

Showers to-day, followed by fair; to-morrow fair.

PAUL BEATTIE MAY DECIDE FATE OF HIS COUSIN HENRY TO-DAY THIRTY-SEVEN DEAD, 60 HURT IN WRECK ON LEHIGH VALLEY

DAMAGING TESTIMONY BROUGHT OUT IN CASE WHICH STIRS VIRGINIA

Automobile Seen to Stop Where Mrs. Beattie Was Killed—Thunderstorm Delays Proceedings Half an Hour.

Defendant Losing His Flippant Air—May Break Down Completely When Vital Testimony of His Cousin Is Given to the Jury This Afternoon.

By J. J. O'NEILL.

Chesterfield, Va., Aug. 25.—To-morrow will in all likelihood see the making or breaking of the case against Henry Clay Beattie, jr., on trial out here in the woods, charged with having shot to death his wife because of his love for Beulah Binford, a younger, prettier girl.

SEE QUICK END TO TRIAL.

If Paul sticks to his story, if he cannot be shaken, if the jurors believe him, the State need not go much further. The sending of Henry Beattie to the electric chair will be practically certain.

Another point made against the boy was that a witness declared he had seen a man and a woman resembling Beattie and his wife with a halted automobile at the spot of the killing and within a few minutes of the time it occurred.

With these two things established, the proving of the purchase and delivery of the gun by Paul will about complete the case.

Holand Sydnor, a middle-aged dairyman, was the most important witness.

"I was walking along the Middlethorpe turnpike early in the evening of July 18 and a machine went past me, then turned and ran back to the place where the lady's body afterward was found. A young man in a brown suit was driving it. When it got to that spot he got out. What he did I don't know. But that—looking at some clothing shown him—that was the kind of a suit he wore, and his automobile was gray, with a yellow top, just like the one out here in the courtyard (Beattie's)."

Not an Auto Expert.

On cross-examination, Sydnor admitted that he could not qualify as an automobile expert, but with country wit he said: "I know how to get in and out of one, and I know enough to keep out of my way, though most of the riding I do is in a milk wagon." His story could not be shaken.

A. E. Briggs, young son of a wealthy Richmond contractor, told of having seen the car halt at the place where Mrs. Beattie later was killed. He and seven other boys were returning from a dance at a big machine of their own.

"This car was stopped in the middle of the road," he said. "A young man and a young lady were there. She was sitting on the left running board; he was walking around the front of it. We slowed up and asked him if he wanted help, but he said no, so we went on."

Proceedings Are Halted.

A terrific thunderstorm here brought proceedings to a close for half an hour, the din being so loud that witnesses couldn't be heard. The spectators and officials went out on the porch to watch the courthouse and watched a rain that was almost a cloudburst. Young Beattie was glad to get such an opportunity to puff his pipe. He stood at one time within a few feet of his cousin, Paul; but he did not speak to him. He merely glared menacingly at the other youth.

J. C. Tally, a farmer living near the scene of the slaying, added to the weight of the State's testimony. "I heard a woman scream that night," he said. "Then I heard the bang of a gun. A few minutes afterward I heard a

LIGHTNING BOLT STARTS FURNACE FIRE IN AUGUST

Nature's Prank Puts One Over on Householder.

TWO DWELLINGS STRUCK

Lightning struck the house of Theodore Schultz, at Twenty-ninth and Beach streets, Mount Rainier, last evening, and wrecked the house. The bolt struck the chimney, passed down through the roof, through ceilings and floors to the furnace in the cellar, firing a quantity of waste paper that had accumulated there during the summer.

Charles Ervine, who lives opposite the Schultz house, was stunned by the shock of the bolt. He was sitting on his porch, more than 150 feet away.

The house of Ernest Baekmann, at Twenty-ninth and Ash streets, was also struck by lightning about the same time. The damage was slight. Mrs. Lewis, who was sitting on the porch of her residence, in Thirtieth street, was stunned by the shock and thrown violently from the chair in which she was sitting.

Gutters all over Mount Rainier were flooded at a late hour last night, and the discomfort of travel was intensified by the extinguishing of all electric lights in the houses throughout the town. In every house candles and lamps were in use, and despite the best efforts of the lighting company's workmen, power was cut off all night.

MINIATURE CLOUDBURST SENT BY J. PLUVIUS, ESQ.

Old Jupiter Pluvius, whose the sporting writers blame for spoiling baseball games, got busy in these parts early last night and settled the dust around Washington with a miniature cloudburst. Accompanying the driving rain was a spectacular electrical display in the heavens. So far as could be learned, no serious damage was done in the city.

Street car service was interfered with to some extent, but schedules were restored almost immediately after the storm ceased. The Weather Bureau recorded a precipitation of 0.80 inches in an hour.

CAT BITES MAN.

Maddened Animal Attacks Master and Tears Arm.

Attacked by a pet cat that suddenly went mad in the rear of his home last night, J. E. Reilly, of 1729 U. street northwest, was bitten on the right arm. Reilly went into the yard just before the heavy electric storm broke, and while he was stooping to pick something from the ground the cat, which had been a pet of the family for years, jumped at him.

The animal sunk its teeth into the fleshy part of his arm. He was not able to shake the cat off until a large piece of flesh had been torn from his arm. The cat, foaming at the mouth, then ran madly around the yard in a circle. Other persons in the house came to Reilly's assistance, and a large hot was dropped over the animal. The cat was shot and his brain will be sent to the Bureau of Animal Industry to determine if it was suffering from rabies.

Week-end Trips to Jersey Seaboard Resorts.

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CHOLERA IN TURKEY.

Twenty-six New Cases in Constantinople Yesterday.

STRIKE IS ENDED.

All the Labor Trouble in Liverpool About Over.

CANNON'S COAT GONE.

Former Speaker Cannot Find the Garment.

THIEF ROBS WOMAN.

Purse Taken from Waiting-room in Station.

HUGE FIGHTER READY.

Largest Battle Ship in World to Be Launched To-day.

HAINS GETS DECREE.

Former Army Officer, Now in Prison, Wins Suit.

IOWAN SWINDLED.

Strangers Play Game with Visitor to Capital.

GAME LAWS NOVEL.

Automobiles Barred to North Dakota Duck Hunters.

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MACHINISTS FEAR STRIKE CALAMITY ON RAILROADS

Federation Officers Are Seeking Recognition.

OPPOSE LONG DELAYS

Local labor leaders view the Hartman railway troubles with great concern, and are putting out every effort to hold the men in check pending a meeting between J. D. Burkalow, third vice president of the International Association of Machinists, with Vice President Kruttschnitt, which they are trying to arrange to be held at Omaha, which is the headquarters of the Union Pacific line, within the next few days.

Officers of the federation here acknowledge that the situation is tense, and that the temper of the men is hardly to be trusted. With 15,000 men out on strike throughout the United States now, every effort is being made to prevent hot-headed members from precipitating what would be one of the most calamitous economic struggles that the country has seen for years.

P. J. Conlon, first vice president of the International Association of Machinists, said last night that the situation is difficult to handle by reason of the fact that there are five branches of the Hartman lines, and there are five trades concerned in the demand for wages.

BOY HELD AS THIEF.

Fifteen-year-old Is Charged with Robbing a Store.

Arthur Ross, fifteen years old, of 502 Virginia avenue southeast, was arrested last night charged with robbing the store of Henry J. Zuschnitt, 1206 Third street southeast.

The boy entered the store early yesterday morning by forcing a rear window, and robbed the place of money and articles of clothing valued at \$40. Zuschnitt discovered his loss yesterday morning when he opened his store for the day's business. The store had been ransacked.

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THE UNIDENTIFIED DEAD.

Following is a partial list of the unidentified dead: Unknown man, cuff buttons marked "B." Unknown woman, about forty years old; locket marked "M." Unknown woman; ring marked "G. E. V. to M. L." Unknown woman, about thirty years old; initials "M. E. M." on ring. Unknown woman, about thirty-five years old. Unknown woman wearing striped waist, grey skirt; light hair. Unknown woman, thirty years old, light hair, blue eyes, wearing blue skirt, green and white striped waist. Unknown woman, forty years old, 170 pounds, black skirt, dark hair. Woman, slight build, checked dress, watch marked "E. T. P."

FEAR MOB VIOLENCE.

Officers Take Slayer of Father to Evansville.

Indianapolis, Aug. 25.—A dispatch from Roanoke, Va., late this afternoon says that William Lee, twenty-one, has confessed to having murdered his father, who the latter attacked him with an ax on his return home late Wednesday. William Lee says he then discovered that his father had already killed his mother and brother, and that he, William, in his excitement, fired the house.

Part of his confession is doubted, but the feeling is so strong that William has been taken to Evansville to avoid possible mob violence.

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THREE COACHES JUMP TRESTLE AND PLUNGE FORTY FEET TO WATER

Cars Jammed With Veterans Returning From G. A. R. Convention at Rochester Are Hurlled Through Space.

Presence of Mind of Aged War Hero Prevents Rest of Big Train from Being Wrecked—Washingtonians Aboard Ill-fated Train.

Manchester, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Thirty-seven persons were killed and more than sixty were seriously hurt when a "double-header" east-bound train on the Lehigh Valley Railroad plunged through a trestle over an outlet of Canandaigua Lake, near this town, at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Three of the fourteen cars composing the train, all crowded to the platform with veterans returning from the G. A. R. encampment at Rochester, tumbled forty feet from the trestle into the water.

A relief train bearing forty-five victims arrived in Rochester tonight. Surgeons say that three-fourths of these are fatally injured.

RAILS SPREAD ON TRESTLE.

The train was running forty miles late and was making fifty miles an hour. The disaster was due, officials say, to the spreading of the rails on the trestle. The locomotives and two day coaches and a Pullman car had passed over the trestle before the disaster occurred.

There was a grinding noise, the sound of splintering wood, and a crowded dinking of terrified passengers rent the air as the car struck the water forty feet below.

Two day coaches followed the dining car. The second coach lunged far off the trestle and remained standing on end in the water. The passengers were hurled atop of each other in this car.

Under this mass of humanity scores suffered fatal injuries and many were drowned in the rushing water.

Veterans Save Train.

Had it not been for the almost miraculous mind of Veteran Frank J. Pinner, in charge of U. S. Grant Post, G. A. R., of Philadelphia, the nine remaining coaches would have plunged into the lake.

Quick as a flash, when he heard the first crash, Mr. Pinner leaped up and pulled the emergency brake. It brought the coaches to a stop quivering at the edge of the shattered trestle.

Mr. Pinner tells the story as follows: "Our car stopped just as the forward end reached the edge of the embankment. I climbed down the side of the car that was standing on end and broke all the windows, letting as many people out as possible."

"I then ran to the water and pulled out a little girl with both legs broken. There was a little boy a short distance from her who was drowned before I could reach him. Then I pulled George Irwin and his wife out of the water. Both of them were badly injured. In all my life I never saw a thing like this. People seemed insane from fright, and it was difficult to do anything in the way of rescue."

A scene almost unprecedented in railroad wrecks greeted the passengers who poured out of the undamaged coaches. Victims with blood covering their bodies were creeping and being dragged through the shattered glass in the windows only to plunge into the water.

Before they could reach victims in the partially submerged dining car, rescuers were obliged to build a foot bridge into the outlet of the lake.

Rescue Work Prompt.

Several railroad men smashed the tool boxes in cars standing on the trestle. Axes were handed to the men who had already crossed the foot bridge and the work of extricating the victims was begun.

Holes were chipped in the sides of the cars, and the dead and injured were removed as fast as the rescuers, wading up to their waists in the water off the end of the bridge, could disentangle them.

Administer Last Rites.

It was here that the last rites were said for many dying and dead. In the meantime, the news of the wreck had been flashed by every near-by point, and relief trains were soon speeding from Rochester and Buffalo.

The first relief train arrived from Rochester at 4:45, having made the trip at the rate of a mile a minute. While the injured were being taken aboard this train, another arrived from Geneva, and a minute later came several automobiles carrying physicians and nurses from Clifton Springs. Several of the injured had died within these few minutes, and many more were put aboard the trains who were beyond all hope of recovery.

Used but One Machine.

Automobile drivers and railroad engineers will tell you that they have scarcely heard of a self-propelled vehicle that has traveled day after day for 1,200 miles without the substitution of some important part.

The motor in Atwood's biplane is practically wrecked. But the biplane itself, which has passed through such unprecedented vicissitudes, is as good as-day as the day when it began to carry the 8100

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