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"GUILTY!" JURORS SHOUT AT BEATTIE

12 Men Take Less Than Hour to Decide.

WIFE-MURDERER BRANDED

Young Virginian Calm as He Gazes at Specter of Death.

ELECTRIC CHAIR AWAITS

Earnest Farmers Pray, Then, as in One Voice, Declare Prisoner Convicted in First Degree. New Trial to Be Asked.

CHESTERFIELD COURTHOUSE, Va., Sept. 8.—Twelve Virginians, mostly farmers, knelt at dusk tonight in the obscurity of the small juryroom of Chesterfield Courthouse, prayed fervently that they might pass judgment aright on Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., indicted for the murder of his wife, arose from their knees, deliberated nearly an hour and silently, one by one, recorded a verdict of guilty.

The specter of death which stalked on Midlothian turnpike on July 18, when Mrs. Louise Owen Beattie was slain, stared hard at the young husband, ready to claim its victim by electrocution on Friday, November 24. But the prisoner returned the gaze, unswerving and unafraid.

New Trial Will Be Asked.

The Court of Appeals will be asked to grant a writ of error and a new trial. Young Beattie, cognizant of the legal weapons yet at his disposal, did not surrender. Instead, he consoled his broken-hearted father, and comforted him as he whispered, "I have not lost yet, father."

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 filed into the hushed and crowded courtroom and, with startling suddenness, 12 voices, instead of the usual one of the foreman, spoke the word, "guilty," in chorus. It was almost a shout.

Brief Respite Taken.

After the prosecution closed its argument, a brief respite was given the jury, and at 5:28 o'clock it began consideration of the case.

For 58 minutes the jurors were together in deep consultation and prayer.

W. L. Burgess, a square-jawed man with an earnest face, was elected foreman. The jurors balloted, and it was no surprise, they afterward declared, that all voted alike. They prayed that they might not take a life wrongfully and they opened their consciences to one another for nearly an hour, so that they might go back to the courtroom firmly convinced of their duty and of one mind.

Prisoner's Lips Twitch.

In the courtroom, meantime, sat Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., the sporting page of a newspaper spread before him. But he did not read long. 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 return of the jury. He raised his eyes for a moment, dropped them to the paper again, and began reading. Then he whispered a few words to his father and brother. It was for them he felt, and to them he counseled cheerfulness.

It was nearly dark in the courtroom when the jury returned. Three oil lamps added to the gloom of the scene. The red rays of the setting sun streaked through the windows. On every sill rested a telegraph instrument and operators waited for the announcement of the verdict.

Prosecutor's Speech Rings.

A thick mass of faces rising in an incline to the shabby ceiling stared at the jurymen. In the minds of the gaping crowd remained the ring of the powerful speech of the prosecutor who denounced the man who "exchanged the glow of virtue for passion's feeble tapers."

The court asked the prisoner to rise. He calmly stood up and waited.

"Have you gentlemen agreed on a verdict?" asked Judge Watson.

"We have," said Foreman Burgess, and almost at the same instant that Judge Watson asked:

"What is your verdict?" all 12 men yelled "guilty."

Unversed in law and the forms of a murder trial, the jurymen had not specified what degree of murder. Asked what degree, Mr. Burgess answered simply: "Guilty as indicted."

First Degree Determined Upon.

Under Virginia pratcice, murder is presumed to be second degree unless otherwise specified. It was incumbent on the jury to fix the degree, so Judge Watson advised the jurymen to confer again on the point. Seven minutes later they returned with the verdict of "murder in the first degree."

The prisoner stood erect and motionless. His face, in color a yellowish-green throughout the day, was immobile. The light of a lamp cast a

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CHINESE LOCKS TO ADORN AMERICANS

BALES OF ORIENTAL HAIR FOR YANKEE BELLES ARRIVE.

Since Emperor's Edict Abolishing Queues, Celestials Are Selling Pigtails for Switches.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 8.—(Special.)—In the extensive and valuable cargo on the Pacific Mail liner Corea, which arrived in port today, were ten bales of human hair—Chinese hair—shorn from the heads of men and women, later to be combed, dyed and made into switches for American women.

The large consignment of human hair which will later adorn the heads of American society belles was accompanied by H. L. Ehrenfels, general agent at Hongkong for a concern of haircombers and importers.

The recent edict of the Emperor of China for the cutting off of queues has had a material effect on the human hair market, and has made the industry an important one in China. Chinese women, as well as men, have taken to cutting off their hair for sale and exportation.

The consignment which arrived today will be taken to New York, where it will be classified, dyed and made up into switches. The hair must undergo rigid examination before passing the health officers of both countries.

PORTLAND BANKS LEAD ALL

Clearings Show 14.7 Per Cent Gain, Best on Coast.

Surpassing all other Pacific Coast cities, Portland took a pronounced lead in the percentage of increase in bank clearings for the week ending yesterday. Clearings for the week in Portland showed an increase of 14.7 per cent over those of the corresponding week a year ago. San Francisco was the only other Pacific Coast city whose volume of business for the week placed it on the credit side of the ledger. Its percentage of gain was 2.4 per cent.

With clearings aggregating $9,482,000, Seattle lacked 6.4 per cent of doing the same volume of business last week that was reported by that city for the corresponding week last year. The aggregate of Portland's clearings was $10,052,000, or more than $600,000 in excess of Seattle. The week's record shows a big slump in Los Angeles, which reports a falling off in bank clearings of 25.4 per cent. For several weeks the Southern California metropolis has been reporting increases of from 15 to 30 per cent weekly in its clearings.

For the week, Tacoma and Spokane kept company with Los Angeles. The percentage of decrease in their clearings was 19 and 30.7 per cent respectively.

HEALTH IS BEST IN WEST

Washington Leads in Low Death Rate, With Montana Second.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 8.—Washington state leads the commonwealths of the Nation in healthfulness, according to a special statement issued today by the Census Bureau.

The Northwestern states' death list, per thousand population, in 1910, was only 10. That of the United States or those states included in the "registration area," the only ones covered in statistics, was 15. The Census Bureau's figures are based on a group of states whose population comprise 59 per cent of the total of all the states, and gives a fairly accurate idea of the health of the Nation.

According to the figures, the Northwest is the healthiest part of the country, Montana was second in the list of the least number of deaths, the returns showing 10.6 deaths per thousand in 1910.

JEFFRIES' MOTHER DYING

Efforts Being Made to Reach ex-Champion, Who Is in Alaska.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Mrs. Rebecca John Jeffries, mother of James J. Jeffries, is at the point of death at the family home in Cypress avenue. She calls continually for her son "Jim." It is feared that the end is only a matter of a few days. She is 54 years old.

Efforts have been made to communicate with Jeffries, who is hunting big game in Alaska, but so far the telegrams have not been able to reach him. The ex-pugilist is about 100 miles from Seward and runners have been sent to apprise him of his mother's condition, but they have not been heard from. In the meantime the aged father and children are trying to keep the mother alive until he is able to reach Los Angeles.

CRIES OF BABE SAVE HOME

Mother Awakened and Neighbors Put Out Fire Started.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 18.—Cries of a baby awakening the mother, Mrs. James Hayden, nipped an attempt at arson at an early hour this morning, when neighbors, summoned by the woman's screams, extinguished a blaze in the rear of the home, which had been started by an ingenious lighted candle device in the midst of a quantity of oil-soaked material.

No arrests have been made, and the motive is a mystery.

BRIBE-TAKING IS CHARGED TO MAYOR

Five Councilmen Also Under Arrest.

TRAP IS SET FOR OFFICIAL

Man With $5000 Searched Before Entering Office.

MONEY GONE ON RETURN

Dictagraph Said to Have Recorded Evidence Against Delinquent Officials—Go-Between Is Also Caught.

GARY, Ind., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Charged with accepting a bribe of $5000 in connection with the granting of a heating franchise, Thomas E. Knotts, Mayor of Gary, a spectacular figure in a district of fast and furious politics, was arrested, with five of his Councilmen, and C. A. Williston, City Engineer, today by Deputy Sheriffs from Crown Point.

The arrest of Gary's municipal officials threw the Steel City into the wildest excitement, and added fuel to the flames of factional strife which characterized Knotts' political career.

Those arrested are Thomas E. Knotts, Mayor of Gary; C. A. Williston, City Engineer and Walter Gibson, Anthony Baukus, Dominick Szymanski, Emerson Bowser, and John Simiaskia, Aldermen.

Bolaf Simiaskia, son of the Alderman was also arrested as a go-between.

Trap Carefully Laid.

The taking into custody of the officials was sensational. T. E. Dean, recipient of the heating franchise under suspicion, went to the City Hall early in the morning, accompanied by two deputy sheriffs. Before entering the Mayor's office, Dean requested the officials to search him and discover whether he had any papers beside an envelope containing $5000 in currency. The envelope was found to be in Dean's pocket, and then he went into the city executive's private office.

Dean declares that when he entered the office Mayor Knotts arose, and taking him to a table near his desk, asked:

"Is everything ready?"

Dean says he replied affirmatively, and that then Knotts turned to his desk and signed the ordinance which gave a heating service right to the Dean Heating & Power Company, of Louisville, Ky.

Money Paid Over.

The money was then handed to Knotts, it is charged, who placed the envelope in a pigeonhole in his desk.

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HAND IN HAND BABES STRAY

Policemen Shelter Wanderers Until Mother Comes to Rescue.

Aleine Hildebrand, aged 2 years, and Leon Murphy, aged 4 years, ran away from the Hildebrand girl's grandmother yesterday in the park blocks and were picked up by Patrolman Baxter last night. Several hours after they had been taken to the police station, where policemen wrapped them in coats and kept them amused, Mrs. Hildebrand appeared in search of her offspring. She refused to give the police her name or address, and, with a child by each hand, left the station.

The little Hildebrand girl and the Murphy boy were in tears as the two were hustled out of the station by the mother.

FLOUR EXPORT IS BEST IN 6 YEARS

Portland Cargoes for Orient Immense.

485,000 BARRELS ORDERED

Short Wheat Crop in Far East Makes Demand Big.

MORE STEAMERS NEEDED

China and Japan Besiege Oregon and Washington Millers With Appeals for Cereal—1910 Record Is Trebled.

PORTLAND TO SEND 485,000 BARRELS OF FLOUR IN EXPORT TRADE.

	Barrels.
Strathlyon, September 24	50,000
Orteric, September 30	85,000
Rygja, October 20	55,000
Suveric, October 30	45,000
Extra steamer, October	50,000
Kumeric, November 19	70,000
Luceric, December 9	95,000
Hercules, December 29	55,000
Total	485,000

A short crop of wheat in the Orient has resulted in the millers of the Northwest getting more export flour business than they have enjoyed for years. Importers of China and Japan have made heavy purchases of flour in Oregon and Washington and the quantity sold them to date is the largest for the last six years.

Steamer space on all the Oriental liners is taxed to the utmost, the reservations made up to the end of the year calling for all the available space on every steamer sailing from Portland and Puget Sound. Negotiations are under way for the chartering of extra steamers to carry the surplus of flour to Asiatic ports.

485,000 Barrels Ordered.

Flour orders booked up to the present time for shipment from Portland between now and the end of the year aggregate 485,000 barrels. The nearest approach to this in recent years was in 1907, when 428,895 barrels were despatched in the last four months of the year. The record Fall shipments were in 1905, when Portland sent 628,192 barrels to Oriental ports.

The total shipments of flour from Portland in the months of September, October, November and December for seven years were:

	Barrels.
1911	485,000
1910	162,865
1909	128,956
1908	215,832
1907	428,895
1906	240,000
1905	628,992

Sound Trade Also Grows.

In addition to the large quantities

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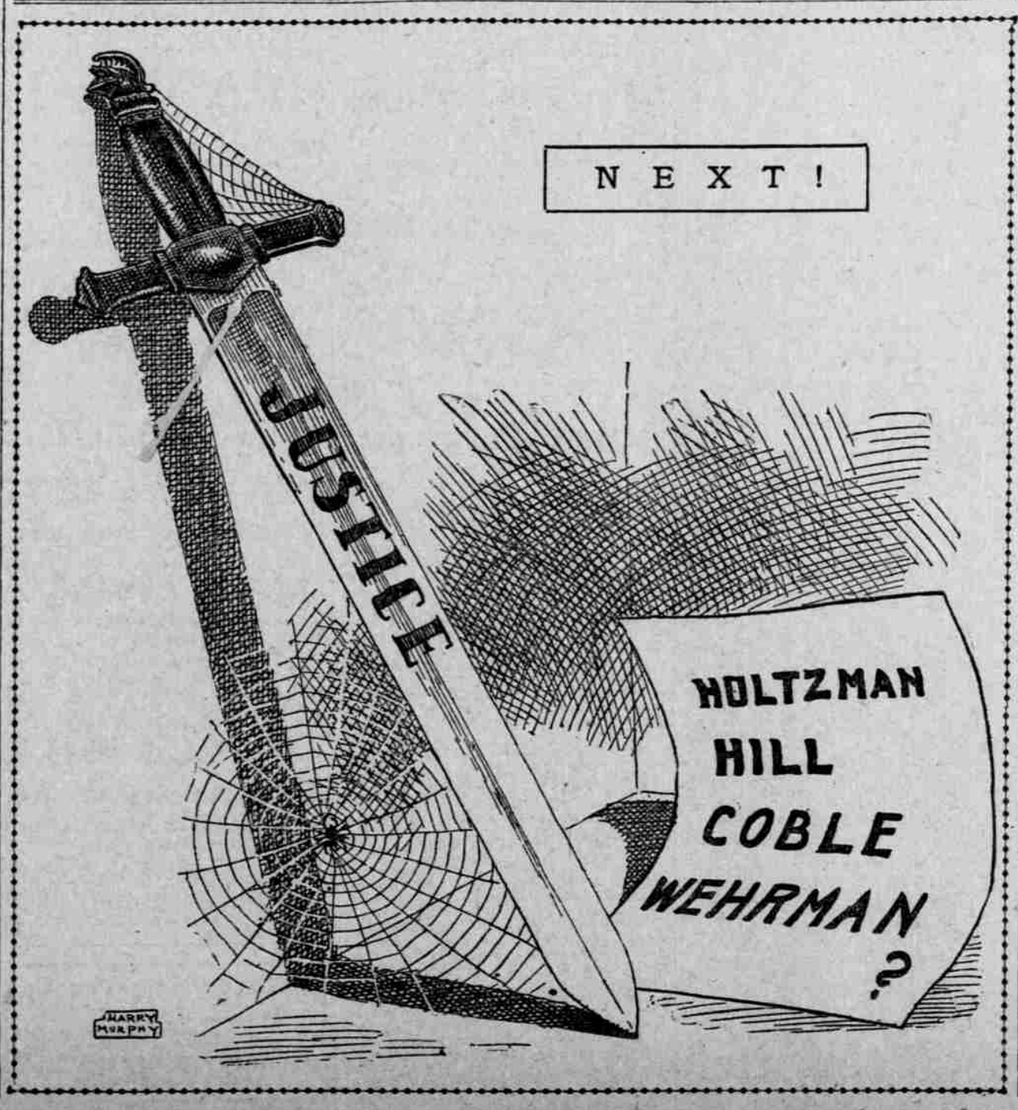

SUPPOSED GHOST IS REAL HUSBAND

FUNERAL FOR WEBER HELD IS ALL MISTAKE.

Returning Spouse Dazed After Long Absence, Unable to Explain Why He Left Home.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 8.—(Special.)—To be suddenly confronted by her husband after she had thought him dead and had interred a body which she had identified as his, was the amazing and unusual experience of Mrs. George Weber yesterday.

Garbed in clothes of the deepest mourning, the woman walked to the door in answer to the bell, and there, on opening the door, stood face to face with her husband. She screamed in terror and only slowly came to understand that she had mistaken the body of a stranger dragged from the bay for that of her husband.

Weber, who is a painter, disappeared from his home July 8. His wife began a search for him, but to no avail. An unidentified body was found floating in the bay July 18. Mrs. Weber, who kept in constant communication with the Coroner, was told of the finding of the body, and, hastening to the morgue, was positive the body was that of her husband.

Funeral arrangements were made, and on July 22 the body was interred, and the name George Weber was inscribed on the headstone.

Mrs. Weber continued her household duties. She was startled yesterday when she looked into the face of her own husband. Weber was still dazed and could not explain where he had been or what had befallen him.

VISITOR IS RUNAWAY HERO

Kansas City Man Saves Lives of Women and Two Children.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 8.—"It was nothing; it was my duty, and I would hate myself if I hadn't done it," declared Walter Scott, of Kansas City, Mo., who risked his life and was bruised considerably here today while stopping a runaway horse which was attached to a buggy in which rode a woman and her two little children.

Mr. Scott, with suitcase in hand, was waiting for a car to Portland when he noticed the runaway coming down the street. The mother and her babies were screaming at the top of their voices. Hurling the suitcase aside, Mr. Scott ran into the street, and as the galloping horse reached him he seized the bridle.

The hero was thrown from his feet and dragged for a half block, but finally stopped the animal. His clothing was torn and his hat was badly battered. He immediately boarded the car for Portland as though nothing had happened. Mr. Scott had been a guest for several days of William Clark. The occupants of the vehicle were uninjured.

HEIFER BUCKS, CHILD HURT

While Riding to Physician, Second Injury Is Sustained.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—When riding the family pet, a two-year-old heifer, at the Allworth farm, at Cradford, today, little Gladys Allworth, eight years old, was thrown by the animal. The right arm of the little girl was broken and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Allworth started with the child for this city.

When three miles from the city, on the Main-street road, near the point where a man was killed by the overturning of a load of shingles recently, the buggy went into the ditch, the horses ran away, and the little girl, already suffering from a broken arm, sustained further injuries.

The accident occurred at the Anderson farm and Mr. Anderson assisted in getting the girl to the electric line, while one of his sons went to overtake the runaway team, which had destroyed the buggy.

The child will recover, unless she is injured internally. The parents are not seriously injured.

HOTEL DAMAGED; NO FIRE

Floor Torn Up in Search to Find Cause of Smoke.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—For over an hour tonight volunteer firemen sought the seat of a fire that was filling to suffocation the Smeede Hotel in the center of the city and threatened any moment to become dangerous. After the floor of the dining-room and a hallway had been torn up, the fire was found to be under the back room of Dillon's drugstore. Defective wiring may have caused the blaze. A telephone lineman had been at work yesterday rearranging wiring in the basement.

Damage to the hotel building by the firemen and by smoke and water will reach $1000.

WORLD'S CHAMPION IS HERO

Pendleton Runaway Stopped When Cowboy Lassoes Excited Team.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 8.—Bearing down upon a crowded corner of Main street, a team of runaway horses was halted late today when Buffalo Vernon, world's champion steer bulldogger and cowboy of renown, leaped to his saddle and threw the noose of his lariat around their necks.

In the general panic three other teams ran away on the main street. No serious damage was done.

$10,000 TROT IS BIG CARD TODAY

Fast Steppers to Compete on Track.

BEST PROGRAMME OFFERED

Portland Race Meeting Will End in Blaze of Glory.

GREAT THRONG EXPECTED

With Big Purse Up and Speediest Horses Entered, This Afternoon at Track Will See Week's Stellar Card.

Portland day at the Portland Fair and Livestock Association's race meeting will be celebrated at the Rose City Park track this afternoon, beginning at 1:30, when the final racing programme of the 1911 season, which includes the banner stake event of the Pacific Coast, the $10,000 trot, will be presented to what is expected to be a record-breaking crowd.

But one other city west of the Rocky Mountains has ever offered such a munificent stake as will be raced for in the second event this afternoon, and in this contest will be the premier trotting horses of the Pacific Coast circuit.

In addition to the $10,000 competition the consolation race of the 2:08 pace, raced last Wednesday, will be held. This event will be for horses which failed to get in the money when the big race took place on that day, and is causing considerable rivalry among the horsemen.

Two Running Races Carded.

The third harness race scheduled for this afternoon will be the futurity trotting event for 3-year-olds, and it promises to be an exciting contest. Besides these races, the Oregon Derby and a three-fourth-mile dash will be interpolated for the benefit of devotees of running races.

With such a programme offered, the stands are expected to be thronged when the first race begins today.

The track was in splendid condition yesterday and the events were run in good time, indicating that some speed marks are likely to be put up this afternoon. In the big stake event a number of the original entries have been withdrawn because of the horses having gone lame in trials raced in the mud during the early part of the week. Among these are the two McGuire entries, Lee Crawford and Dan McKinney, either of which was thought to have a chance at the first money in this event. Joe McGuire is greatly disappointed at the inability of his entries to compete.

List May Be Augmented.

Up to a late hour last night, six entries had positively been made, and this number may be augmented several more horses by post time, for all of the original entries are eligible to start, and, if the horses work out properly this morning, it is quite likely that more than six trotters will face Starter McCarthy. All week this $10,000 stake event has been talked of.

Last year the first time the $10,000 stake was offered, Helen Stiles, owned by Colonel Durfee, of San Jose, Cal., captured the event as well as the $5000 stake at the Salem State Fair. While this entry is listed among the starters for the big purse at Salem next week, she is not among the entries for the big stake in Portland.

E. B. Tongue, presiding judge at the Portland meet, announced last night that the first race this afternoon would be started promptly at 1:30 o'clock, which means that the first heat of the big race will be started at 2 o'clock, the usual starting hour of the races. The street railway company has arranged to put on all available extra cars to handle the big crowd. Cars will leave Fifth and Washington streets every two minutes up to 2 o'clock.

Contests Are Keen.

Yesterday's events proved more than usually interesting. All the races were keenly contested and most of the starters in the first heat competed throughout the different events. The feature race of the afternoon was the 2:12 pace, and in the first two heats of the race the winning horse paced the mile in less than the class time. Lou Childs' bay mare, Blanche, by Avalon, going the mile in 2:11½ in the first heat, and took the second in 2:11 flat, while, in winning the third heat, she was credited with doing the distance in 2:12¼.

In this race Blanche was easily the class of the field, though Aerolight, a bay stallion by the famous Searchlight, owned by C. L. Clifford, of Lewiston, Idaho, and driven by Chadburn, displayed flashes of winning form at times, but was unsteady in his gait and this probably lost him at least one heat.

Childs took his mount to the front almost at the start of each heat, and except for being pressed hard at the half and three-quarters by Tom Marshall, the Murphy entry, and Aerolight, the Spokane mare held the lead all the way. She especially demonstrated her speed and gameness on entering the stretch in each heat. On all three occasions she was given a race up to

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