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BEATTIE ON STAND CALMLY REPEATS STORY OF MURDER

Prisoner, Stopping at Times to Argue With Jury, Goes Over Grim Details of Killing of His Wife.

DESCRIBES ASSAILANT
AS TALL, BEARDED MAN

Climax Comes When Attorneys Prepare to Have Banker Placed in Bloody Auto.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Chesterfield Courthouse, Va., Sept. 4.—At times interrupting his discourse to argue direct with the jury and apparently favorably affecting the men who are to decide his fate, Henry Clay Beattie Jr., on the witness stand today in his own defense on the charge of wife murder, forcefully narrated the story of the events leading up to and taking place on the night of the tragedy.

Time and again the court was obliged to remind the witness that his counsel was employed to do all the arguing necessary, so eager and earnest did he become in explaining away the alleged frailties in the state's case. It was a case of a man, young, intelligent, quick minded and clear headed, fighting desperately for life, seeking to convince the jury by the unhesitating straightforwardness of his story of his innocence of the crime of which he stands accused.

Beattie Tells of Killing.
"We were running 15 to 20 miles an hour when I saw a man ahead," the defendant said. "I stopped just in time to avoid hitting him and after arguing for several minutes I started the car up again with a jerk. As I set the levers the man raised his gun and fired. My wife fell behind me, the prosecution and defense meane while engaged in a heated argument as to whether the spectacle should be carried out.

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Star Witnesses at Beattie Murder Trial Young Virginian and His Mother-in-Law

Mrs. Owen, mother of Louise Owen Beattie, the wife of Henry Clay Beattie, photographed in the Chesterfield county court room, Virginia, where Beattie is now standing trial on the charge of murdering his young bride of a year. Below is a picture of Beattie, who testified in his own behalf today.



DEMOCRATS OF 2 STATES PROMISE SUPPORT TO CLARK

Leaders in Illinois and Iowa Give Pledges to Speaker to Help in Fight for Presidential Nomination.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Davenport, Iowa, Sept. 4.—More than 8000 persons here today heard Champ Clark, speaker of the national house, paint in a glowing picture of the future in an address on "The United States in the Twentieth Century." Clark arrived here today as the guest of Congressman Pepper, rode in the Labor day parade with the mayors of Rock Island, Moline and Davenport and later met the leaders of the Illinois Iowa Democracy at a big reception, where he received pledges of Democratic support from those states in his boom for the presidential nomination.

"One of the crowning glories of statecraft, philosophy, humanitarianism and religion in the twentieth century," said Speaker Clark, "will be the discovery of some plan whereby every man and woman shall enjoy the usufruct of their own labor and which will prevent any one man becoming the beneficiary of



DANCES UNTIL HE DROPS DEAD

St. Paul Man Loses Life in Contest With Young Woman.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 4.—Andrew Scott is dead here today as a result of a challenge to Miss Mamie Webb that they try out each other's endurance in a dancing contest. The couple started dancing at 6 p. m. and kept at it constantly, save for 20 seconds' wait for the orchestra, until 1 a. m. when Scott admitted that he was completely exhausted.

As Scott was about to drink a glass of soda he toppled over, when bystanders reported he was dead.

KING'S \$10,000,000 VISIT TO INDIA TO BE MADE WHILE COUNTRY SUFFERS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
London, Sept. 4.—King George's state visit to India next December, designed to impress the natives with the power and majesty of the "British raj," will cost about \$10,000,000, and this will be spent while a large portion of India is suffering from drought, plague and famine.

There have been strong protests made recently against such a waste and even those who can usually be relied upon to boost the cause of imperialism are today suggesting that the money or at least part of it might better be expended in relieving the distress of the people.

Famines Are Common.
But famine and plague are rather common in India, so, protests notwithstanding, the great "durbars" at Delhi will be duly held and the king-emperor, or "Kaiser-i-hind" as he is called in that country, will graciously show himself to his oriental subjects.

The house of commons has voted \$500,000 toward the king's personal expense, but the navy department will have to provide the funds for the magnificent new liner Medina, which has been specially chartered for the royal party, and will foot the bill for the escort of warships.

The Indian war department will have to find the money for the transportation and keep of the huge body of troops that will be moved about for the amusement and protection of the king and his guests.

Public Funds to Provide.
Then the various official and local bodies must pay their share of the cost of the festivities, of course from the public funds.

The official estimate of the cost of the "durbars" on December 12 and the grand review two days later is \$5,825,000. There will also be courts, balls, receptions, tiger hunts and other distributed to the poor.

LA MOINE ROBBERS MEN WHO HELD UP TRAIN AT DRAIN, OR.

Asst. Supt. Fitzgerald Says Descriptions Are Identical; Forest Fire Was Set to Help Trio Get Away.

SAN FRANCISCO PAPER
USED TO START BLAZE

Men Who Cracked Safe Were Experts in Working With Nitroglycerine.

(Special to The Journal.)
Dunsmuir, Cal., Sept. 4.—"The men who blew the safes at La Moine Friday evening were the same men who robbed the Oregon express at Drain a few weeks ago," declares Assistant Superintendent Fitzgerald of Dunsmuir.

"The description tallies with that of the men who did the Drain job. A good description has been obtained, and if any one of them shows up we will get him." The official spoke with considerable confidence, and said that several clues had been obtained.

Just after the safes were blown open the bandits were seen to take to the mountains, and within 40 minutes a forest fire started in the direction taken. This was evidently set to distract the search, as well as to obliterate the trail taken.

The place where the fire was started was discovered yesterday, and a copy of a San Francisco paper was used to start the blaze. An empty shell was also found at this point.

Thursday evening two men called at a farmer's place near La Moine and purchased a bucket of milk, the description tallying with that given of the bandits. They had the appearance of moderately well dressed men and were presumed to have been campers. Officials think the bandits headed for Dunsmuir, and this city, the rendezvous of officers and detectives and a sharp lookout is being maintained on all strangers and suspects.

It is now said that three, and not five, men were in the plot, and that the heavily masked man was not a negro. The job was said by the officers to have been the best one of safe-cracking ever seen by any of them. Nitroglycerine was put in the correct quantity and the top lifted off so that the money could be taken out from the top of the safes. The conductor fired two shots at the men, the only resistance offered by the train crew.

CHAMPION GOTCH IS WINNER; RUSSIAN THROWS UP SPONGE

Caught in Second Bout by Fatal Toehold, Hackenschmidt, Fearing a Broken Leg, Quits.

IOWAN EASILY TAKES
1ST FALL FROM GIANT

Foreigner Easily Worst by American at Every Turn of Game.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Ringside, Chicago, Ill., Sept. 4.—Frank Gotch, champion wrestler of the world, this afternoon bested Hackenschmidt, the Russian Lion, for the second time. Taking the first fall with comparative ease, the American, after a little more than five minutes' wrestling in the second bout, got a toe hold on the Russian, and after a feeble show of resistance, Hackenschmidt turned politely over on his back.

At 2:55 Gotch entered the ring amid a storm of cheers. He was accompanied by Emil Klank, his manager, "Farmer" Burns, Jesse Westergaard, Yankee Rogers and Heisman. He faced the box occupied by his wife and waved to her. At 3:05 it was announced by order of Chief of Police McWeeney that all bets were off.

Hackenschmidt entered the ring at 3:08.

Burns Wildly Cheered.
Farmer Burns was wildly applauded as he draped the American flag in Gotch's corner. The champion then posed for the photographers and walked around the ring smiling.

In the first preliminary Posti threw Simpson twice, the first fall requiring 18 minutes and the second 15 minutes and 15 seconds.

Yankee Rogers, Gotch's training partner, then threw Fred Ebler in 8 1/2 minutes. Packey McFarland refereed both preliminaries.

Dr. Kotler, Koch, Jack Curley and "Americus" accompanied Hackenschmidt into the ring. The Russian avoided engaging Gotch, keeping his back to the Iowan.

Russian Appears Nervous.
Hackenschmidt seemed nervous. While the officials were being announced, Gotch pushed everyone aside and walked over to Hackenschmidt's corner to shake hands with the Russian, the preliminary handshake before taking hold having been barred.

It was officially announced that Referee Smith had declared all bets off, but no reason was assigned.

Gotch and Hackenschmidt grappled at 3:12 o'clock.

Gotch appeared nervous as the men felt each other out. Hackenschmidt appeared to be overwheeled and had a visible abdomen. Gotch's nervousness.

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MR. TAFT DECLINES TO TALK ABOUT HILL

President Refuses to Comment Upon Publication of Complimentary Letter.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Beverly, Mass., Sept. 4.—President Taft returned here today and resumed golfing.

He refused to comment upon the publication in Berlin of his letter to Ambassador David Jayne Hill in which he endorsed the ambassador's record in Germany and assured him that his resignation was not considered in the light of inferring any inefficiency in the manner in which he handled the important foreign post.

Berlin, Sept. 4.—The Taft letter made public here by David Jayne Hill indorses the ambassador for the manner in which he took care of the Berlin post. Dr. Hill charges that a plot was laid in America to discredit him, and that the famous "potash cases" formed the motive. He said he made the president's letter public to show that there was no friction between himself and the administration.

OPPONENTS PLAN FIGHT ON TREATY

Conservatives in Canadian Parliament Prepare to "Talk Reciprocity to Death."

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Montreal, Sept. 4.—Conservative leaders are claiming that while the campaign now in progress will end on September 21 with a victory for the Liberals under the leadership of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, his majority will be cut down to 70. They are also privately declaring that if this is the case there will be no passage of the United States-Canadian reciprocity pact for a long time to come. They will organize a filibuster and keep it going until they have talked reciprocity to death. If peace plans are carried out this will be a comparatively easy task as there is no closure rule in the Canadian parliament.

Wins Championship



Frank Gotch of Iowa who won by default from George Hackenschmidt, the Russian Lion, at Chicago.

CHINESE PERISH BY TEN THOUSANDS IN GREAT CATAclySM

Rainfall in Valley of Yangtse Kiang River Heaviest in History, Spreading Desolation 1000 Miles From Shanghai.

REFUGEES FORCED TO
EAT BARK OF TREES

Terrible State of Destitution Reported in District by Missionaries.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Shanghai, Sept. 4.—Telegrams from American mission headquarters at Wuhu say the biggest loss of life in the modern history of China occurred as the result of torrential rains which have flooded the country along the line of the Yangtse Kiang river. The province of Anh-Wai is nearly entirely inundated. Crops have been destroyed and houses swept from their foundations.

An accurate estimate of the loss of life is impossible, some missionaries declaring that 100,000 have perished. The valley has been filled with water all year and the rainfall has been the worst in history. For 1000 miles up the river from Shanghai all is desolation. The refugees are in a terrible condition, many of them being reduced to eating the bark of trees in the effort to keep alive.

RAIN PUTS END TO SEASON FOR FIRES IN FOREST, BELIEF

General Fall in Districts That Were Ablaze Comes in Opportune Time—Clackamas District Safe.

The rain of two days has put out forest fires in western Oregon, Washington and northern California, according to reports received today. It is believed to have ended the forest fire season, with the smallest timber loss known in many years, this being accomplished by cooperative effort of state, government and private interests in spite of the dry season.

Rain fell not only on the west slope of the Cascades, the maximum at Portland, the fringes on the north beyond Seattle and on the south at Eureka, but there was slight rainfall in the Blue mountains of eastern Oregon and Washington. Only small fires have been burning there this season, but the rain was sufficient, it is said, to remove all danger unless dry weather set east winds come.

Clackamas District Safe.
The bad fires on the Clackamas watershed are scarcely smouldering, it is reported. The timber loss of millions of feet, and the menace to the power current of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company has been removed. Construction gangs that had been taken off the power plant work of the street car company to fight fires will now be returned and construction will be pushed to make up for lost time.

Carelessness with slashings and by hunters is reported as chief causes of the fires in Oregon. Covering the first situation outside Oregon a bulletin just issued by the Western Forestry & Conservation association states:

Bulletins received simultaneously from all parts of the Pacific northwest.

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30,000 UNIONISTS MARCH IN BAY CITY; GOMPERS SPEAKS

One Hundred Labor Organizations Represented by Almost Full Membership, in San Francisco Parade.

San Francisco, Sept. 4.—Marching 30,000 strong, union labor today participated in a great Labor day parade through the streets of San Francisco. An added feature to the procession was the presence of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

This afternoon laboring men by the tens of thousands from all sections bordering San Francisco Bay gathered at Shellmound Park, on the Alameda side, to listen to Gompers deliver the Labor day oration.

Fully 100 labor unions were represented by nearly full membership in the parade. The only unionists who failed to march were those sick or disabled, because the unions voted with each other to see which would have the most of its membership in line.

The parade started shortly after 9 o'clock, with Mayor P. H. McCarthy.

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LOCAL MINISTERS ASK SECRETARY WILSON TO QUIT BREWERS' CONGRESS

Acceptance of Vice Presidency Called "National Disgrace"—Send Taft Message.

That the preachers of Portland deem it a national disgrace for a high government official to accept an office in an organization whose members control 75 per cent of the saloons in the country was shown today when the city Ministerial association sent a telegram to Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson asking him to resign as vice president of the International Brewers' congress, which is to meet in Chicago, October 19. A telegram was also sent to President Taft, asking him to suggest to his secretary of agriculture the impropriety of his presiding over a congress of brewers.

The telegram reads:

"President W. H. Taft, Washington, D. C.—General Ministerial association representing evangelical churches of Portland, Or., vigorously protest against Secretary of Agriculture Wilson as honorary president of International Brewers' association. We affirm that such action is inconsistent with supreme court decisions and out of harmony with sound public policy.

E. NELSON ALLEN,
"President Association."
Rev. William Parsons of the Third Presbyterian church brought to the at-

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James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture.

FRIEND AND FOE OF RECIPROcity WAGING BATTLE WITH CANADIAN VOTERS



Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada, and R. L. Borden, Leader of the Anti-Reciprocity Forces.