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SAYS HE SAW WOMAN KILLED

Eleventh Hour Witness Appears In Beattie Case

Wendenburg Probes Story—May Have Case Reopened
And Body Of Victim Disinterred—Informant Writes
That While He Was Hunting Lost Cow He Witnessed
Tragedy On Midlothian Turnpike—Bribed To
Leave County, But Is Conscience Stricken

Richmond, Va., Sept. 7.—Startling evidence, which came to Prosecutor Wendenburg in the form of a letter, may render necessary the reopening of the Beattie trial to admit the testimony of a man who declares that he was an eye witness to the murder of Mrs. Beattie on the night of July 18. So strongly does the prosecutor believe in the truth of the information he has received that he has vied the authorities of another city to cooperate with a lawyer there in the examination of a man who states that he witnessed the murder.

Today Wendenburg expects to hear from these authorities whether or not the volunteer witness is thought to be telling the truth. If a favorable reply is received, the witness will be hurried to Chesterfield C. H., and will go on the stand immediately to confront the prisoner, who, he says in a confession to Wendenburg, shot Mrs. Beattie before his eyes.

So closely do the circumstances of the murder narrated by this self-confessed eye-witness tally with the theories held by the prosecution that if the witness is brought to testify Wendenburg will move for the exhumation of Mrs. Beattie's body in order that physical facts may corroborate the story of the witness.

Withholds Name of City.
The letter in question was mailed at a city the name of which Wendenburg withholds from publication, but which he says is a day and a half distant by rail from Richmond.

"I write this because my conscience will no longer allow me to be still" were the first words of the letter. "I saw Henry Beattie kill his wife," the letter continues, "and I have kept my mouth shut to this minute because I was afraid. But I don't want him to escape punishment, and now I am willing to come and testify to what I know if I am wanted." The writer then gave his name, the address of his boarding house in the city to which he said he had fled two days after the murder on money furnished by Henry Beattie himself, and the name of the man in that city who now employs him. Then followed his story. This is substantially the way he told it:

"I was employed by (Mr. Wendenburg withholds the name), who is a farmer, and who has a farm near the Midlothian turnpike in Chesterfield county, not far from South Richmond. I was a farmhand. On the evening of July 18 last a cow belonging to Mr. ——— strayed and I was out to hunt for it. The cow got into the pine woods and I followed it until long after dark. Sometime after 10 o'clock, I am not sure just how many minutes it was, I was in the woods on the right-hand side of the Midlothian turnpike as you go out from Richmond, and I saw a light. As I walked closer to the road I saw an automobile standing almost in the middle of the road facing toward Richmond and there were two people in it, a man and a woman. They were both sitting in the front seat.

"They were quarreling. I could hear them talking loud, so I did not show myself, but waited behind a tree about ten feet from the edge of the road in the thick pine woods to hear what they said.

"The woman was pleading with the man. She was saying that she wanted her love back again and she did not want the man to be cruel to her. The man answered roughly.

Crosses Road For Gun.
"At one time I heard him say, 'I

am tired of all this; I am going to end this.' Then I heard the woman say, 'How are you going to end it?' The man said something I couldn't hear, and then I heard him say, 'I'll show you how I'm going to end it.' He got out of the machine and walked across to the opposite side of the road from where I was and then after he had been there a minute he came back with something in his hand. I could not see what it was in the dark. The woman was standing in the machine in front of the left-hand seat in the front part of the automobile when the man came back. Both had been sitting in the front seat before he went away to the side of the road.

"Just when the man came back I heard the woman scream once. Then the man who was standing in the road swung what he had in his hand and hit the woman on the side of the face. She fell from the machine to the road and she did not make a sound.

"For a minute the man stood looking at her. Then I heard him say, 'Damn you, you're not dead yet. I'll fix you.' Then he up with a gun, which was what he had hit the woman with, and he shot her where she lay in the road by the front seat of the automobile. I did not see where he shot her.

"I saw him throw the gun somewhere and begin to lift his wife's body in the front seat of the automobile and I came out from the trees.

"The man turned around and saw me, and he said to me, 'Did you see this?'

"I told him yes, I had seen it. 'Damn you, what the hell are you going to do about it?' he said.

Threatened With Death.
"I didn't say anything. Then he began to threaten me. He said he was rich and had lots of friends in Richmond, and if I told on him he would have me killed somewhere. He said nobody would believe my story if I appeared in court against him, and I had better get out. He said he would give me some money and a suit of clothes if I would go away.

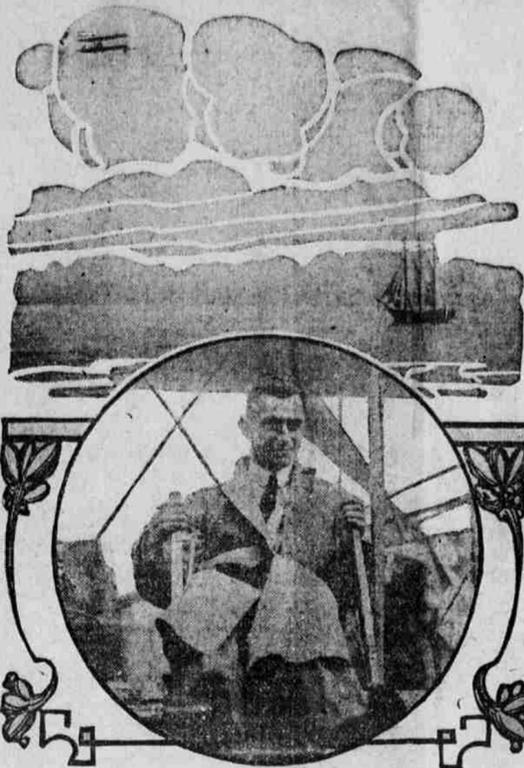
"I told the man I would go away. Then he told me to come to Beattie's store the next day and there would be some money for me. I went the next day and got some money and bought a suit of clothes. I stayed in South Richmond for two days then, but I was scared and got so nervous after that two days, and I took the train to this place.

"You can find out from Mr. ——— if it is not true that I worked for him. I will come and testify if you want me."

Upon reading this letter Wendenburg immediately sent detectives Jarrell and Wiltshire of the Richmond force out to the farmer's place, whose name had been mentioned in the letter as the former employer of the volunteer witness. They verified the fact that a man by the name of the letter-writer had worked for this farmer and had left the farm shortly after the night of the murder. They also verified the story of the strayed cow.

Boost Parcels Post.
Cincinnati, O., Sept. 7.—Resolutions recommending that all postmasters be put under civil service were passed at the fourth annual convention of the National Association of Supervisory Postoffice Employees. Old age pensions for postmasters were also advocated. The parcels post was indorsed.

What One Daring Young Aviator Accomplished In Four Months



Photos by American Press Association.

HARRY NELSON ATWOOD of Boston, twenty-seven years old, has been crowned king of all aviators because of his wonderful achievements in the art of aviation. His success is the more remarkable from the fact that it was only on last Memorial day that he made his initial flight. His record of four months not only does credit to the young man, but opens amazing possibilities to the imagination. On June 30 he made a flight from Boston to New London, Conn., carrying his mechanic as a passenger. The next day he flew to New York. On July 3 he flew to Atlantic City on his way to Washington, arriving at the latter city on July 13. On Aug. 14 he started from St. Louis and arrived at New York on Aug. 25. With these laurels Atwood may conclude to retire from the flying game. He realizes that the art has not yet been perfected to the point of safety to aviators and admits that he is seriously considering quitting before he "gets his." In the illustration Atwood is shown flying down the Hudson river and again just as he landed at Governors island.

ASTOR OFFERS \$10,000 TO TIE NUPTIAL KNOT

Newport, R. I., Sept. 7.—Colonel John Jacob Astor and Miss Madeleine Force of New York wanted to be married between Monday and today and Colonel Astor was willing to pay \$10,000 for the service and no more.

This was learned from Rev. Edward A. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist John Clarke Memorial church of this city, who had been asked to perform the ceremony, and who was led

to talk when he saw in the afternoon papers a dispatch to the effect that Rev. Frederick Brooks, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Little Compton, R. I., had been asked and had refused to perform the ceremony. "It was a lot of money to refuse," said Dr. Johnson, "and a big temptation for a poor minister, but I did not feel that I could marry the couple whatever was offered."

A SCRAMBLE IS ON FOR SENATOR BAILEY'S SEAT

Austin, Tex., Sept. 7.—The news that Senator J. A. Bailey will not be a candidate for re-election startled the state officials here, but the unanimous sentiment of friends and enemies is that a most disturbing element in Texas politics has been eliminated. The principal subject of discussion is the junior senator's successor and the effect of the breaking up of the Bailey machine, whose supporters will be hardest hit.

JONES IS RETAINED

Columbus, O., Sept. 7.—The new board of administration has reappointed Professor J. W. Jones superintendent of the state school for the Deaf and Dumb. Jones has for 19 years headed the institution and his re-election was by acclamation.

The general belief is that Bailey will not change his mind and has really withdrawn from Texas politics. Former Governor Thomas M. Campbell's chances for being nominated by the Democrats as senator from Texas are materially improved by Bailey's withdrawal. Other likely candidates are Congressman Morris Sheppard and C. S. Randall.

SWIMS CHANNEL

London, Sept. 7.—For the second time in history, a swimmer has succeeded in crossing the English channel. Burgess, the noted English swimmer, accomplished the feat, which Captain Webb was the first to perform.

UNION LEADERS CONFER

Seek to Prevent Strike Before Details Completed.

San Francisco, Sept. 7.—Five international presidents of federation of railroad shop employes left hurriedly for Sacramento in order to prevent a strike which leaders in that city are about to declare. President Kline of the blacksmiths said that they could not afford to have a strike declared by any single union before a conference of union men from all parts of the state which has been called for tomorrow in Frisco. Before leaving Kline stated that a strike could be called from the Chicago headquarters at any time.

TAFT TALKS OF PEACE

President is Guest of Connecticut State Fair Today.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 7.—President Taft will talk to the Connecticut folk at their state fair at Hartford today about peace. His time in the Nutmeg state is to be divided between a luncheon with Governor Baldwin, Mayor Edward L. Smith and 85 prominent citizens and his address at the state fair grounds. Besides this there will be a parade with the president as the central figure, and a heap of national and state military trimmings and the governor's own band.

AS YOU LIKE IT

Uncle Joe Cannon, former speaker of the house, is learning to play golf. At Gary, Ind., May Ernst, 17, is a raving maniac as the result of suggestions made to her by a woman clairvoyant.

Engineer Dubois of a Buffalo & Allegheny train, was killed when his engine plunged into a landslide near Brookville, Pa.

SIDNEY A. STAUTON

Rear Admiral Staunch
Friend of President.



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Killed in Love Quarrel.

New York, Sept. 7.—Charles Rubisch, proprietor of the Hotel St. Charles, was shot and instantly killed during a quarrel over a young woman. His assailant and the woman escaped.

NOTHING ELSE TO DO

Democrats Run Primary Because Republicans Fail to Appear.

Lima, O., Sept. 7.—Because the Democratic presiding judge in the German township primary swore in two lifelong Democrats to act as Republican election officials, the Allen county election board is in a quandary and will ask Secretary of State Graves to settle a fine point of election law for them. The presiding judge says that there are but three Republicans in his township and that the two appointed to represent their party's interests at the polls failed to appear either to vote or to act officially.

White Makes Near Record.

Squantum, Mass., Sept. 7.—The Harvard-Boston Aviation society brought its second flying meet to a close with a race to Boston light over the full course of 33 miles as the principal feature. Claude Grahame-White, with his chief mechanic as a passenger, won the race in the record-breaking time of 27:35 1-5. His time is considered very close to a world's record, if not a new record.

With an Oratorical Drop.

"The orator we heard tonight used to be a baseball player."
"I suppose that accounts for the way he pitched his voice."—Baltimore American.

Merely Further Proof.

"Anyways, he has an honest face."
"Honest? You surprise me!"
"Yes; it's the only honest thing about him. It shows how dishonest he really is."—Life.

CANADIANS WILL REJECT TREATY

Refuse To Accept Changes In Fisheries Pact

Years Of Labor Are Wasted—International Dispute Thought To Have Been Settled In 1908 Bobs Up Again As Result Of United States Senators' Refusal To Ratify Original Document—Lake Michigan And Western Fishing Interests Held Responsible For Objection

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 7.—The changes proposed by the United States in the international fisheries treaty concluded between Canada and the United States in 1908 are not acceptable to the Dominion government, and the work of years of negotiations is to be rendered ineffective. The official announcement of the Canadian government's position in the matter will be made in a few days. The information on the subject comes from a high source and is authentic.

It will be remembered that under the terms of the treaty regulations governing the fisheries in international waters were drawn up by the commissioners, Professor Prince for Canada and Professor David Starr Jordan for the United States. These regulations were to become effective after concurrent proclamations by the governor general of Canada and the president of the United States.

Both Parties Unanimous.
The necessary legislation to enable the proclamation was passed by the parliament of Canada during the session of 1910, receiving the unanimous approval of both political parties. From the fact that the treaty so received the unanimous support of the opposition side of the house of commons, the inference is safe that the measure was one that would fair-

ly well conserve the interests of the Canada fisheries.

The American authorities have failed, however, to pass the legislation required to put the treaty into effect. After the regulations had been drawn up it was found that certain interests, notably in the state of Michigan and on the Pacific coast of the United States, were opposed to their promulgation. These interests desired changes in the regulations to harmonize with their views.

WARNS VETERANS

Steubenville, O., Sept. 7.—John C. McElroy, editor of The National Tribune of Washington, at the homecoming veterans' reunion of Jefferson county, charged that mercenary interests have launched an organized conspiracy to prevent the payment of pension money. He said it was as reasonable as Jeff Davis' acts and discouraged young men from following the flag.

CHARGE MILLIONAIRES WITH SMUGGLING JEWELS

New York, Sept. 7.—The Jenkins-Alten jewel case, which has been before the public since Mrs. Helen D. Jenkins announced that she was robbed of valuable gems while staying at the Hotel Lorraine, came to a head when United States Attorney Wise made public two indictments found by the federal grand jury on Aug. 23

against Nathan Allen, a wealthy leather manufacturer of Kenosha, Wis., and John R. Collins, president of the Southern Coal company of Memphis, Tenn. The indictments charge both men with smuggling and with conspiracy with "divers other persons" to defraud the United States.

ESCAPES TRIAL

Warren, Pa., Sept. 7.—The case of former Congressman Joseph C. Sibley, who was charged with conspiracy to defraud voters in the congressional election of 1910, will never be brought to trial. It has been stricken from the records by a non-pros granted by Judge W. D. Hinekey. The application was made by private counsel for the Warren County Civic league, the prosecutors, and was based upon affidavits of physicians that Mr. Sibley's health probably never will permit him to undergo the ordeal of a trial.

BACK WITH OLD FOLKS

Newport, R. I., Sept. 7.—Mr. and Mrs. "Jack" Geraghty, who recently eloped from this city and were married at Central Village, returned to Newport.

TRAGEDY AT BANQUET

Occupation.
Let every man be occupied, and occupied in the employment of which his nature is capable, and die with the consciousness that he has done his best.—Sydney Smith.

St. Louis, Sept. 7.—Andrew Prick is a suicide after killing his wife and shooting his daughter, following a family dinner at which 13 guests were seated at the table.