

Hidden Guns May Renew Virginia Feud as Garrett Boys Face Murder Juries

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CUMBERLAND COURT
HOUSE, Va., Aug. 15.—There is melodrama here. And the tense breathlessness of the mountain feud.

For days the murder trials of the Garrett brothers have been dragging on in the little brick courthouse, a 108-year-old relic. They are being tried separately for the killing of Rev. E. S. Pierce, circuit-riding pastor of five small Baptist churches in Cumberland county.

First the trial of Larkin Garrett, and then of Robert Garrett. The one already has been spectacularly halted, a mistrial; Larkin will be tried again next month, and meanwhile the task of preparing a jury panel occupies the interval before Robert Garrett's trial Aug. 20.

The brothers were indicted for murder—for the death of the minister in a gun duel that followed a bloody fist fight, while the clergyman's wife with her six-week-old baby in her arms struggled to save his life.

Who Fired First?

Who fired first? Larkin or Bob Garrett—or the pastor, his skull fractured, nose broken and face streaming with blood, staggering into his house and out again with a shotgun in one hand and a pistol in the other?

Pistols are the fear and dread in the little courthouse now.

Deputy sheriffs, detectives, and policemen borrowed from neighboring towns, patrol the courthouse. Every man entering the courtroom is searched for weapons.

There is the dread of a sudden explosion of the feud that has separated this countryside into two hostile camps—such a sudden tragedy as the melodramatic scene of a few years ago when bullets flew in a Virginia courtroom and murder came swift on the heels of just such a murder trial.

You must go to fiction to parallel the scene here now: A sleepy country village sky; winding roads, flower-bordered, leading into dusty Main St.; mules with flopping ears, blowing dinky flutters; the general store where you can buy anything under the sun, or get into an argument instantly.

Barefoot urchins and their elders in overalls perch like birds on the wooden fence that bars the crowd from the velvety lawn of the courthouse. The stile is guarded, and you must have a pass from Judge B. D. White or from King Adams, 80-year-old sheriff.

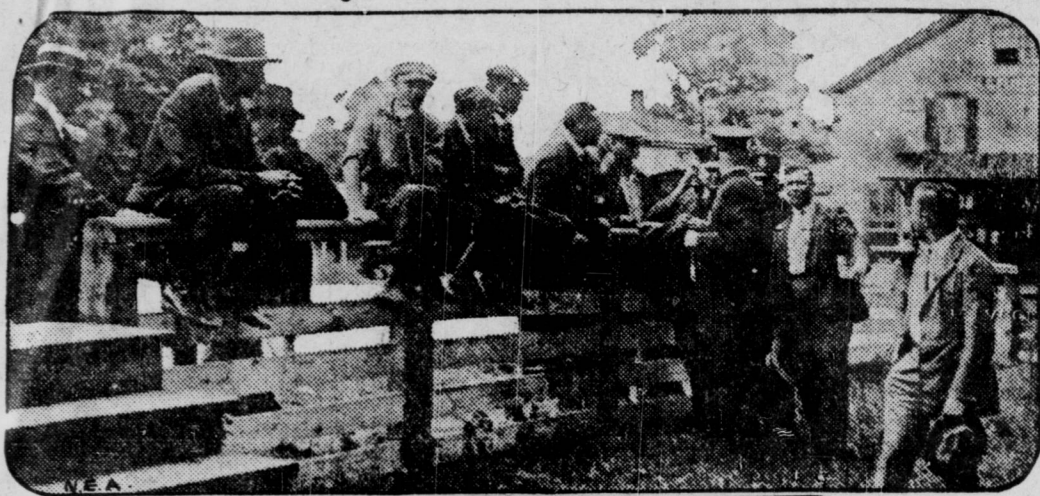
Many Queer Angles

There are many queer angles to this melodrama of a Virginia village. Bob Garrett is clerk of the court trying him for murder, and Larkin Garrett is chancellor in chancery.

A temporary clerk of courts was brought from Powhatan County, and a judge from Princess Anne County. Politics and family ties make a tangled skein running through the machinery of the law. The Garretts walk about among the deputies and detectives and policemen, and half the gathered countryside greets them with handshakes and smiles, and the other half stares at them silently with grim lips.

Vigilant officers, tense and watchful in this strange scene to which they have been transplanted, slap pistol pockets indiscriminately at the courthouse steps. Few guns have been found, though—or corn liquor either—for careful persons park both at the little hotel, where seven rooms bulge with lawyers and partisan spectators.

There is an armistice for the mo-



SCENES AT THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF VIRGINIA FEUD TRIALS. UPPER PICTURE SHOWS SIGHTSEERS PERCHED ON THE "DEADLINE" FENCE AROUND CUMBERLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE, THE STILE AT LEFT BEING THE ONLY ENTRANCE; BELOW SERGT. H. A. EDEN OF PORTSMOUTH, VA., POLICE SEARCHING A VISITOR FOR WEAPONS AT COURTHOUSE DOOR. PORTRAIT AT RIGHT SHOWS LARKIN GARRETT AND AT LEFT HIS BROTHER, ROBERT GARRETT, BOTH ACCUSED OF MURDER.

ment in the smoldering feud of Cumberland County. You observe it best

in the string of idlers sitting on the wooden fence—perched there like

birds before the storm, waiting for the breathless thing that may come.

COUNTIES ORDERED TO ALTER FIGURES

Tax Board Demands Equalization of Assessments.

Ten counties in the State have been ordered by the State board of tax commissioners to equalize their assessments on different classes of property, following refusal of the county boards of review to comply with recommendations made previously. The counties and equalization changes to be made follow:

Blackford, 50 per cent increase in implements, automobiles and horses; De Kalb, 20 per cent increase on household goods and automobiles; Floyd, 10 per cent increase on horses, 20 per cent on cattle, 30 per cent on cows and 40 per cent on brood sows;

Burglar Visits During Absence

Albrecht R. C. Kipp, No. 4, the Sutherland Apts., 525 Sutherland Ave., today told police a burglar entered the apartment while Kipp's family was away Tuesday. He was unable to tell what had been stolen.

Government Firearm Stolen

Capt. E. L. Husson, 1305 N. Delaware St., today reported a 45-caliber gun stolen from the Naval Reserve force at 11 W. North St. The gun, valued at \$30, was Government property.

MAN SERIOUSLY INJURED

Thomas O'Brien Falls Down Stairs at Auto Repair Shop.

Thomas O'Brien, 68, of 124 W. Twentieth St., was in a serious condition today at the Methodist Hospital as the result of falling down a fifteen-foot stairway at the Madden & Copple automobile repair shop, 111 E. St. Clair St., Tuesday. O'Brien is employed by the Capital City Gravel Company and had gone to the repair shop to see a friend. O'Brien is said to have poor eyesight.

Evansville Man Gets Position

By Times Special
EVANSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 15.—J. C. Johnson, secretary of the Evansville Chamber of Commerce, has been made chairman of the State Chamber of Commerce secretaries. Johnson is making arrangements for the State convention of secretaries to be held here in January.

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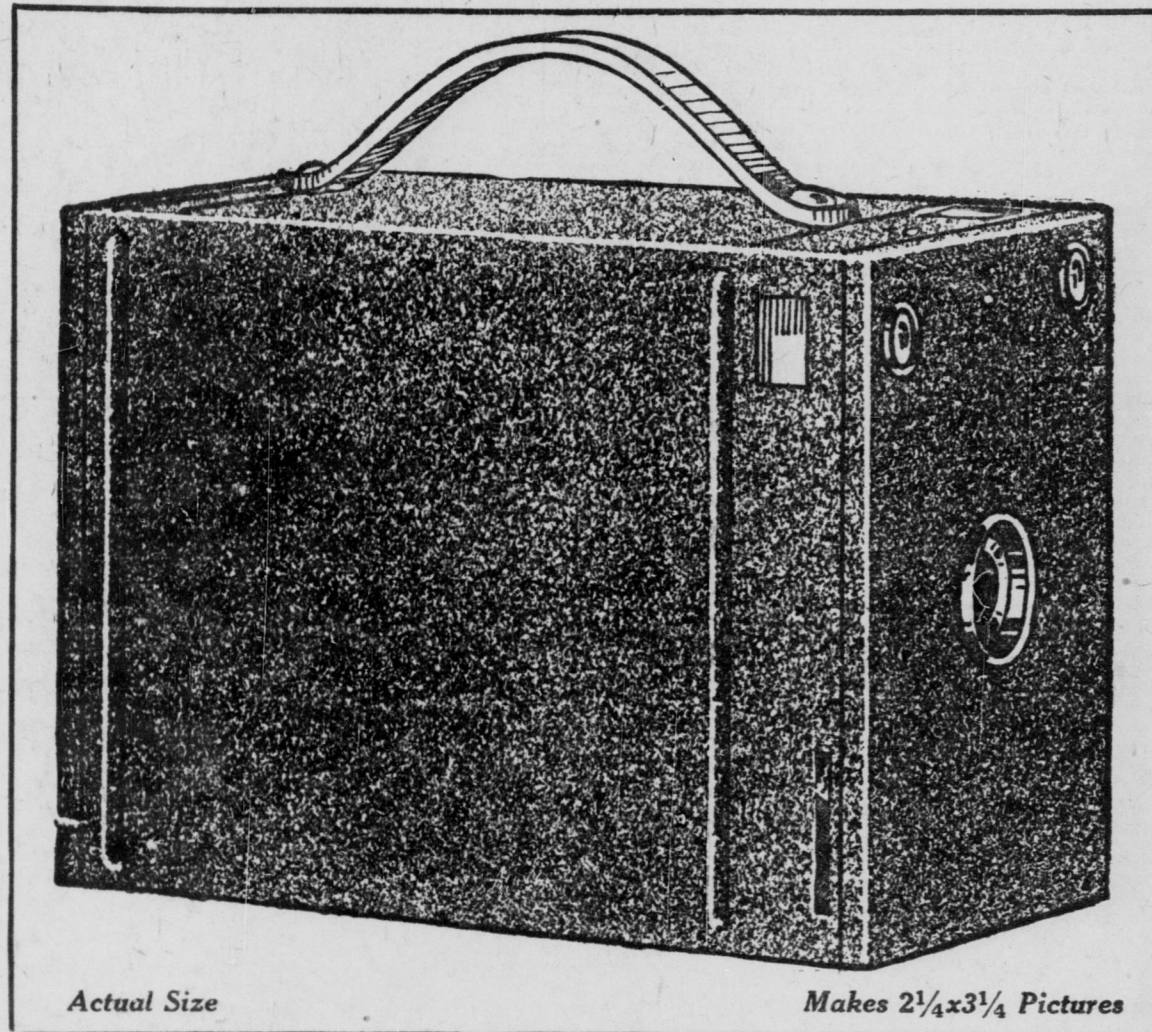
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