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## MORE CHARGES HURLED AT DUMAS; BANDIT IS STILL AT LIBERTY

### ROBBER IN JAIL READY TO CONFESS

Said to Have Told Officers He Will Tell All, Further Implicating Other Persons.

### PUPOSKY MAN SAW SHOOTING

Rex Warner Says He Saw Davis Stumble and Drag Himself Into Woods.

### TO SEARCH TWO VALISES

Property of Bandits, Found in Bemidji Saloon May Add New Evidence.

Bean, the wounded bandit who is in the Beltrami county jail, with his legs shattered, seen this forenoon, is suffering acutely from his wound, which makes him nervous and worried. It is said by Assistant State Fire Marshall Fullerton and the officers in charge that Bean has today made a complete confession, but the officers refuse absolutely to give out any information in regard to the confession at this time; but that the statement will conform entirely to the charges which have been made by the officials connecting Dr. Dumas with the safe blowing and incendiarism as well as many other people, several of whom are high up in political and social circles.

Were to Hide in Cabin. Every effort to get inside information relative to this confession has failed and officers refuse to divulge a word of it until later in the day or tonight.

Bean has said that at the "yegg" meeting held in Bemidji last week, Davis and Bean arranged that if either of them was hurt while they were blowing the safe and firing the building at Puposky they were to go to a cabin half a mile from Puposky, where they could await the arrival of the other. The officers knew of this and went at once to the cabin and broke in the door, but no one was inside.

### Rex Warner Saw Wounded Man.

Rex Warner, proprietor of the Hotel Puposky, rushed from his house while the hall of lead was being sent through the air, and he says that he saw Davis and Bean run for the woods; that Davis was wounded as he stumbled several times and was barely able to get into the timber.

It is now believed that a third robber was with Davis and Bean the night of the shooting at Puposky, and that this man had charge of the wires and cut them when the two robbers went to the building, intending to make sure that no communication could be had with Puposky, and that this third man helped Davis to get away.

### Third Man May Be Known.

That the identity of this third man is fixed almost to a certainty by the officials is hinted at by the officers.

A railroad speeder has been found half a mile south of Puposky, indicating that the men at the last minute changed their plans and decided to run from Puposky to Bemidji on the speeder, in precisely the same manner that the men who committed the two former robberies at Puposky made their get-away, one robber being shot at the time of the last robbery, Thanksgiving morning, 1909.

The deputy fire marshal and the detectives now have in their possession two valises, property of Davis and Bean, which were left at a Bemidji saloon and restaurant, after the two men had changed their clothes prior to leavin for Puposky to do the job of robbing and firing. These grips will be searched, say the officers, and the contents will further involve two robbers and their accomplices.

Sheriff Hazen has given instructions to his deputies to allow no one to see Bean in the jail; and the officers are guarding him closely in order that no one can get to him and pass anything to him.

Tiff of New York city is the only man in the United States with no given name or initials. He is a manufacturer of box shooks, and he signs checks with his name.

### 100 AT CREAMERY MEET

Temporary Organization Effected Here Today and First List of Officers is Named.

### A. J. MCGUIRE URGES ACTION

Urging the farmers of this territory to co-operate and pull together in the establishment of a creamery in Bemidji, A. J. McGuire, superintendent of the state experimental farm at Grand Rapids, this morning addressed more than 100 farmers who came to discuss the advisability of establishing a co-operative creamery in Bemidji.

"What you gentlemen want to do," said Mr. McGuire, "is to take out stock in this organization, make it a farmers' organization, and work for its interests."

The speaker told of how he had aided in organizing creameries in different parts of this section of the state, and how they had made good, in even less encouraging country than the one which surrounds Bemidji.

On motion the following list of officers were elected to meet and organize the creamery association:

A. E. Rako, president.

Iver Ungstad, vice-president.

A. P. Ritchie, secretary and treasurer.

D. A. White, director.

Nelson Willitt, director.

J. E. Patterson, director.

M. Rygg, director.

At the adjourned meeting of those interested in the movement held this afternoon an investigating committee was named to look into the matter of securing the Felmes creamery, now owned by the Fitzsimmons-Baldwin company, and to ascertain the lowest price they will ask for the rental of it.

Another committee named to draft the by-laws was: A. E. Rako, A. P. Ritchie, William Morris, Nelson Willitt and M. F. Pendergast.

The next meeting will be held in the city hall Saturday at 10 a. m.

### PROBE FOR HAZEN ASSURED PETERSON

St. Paul, Minn., June 19.—(Daily Pioneer Special Wire Service.)—Viggo Peterson, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Beltrami county, called upon Governor Eberhart, this morning, and urged the appointment of a commission to inquire into the official conduct of A. B. Hazen, sheriff of Beltrami county.

Governor Eberhart assured Mr. Peterson that, as soon as the formal opinion is received, he will appoint a commission to inquire into the charges if, in the opinion of the legal department, such action is warranted. Following the conference with Governor Eberhart, Mr. Peterson conferred with the attorney general's department.

### MAN HELD FOR BOY MURDER FACES JURY

State Presents its Evidence Against Maki at Brainerd in Quick Order.

### DEFENDANT ALLEGES ALIBI

Drop Insanity Dodge and Now Will Attempt to Show That He Could Not Have Committed Crime.

### FIVE WITNESSES THIS FORENOON

Prosecution Closes This Afternoon and Prisoner Will Present His Side Tomorrow.

Brainerd, June 18.—(Daily Pioneer Special Wire Service.)—After having exhausted a special venire of 25 and excusing a number of talemens the jury in the case of the State of Minnesota vs. Erick Maki, for the brutal murder of little nine year old Earl Edmond Rielly began today.

At noon five witnesses for the prosecution had been heard, and it is probable that the prosecution will rest some time this afternoon and that the defense will open its side of the case tomorrow morning.

It is understood in Brainerd that the defense will endeavor to prove an alibi, this rumor putting an end to the supposition that the accused man would try the insanity dodge.

The jury in the case was not completed until late Saturday afternoon, and is made up of: W. H. Rosenkrantz, George Bock, W. J. Hutchins, J. C. Hammett, H. V. Flansberg, S. P. Coffrain, W. H. Bolton, E. P. Clipp, C. H. Cannon, Perry Everett, Hugh Carmichael, Bert Baker.

Maki, although he does not understand the English language, is taking a keen but silent interest in the progress of his trial.

### JULY 4TH MEETING TONIGHT

Question of Celebration to Be Decided at City Hall.

Is Bemidji going to celebrate the Fourth of July? This is the question that can be heard repeatedly along the streets of the city today, and which will be answered at the meeting of the public which is to be held in the city hall at 8:30 this evening.

J. A. Franklin, international president of the Boilermakers and Iron Ship Builders of America, says that an assessment of 3 to 6 cents will be levied upon each of the 3,000,000 members of the American Federation of Labor to aid J. J. McNamara, secretary-treasurer of the Structural Iron Workers.

### BOOSTING BOARD MEETS

McGonagle of Duluth Chairman; Wedge, Treasurer and Mackenzie, Secretary, Here Saturday.

### TO TAX OWNERS FOR PUBLICITY

At the meeting of the newly created immigration board of the Northern Minnesota Development association, held in this city Saturday, officers were elected and June 30 decided on as the day on which to meet in this city and complete plans.

It was decided that an investigation be made of the plan, such as is being used in Wisconsin with success, which requires all heavy land owners to pay a tax of one cent an acre to the board to be used in advertising the state.

The money received in this way besides being used to further the advertisement of the country, will be used to maintain an exhibit in St. Paul of the produce grown in this country.

The officers chosen at the Saturday meeting are: W. A. McGonagle, chairman, A. G. Wedge, treasurer, W. R. Mackenzie, secretary.

### WILL YOU DECORATE?

Commercial Club Makes New and Urgent Appeal to Business Men to Prepare for the Bankers.

### MAYOR PARKER MAKES PLEA

On Wednesday of this week, one of the leading organizations of the state will hold its annual convention in Bemidji, the State Bankers' association.

It is customary for the residents in the city in which the convention is held to decorate and it is hoped that Bemidji will establish a record in this respect and that organization urgently requests that all business houses decorate.

In speaking of the bankers coming to Bemidji, Mayor Parker said today: "I earnestly hope that between now and Wednesday the business men of our city will decorate their stores, in order that the visiting bankers may know that Bemidji welcomes their coming, and that they may leave believing this city to be one of hustlers and enterprising citizens."

"I have been unable to locate a city where even the district bankers have met that the place did not decorate to their utmost ability and in my opinion, with the state convention here, if this city lets this rare opportunity of advertising slip by, it will be a slap in the face that will smart for a good long while. Decorate and let the bankers know that we are glad to have them with us."

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### Cass Lake Mayor Now Held Responsible for Destruction of La Porte; also \$200,000 Fire at Superior and Long List of Other Crimes

### DOCTOR IN BEMIDJI TODAY TO CONSULT JUDGE SPOONER

Efforts of Deputy Sheriff Helmer and Detectives to Trace Escaped Robber Fail and Search of Puposky Woods Has Been Abandoned and Other Towns are Being Watched for Wounded Desperado

### SAFE OPENED AND NINE STICKS OF DYNAMITE WITH FOUR CAPS ARE FOUND

#### BULLETIN

Bald Eagle, Minn., June 19.—A man, bearing the description of Mike Davis, the fleeing Puposky robber, was seen here this morning and St. Paul detectives were notified at noon and are in hot pursuit. The man was wounded in the left shoulder and left ear. Bald Eagle is a suburb of St. Paul.

Dr. D. T. Dumas, mayor of Cass Lake and rising young physician by day and apparently ring leader of the American crook trust by night, today faces added evidence charging him with incendiary fires, one of which wiped out the thirteen business buildings of the village of Laporte, a few miles south of here, another a \$200,000 blaze at Superior, Wisconsin, the robbing of three safes and other crimes of plunder and carnage, during the past six months.

This crime carnival is attributed to the mayor who continues to protest his innocence, by Joseph Fielding of the St. Paul Pinkerton branch and Assistant Fire Marshall Sam Fullerton, who believes the net returns during this time, which they assert by no means covers the entire criminal career of Dr. Dumas, aggregate thousands of dollars, which Dumas is said to have generously distributed with his associates, many of whom stand high in the business circles of the Northwest.

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#### MORE EVIDENCE AT HIBBING.

Hibbing, Minn., June 19.—(Daily Pioneer Special Wire Service.)—S. F. Fielding, of the St. Paul Pinkerton agency, was in Hibbing this morning on an errand connected with the Dumas case.

"I am here to get evidence and I am overjoyed with what I have found," said Mr. Fielding.

Mr. Fielding left Hibbing at noon for St. Paul. It is known that the detectives obtained from Chief of Police Ring, who searched Mayor Dumas, a check for \$200 made payable to Dr. Dumas, signed by R. E. Smythe, drawn on the First National Bank of Bemidji. In the left hand corner was written "land account." Mr. Fielding said that check would prove to be important evidence in the case against the mayor.

The detective also took away with him an automatic revolver which Dr. Dumas is said to have carried and which is said to be of the same pattern as weapons carried by the Puposky yeggmen and some receipts for drugs and other articles said to have been bought by Dr. Dumas in St. Paul. When asked if the receipts would have any bearing on the case, Mr. Fielding replied:

"They will have a very important bearing in the manner of manufacturing explosives."

to LeClaire who was in Grand Forks at the time.

"Bring Mike or some other good man and come at once," the doctor is said to have written. The Mike referred to is Davis, the man who escaped during the battle at Puposky Friday night, at which time his confederate, Billy Bean, was caught and is now in jail here. The letter from LeClaire to Dumas was in regard to clothes that LeClaire had left in Cass Lake and which he wished Dr. Dumas to send to him at Custer, Montana. LeClaire subsequently left for Montana where the officers allege he had planned to rob a bank.

#### Prisoner Here Said to Have Confessed

A long conference was held at the county jail, this morning, and it is understood that Bean was questioned and that he made a confession but this confession is temporarily withheld by the officers in charge.

The plans of the detectives are so far reaching and cover so many angles and different towns that it is next to impossible to give them in detail. Each development seems to further entangle Mayor Dumas and the disclosures of the past 24 hours have caused consternation in business circles both here and at Cass Lake.

#### Dr. Dumas Comes to Bemidji.

Dr. Dumas came to Bemidji today, arriving here shortly before noon in an automobile and proceeded at once to the office of his attorney, Judge Marshall A. Spooner, where he is spending the afternoon in conference, arranging details of his defense which is to be made when he is given an examination before Court Commissioner H. A. Simons on June 28. Neither Mr. Dumas nor Judge Spooner had anything to say for publication.

Dr. Dumas' own tongue was his undoing, is the assertion of Sam Fullerton. It was the bravado of his own deeds which caused Mr. Fullerton to begin the investigation, which started at Northome and which expanded rapidly into so sweeping a sensation that the detective work was placed in the hands of the Pinkertons. Mr. Fullerton discovered that buildings worth only a

few hundred dollars had been insured for thousands of dollars and in some instances by Bemidji companies.

#### Say He Was Close to Convict.

Of Dumas' connection with Frank Hunter, sent up from Grand Rapids, Dumas is said to have been his closest friend in the hour of need. Hunter's downfall came when he took off his coat to engage in a saloon fight. An officer saw that the inside of the coat contained a complete safe robber's outfit and such as is known as a "yegg's cloak." As soon as Hunter was arrested, he requested that Dr. Dumas be notified and the doctor is said to have taken up the work of obtaining an attorney for Hunter. He went to Grand Rapids and then came to Bemidji to employ an attorney. In the meantime, Hunter yielded to efforts to plead guilty and was taken before Judge Stanton of this city who sent him to Stillwater for seven years and it is there that he is to be interviewed by Detective Fielding and Sam Fullerton, Mr. Fullerton leaving Bemidji this evening. Mr. Fielding and Sheriff Hazen went to Hibbing this morning where they took charge of the property found on Dr. Dumas when he was arrested in that city Saturday. Mr. Fielding proceeds from there to Stillwater.

#### Said He Had Jury Fixed.

When Dr. Dumas was told that Hunter had pleaded guilty, he is said to have become enraged, throwing his hat to the floor and stamping on it, exclaiming:

"The crazy fool! And I had it all fixed so that the jury would be hung up high and dry."

Pinkertons assert that one of their own men made a report of the plans unfolded by Dr. Dumas in the John Larson saloon on Third street in this city for the Puposky robbery and that they have four witnesses to the concoction of this plot which was made if the rear of the Larson saloon, they say, and which was attended by Bean, the man now under arrest, and Mike Davis, the robber who got away.

#### Shevlin Fuse Was Wet.

Dr. Dumas is said to have chided Davis for his failure to blow open the safe in the bank at Shevlin. Davis replied that "she would have cracked all right but the fuse was wet."

"Well, damn you, don't have any wet fuse at Puposky," Dr. Dumas is reported to have replied.

Dr. Dumas continues to discharge his official duties as mayor of Cass Lake and has several patients to whom he devotes his personal efforts, and despite the crushing thunder bolts of evidence which continues to break loose in almost an incessant chain, he appears composed and says everything will come out all right.

At 6 o'clock last evening, Detective Fielding, Sam Fullerton and other detectives and officers, opened Dr. Dumas' safe, in his presence, at his office in Cass Lake and found nine sticks of dynamite and four dynamite caps.

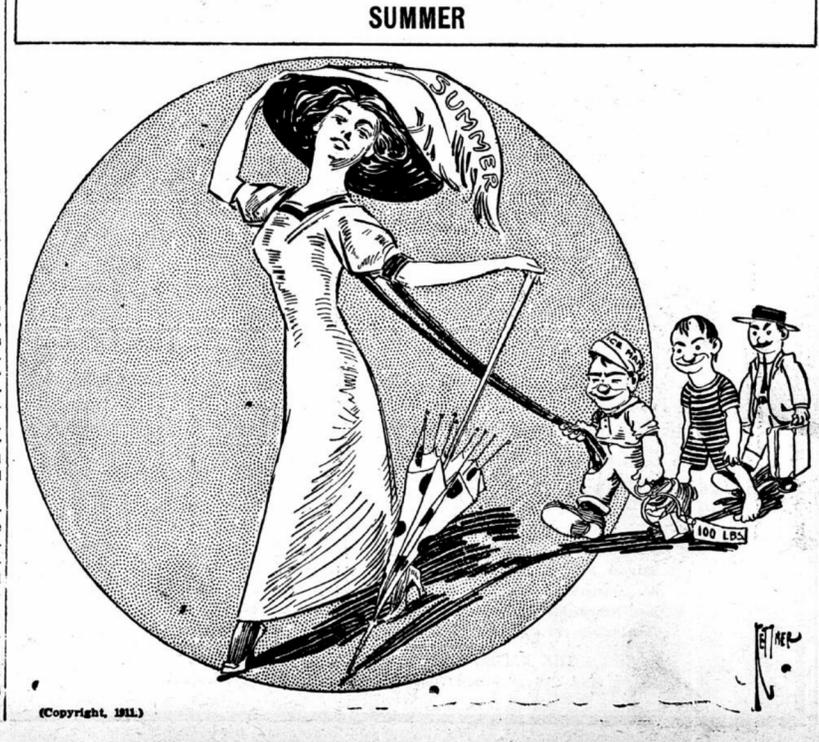
The opening of the safe was preceded by an unsuccessful chase by detectives through the woods near Puposky after "Mike" Davis. Deputy Sheriff Helmer assisted in the chase.

The opening of the Dumas safe was also witnessed by Frank Yeager, safe expert from St. Paul, Matt Kennedy, deputy sheriff of Cass Lake, who worked the combination and County Attorney Richard Funck, also of Cass Lake.

When Detective Fielding and Mr. Fullerton informed Dr. Dumas that the safe was to be opened by the expert, Dumas said:

"You needn't go to that trouble. I'll give you the combination." He made good on his proposal and

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