

UNCLE OF MURDERED WIFE TELLS A VIVID STORY

Describes Young Husband's Sudden and Wild Appearance With Body of His Dead Wife

Testimony Starts in the Beattie Murder Trial and Uncle of Mrs. Beattie Only Witness of the Forenoon Session—It Was to His House the Accused Rushed With the Dead Body of His Wife—Gives Graphic Description and Repeats Beattie's Tale to Him—Jury Completed Yesterday Afternoon.

Chesterfield Court House, Va., Aug. 24.—Henry Clay Beattie, Jr.'s, trial for wife murder, began in earnest today with the opening of the prosecution's case. For the first time since his arrest over a month ago Beattie slept away from the Richmond jail last night, occupying a cot in the brick lock-up, near the court house. One of the first witnesses called by the commonwealth this morning, after court preliminaries were concluded, was Thomas Owen, the murdered young wife's uncle, who was summoned to testify how Beattie brought the body of his wife to the Owen home, with the story of a man in the roadway firing into his automobile, killing his wife. Beulah Binford, the seventeen year old girl, who is said to have come between the prisoner and his wife, remains in the jail at Richmond as a material witness. Her testimony will probably not be introduced until tomorrow or next day. The prosecution at the convening of court had ready its list of more than seventy witnesses. The defense will call more than a score.

Blood Stained Automobile. Court opened promptly at 10:30 o'clock and the prisoner took his seat promptly. Today was the first anniversary of his marriage to the woman he is accused of murdering. Shortly before court opened, the blood stained automobile, in which Beattie's wife met her death, was driven into the court house yard. The prisoner was on the lawn when the machine arrived. Beattie calmly inspected it. His father raised the cushion of the front seat, revealing the blood spots on the wooden work. Thomas Owen took the stand at 11:20 and the prisoner gazed fixedly at him. He told how Beattie drove up to his house on the night of the murder, and took his young wife into the car, returning later with her dead body beside him, Beattie shouting "My God, my God! They have killed Louise."

Shotgun Exhibited. Beattie's blood-soaked clothing were unrolled before the jury, the witness identifying them. The single-barrel shot gun, with which the commonwealth says the shot was fired, was then exhibited. Describes Scene of Tragedy. Owen described the scene of the crime on the night of the murder. Beattie watched his uncle-in-law like a hawk. As the testimony proceeded he occasionally shook his head as if in contradiction. "Did you observe the conduct of the accused at the house after the murder?" Owen was asked. "He seemed grieved. Several times he inquired if his wife was dead." The witness described the "bearded highwayman" pictured to him by Beattie, as his wife's murderer. He repeated Beattie's story of the alleged encounter and told of the scratch on Beattie's face, which the prisoner said the man on the road inflicted. "Did the accused render you aid in an attempt to identify the assassin?" Owen was asked. "His description of the man was his only aid," replied the witness. On Cross Examination. Attorney Smith, for the defense, became confused regarding several incidents on the night of the murder. To show that if Beattie had murder in his heart he would not have selected the Middlethian turnpike, Owen was asked to describe the highway, which she admitted was popular with automobilists. Who Suggested Bloodhounds? "Who at first suggested bloodhounds to trace the assassin?" asked Attorney Smith. "I think I did," said Owen. "Do you not recall Henry having said: 'Get the hounds soon, spare no expense?'" "I remember nothing of the kind," answered the witness. The court ruled out questions asked by the commonwealth's attorney that Beattie refrained from inviting

members of his own family on the night automobile ride, in order that Beattie and his wife might be alone. Then a recess was taken until this afternoon.

Personnel of the Jury. Made up almost entirely of lean, bronzed faced farmers, the jury as completed yesterday afternoon follows the lines indicated by Monday's selections. The 12 men as they remain after the defense exercised its four peremptory challenges on the panel of 16, are: No. 1—N. W. Marley, quarryman, 37 years old.

No. 2—E. L. Wilson, 38 years old. No. 3—A. L. Fetteroff, contractor, 34 years old. No. 4—Irving L. Bass, Jr., 30 years old. No. 5—V. W. Fuqua, 27 years old. No. 6—W. L. Burgess, 52 years old. No. 7—M. E. Purdie, 27 years old. No. 8—M. C. Robinson, 44 years old. No. 9—Thomas A. Hancock, 37 years old. No. 10—Lewis Robertson, 44 years old. No. 11—W. P. Rooks, 48 years old. No. 12—M. E. Blankenship, assistant superintendent of a silk mill, 38 years old. All of the foregoing are farmers except the three otherwise specified.

Taking His Own Medicine. Falls to the lot of a lawyer in "Bilby's Marriage," Grand today. It.

EPIDEMIC OF MEASLES CAUSES MANY DEATHS

San Francisco, Au. 24.—Advices from Tutuila, Samoa, states that as the result of an epidemic of measles in the island of American Samoa 219 deaths have occurred. Ten per cent of the population is affected by the disease.

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SON TO CHOOSE OWN WIFE

Yet Mrs. Hetty Green's Venturesome Spirit, However, is Shown by Fact That Son is Only 44. New York, Aug. 23.—Col. Edward Howland Robinson Green, son of Hetty Green and able financier on his own hook yesterday entered upon his forty-fourth year still a bachelor, but with the announced intention of taking unto himself a wife just as soon as the right woman is found. Those thousands of young women all over the country who have been proposing to Col. Green by letter and telegram had just as well save their postage and tolls, as he has definitely and determinedly announced that he will have no mail order bride in his life.

"I'm going to meet the woman I marry in the regular and time-honored way, or else we won't meet," asserted the Colonel, with an air of finality in his tones. "Just because my name is Green these young ladies who have been writing me need not think I am."

So there, girls! Colonel Green has some views on the Astor-Force wedding. He said: "It's Col. Astor's business, not mine. This is a free country," continued the Colonel, who, as a multi-millionaire, has a right to think so, "and the young woman Mr. Astor is to marry seems pleased and happy. What right have a lot of scandal-mongers"—Col. Green became heated at this point and spoke with vigor—"to impute wrongful motives to either of them? It is much worse for a preacher like Richmond to criticize than for a layman. The Bible says, 'Judge not,' and I think a demagogic clergyman like Richmond setting out to spoil a young girl's romance is guilty of a far greater sin than Astor ever dreamed of. It is her life, and she has a right to order it as it pleases her."

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Arriaga President of Portugal. Lisbon, Portugal, Aug. 24.—The Assembly elected Senior Arriaga president of the Republic.

"The Garden of Love." Beautiful ballad sung today by Danford, Grand Theatre. It.

ATWOOD FALLS HEIR TO MISHAP

May Prevent His Reaching New York Today

Met With Accident Within Twenty Five Miles of the Goal and Had to Stop for Repairs to His Aeroplane—Planned to Break Another Record This Morning.

Nya, N. Y., Aug. 24.—Aviator Atwood stalled an accident to his aeroplane at 10 o'clock this morning within 25 miles of the finish of his record breaking aeroplane flight from St. Louis to New York. He landed here for repairs. It is doubtful if he continues to New York until tomorrow.

Breaks a Record Today. Rhinecliff, N. Y., Aug. 24.—Harry N. Atwood, the aviator, broke all records for distance in cross-country aeroplane flying, when he passed over Kingston, opposite here, at 8:39 o'clock this morning, in his St. Louis to New York aeroplane flight. Atwood exceeded by thirteen miles the record of 1,164 miles previously made by European aeronauts. His distance from St. Louis, when he passed here, was 1,177 miles. He proceeded southward, headed for West Point and New York.

Princess Takes Up Work as Sculptor. London, Aug. 24.—With the intention of being a sculptor like her great aunt, Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, the King's only daughter, has just started to learn modelling in clay. Some time ago, when the little Princess was taken to the Duchess' studio at Kensington Palace, she expressed a wish to take up the art, and then and there the duchess gave her her first lesson.

Such capacity did the youthful pupil exhibit that Queen Mary decided to have her taught professionally. She has now a little studio all to herself, and she has commenced her "career." She is said to be very particular about her working costume, and in her big blue overalls she makes a pleasant picture.

The handsomest of all of Queen Victoria's daughters, and profoundly cultured, the Duchess of Argyll is credited as being the pioneer who led aristocratic women into the world of art—in England, at any rate.

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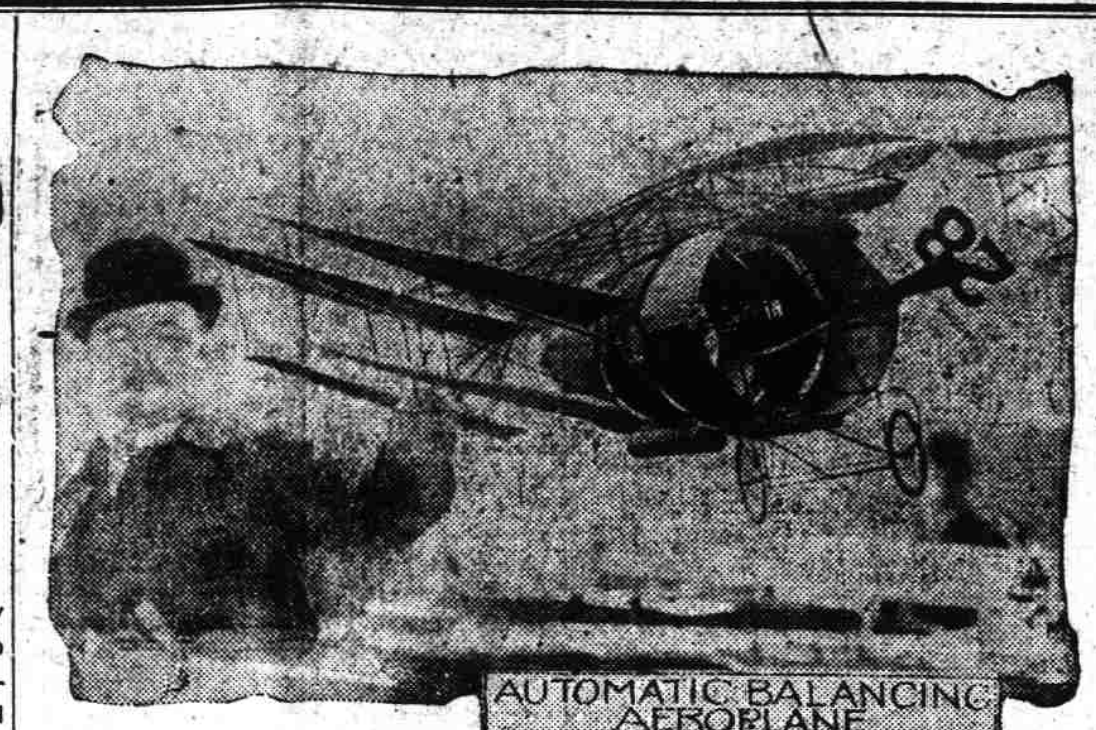
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London, Aug. 24.—A model of one of the newest types of aeroplanes is shown in the illustration. It was exhibited recently in England. The machine is called "an automatic balancing aeroplane." It consists of a central tube swinging upon the framework of the planes. The driver is protected by the cabin in which he sits and steers the machine by one wheel. The center of gravity is low, adding the aviator to maintain his stability. The gyroscope principle is applied to this aeroplane in an ingenious way, and the inventors claim that the new balancing apparatus will greatly enhance the safety of flying.

SIX ALREADY DEAD

Four More Victims of the Nevada Mine Fire—Five Died After Passing Through the Flames.

Ely, Nev., Aug. 24.—Of the ten men at the 1,400 foot level of the Coroux mine which caught fire, six are dead, four dying after passing through the flames to reach the surface.

MUST WEAR PRESERVERS

Harvard Aviation Meet Doesn't Want Any Drownings. Boston, Aug. 24.—Every aviator flying over water at the Harvard aviation meet, which opens at Squantum, Saturday, will be required to wear a life preserver. This rule will be rigidly observed, according to a statement issued today by Charles J. Glidden, chairman of the Contest Committee of the meet.

Appalled by the deaths of St. Croix Johnstone and William S. Badger, at Chicago, the manager of this tournament determined that similar accidents must, if possible, be avoided here. The aviators will be urged to refrain from any hazardous aerial feats. It will be impressed upon the minds of the aviators that the public does not ask them to perform what will endanger life and limb.

The route of the flyers in the interstate race from Boston to Nashua, to Worcester, to Providence, to Boston, has been viewed, and plenty of guiding objects found. Starting from Squantum the pilots will first sight the Charles river. They will follow the Charles to the Concord river at Lowell. It is then easy to follow the Merrimac to Nashua.

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TRIPLE TRAGEDY

Parents and Son Murdered in Their Beds in Indiana and the Home Set On Fire—Another Son Charged With the Wholesale Crime.

Boonville, Ind., Aug. 24.—Richard Lee and Mrs. Lee, and their seventeen year old son, Clarence, were killed in their beds here with a hammer. The house was then set afire. William Lee, 21 years old, has been arrested charged with this triple murder of his father, mother and brother.

HUGE PROFIT NEXT WINTER.

The Beef Trust Men Are Grabbing Dairy Products and Poultry Also. Chicago, Aug. 24.—The cold storage men are preparing to reap a great harvest of profits from the public next winter. The biggest winners will be the men in the beef trust. They are "combing" the country for dairy products and poultry. Not only the West but the East is racked for "broilers."

Reports of the leading warehouses of the country on Aug. 1st show an 11 per cent storage of butter. Receipts in Chicago, New York and Boston show a falling off of 11,623,460 pounds during May, June and July, as compared with last year.

The Federal smashing of the Elgin butter trust has saved the consumers millions of dollars. The wholesale price for the best quality is 26 cents. Last year, before the Government hit the trust, the price was 30 and 31 cents, though the supply was 11 per cent larger. On August 1st, 48,582,000 pounds of butter was in storage in 35 houses. If this butter is held for winter consumption the consumer will pay from 5 to 8 cents a pound more than he is paying now.

At the first of the month there were in cold storage in 35 houses 2,971,000 cases of eggs, thirty dozen in a case. This was an excess of 487,000 cases over last year. It is expected they will advance 15 cents a dozen by next winter.

Corn-fed cattle sold today for \$3.25 a hundredweight at the stock yards, the highest price in two years. Beef, pork and mutton are usually kept in cold storage from sixty to ninety days. It is estimated, taking the receipts, shipments and slaughtering as a basis, that the packers have now on ice in Chicago, Omaha, Sioux City, Kansas City, St. Louis and St. Joseph 2,500,000 hogs, fresh and in process of curing; 800,000 beeves and 1,500,000 sheep.

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READY FOR THE ELGIN RACES

Will Be Held Tomorrow and Saturday

Many Autoists Will Enter and With Good Weather Records May Be Smashed—Course Considered One of the Fastest in the World.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—Everything is in readiness for the running of the American Automobile Association's second annual national stock chassis road races at Elgin, Ill., under the auspices of the Chicago Motor Club, tomorrow and Saturday. Last year there were 40,000 paid admissions to the event and this year it is expected that the attendance will reach 80,000. With favorable weather conditions several track records may be broken in the opinion of experts and the course is now considered one of the fastest in the world. Ten thousand dollars has been expended in improving the course since the last race meet. Seventy thousand gallons of oil have been put on the course in the past month which has had the effect of hardening the surface and making it practically dustless. The Elgin track is 8 1-2 miles in length, over a triangular course, and for most of the distance is 54 feet wide.

The roads leading to Elgin from Chicago and other adjacent cities have been treated with a dust proof liquid for the benefit of the thousands who will go to the races in automobiles. Prizes aggregating \$15,000 will be distributed among the winners of the four events.

Persons interested in automobile racing from nearly every state in the union will attend. The program for the two days' racing meet with the list of entries, is as follows: Friday, August 25, 11 a. m.—Illinois Cup, distance 200 miles. First prize, trophy valued at \$1,500, \$400 in cash, and \$650 worth of automobile equipment. Second prize, \$150 worth of automobile equipment. Third prize, \$100 worth of automobile equipment. Additional prize to car making fastest lap \$100 worth of automobile equipment.

Car Driver National Merz National Herr Velle Jefferson Velle Kane County Cup, distance 170 miles. First prize, trophy valued at \$1,000, \$300 in cash, and \$800 worth of automobile equipment. Second prize, \$250 worth of automobile equipment. Third prize, \$100 worth of automobile equipment. Additional prize to car making fastest lap \$100 worth of automobile equipment.

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FIGHT TO GET BACK BOOZE

Hot Election in Birmingham Today

Jefferson County, Centered by Alabama's Chief City, Passing on the Liquor Question Today—Prohibitionists Confident of Victory—"Antis" Also Sure and Say Birmingham Will Vote Wet Like Mobile and Montgomery.

Birmingham, Aug. 24.—The polls throughout Jefferson county opened today and people are voting on local option. The local optionists' "dry" ticket, claim victory by two thousand majority.

In addition to Birmingham the county embraces Bessemer and several other populous manufacturing centers, in consequence of which the election is regarded as the stiffest test to which prohibition has been put in Alabama since the adoption of the State-wide prohibition law several years ago. Whether the dispensary system or sale by licensed saloons shall rule in the event the city goes "wet" will be decided by the election. Both the prohibition and the anti-prohibition forces have conducted vigorous campaigns. The "antis" are confident of success, basing their prediction on the presumption that Birmingham will follow the example of Mobile and Montgomery, the two other largest cities of the State, which already have gone "wet."

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