

LIAISON WITH BEULAH FATAL

THE ELECTRIC CHAIR AWAITS YOUNG BANKER

JURORS PRAY TO GOD FOR DIVINE GUIDANCE IN VERDICT

First Degree Murder Means Death in Electric Chair—No Hope, Is Belief, to Get New Trial, Although Appeal Will Be Taken—Death Stayed by Dictate of Court to Allow Appeal by Young Banker.

Chesterfield, Sept. 9.—Sentenced to death for the killing of his wife, Henry J. Beattie, Jr., was calm today and indifferently read the newspapers in his cell.

Judge Watson has granted a stay of execution until November 24 to allow the prisoner to file an appeal. No one doubts that an appeal will be denied and that Beattie's liaison with Beulah Blinford will lead him to the electric chair.

His father has collapsed and is in a serious condition.

Beattie was permitted to remain in the county jail for at least another day. A double guard was placed on him to prevent suicide. In a day or so he will be taken to Richmond and placed in a cell alone in murderer's row in the penitentiary.

Says Jury Transgressed.

Beattie said he was convicted without regard to the testimony. He said the jury convicted him on account of his relations with Miss Blinford and that he had not lost hope.

Beattie reiterated his innocence and said he knew a country jury cannot understand how a man of the city becomes entangled with a woman not his wife.

"In the city such things are common but in the country unknown. Nevertheless I cannot see how either the court or the prosecution could want to send an innocent man to doom for another's crime. I consider the verdict unfair."

Jury Prays to God.

Chesterfield, Va., Sept. 9.—Twelve Virginians, mostly farmers, knelt last night at dusk in the obscurity of a small jury room and prayed fervently that they might pass judgment aright on Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., arose from their knees, deliberated for nearly an hour and silently one by one recorded their verdict of guilty. After weighing carefully the meaning of their decision and once more on bended knees beseeching divine assistance against possible error, at the end of 58 minutes the jurors fled into the hushed court room and with startling suddenness, the 12 voices, instead of the usual one of the foreman, spoke the word "guilty" in almost a chorus. It was almost a shout.

W. L. Burgess was elected foreman of the jury. They balloted and it was a surprise. They afterward declared that all had voted alike. They prayed that they might not take a life wrongfully and opened their consciences to one another for nearly an hour so that they might go back to the court room firmly convinced of their duty and of one mind. In the court room Beattie sat with the sporting page of a newspaper before him. He folded the paper and concealed his face in it. Those who sat near the boy of iron nerve, observed a twitching of his lips as though moving in prayer as he sat with closed eyes awaiting the verdict. He whispered once or twice to his father and brother.

It was nearly dark in the court room when the jury returned and the three oil lamps added to the gloom of the scene. The last rays of the setting sun streaked through the windows. On every sill rested a telegraph instrument, operators awaiting the verdict.

The court asked the prisoner to rise. "Have you gentlemen agreed upon a verdict?" asked the judge. "We have," said Burgess, and almost at the same instant the court asked: "What is your verdict?" and all twelve shouted "guilty."

Unversed in the forms of murder trials the jurors did not specify in what degree of murder. Under the Virginia practice, murder is presumed to be second degree unless otherwise specified. In seven minutes the jury, who were sent back by the judge, returned with the verdict of "murder in the first degree."

The prisoner stood erect and motionless. His face, a yellowish green throughout the day was immovable. The light of the lamps cast a dreary shadow on the upturned chin as he faced the jury.

HENRY C. BEATTIE, JR.

Young Richmond Resident Accused of Killing Wife.



The young banker will be taken to "Murderer's Row" in the state penitentiary soon. Fearing suicide, guards are placed at his side constantly.

ALASKA ENTERS NEW REGIME

SECRETARY FISHER SAYS PRIVATE OWNERSHIP IS GONE.

Time Is Past When Government Can Keep Hands off Territory.

Seattle, Sept. 9.—The day for private exploitation and ownership of the vast resources of Alaska are gone, was the keynote of Secretary Fisher's address just before he left last night for North Yakima, thence to the Yellowstone park, thence to Utah, and then to California.

Fisher said he will use all his influence with Taft to bring about the development of Alaska and intimated that either a leasing system of a government ownership of coal may be a means to this end.

POSTAL BANK UNPOPULAR.

Deposits Are Not Growing in Number or Size—Past Month Slow.

Government savings banks are not proving as popular as was deemed likely. The deposits are not growing very rapidly and the size of deposits are also small. All in all the past month has not been as active as the previous one.

Howard Jefferson Wedding.

Buzzards Bay, Mass., Sept. 9.—Miss Cornelia Frances Jefferson, daughter of Thomas Jefferson and granddaughter of the late Joseph Jefferson, the famous actor, was quietly married today to Carrington Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Howard of Montclair, N. J. The bride is an actress of considerable talent, having been on the stage since her 15th year. In her professional life she has been associated almost wholly with her father.

New French Liner Coming.

Havre, Sept. 9.—The new steamship Rochambeau, of the French Transatlantic line, sailed from this port today on her maiden voyage to New York. The new steamship is more than 700 feet long and rivals the most modern of the transatlantic liners in luxurious appointments as well as in size.

Noted Speakers for Appalachian Fair.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 9.—The management of the Appalachian exposition has everything in readiness for the opening and a big parade will be a feature of the program. President Taft is scheduled for an address at the exposition on September 18. Included in the program are other noted speakers as follows: William J. Bryan, Governor Harmon of Ohio and Champ Clark, speaker of the house of representatives.

USE SHERMAN LAW ON STRIKE

SUCH IS CHARGE MADE BY PRESIDENT GOMPERS

NO DANGER OF IMMEDIATE STRIKE ON HARRIMAN LINE

Startling Charges Made by Samuel Gompers to the Effect that Government Officials Are Behind the Proposed Railroad Strike—Conference of Representatives from Many Lines Opens.

San Francisco, Sept. 9.—That behind the refusal of the Harriman line to recognize the federation system stands the power of the United States government would proceed against the unions under the anti-trust law as a combination in restraint of trade, if they struck, Gompers left today for Los Angeles.

There is a strong current of indignation at the New York dispatch made public here by Gompers to the effect that Julius Kruttschnitt had been advised that the Taft administration will prosecute the leaders of the shop federation under the anti-trust law if they call a strike.

Gompers refused to say where he received the telegram or got his information concerning the alleged activity of the government in the railroad's behalf.

No Immediate Strike.

Prior to resuming a special meeting of federation representatives of the Harriman line, the general officers of the craft unions attending, renewed their declarations that there is no likelihood of a strike immediately. Possibly the conference will last into next week.

PINCHOT STILL UNCERTAIN.

He and Poindexter Joining Government Party at Seward.

Seward, Alaska, Sept. 9.—Gifford Pinchot and Poindexter and party reached Seward, the prospective port of the Matanuska coal fields today, en route to join the government geological survey headed by Dr. Holmes. Pinchot said that the time had come to utilize the coal for the benefit of the people now that it has been saved. He said he could not say whether he would favor the government ownership or leasing of the coal lands.

Many After Negro.

Los Angeles, Sept. 9.—Stimulated by a reward of \$500 for the capture of the negro, dead or alive, who Wednesday assaulted and then killed Mrs. Harkins, scores of farmers near Compton have formed a vigilante committee and began beating the country systematically.

8-Hour Law Upheld.

Seattle, Sept. 9.—Stating the courts should never declare the acts of the legislature unconstitutional unless they were clearly convinced, Judge Main, today upheld the eight-hour law for women when he fined Mrs. Helen Somerville \$20 for violating the law. This is the first superior court decision on the law.

Aerial Mail Service Starts.

London, Sept. 9.—Postal authorities today are prepared to establish the first aerial postal service. Several aeroplanes have been purchased to carry the mail to places not easily accessible by land and water routes.

Col. Butler Falling.

St. Louis, Sept. 9.—The last church rites were today administered to Colonel Edward Butler, once democratic boss in this city, whose reign was ended by the onslaughts of Joseph Folk. Butler had been unconscious since Thursday night.

Sergeant at Arms Sentenced.

Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 9.—Convicted of complicity in the legislative bribery, Rodney Diegle, sergeant at arms in the Ohio senate, was today sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. He will apply for a new trial.

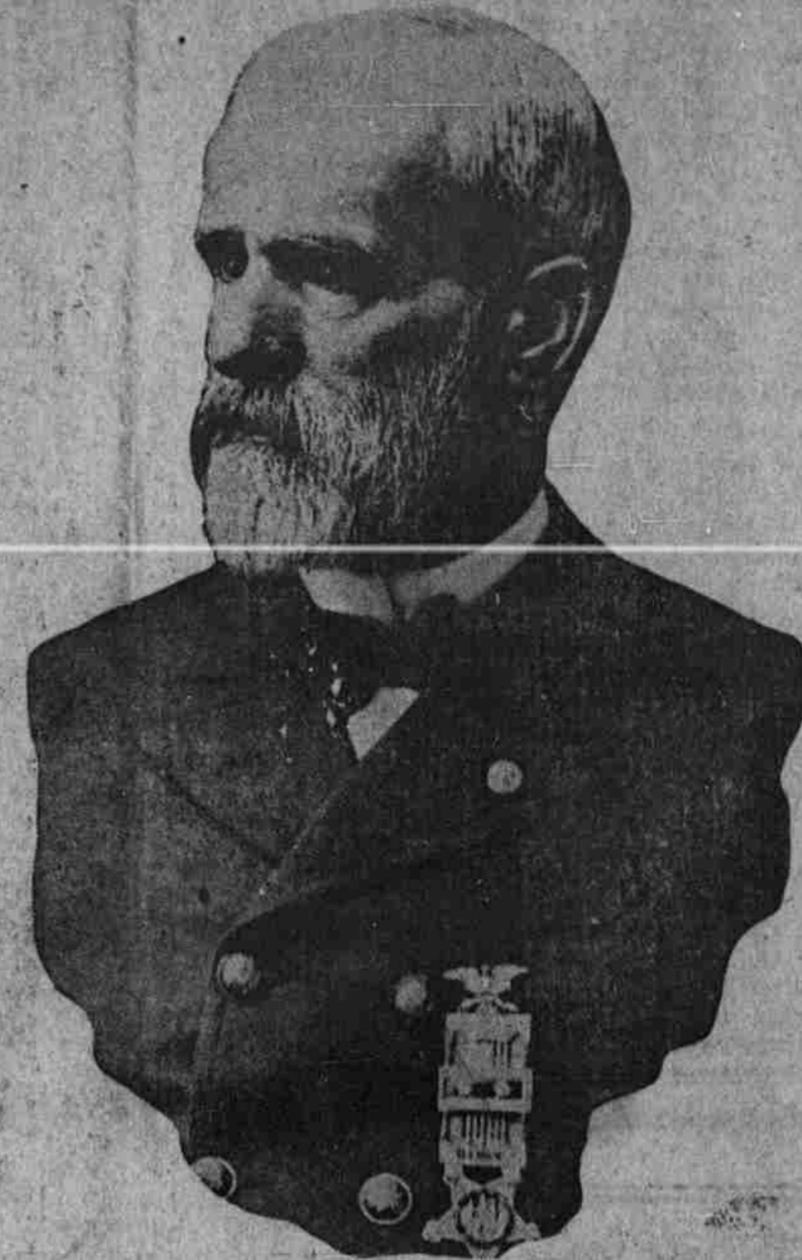
Divorce Granted.

Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles has issued a divorce to Maggie McLeod from her husband. They lived at Elgin. Desertion was the grounds.

McNamara's Eyes Suffer.

Los Angeles, Sept. 9.—Afflicted with falling eyesight due to constant reading in his cell, John McNamara today was fitted with glasses.

New Head of the G. A. R. Was With Sherman on His March to the Sea



James Harvey M. Trimble of Princeton who was elected commander of the G. A. R. recently. Born in Ohio, he has lived in Illinois since 1842; was a student at Eureka college; joined the volunteers and was promoted rapidly. Judge Trimble favors the Sherman Pension Bill which is assured passage at the next session of congress.

LIQUOR FIGHT IN MAINE ENDS BITTERLY FOUGHT ISSUES TO BE DECIDED MONDAY.

Constitutional Prohibition Hangs in the Balance.

Portland, Me., Sept. 9.—One of the most bitterly fought and most strenuous campaigns ever known to New England ended in this state today and on Monday the voters of Maine will decide by their ballots whether the policy of constitutional prohibition of the liquor traffic, which has prevailed for more than a quarter of a century, shall be retained or not. Both sides in the fight have been extremely active and for many weeks the state has been flooded with campaign literature. Meetings for and against the proposition to eliminate prohibition as a constitutional feature were held by the score in all parts of the state. The press was divided upon the question and each side devoted columns to arguments and attacks. Speakers of both parties presented their respective sides to thousands of attentive listeners and even women and children were drawn into the agitation by the prohibition element.

Constitutional prohibition, in which Maine was the pioneer, was first adopted in 1844. In 1901 a bill for the resubmission of the subject was before the legislature, but was defeated. In 1907 a similar proposition was again defeated, but only by a narrow margin. But at the last election a democratic governor and a democratic legislature were elected and resubmission was voted. The issue will be decided next Monday, but, although both sides claim victory the result of the election is extremely doubtful.

Busy Week for Rival Leaders.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 9.—With but one week to run before the day of election, the political campaign in the Dominion will be carried forward with a rush during the ensuing seven days. Both parties have prepared a full array of available speakers in the field. The liberal standard bearer, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, will put in the week in Quebec. Mr. Borden, the opposition leader, will continue his campaign in Nova Scotia.

FAKE PROMOTER UNDER ARREST

BUBBLE STOCK IN PANAMA CONCERN LAUNCHED.

Officers Themselves Fooled by Cleverness of the Promoter.

San Francisco, Sept. 9.—Dr. John Lyman, a prominent social business man of Los Angeles is under arrest here on a telegraphic warrant from Los Angeles charging him with fraudulent methods in connection with stock sales of the Panama Development company. It is said he has promoted a dozen other bubble concerns and he disappeared from Los Angeles about ten days ago.

It is alleged he secured \$50,000 for practically valueless stock in this transaction alone and deceived his own officers concerning the value of the stock.

New Banks Opened.

Portland, Sept. 9.—Jimmy Dineen, aged 11 years, deposited the first money in the postal bank when it opened today. The deposit was two dollars.

Seattle, Sept. 9.—The postal savings bank here opened today. Several hundred dollars were deposited the first hour.

Siren Leaves for America.

Cherbourg, France, Sept. 9.—Gaby Deslys, whose liaison with King Manuel lost him his throne sailed today for New York aboard the liner Lorraine. A detective accompanied her and his job is to guard the jewels that were given her by King Manuel.

Clara Barton Sinking.

Oxnard, Mass., Sept. 9.—Clara Barton, former head of the Red Cross, is near death and not expected to survive. She came here recently from Glen Echo, Md., and was stricken shortly afterwards.

Air Ship Travels Far.

Berlin, Sept. 9.—Carrying six passengers, the Zeppelin airship, Schwaben, sailed over this city today after a 205 mile trip from Baden Baden. After encircling the city the vessel landed at Potsdam.

CUPID VICTOR; ASTOR WEDDED

EARLY MORNING WEDDING CULMINATES ROMANCE

CONGREGATIONALIST MAIL. RIED LOVESICK COUPLE

Hurry From Yacht at Six O'Clock and Take Auto to Villa Where a Few Friends Witness the Nuptials—Will Leave at Once for Long Cruise to the Southward—Rev. Lambert Performs Ceremony.

Newport, R. I., Sept. 9.—John J. Astor and Miss Madeline Force overcame the obstruction of the nation and the church and today were married by the Reverend Joseph Lambert of Elmwood Congregational church, at 9:45 a. m. at Bereswood, the Astor villa. The bride's parents, her sister Katherine, Rufus Darax, Vincent Astor, his son and Rev. Joseph Cooper of Newport were the only witnesses.

The party arrived in the yacht Noma at 6, and the party disembarked at nine, and autoed to the villa, and then rushed back to the yacht.

It is expected they will start on a honeymoon cruise to southern waters to be gone some time.

The ceremony was performed in the drawing room, packed with American Beauty roses. The bride wore a pearl gray gown.

Summons Served on Groom.

The first person to greet Astor as his yacht anchored here today was Deputy Sheriff King with a summons for \$30,000 damage suit by Mrs. Bridge McGowan on account of the accidental electrocution of her son at the Bereswood in 1910.

"Now that we are happily married," said Astor, "I am not interested in questions of divorce and re-marriage. I sympathize heartily with straight-laced people in most of their ideas, but I believe re-marriage should be possible at once, as it is the happiest condition for the individual and the community."

Rev. Lambert Criticized.

San Francisco, Sept. 9.—Dr. Charles Aker, pastor of the First Congregational church here, who was imported from England by J. D. Rockefeller, severely criticized Rev. Lambert for the Astor marriage and said it was a disgrace to the Congregational church.

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 days' cruise on the upper lakes. The lumbermen are members of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo and the cruise is in connection with the 20th annual convention of that fraternal organization, the sessions of which will be held on board the boat. The cruise will be through Georgian bay to the Soo, returning down the eastern shore of Lake Huron.

Milwaukee Bride to Live Abroad.

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 9.—Two thousand guests attended the wedding this afternoon of Miss Ruth Mitchell, the daughter of the late United States Senator John L. Mitchell, and William van Rensselaer 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.

Geneseo, Ill., Sept. 9.—The 75th anniversary of the organization of the First Congregational church of this place will be celebrated with an elaborate program 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 there. Of the charter members there is only one living, Mrs. Harit T. Miller, of Geneseo.

Will Starve Out Murderer.

Montesano, Wn., Sept. 9.—Sheriff Payette has determined to wait for John Torno, who is suspected of murdering his two nephews, Will and John Bauer, to come out of the woods. Deputies have been placed at Torno's camping places. This policy is adopted because Torno is a dead shot and there is no use to risk any lives in capturing him.