. The only change visible to observers is that whereas six years ago Mr. Taft was not a candidate for office, he is today.

## South May Desert Taft.

The prediction is made at the La Follette headquarters in Washington that the administration will find it impossible to send a solid Taft delegation from the South to the next convention.

"For many weeks," says a statement given out at the La Follette headquarters, "there has been signs that the Southern Republicans have been fearful that the renomination of President Taft will be a serious menace to their continued receipt of bimonthly checks from the United States treasury. The South is affording the Progressive campaign committee more encouragement than any other section of the country."

## The Cold Snap Arrived Schedule Time.

The cold wave predicted by the weather bureau arrived on time yesterday afternoon, and persons who were out for an afternoon stroll were caught unprepared. Churchgoers were scarcely prepared for the frigid climate into which they emerged from the sanctuaries at the conclusion of the service. And there's one consolation, the cold wave is country wide. It is indeed welcome if it brings clear weather.—Concord Times.

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