

MAY INDICT BEULAH BINFORD

Still in Jail at Richmond and May Not be Released as Was at First Proposed.

IS GREATLY IRRITATED

Instructions of Court and Arguments to the Jury in the Beattie Murder Case Today.

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 7.—While counsel in the trial of Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., on trial for wife murder, conferred with Judge William A. Watson concerning the legal basis for the instructions to be given the jury, detectives investigated a charge made by Beattie that he was an accessory before the fact.

The prosecution applied to Judge Watson to delay the release of the girl at least until today. Judge Watson was informed that if the investigation was successful Miss Binford might be indicted.

Judge Watson received a telegram from a man in Chicago advising that Paul Beattie, cousin of Henry, be indicted as an accessory, the Chicagoan declaring he would go to Chesterfield Court-house to testify if desired.

Detective L. L. Scherer, who has been chief in working up the case for the prosecution, repudiated any such purpose as to Beattie, but said that the investigation as to Miss Binford had not been completed.

"I do not attach much importance to it," said Scherer, "and it is probable Beulah Binford will be released. Yet we are working on the information and will do so, regardless of her release today or the verdict in the case."

Miss Binford has fretted at her long detention and accused the prosecution of connivance in preventing her testifying because they knew she "could get a big contract on the stage" if she had been allowed to take the stand.

When she learned of the investigations made she was greatly irritated, as she had hoped to gain her freedom today. On learning Henry Beattie declared he would eat dinner with his family Sunday next she exclaimed, "I'd give a million dollars to see him do it."

The instructions to be given to the jury will be brief and will not be made public until delivered to the jury. They are similar to those given in the famous murder case against Mayor McCue of Charlottesville, Va., six years ago, when the Virginia supreme court set a precedent in determining not to thrust aside on legal technicalities what it regarded as an evidently fair verdict.

The final draft made by Judge Watson included the usual perfunctory request of the defense that the indictment be quashed because "of the reasonable doubt," and a similar instruction of the commonwealth that the jury find the accused guilty of murder on the evidence given by Paul Beattie as to Henry's alleged confession.

Judge Watson declared that on delivering the instructions he intends to ask how long a time was desired by counsel for the argument, and if it was not an unreasonable period he would grant it. He added, however, that he would suggest to counsel the completion of the argument by tonight and that if the jury did not appear to be very fatigued he would ask them to retire at once and find a verdict.

It is not thought likely the lawyers will be able to finish their speeches today, and it is expected that they will be continued Friday. It seems certain the case will go to the jury not later than Friday noon.

Instructions to Jury. CHESTERFIELD COURT HOUSE, Va., Sept. 7.—The final scene in the dramatic effort of Beattie to escape the electric chair was staged by Judge Watson in instructing the jury and counsel on both sides summed up the case. The expectation is that the case will go to the jury late tonight.

The judge dwelt upon the question of reasonable doubt. Beattie himself appeared to regard the charge as favorable, and was visibly pleased. The accused man winced at the bitter denunciations of Attorney Gregory, who summed up for the prosecution, but brightened up at the impressive appeal of his attorney and pictured Beattie as a lovable, peaceable, amiable young man.

Beulah is Free. RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 7.—Beulah Binford was released from jail today and left at once for Philadelphia to pose for a moving picture concern. A great crowd saw her off on the train.

ASTOR WEDDING IN SECRET

Millionaire and Little Girl Planned to Have the Ceremony Performed Today It is Learned.

THE PREACHER REFUSED

Rev. Brooks Turned Down Proposition and Made Public the Fact That Today Was Date.

LITTLE COMPTON, R. I., Sept. 7.—That Col. John Jacob Astor had decided upon today as the date for his marriage with Miss Madeline Talmadge Force, upon whom he has settled \$5,000,000, became known here. The colonel desired that the marriage take place at his mansion in Newport.

Finding the barriers of the Episcopal Church raised against him Colonel Astor knocked at the door of the Methodist church. He consulted Rev. Frederick L. Brooks, pastor of the Methodist church at Little Compton. Rev. Mr. Brooks was not slow in making public announcement that he had refused to perform the ceremony. In making his statement the clergyman made known the millionaire's intentions as to the time and place he had decided upon for the marriage, the first public disclosure yet made along these lines.

Not even Col. Astor's intimate friends in Newport were aware that he had planned so early a wedding and the withholding of a public announcement is accepted as an indication that the ceremony will be quiet to the point of secrecy.

In turning down the multimillionaire head of the Astor clan, Rev. Mr. Brooks said that it would be impossible for him to officiate at such a ceremony because of the restrictions his church places on the marriage of divorced persons.

This situation may compel Col. Astor to abandon all idea of an ecclesiastical marriage and content himself with a civil ceremony. He is now in Newport with his betrothed.

A ship load of Miss Force's wedding trousseau has arrived at the Astor mansion and all plans are completed for the honeymoon. Col. Astor refused to make any comment upon Rev. Brooks' refusal to officiate at the marriage.

The Episcopal Church, of which Col. Astor is a communicant, denounced the contemplated marriage through its prelates and priests, and the Episcopal clergymen in all nearby dioceses were forbidden to perform the ceremony.

"Rest assured of one thing," said Bishop Greer, "no Episcopal clergyman in the Diocese of New York will perform this ceremony. I will not allow it."

Not in New York. NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—Crowds surrounded the home of Wm. H. Force today because of the report that his daughter was to wed Col. Astor this afternoon. This, Astor denied, when he reached the house.

CANDIDATES FOR 1912 ELECTION

Taft and Clark Are Predicted by Wilson While Bryan is in Doubt.

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 7.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson today stated that President Taft and Champ Clark would be the two nominees for the presidency in 1912.

He said that Taft's renomination was assured and that Champ Clark was very strong with his party.

Bryan on the Candidates. LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 7.—W. J. Bryan in his Commoner today has an editorial on "The Strangle Hold of Wall Street," and urges the democratic masses to get together and nominate a candidate who represents the rank and file. He says the old fight of sixteen years ago is on again and the Wall street side of the party should be looked after. Today, the Wall street crowd is backing Taft and will also try and pick the democratic nominee, he says.

Struck Big Flow of Gas. GALGARY, Alberta, Sept. 7.—While boring in "Number Four" well at Bow Island a few days ago, the drillers struck a flow which, according to experts, eclipses in volume anything hitherto found on the American continent. The flow, it was declared by an expert, is about 25,000,000 feet each 24 hours.

NO STRIKE IS EXPECTED NOW

Illinois Central Threatened Trouble Has Simmered Down to a Whisper and is Growing Fainter.

WILL NOT BE SANCTIONED

Men Are Told That International Officials Would Not Recognize Walk Out at Present.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 7.—Strike talk among officials of unions of shop mechanics employed on the Illinois Central Railroad simmered down to a whisper today and close observers of the situation expressed the opinion that the threatened walkout is a closed incident.

At a conference held between officers of the international union involved and officials of the Federation of Mechanical Crafts on the Illinois Central lines, the latter were told by the international union leaders that a strike at this time would be inopportune and that they would refuse to sanction it.

"You can issue a call for a strike if you wish, but it will be solely upon your own responsibility," was the essence of the statement made by the international officers to the federation chiefs.

The latter declared they still wore their "fighting clothes," but it was regarded as doubtful if they will precipitate a conflict at this time.

Lacking the sanction of the international organization in such an undertaking, the strikers, it is pointed out, would be bereft of financial support during the struggle. Another meeting of the union officers was held at which various phases of the situation were considered. Before the meeting was called to order Secretary Kramer of the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and helpers said:

"We have nothing to say at present except that a series of meetings probably will be held during the next few days."

It became known during the day that President Markham of the Illinois Central Railroad will make no reply to the letter of Secretary Kramer in which his attitude against recognition of the federation was criticized. Mr. Markham, it is understood, believes that he already has made his position clear, both verbally and in writing, and that a reply is not called for.

Julius Kruttschnitt, vice president of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific roads, who returned from San Francisco, declared that, so far as the Harriman lines are concerned, negotiations relative to recognition of shop federations on these roads are at an end. He made it clear that the attitude of the management against recognition of these organizations remains unchanged.

"Men may be called overgrown children," said Mr. Kruttschnitt. "You can take a child to a candy shop or a toy shop, show him the tempting displays, and he invariably will insist upon getting something. An organizer or promoter can come along and convince a group of men that they should be getting something more than they are getting. Shop mechanics on the Harriman roads were led to believe they could get more than they are now receiving by following the leadership of certain organizers."

TWIN BOYS SHOT BY HERMIT UNCLE

Youths Were Found With Bullet Holes in Their Heads Near the Old Shack.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 7.—The bodies of the 19-year-old twin sons of Henry Beaur, a farmer living east of Aberdeen, were found by deputy sheriffs in a lonely spot, twenty miles northeast of Montezano and near the shack of the boys' uncle, John Turno. Bullet holes in the heads of both boys indicated the manner in which they met death. The boys went bear hunting Sunday and when they did not return Sunday night the sheriff started a search. Later Sheriff Edward Payatte sent out a posse with a bloodhound to take up the trail. A dead bear was found and it was first thought the lads had been killed by the animal. The bloodhound, however, nosed around in the leaves and uncovered one body. The second corpse was found nearby.

Turno, the uncle, who is missing, has lived a hermit's existence for the last twenty-three months. It is thought he believed the boys had been sent out to kill him.

BROOK'S COMET CAN BE SEEN

is Visible Now to the Naked Eye and is Getting Brighter Each Night, Says the Astronomer.

COMING TOWARD EARTH

On September 17, it Will be But 45,000,000 Miles Away and Then Will Diminish.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Sept. 7.—Brook's comet, on which the astronomers of the world are focusing their telescopes, is visible to the naked eye and is increasing in brightness.

A bulletin just issued by the Harvard observatory states that the comet may be easily followed notwithstanding its rapid motion, due to its proximity.

On September 17 the comet will be at its least distance from the earth, at which time it will be only 45,000,000 miles away.

FATHER DUNCAN TO BE OUSTED

Old Priest on Alaskan Island Has Become Entirely Too Independent.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—One of the incidental reasons for Secretary of the Interior Fisher's present trip to Alaska is to oust Father Duncan from his stronghold on Mathlakahla Island. Father Duncan is a priest who has been in Alaska ever since man can remember and during most of that time has been nominal chief of the Mathlakahla Indians, on the island, which was set aside for their use by the government.

Under Father Duncan's guiding hands, the Mathlakahla Indians have built up a community of more than ordinary prosperity, possessing as it does, a cannery, a saw mill and various other industries of considerable size. Father Duncan, however, has become a little too independent to suit Uncle Sam, and for this reason there has been an effort for a long while to dislodge him.

Agents, commissioners and all sorts of representative of the government have been dispatched to the island to humor him into letting loose, but to no avail. However, he has finally agreed to treat with the government through an attorney whom he had recently retained, and Secretary Fisher and his party will stop at Mathlakahla to attempt to reach an agreement with the old priest whereby he will turn his industries over to the government.

KILLED WITH BILLIARD CUE

Man Struck Over the Head During Quarrel in Pool Room is Dead.

DAVENPORT, Sept. 7.—Henry Clausen died at St. Luke's hospital, leaving Charles Wegner liable to trial for murder. In a pool room quarrel last Friday, Wegner struck Clausen over the head with a billiard cue. Clausen had been unconscious ever since with a fractured skull.

Married in Switzerland. GENEVA, Sept. 7.—Willard D. Straight and Miss Dorothy Payne Whitney were married in the Episcopal church here today. It was a quiet wedding, although many American friends of the couple were present.

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and vicinity: Threatening and cooler tonight. Friday probably fair.

For Illinois: Unsettled weather with showers tonight, and probably in the south portion Friday. Cooler tonight.

For Iowa: Threatening tonight, with cooler in the east and south portions. Friday, probably fair.

For Missouri: Showers and cooler tonight. Friday probably cooler.

Local Observations. Sept. 7. Bar. Ther. Wind. Weather. 6, 7 p.m. ... 29.71 74 E City 7, 7 a.m. ... 29.95 67 W City

Rainfall for past twenty-four hours, .95 hundredths. River above low water of 1864, three feet, rise of .2 tenths. Mean temperature Sept. 6th, 73. Highest temperature, 86. Lowest temperature, 60. Lowest temperature last night, 64. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.

LETTER TO YOUNG WOMAN

Reason Why Rev. Johnson Resigned and Ran Away Has Been Discovered at Last.

BANK CLERK'S LETTER

He Wrote to Minister After Pastor's Note to Girl Had Been Found and This Caused Flight.

CLARENCE, Mo., Sept. 7.—A letter written by the Rev. H. Horwood Johnson to a young woman of his congregation and a letter written to the minister by Oscar Callison, a bank clerk, are now believed to have been the cause of the pastor's sudden withdrawal from the Southern Methodist ministry and his departure from Clarence.

"God knows my sin," was the only reply in Johnson's message to the Methodist conference in session two days ago at Columbia. In a letter to Presiding Elder Lehnhoff at Macon, Ga., he wrote: "I have not been guilty of immorality but of injudicious conduct through correspondence."

It became known today that Pastor Johnson's letter was written to a young woman, who had shown marked admiration for him and had been a frequent caller at his home. The letter was found by the woman's sister and was shown to Oscar Callison, an official of the church, who wrote the minister a letter.

Callison denied that he included in the letter a warning that the Rev. Mr. Johnson had better not return to Clarence. He said the letter was written in a friendly spirit and he would welcome the pastor back.

The young woman has been enraptured with the pastor's sermons and has shown great admiration for him. He is known to have written her a warning that her conduct toward him might be misconstrued. The minister's friends insist that his motives were for the best.

Mr. Johnson was about 46 years old. He came to the Missouri conference from England fifteen years ago, and has a wife and son, the latter 16 years old.

The ministers who know him well say Mr. Johnson was very popular in the Missouri towns where he had lived; that he was an excellent musician and was regarded as a power in all kinds of church work.

GERMANY WILL NOT GO TO WAR

Settlement Has Been Reached With France Over the Moroccan Situation.

BERLIN, Sept. 7.—Herr Von Kiderlin-Waechter, the foreign secretary assured his friends that all danger of a war between Germany and France over Morocco has passed. He hoped to be able to announce the terms of the settlement in the Reichstag on October 10.

Germany, according to the foreign minister, never had the slightest intention of going to war about what he calls a "parcel of Africa sand hills." It is further understood that the future political status of France in Morocco has been settled. The chief task now before the negotiators is to find the necessary economic formulas for German and other nationalities in Morocco.

Two big piles of papers containing France's final proposals are lying side by side on a table at the foreign office. Their tenor will be discussed tonight and tomorrow by the foreign secretary and Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, who has just returned from an audience with Kaiser at Kiel.

It is now clear that Germany will consent to a French protectorate over Morocco in return for a treaty which will strictly define her economic rights in that country, and, in addition to this, a slice of the Congo. It is understood that Germany is asking 400,000 square miles in the Congo. France is reluctant to cede more than 150,000 square miles.

Value of Early Training. Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old he will not depart from it.—Proverbs of Solomon. xlii:6.

Baby Boy Arrives. NEWBURGH, N. Y., Sept. 7.—A baby boy arrived today at the home of Mrs. Antonetta Gazzam Calvin, \$3,000,000 heiress whose quest for a soul mate ended last year when she was wedded to an aqueduct engineer.

WERE SAVED BY GIRL'S PETTICOAT

Young Couple in Catboat Were Caught in Squall and Spent Three Days in Terror.

BOTH FOUND SENSELESS

Helpless Craft With White Skirt Flying as Distress Signal Was Finally Picked up.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Sept. 7.—Three days adrift at sea, during every hour of which they were face to face with death, Miss Elsie Henderson, 21 years old, lying unconscious in the cockpit, and Thomas Dennison, 22, of Dover, raving in delirium, were picked up six miles off the coast by the yacht Rob Roy of Lynn.

They are now in Portsmouth hospital. The girl revived sufficiently to tell an incoherent story of their perilous adventures. The young man is still senseless.

Dennison is a member of a well-known family in Dover. Miss Henderson is a charming society girl. They started Saturday morning in a small catboat for a cruise around Portsmouth harbor and off the coast. The marvelous story of what happened to them was told by Miss Henderson after she had revived.

"When we were going down the harbor a squall struck us," she said weakly, and lapsing frequently into an unconscious state during her narrative. "Almost at the first gust our sail was carried away. The boat tossed about helplessly, the waves always gaining in size, until we feared that we would be swamped. We fought desperately to keep the craft straight."

"Tom waved his coat when we sighted a vessel, but they evidently did not see us or could not do anything to help us. I waved my handkerchief but they could not see the poor little thing."

"All the time we kept drifting out to sea. In desperation I took off my undershirt. Tom rigged up an oar and we put that up as a signal. The vessel we hoped to attract kept its course."

"Then, to add to our terror, it grew dark. We were too weak to make any further efforts, but we were too frightened to sleep and we lay awake all night."

"Sunday dawned, and there we were far from the sight of land, drifting into the sea and expecting every moment to be drowned. We were too weak even to talk."

"Tom seemed to have fallen into a stupor and I too, passed into senselessness. From that time on, I remember nothing."

Commander Strong, who discovered the hopeless craft, said that he sighted the catboat with its petticoat signal at dawn. Only the flying skirt caught his eye and that was what saved the young people.

HEADLESS BODY FOUND ON TRACK

Man Had Been Killed by Cars and Corpse Dragged Back and Forth.

OSKALOOSA, Sept. 7.—The headless and limbless body of an unidentified man was discovered along the right of way of the Rock Island railroad, between Evans and Beacon. The body had been dragged back and forth in a space of a hundred yards by passing trains.

Nothing to indicate the identity of the man could be found. The head, which lay several feet from the body, was fringed with reddish brown hair the top being bald. He had a red moustache and his features indicated that he might have been about fifty year old. The body was of stocky build.

INDIAN FIGHTERS SENT BACK HOME

Four Youngsters Saw Moving Picture and Then Went Out on the Trail.

BERKELEY Cal., Sept. 7.—After attending a moving picture show which depicted an Indian fight, the four small children of L. C. Stevens of West Berkeley went on the war path with a revolver and 300 cartridges which they bought at a pawn shop. Their outfitting expenses were covered by \$10 secured at home.

At Richmond, four miles away, Chief of Police Arnold surrounded the band of fighters and after their capture, sent them home on a street car.

WARSAW STRUCK BY TORNADO

Did Not Last Long But Was the Worst Blow That Has Visited the Town for Many Years.

ROOFS SENT FLYING

Windows Blown In, Houses Flooded With Water and Lightning Struck in Many Places.

[Special to The Gate City.] WARSAW, Ill., Sept. 7.—The tornado that struck Warsaw last night about 7:30 o'clock, was the worst for many years, though it did not last long, nor did very much rain fall. Fruit and shade trees were riddled, limbs twisted off and in some instances cut off close to the ground. The park was damaged, but only one large tree was destroyed. Every street in the path of the storm is littered with broken trees. The storm came from the northeast, striking the hay warehouses of G. D. Hackmack on the southeast corner of Main and Levee, and tearing off the second story, flooded the saloon of Gasper Giesen below, but doing little damage there. It next took in the Warsaw Pickle Factory, demolishing the second story of the front, and taking the roof off of the back and depositing it on edge in the ravine adjoining. Several tanks of pickles, under process, were covered with brick and mortar. The damage to this plant is extensive and will probably reach \$3,500 or \$4,000. The tornado kept up the ravine through town toward the southeast, damaging buildings in its course. The roof of John Stevens' building on Main street between Second and Third, was damaged, and a hole was punched in the roof of Robt. Hoffman's store building on Main, between Third and Fourth.

The tin roof was blown off of the Ark store, next door, the building being owned by the Mussetter estate; there was a slight damage to stock in rear where the break was worst. Ed. Ketting's furniture store joined this store on the west and roof was damaged.

The tin roof of the large rear porch of the Woolfolk residence was stripped off and blown across the street, in two sections. There was great damage done to electric light wires and telephone wires. On Fourth street hill Chas. Climbers' team stepped on a broken light wire and one of the horses was instantly killed, and it was with difficulty he rescued the other one, endangering his life thereby. A chimney on the High school was blown through the roof, and in another part of the city a tree was blown through the roof of Wm. Floto.

Fences and chimneys were blown down all over town and in some places trees across fences. In many places windows were blown in and rooms flooded. Lightning struck in several parts of town. On the Marsh farm east of town a long line of sheds were demolished, and north of that, John C. Hartman's barn was unroofed. At Ninth and Webster Peter Hartman's front porch was blown away, and Capt. J. R. Williams' lawn was littered with broken fruit and shade trees, and outside, several of his finest shade trees, hard maple, are ruined, and in the rear of his property on Crawford street, 200 feet of fence is down.

An artist is this morning taking views of the most interesting wrecks. Word came this morning that the storm damaged the front of the Sage store in Alexandria, and the rear of the Bott factory. Fortunately no one has been seriously hurt by the storm, which is rather remarkable, as it came up so suddenly.

Here's a Good Girl. WAKEFIELD, Mass., Sept. 7.—Although she never drove a nail until three months ago, Miss Henrietta Boyes has just completed the building of a bungalow unassisted. The building has five rooms and a bath, hardwood floors throughout and all modern improvements. While engaged in the heavy carpenter work, Miss Boyes, donned overalls and jumper.

Beulah Is Booked. NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—Freeman Barnstein, theatrical booking agent said today that he would present Beulah Binford at the Liberty theatre, Philadelphia on Monday. He said she might sing a couple of songs but that it did not matter what she did so long as she appeared where the people could see her.