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WON'T REOPEN BEATTIE CASE

A LETTER FROM ALLEGED EYE WITNESS WON'T INTERRUPT.

HE CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN IT

Farmhand Writes That He Saw Beattie Club With Butt End of Gun and Then Shoot Her as She Lay in the Road—But He Won't Testify.

Chesterfield Courthouse, Sept. 7.—Prosecutor Wendenburg today that he had decided not to request the reopening of the case on account of the discovery of an alleged eye witness.

"We have a strong enough without it," he said. "We could get the man here for a couple of days at least, as he lives out west. But we have asked him to come here just the same to see what there is to his story. Of course we have received, as is usual in murder cases, many letters from alleged eye witnesses. This one, however, signed his name and we find that he did once work as a farmhand at a place near the scene of the murder. We are going to investigate it further, but you can take the story now for what it's worth."

Chesterfield Courthouse, Va., Sept. 7.—With evidence closed and with both the prosecution and defense confident of giving the case of Henry Clay Beattie, jr., to the jury today, all calculations as to today's developments in the sensational trial had been upset by Special Prosecutor Wendenburg's announcement that he might ask the court to re-open the case and admit the testimony of a man who claims to have been an eye witness to the tragedy.

If this request had been made and granted the final argument, which was expected to begin this morning, would have been delayed and court probably would have adjourned until Saturday. The alleged eye witness, whose name is withheld, is now in a city a day and a half distant by rail from here.

Mr. Wendenburg received the information, which may change the whole aspect of the case, in yesterday's mail. The writer, who a few days after the murder of Mrs. Beattie was a farmhand employed at a place near the scene of the crime, said that he actually saw young Beattie kill his wife; saw him knock her from the automobile with the butt of a shotgun and then shoot her as she lay insensible on the ground.

Says Beattie Threatened Him.
He wrote that Beattie threatened him when he found that he witnessed the deed and that the following day gave him a suit of clothes and money with which to go away. Though he kept quiet at first because he was afraid, the man says now he does not want Beattie to escape punishment and is willing to testify.

At the outset the prosecution was inclined to take this as just another crank's letter, of which many have been received by both sides since the trial began. An investigation was started, however, and several of the writer's statements were soon corroborated. The Chesterfield farmer mentioned in the letter acknowledged that a man of the name used by the writer was employed by him until a few days after the murder and further declared it was a fact that the farmhand was chasing a runaway cow on the night the crime was committed.

Says Beattie Clubbed Her.
In telling his story, the alleged witness said he was looking for a cow when he came on the man and woman in an automobile on the Midlothian turnpike some time after 10 o'clock. The declaration that Beattie clubbed his wife with the gun before shooting her is considered by the lawyers and detectives for prosecution with peculiar interest. It is said that the physicians who examined Mrs. Beattie's body reported that the frontal bone on the right of the skull probably was broken, though the charge of shot had entered the left side and penetrated to the back of the head. On account of this it is understood Mr. Wendenburg thought seriously of referring to a wound on the right side of the forehead in the indictment drawn for the grand jury.

If the new witness is used the murdered woman's body very probably will be exhumed and examined. The authorities of the city in which the alleged eye witness has taken refuge have been asked to take the man in custody and a lawyer authorized to examine him. If it is decided to credit his story and the court will consent to re-open the case, he will be brought here.

Mr. Wendenburg said he would not know what to do until he heard today the result of the man's examination. He is very strongly inclined to believe the farmhand's story, however. The letter writer gave a detailed account of the tragedy as he claims to have witnessed it. He said in part:

Alleged Eye Witness Story.
"I was in the pine woods on the right hand side of 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."

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Maximum 73
Minimum 59
Average 61
Barometer 30.00
Rainfall97
Chicago, Sept. 7.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows: Unsettled weather with showers to-night or Friday; cooler east portion tonight.

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Pleas of Dying Woman.
"The woman was pleading with the man. She was saying that she wanted her love back again and that she did not want the man to be cruel to her. The man answered roughly. "At one time I heard him say 'I am tired of all this, I am going to end his.' Then I heard the woman say: 'How are you going to end it?'"

"The man said something I could not hear and then I heard him say: 'I'll shoot you. 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 after he had been there a minute he came back with something in his hand. I could not see what it was in the darkness. 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."

A Scream, Then the Murder.
"Just when the man came back I heard the woman scream once. Then the man, who was standing in the road, swung with the gun in his hand and hit the woman on the right side of the face. She fell from the machine to the road and she didn't make a sound."

"For a minute the man stood looking at her and then I heard him say: 'Damn you, you're not dead yet. I'll fix you.'"

"Then he up with the 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 some where and he began to lift his wife's body in the front seat of the automobile and I came out from the trees."

Beattie Confronts Eye Witness.
"The man turned around and saw me and he said: 'Did you see this?' 'I told him yes, I had seen it. 'You —, what the hell are you going to do about it?' he said. '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 somehow. He said nobody would believe my story if I appeared in court against him anyway and I had better get out. He said he would give me some money and a suit of clothes if I would go away.'"

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

"Last night before Mr. Wendenburg's startling announcement, it was expected the final argument by counsel would be begun this morning and concluded tonight."

Judge Watson expected immediately on the convening of court and the delivery of the instructions to the jury to ask for an agreement as to the time, would be used by each side for argument. L. M. Gregory was to open the case for the prosecution to be followed by attorneys Harry M. Smith, Jr., and Hill Carter for the defense. L. O. Wendenburg, who has voluntarily assisted Prosecutor Gregory in the case, will close for the commonwealth.

Trial Spoils Politics.
Incidentally Gregory today is up for renomination for commonwealth attorney in this county and Wendenburg in Henrico county is a candidate for the state senate. Neither has been able to devote any time to campaigning on account of the trial.

BEULAH AND PAUL RELEASED

Richmond, Va., Sept. 7.—Beulah Binford and Paul Beattie, detained as witnesses for the commonwealth in the Henry Clay Beattie, jr., murder case, were released from the Henrico county jail today by order of Judge Watson of the Chesterfield circuit court.

\$500 for Aviator Stunt.
Keokuk, Ia., Sept. 7.—As diversion for its 1,500 employees engaged in the construction work, second only to the Panama canal, the Mississippi River Power company, builders of the Keokuk dam, yesterday signed a \$500 guarantee, payable to the aviator who first reaches here in the Minneapolis-to-New Orleans flight, and makes a loop over the dam.

A Woman Penniless.
Mrs. Ida Kloch, a homesteader living near Bonesteel, reared Norfolk last night from Worthington, Minn., with her child, penniless. She said her husband was killed near Bonesteel and she was going there to take up the claim. Officers Marquardt and Wheeler collected \$6.75 for her, among merchants, in twenty minutes and sent her on her way.

HE DENIES BURNING BARN

YOUNG MAN CAUGHT AT NELIGH, TAKEN TO O'NEILL.

ONLY 19. HIS FIRST TROUBLE

Jim Bradeen, Arrested on Charge of Stealing Horse and Saddle Near Page and Setting Fire to Barn, Had Planned to Catch Train East.

Neligh, Neb., Sept. 7.—Special to The News: Sheriff Grady of Holt county came down from O'Neill yesterday morning and returned in the afternoon with Jim Bradeen, the young man arrested by Deputy Sheriff Bennett Tuesday night on the charge of stealing a horse and saddle from a farmer near Page the first of the week.

The young man told Mr. Bennett before being taken to Holt county that this was the first time in his life that he ever was in serious trouble. He practically admitted the taking of the horse and saddle, but absolutely denied any knowledge of burning the barn.

Jim Bradeen signed his name "Per-nell" on the back of the Hotelting check that was given in payment for the horse, and also at the Atlantic hotel, where he registered and was assigned a room. He gave a call for the early morning passenger going east.

The young man is related to the mother of Frank Hall of this city. It is reported that he is only 19 years of age.

SOUTH DAKOTA RATES BLOCKED

FEDERAL COURT ISSUES ORDER RESTRAINING LOWER PASSENGER FARES.

Minneapolis, Sept. 7.—Judge C. A. Willard, federal district court, temporarily enjoined the railroad commission of South Dakota from enforcing lower railroad rates approved at the last session of the state legislature. The power of the legislature within its state and of the state railroad commission is blocked by federal authority, pending a hearing. W. D. Cantillon, general manager of the Chicago & Northwestern road, which has 880 miles of road in South Dakota, through counsel submitted a statement of unit cost of operation in interstate and intrastate traffic and C. F. Balch of Chicago, head of the accounting department, presented figures to show that the lower rates would seriously affect the earnings of the road as to create net losses in operation. The state later will be heard again making the injunction permanent.

ARE CAUGHT AT FREMONT

Bohemia Man With School Teacher Whom He Eloped With, Arrested.

Fremont, Neb., Sept. 7.—Run down by secret service men after nine months after they had successfully evaded the immigration officials at Ellis Island, N. Y., Josef Broz and wife are in the local jail awaiting orders for deportation.

Broz left a wife and four children in Bohemia and came to America with Marie Neid. Miss Neid was a school teacher, highly educated and just over 30 years of age, while Broz was a carpenter and surveyor 42 years of age. The couple were married at Ellis Island three days after landing. Mrs. Broz No. 2 is unable to understand the situation. She sits in the local jail, nursing her 4-month-old child, weeping at the possibility of being taken back to father, friends and relatives and bemoaning the man who has ruined her life.

NORRIS RAPS TAFT'S BILL

Nebraska Congressman Says It's a "Gold Brick and a Sham."

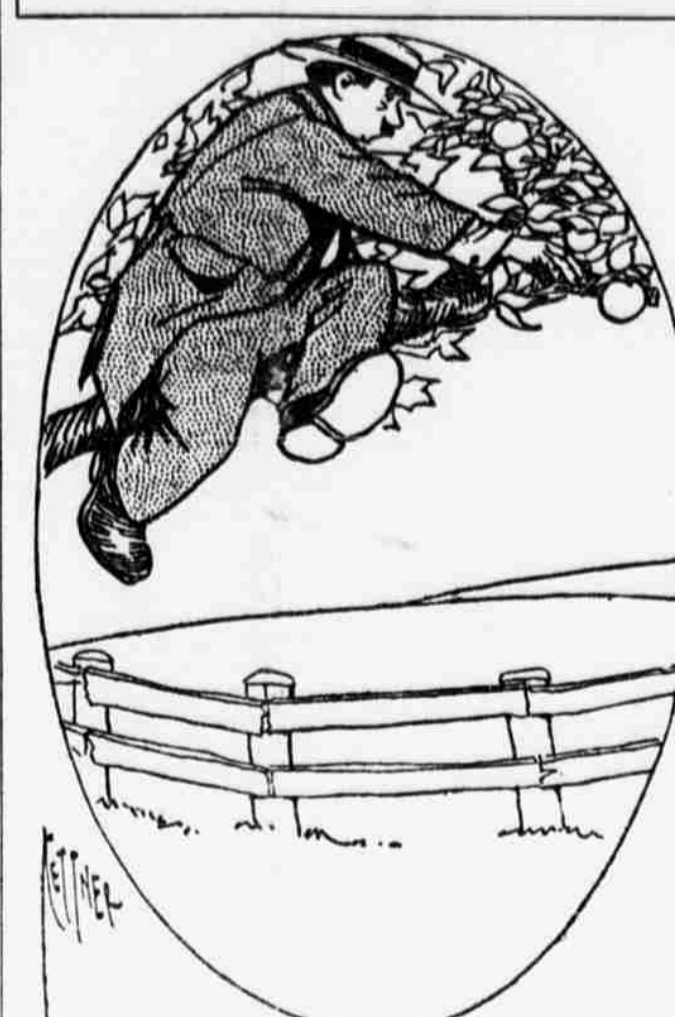
Lincoln, Sept. 7.—Insurgent Congressman Norris, who addressed a large audience of Nebraska farmers at the state fair here, called the reciprocity bill a gold brick and a sham. "I want to be fair with those who supported the bill," said Mr. Norris, "but as far as I am concerned I believe the bill is a gold brick and a sham."

"Reciprocity puts on the free list articles that are produced on the farms and the farmers are forced to sell their products in consequence in open and free markets. Why should they not be allowed to make purchases in the same kind, instead of in a protected market?"

Mr. Norris was greeted with great applause.

See Film Tragedy, Shoots Two.
New York, Sept. 7.—At a moving picture show Raffalo Ricchetti and his 18-year-old daughter Rosa saw the story of a tragedy in a father killing his daughter and then himself. "I'll do that to you some day," Rosa says her father told her. Ricchetti crept to his daughter's bedside and shot her, and then fired a bullet into his head. Both probably will die.

LIFE'S DISAPPOINTMENTS



ANTICIPATION



REALIZATION

GAMBLE SAYS TAFT WILL WIN

SOUTH DAKOTA SENATOR FORECASTS RENOMINATION.

DIFFERS WITH COE CRAWFORD

South Dakota Will be for President Taft's Renomination, According to Gamble—Closely Follows Crawford's La Follette Declaration.

Sioux City, Ia., Sept. 7.—Robert J. Gamble, senior United States senator from South Dakota, in an interview here, favors and predicts the renomination of President Taft. Senator Gamble said his state would support Taft for a renomination.

"Not in a generation," said Mr. Gamble, "have we had such a conservative leadership as that given by President Taft. There is no doubt that my state will give the president hearty support. This estimate is based on the evidence gathered in traveling over a portion of South Dakota since my return from Washington and in the addresses I have received."

"My own position is in accord with what I believe to be the sentiment of my constituency."

The alignment of Senator Gamble with the administration follows closely the declaration of Senator Coe I. Crawford that he will support Senator La Follette.

GRAND CIRCUIT RACES

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 7.—The grand circuit races were long drawn out and two of the events, the 2:09 trot and the 2:11 pace, went the limit in heats. The surprise of the afternoon was the defeat of Major Wellington in the 1:59 trot by Cascade. The former misbehaved in three heats by breaking at critical moments.

Today will be President Taft day at the fair and as a special event for the president, The Harvester, the fastest stallion in the world, and Willy, the half-miler, will have a brush after a mile.

Results:
2:25 trot—Peter Thompson won second and third heats and race. Best time 2:15. Mamie Gay took the first heat in 2:18 1/2; Miss Normandie third.
2:11 pace—Forest Prince won first, third and fifth heats and race. Best time 2:19. Longworth B. took second and fourth heats. Best time 2:09 1/2. Fannie Stanton third.

2:09 trot—Cascade won first, second and fifth heats and race. Best time 2:10 1/2. Major Wellington took third and fourth heats. Best time 2:10 1/4. Creighton third.

IS TAFT DAY AT HARTFORD.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 7.—The visit of President Taft to this city and the state fair at Charter Oak park today brought an immense throng of people hither from every part of the state, the day having particular significance to them as it is the first time that a chief magistrate of the nation has been the guest at an old fashioned exhibition of the products of the farms of this state. The disapproval of the position of the president on reciprocity by the executive committee of the state grange, which has a very strong hold among the Connecticut farmers, and the fact that the committee would not make the day of the president's visit grange day also, had kindled an interest in the event.

The program was for a short parade through the city streets to the new state library building on the southern side of the capital hill where a state

A VIOLENT STORM IN CHICAGO HARBOR

SCORE OF SMALL BOATS CAUGHT IN STORM, BUT NO LIVES LOST.

Chicago, Sept. 7.—One of the most violent storms experienced in many years struck Chicago harbor early today and lasted until after daylight. Between fifteen and twenty launches, motor boats and sloops in Chicago harbor were caught up in the storm.

One tug, battling against the giant waves in an effort to reach the freighters Lazonda and Christopher lying a mile out, was capsized. Capt. McCleary and his crew of five were rescued by life savers.

Three large passenger boats, the Puritan, the City of Chicago and the City of Traverse, for the safety of which some anxiety was felt, put into the harbor later. The Charles McVeigh of the Benton Transit company's fleet, returned to the harbor after having gone out twenty miles. At one time during the storm the wind reached a velocity of sixty-four miles an hour. Waves rolled ten feet high.

Hitchcock May Come.
Lincoln, Sept. 6.—Postmaster General Frank Hitchcock may be at the national convention of the first class postmasters in Omaha next week, according to Postmaster Sizer of Lincoln, chairman of the program committee. The committee received a wire from the postmaster general asking them to hold the program open for him.

BEATTIE LAUGHS AND JOKES ABOUT BEULAH BINFORD, TO REPORTERS.

Chesterfield Courthouse, Va., Sept. 6.—"Boys, I hope to eat dinner at home Sunday," said Henry Clay Beattie, jr., today as he rested his chin on his hands and peered at the little group of newspaper men gathered on the lawn some fifteen feet away.

"Do you expect an acquittal?" he was asked.
"Well, to be entirely frank with you, I do not at this time. My own guess is a hung jury, seven for conviction and five for acquittal. However, I do expect to get out at the next sitting of court. I am innocent and cannot feel otherwise."

Beattie chatted gaily and seemed glad of an opportunity to talk as he had been confined in his cell all day.
"It is said that Beulah Binford is going on the stage. What do you think of that?"

"I don't know what she could do on the stage," said the prisoner.
"She's good looking, that's true, but she has no voice and so far as I know, no talent. However, boys I do not think that a 'skit' with Beulah and the sheriff, Mr. Gill, would make an immense hit in vaudeville. By the way, it's rather hard on Beulah to hold her all this time and then not let her go on the stand."

"Do you think the defense would have used her?"
"Certainly. Why not? Had she not been held incommunicado in Henry county jail I am positive Mr. Smith would have put her on."

"What do you think of the testimony in rebuttal yesterday?"
"Nothing to it," laughed the prisoner. "The witnesses made absolutely no impression on the jury. It's a wonder to me that a certain one of them had not been afraid of being struck dead, he lied so unmercifully."
At this juncture the sheriff arrived with Henry's dinner and the interview ended.

MAKE SPORT OF INSANE

CHICAGO OFFICIAL'S SON TEASES VIOLENT INMATES.

WITH PECIVAL SUPERINTENDENT

Under Administration of Former Norfolk Insane Hospital Head, at Dunning, Ill. Young Peter Bartzten Entertains Crowd at Patients' Expense.

Chicago, Sept. 7.—During the administration of Dr. J. P. Pecival, formerly head of the state insane hospital in Norfolk, as superintendent of the Dunning insane asylum here, Frank Bartzten, son of President Peter Bartzten of the board of county commissioners, entertained recently a few friends at Dunning institution. The young host, according to attendants at the asylum, arranged a unique vaudeville—patients were made to exhibit their deformities for the amusement of the guests.

Among the Chicagoans in the party were Charlie Becker, bartender; Dave Ryan, saloon keeper; Gus Weber, pensioned policeman; Pete Matthews, tester of cement in the department of public works, and Oscar Blattner, salesman.

Charles Hulse, former supervisor of Dunning institution, described the party.
"I think it was Friday, August 4, that young Bartzten came out to the hospital with friends," said Hulse.

Epileptics Turned Loose.
"They had an auto, owned by Blattner, and arrived in the afternoon. They were in high spirits."

"One of the clerks in the office offered to show them through the hospital. On one pretext or another, the guests were assembled in a corridor and then unexpectedly the inmates of a violent epilepsy ward were turned loose upon them."

"There was a pretty warm time for a little while. The members of the party had to step lively to keep from being hurt. One inmate, I think, did receive a slight abrasion on the head."

"That was all that was needed to fire the patient's insane brain and he immediately set out to seek revenge. He chased his supposed rival about the hall for ten minutes while the visitors laughed and declared it was as good as a vaudeville show."

Attendants to the Rescue.
"It might, however, have ended seriously had not the attendants rescued the guest from his pursuer. The patient was led back to his cell raving and demanded vengeance."

"The members of the auto party denied the charges made against them by the hospital attendants. Becker and Ryan denied having been at the hospital. Matthews said that the story had been greatly exaggerated."

"We happened to be out in the neighborhood of Dunning," he said, "I had never seen the institution and some one suggested we go through. We did not know whether we would be able to go through or not, but we drove out anyway."
Dr. Pecival, former superintendent, said that the attendants reported to him that the Brantzen party had been annoying patients. He said that he never heard the full particulars of what happened in the ward.

A \$60,000 LAND SALE

WATTLES BROTHERS OF NELIGH MAKE A BIG DEAL.

RECORD FOR ANTELOPE COUNTY

They Sell Their 2,400 Acres of Land South of the Elkhorn River to Ross F. Johnson of Pawnee City, Who Will Come to Neligh to Live.

Neligh, Neb., Sept. 7.—Special to The News: Possibly the largest real estate deal ever made in Antelope county has just been closed by W. L. McAllister of this city. Wattles brothers of the Neligh National bank sell their 2,400 acres of land south of the Elkhorn river and within a mile of Neligh to Ross F. Johnson of Pawnee City for \$60,000. Mr. Johnson will move to Neligh and make his future home.

AN ALASKA LAND SCANDAL.

Millionaires Cited to Show Why Their Claims Should Stand.

Juneau, Alaska, Sept. 7.—A. C. Frost of Chicago, formerly president of the Alaska Central railway and former president and promoter of the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric railway; George M. Seward of Chicago, receiver for A. C. Frost and company; B. J. Arnold and forty-six other claimants of the Watson coal land group in the Matanuska district of Alaska have been cited by the Juneau land office to show cause within thirty days why their claims should not be recommended to the commission of the land office for cancellation.

A special agent has filed charges against the validity of each of the claims. The agent alleges:

"That the claimants did not locate and file upon land in good faith but the locations and filings were made by Frank Watson of Spokane, in the interest and for the benefit of A. C. Frost, Henry C. Osborne, G. T. Frances, George A. Ball, Frank Watson, Duncan M. Stewart, O. G. Labaree and others, in pursuance of an agreement and understanding to which the claimants were parties, that they permitted the use of their names for the purpose."

Frost, Seward, Pierre G. Beach of Chicago, formerly secretary of the Alaska Central railway; George A. Ball, the millionaire glass manufacturer of Muncie, Ind., reputed to be Frost's financial backer; Duncan M. Stewart of Seward, Alaska, former manager of Sovereign Bank of Canada; and Henry C. Osborne, Gwynne T. Frances and Francis and Stewart of Toronto were indicated by a federal grand jury in Chicago, March 16, 1911, charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States of the use and possession of the Watson and Matanuska coal company groups of claims.

The value of these lands is stated in the indictments as \$10,000,000. Frost and his associates are alleged in the indictments to have acted in the interest of the Alaska Central railway.

EDDIE SMITH IS DEAD.

Brain Trouble Caused Death After Illness of Several Weeks.

Oakland, Cal., Sept. 7.—Eddie Smith, the well known sports writer and fight referee, died yesterday. He had been ill with brain trouble for several weeks.

Smith was 33 years old. At one time he was a boxer in the lightweight class, and was the champion long distance rider of the Pacific coast. The last important fight which he refereed was the Wolgast-Nelson battle at Point Richmond for the lightweight championship of the world. He also refereed the Ketchel-Papke fight, the Britt-Nelson contest, and the Gans-Wolcott fight, in which Gans won the championship in the lightweight class. He was official referee of the Pacific Athletic club of Los Angeles.

Names Rail Commission.
Lincoln, Sept. 7.—Chairman H. J. Winnett of the committee representing the state railway commissions of five states appointed the three members who are to prepare and file a brief in the Minnesota railroad rate case pending in the United States supreme court. The men who will prepare the brief are: George A. Henshaw of the Oklahoma state railway commission; John Marshall, attorney for the Kansas state railway commission, and Henry T. Clarke, jr., of the Nebraska railway commission. The resolution authorizing the appointment of the committee was adopted by five states—Kansas, Iowa, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Nebraska.

Authoress Found Dead.

London, Sept. 6.—Mrs. Katherine Thurston, the Irish authoress, was found dead this morning at a hotel in Cork.

WAR RUMORS CAUSE RUN.

Efforts of German Bank Official to Quiet Mob, Prove Useless.
Stettin, Prussia, Sept. 6.—The run on the savings banks here caused by the circulation of rumors that war between France and Germany was impending, continued today.

All attempts of the banking officials to reassure the depositors have proved fruitless.

Taft to Hartford.

St. Paul, Sept. 7.—There was a slight fall of snow on the fair grounds yesterday.

Boston, Sept. 7.—President Taft left Boston at 9:15 a. m. today for Hartford, Conn., by way of Worcester and Springfield.