

# WEB TIGHTENS ABOUT BEATTIE

So Tight is the Skein Drawn Around Him That He May be Forced to Take Stand Himself.

## DISGUSTING STORY TOLD

Detective Calls a Spade a Spade When He Coldly Gives His Story of the Liason.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.]

CHESTERFIELD COURT HOUSE, Va., Aug. 26.—Narrower than the confines of the little cell that encompasses Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., tonight draw the gradually tightening threads of the net of circumstantial evidence that may send him to the electric chair for the brutal slaying of his young wife.

So tight did the tangling skein draw today that Beattie may be forced to take the witness stand in a desperate effort to tear away the bonds which the prosecution is steadily weaving to draw him to his death.

It was a sordid story of love, wrecked lives, debauchery, blood money and murder that showed in flashes and hints through the testimony taken in the little Chesterfield court house today. Every word added a link to the chain of circumstantial evidence against the prisoner.

The two big points made by the prosecution today corroborated over and over again the evidence which established to a practical certainty that for ten minutes before Louise Owen Beattie was shot to death, she stood on the running board of her husband's machine at the dark, wood shadowed spot on the lonely Middlethian pike. Half a dozen witnesses for the defense tried in vain to discredit the story. They were returning from a summer resort dance and they saw a couple which they almost certainly identified as Beattie and his ill fated wife.

Beattie has sworn that he made no stop until his automobile was halted by the assassin.

Then the prosecution began its foundation for the motive for the crime—the liason between Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., and Beulah Binford, his child paramour. In cold, unfeeling tones the detective calling a spade a spade, L. L. Scherer related the story of Beattie's intimacy with the 17 year old woman, as he said Beattie told it to him.

Stripped of the slightest glamor of romance, the story was revolting in its bareness. Through the maze of an unholy love Scherer led the jury. Every syllable plainly rang strong in the ears of the plain back-country farmers with their simple old fashioned moral standards. Eagerly but seriously they listened to the recital.

He told of Beattie's confession of his relations with the girl and Beattie's declaration:

"I told my wife about it before we were married and she forgave me."

At the mention of the wife's tender forgiveness, the faces of the listening jurors softened. But the next instant snapped back to the old lines of hardness as a hint of the horrible real motive that the prosecution will try to prove, cropped out.

The judge excluded all the women from the court room when the point came that the story was not for women's ears. A suggestion of a loathsome disease contracted in the debaucheries of brothels and carried home to a wife but a few weeks a mother—it was a tale to be told in whispered words. At the request of Judge Watson the testimony along these lines was excluded for the present.

The gray haired father, with his arm thrown lovingly about the shoulders of the accused woman, suffered during his recital. His pale face, with its expression of dimpled sorrow, worked convulsively as the Beattie family skeleton was dragged from its closet and paraded before the world.

At its conclusion, Harry M. Smith, counsel, asked for an adjournment over Monday. He protested that the volume of Scherer's testimony demanded careful study before an adequate cross-examination could be planned.

One of the most dramatic incidents of the trial was the moving of the entire court out to the sycamore shadowed lawn to allow the jury to inspect the automobile in which Beattie carried home the body of his wife. Judge, prisoner, lawyers and spectators formed a circle while the jurors clamored about the gruesome exhibit, sprawled on the ground beneath it, pawed over the blood soaked cushions and pried parts of the machine loose.

## JEWELRY THIEF COMING TO KEOKUK

Police Here Advised to Keep Lookout for Stranger Who Robbed LaHarpe Man.

[Special to The Gate City.] LAHARPE, Aug. 26.—An unknown man robbed LaHarpe residents of

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# CITY TOURNEY DOWN TO FINALS

Ralph Joy, Country Club Champion, Will Meet L. H. G. Bouscaren on Next Friday.

## "I-M-I" PLAY MONDAY

Everything Points to a Great Tournament and There Will be at Least Thirty-five Entrants.

Ralph Joy, Keokuk Country Club champion, and L. H. G. Bouscaren, runner-up in the city tournament last year, will clash in the finals of the city tennis championship next Friday. Joy won the right to contest for the title by defeating Laurence Parsons Saturday, while Bouscaren was disposing of Archer C. Miller, runner-up in the Country Club tourney which was concluded on Friday.

A number of matches in the singles were played Saturday, the most important of which were those in the semi-finals. Miller put up a plucky fight in the first set against Bouscaren while Joy experienced considerable difficulty in eliminating Parsons.

The following are the results in the tournament since The Gate City publication Friday evening:

**First Round.**  
Allen defeated King, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4.  
Risberg defeated Collins, 6-1, 6-2.

**Second Round.**  
Bouscaren defeated Merriam, 6-1, 6-3.  
Joy defeated Crimmins, 6-0, 7-5.  
Miller defeated Risberg, 6-1, 6-3.  
Parsons defeated Allen, 6-4, 6-4.

**Semi-Finals.**  
Bouscaren defeated Miller, 8-6, 6-2.  
Joy defeated Parsons, 6-4, 7-5.

**Doubles.**  
In the doubles only one match has been played. C. R. Joy and A. A. Northrup defeated Ralph Joy and Charles Allen, 2-6, 6-1, 6-4.

## The "I-M-I" Tourney.

Class is stamped all over the "I-M-I" tournament which opens here Monday. Twenty-five entries are already in, coming from many of the nearby cities, while additional local entries will swell the list to thirty-two.

The business meeting will be held on Tuesday evening.

Among the crack Keokuk teams entered in the doubles are the following: C. R. Joy and A. A. Northrup; Ralph Joy and L. H. G. Bouscaren; Archer Miller and Laurence Parsons.

There has been some delay occasioned in the arrival of the prizes, but they will be on exhibition early in the week.

several gold watches, rings and other jewelry here today. The stranger after securing the valuables left the city and is supposed to have gone to Keokuk, where the police have been advised to keep a lookout for him.

## MYSTERY ADDED TO MYSTERY

Exhibits Have Disappeared as Did Shoaf of Appeal to Reason.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] LOS ANGELES, Aug. 26.—With the arrival today of Captain G. S. Shoaf, head of the detective force at San Antonio, to assist in the search for his son, George H. Shoaf, correspondent of The Appeal to Reason, missing since August 13, another mystery has entered into the case. Captain Shoaf, asked to see the battered hat and bludgeon found on the morning following the correspondent's disappearance. When the drawer at the jail property room was opened, the exhibits had disappeared.

"It is just as I expected," stormed Captain Shoaf. "If I could see the hat and bludgeon I feel certain that I could land the party that murdered my son. The exhibits have been made away with by parties interested in the prosecution of the McNamars and they were responsible for my son's death."

A well known Des Moines woman after suffering miserably for two days from bowel complaint, was cured by one dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by all dealers.

## DEATH LIST MAY REACH 35

Three More Bodies Have Been Identified From the Manchester Wreck.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] MANCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 26.—Three additional bodies of the twenty-seven killed in Friday's Lehigh Valley wreck were identified tonight as follows:

MRS. T. C. MADEN, Trenton, N. J.  
FRANCES MADEN, 10, Trenton, N. J.

MRS. MARY C. HICKEY, Philadelphia.

With the coroner's inquest set for Monday and investigations being conducted by both the Interstate commerce commission and the state public service commission, every effort is being made to fix the blame for the wreck. A defective rail, it is officially reported, was the cause.

Of the many injured, several are not expected to recover and the death list may reach 35.

A woman taken to Rochester hospital, and who gave the name of Mrs. Sweeney, of Philadelphia, late today said she was Mrs. Joseph Hickey, of Philadelphia. She probably will not recover.

Intense interest was aroused today by the statement of Chairman Clark of the interstate commerce commission, who said:

"A few important railway officers in jail would do more than anything else to protect the traveling public."

Criminal prosecutions in the event the responsibility for the wreck is fixed, are being urged here.

## REICHEL'S BATTING HAS IMPROVED

(Continued from page 4.)

Johnson, Kw-Han, 115 455 113 248  
Wise, Ott, 113 375 91 240  
Lage, Mon, 105 276 90 240  
Hilly, Kuk, 105 362 86 238  
Dowers, Mon, 111 356 91 236  
Dowling, Gal, 107 387 89 230  
Cavanaugh, Kuk, 109 359 89 226  
Brenahan, Kuk, 102 394 89 226  
Murray, Kuk, 72 294 46 225  
Frankie, Han, 84 274 61 223  
Hilgefort, Ott, 13 37 8 216  
O'Mara, Han, 25 65 14 215  
Noyes, Ott, 25 89 18 203  
Boyd, Ott, 41 102 20 196  
Burch, Ott, 12 21 4 190  
C Swalm, Mon, 29 53 10 189  
Boothby, Kuk, 35 91 17 187  
Hawks, Bur, 42 114 21 184  
Willie, Bur, 28 83 12 181  
Amcock, Kew, 19 31 5 160  
Hardgrove, Mon, 32 85 12 153  
Monagan, Han, 11 35 5 143  
Ashley, Han, 17 39 5 128  
Mogridge, Gal, 45 115 14 122  
Saxe, Kew, 14 38 4 105

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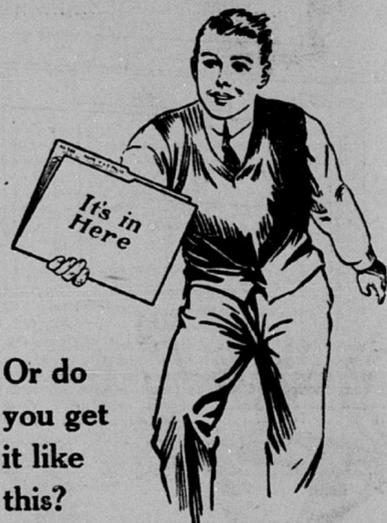
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### CITY NEWS.

—Keokuk railroad men will be interested in the following news item: A fast mail train on the New York Central road, a few days ago, drawing seven all-steel mail cars and two Pullmans, ran three miles in one minute and fifty-one seconds. The first mile was made in thirty-eight seconds, the second in thirty-seven and the third in thirty-six, the fastest time ever made in the world on a steam railroad.

—The fire department answered a call from the home of Cal Hewitt, between Second and Third on Exchange street shortly before 1 o'clock this morning. A mattress and some bed clothes on the bed in an upstairs room had caught fire, but in what manner it is not known. The damage was slight.

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