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WILD YOUTH CLOSE TO FIGHT FOR LIFE

Henry Beattie, Girl "Masher," Accused of Shooting Wife, to Face Court Next Week.

HOLDS DEAD WOMAN IN AUTO

Says She Was Shot By "Man With Long Black Beard," But Gun is Traced to Him.

END OF "WILD OATS" CAREER

Pretty Maiden of 14 Mother of Prisoner's Child, Figures Prominently in the Tragedy.

Richmond, Va., August 12.—Intense interest is manifested in the opening next Monday, of the session of the grand jury for Chesterfield county, across the river from here.

The grand jury will be called upon to investigate the Beattie murder case, one of the most sensational and puzzling crimes ever committed in that county.

It is the general impression that there will be enough evidence submitted by the State to justify the grand jury to find an indictment for murder against Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., now a prisoner in the Henrico county jail.

Prisoner Led Gay Life.

The history of the crime with which Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., has been charged by the coroner's jury, contains many features of unusual interest. The accused, who is now 26 years old, is the son of Henry Clay Beattie, Sr., a well-to-do business man of this city.

Young Beattie received a fair education and, at an early age, began to indulge in a fast and reckless life. He had numerous affairs with girls, but only one had serious consequences.

Intimate With School Girl.

About four years ago he became intimate with Beulah Binford, a handsome but morally corrupt girl who, at that time, was not quite 14. The intimacy continued and two years ago a child was born to the girl. The young mother named the child Henry Clay Binford, but soon abandoned it to the care of some relatives.

Later the child was adopted by Mrs. Mary Trout of Richmond, but it proved sickly and died in July of last year. To hush up matters young Beattie induced Beulah Binford to Raleigh, N. C., where she promised to remain, so as not to interfere with Beattie's marriage plans.

Weds to Please Father.

More to please his father, upon whom he depended for a living, young Beattie, about two years ago married Miss Louise Owen, the pretty daughter of a resident of Dover, Del. The marriage was not happy. Young Beattie did not abandon his fast life after marriage and even the birth of a child, about six months ago, did not improve the relations between the young married people. A few months ago Beattie met the Binford girl by accident at a baseball game at Norfolk and she was easily induced to return to Richmond where Beattie promised to provide a house for her.

Meets Old Sweetheart Secretly.

Beattie and the girl met frequently at different hotels in this city and, although they kept their relations secret, Beattie's father learned of the affair and is said to have threatened his son with the withdrawal of his support, should the young man not stop his dealings with the Binford girl.

In the second week of July last young Mrs. Beattie, with her baby, went to visit her uncle, Thomas E. Owen, within a mile of South Richmond. She was to return home on July 19. On the evening of July 18, young Beattie came to Mr. Owen's house in his automobile, to take his wife out for a ride. They left, driving along the Midlothian Pike. About 11 o'clock that night Beattie returned to Mr. Owen's house in his auto, steering with one hand, while he was holding his wife's lifeless body with the other.

Smokes and Strums Guitar.

Beattie said that his wife had been shot and killed with a shotgun by a tall man with a long beard, who had held them up, while they were driving along Midlothian Pike. The case

DECIDE ON NEW ROADWAY

Second Meeting at Blackduck Names Rail Route as Best for Tamarack Highway.

PETITION IS SENT TO ST. PAUL

At another Good Road meeting of the Blackduck Commercial club yesterday afternoon the definite route of a link in the International Falls-to-Twin Cities highway was decided upon and a petition for the roadway forwarded to the state Highway Commission at St. Paul.

The road chosen from three proposed routes is to parallel the Minnesota & International railroad from Farley to Tenstrike, then east around Erickson lake and again paralleling the railroad through Hines to within a short distance of Blackduck, thence due north to Blackduck lake, circling the lake on the south and west sides to Blackduck, then north on the range line to a point west of Kelliher and there to connect with the already established road and on through Kelliher north 12 miles to the Tamarack river.

The committee appointed at the previous meeting to report yesterday is made up of W. T. Blakely, Farley; Charles Carter of Hines; George Pretz, Norden, Koochiching county; H. W. Alsop, deputy county auditor of Beltrami and a resident of Birch township; J. C. Thompson and Charles Trondson of Blackduck. All members with the exception of Alsop, Pretz and Carter were present.

Others attending the meeting were: County Commissioner William Fellows, A. L. Morris, S. C. Thompson, Charles Gustafson, L. L. Reynolds, Peter and Sid Maule and Ed Leonard all of Tenstrike; William Arthur Page, O. E. Hines; William Lennon and A. A. McGill of Kelliher and many from Blackduck.

The proposed new road will open up here to developed parts of the Tamarack country, and providing a highway for settlement in that district to Kelliher, Blackduck and Bemidji.

IS UNABLE TO FREE HERSELF

Symptoms Incidental to a Habit of Worry.

"Why do I worry? Because I cannot help it. You would worry if you were in my place." How many times has this little conversation been repeated, one friend chiding another for the puckered brow and frowning look, the mood of depression and the anxious, wearied, careworn slump of mind and body together, incidental to a habit of worry. True, it is easy to say to one who is overborne by the burdens she is bearing, that worry will make her load no lighter. She knows this, yet while she concedes that worry is doing no good, she goes on as if she were climbing a hill and slipping back at every step or grouping through a thick fog, unable to free herself from the smothering clutch of the fiend. Three-fourths of the woman patients in a certain insane asylum are said to have reached their morbid state and the loss of mental balance through the influence of worry. Worry is really waste. It wastes nervous tissue, is the enemy of happiness, and a prolific cause of aggravation of ill health.—Christian Herald.

Pitcher Cecil Ferguson, who was sold to Memphis some time ago is still in Boston, working out in the Rustlers' yard.

HEALTH HINT FOR TODAY.

- Sugar the Cheapest Source of Muscular Energy.
- Sugar is the cheapest food for one doing heavy physical work, because it furnishes energy directly with little waste.
- Its best source is prunes, figs, dates, ripe bananas.
- What the physical worker needs most is, just like the engine, ready fuel and water. Its cheapest source is sugar and fat rather than starch and meat.
- Though rye is easily converted into glucose or cereal sugar. A tablespoonful or more of peanut oil may be taken with prunes or separately. Fat interferes with the digestion of proteids in the stomach but not with sugar.
- A warm drink of weak cocoa or substitute coffee may follow a fruit meal, facilitating the passage of the intestine where such food is digested. The more liquid the sooner the stomach empties.

RAHIER'S BROTHER JARS DUEL THEORY

Declares Itasca County Tragedy Was Murder and Names Erway as Guilty Man.

DENIES ANY JEALOUSY EXISTED

Discredits Published Intimation That Trappers' Feud Ever Existed in That Territory.

MADE PERSONAL INVESTIGATION

As Result Offers Facts to Pioneer to Show That Shooting Was Deliberately Planned.

That George Rahier was murdered in cold blood and that he had no chance to defend himself and that Edwin Erway was the guilty man is the opinion expressed in a communication to The Pioneer from H. A. Rahier of International Falls, a brother county of the dead man.

Mr. Rahier's communication to The Pioneer follows in full:

The Brother's Explanation.

"International Falls, Aug. 10, 1911.

"Dear Sir: "Seeing an account in your August 9th issue of the Pioneer of the murder of Geo. Rahier of Big Fork, and being a brother of the murdered man, I wish to correct a few statements which I think are misleading.

"Must Have Been One-sided. "I think I understand the conditions in the case as I was present at the coroner's jury and post mortem examination on my brother's body, and saw the doctors trace the course of the bullets in his body and would say that if there were a rifle used as your paper states it was decidedly one-sided. No bullet passed through his arm, but two bullets entered his body, one grazing the underside of his left arm for three inches before entering his body, passed through his chest and lodged in his right shoulder, showing that the shot was fired from his left side. The other bullet grazed the right side of his nose, entered his right eye and lodged in the right side of the top of his head drawing the impression that the shot was fired after he had fallen. If my brother fired a shot in a battle as was thought because of an empty shell in his gun, I think it would have proven effective as he was unusually accurate at shooting.

Was Killed July 19-

"Instead of his being killed on the 17th of July as stated it was the 19th, and his body was not found until five days after, about two and a half miles from his home. The post mortem examination was held July 27th instead of August 4th.

"I do not think that the statement that there was a hard battle fought was shown by my brother's condition is correct as his hands were not bruised or even scratched. The doctors at the post mortem said nothing about his jaw being dislocated; his face while quite badly decomposed did not show signs of battery but one eye seemed to be gone which was the only evidence of a struggle.

No Feud Existed.

"There is positively nothing to the story about there being a jealous feud between my brother and Edwin Erway as my brother had no trouble with any of his neighbors in that vicinity, and if he had any with this party previous to his murder it must have been slight, but judging from some of the press statements one would think that a controversy equalling a Kentucky feud existed.

"I do think that Edwin Erway is the guilty party as his every action since the crime has proven him guilty in the opinion of all his neighbors.

"I hope your informant in the case will not feel offended because of my contradicting misleading statements, as I think he was misinformed as he evidently was not on the scene until after my brother's burial.

"Yours truly, "H. A. Rahier."

The wool growers of the northern Rocky Mountain regions have adopted the method of selling at wholesale direct to the consumer. They have established large warehouses at Chicago and Omaha, to which the wool is consigned.

NEW EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Bemidji Edifice Costing Between \$3,000 and \$4,000 to Be Ready By November 1.

ARCHDEACON TELLS OF PLANS

Bemidji is to have a new Episcopal church to cost between \$3,000 and \$4,000 completed and ready for occupancy by November 1 next, according to plans announced by Archdeacon H. F. Parshall, while in Bemidji yesterday.

Plans for the new edifice have been completed and the contractor will begin work in the near future. The structure is to be built on Beltrami avenue at Tenth street, where the foundation has been in for several months.

"I earnestly believe that we will have our new Bemidji church nearly completed by the first of November," said the archdeacon. "Experts have examined the foundation which was laid some time ago, and announce that it is in fine condition."

During the past three weeks Rev. Parshall has opened two churches, one having been erected in Baudette at a cost of \$1,500 and the other at Park Rapids at a cost of \$1,800, the former having been opened last Sunday and the latter on July 30.

KOOCHICHING PLANS EXHIBITS

Appropriation for State Fair; Want Gemmel to Furnish Car.

At the meeting of the board of County Commissioners held at the court house last Tuesday an appropriation of \$500 was made for a county exhibit at the State fair to be held at Hamline on Sept. 4 to 9.

The following committee was appointed, and Wm. Durbin, John Berg pointed, Commissioner R. S. McGehee and Geo. P. Watson, who are doing their best to make this exhibit second to none in the state. Many of the farmers and homesteaders have already promised to donate some of the best of their products both from the farm and the kitchen.

The power company has expressed its willingness to work with the committee toward making a good exhibit of the industries of the county as represented by their paper, pulp, sulphite and saw mills. Miss Shell-land is already at work preparing a school exhibit and also a pamphlet describing and illustrating the developments along school lines in the county.

The Northern Minnesota Iron Company have promised to furnish the committee with a creditable exhibit of the iron ores of the county obtained from their own valuable properties.

General Manager Gemmel has been asked to furnish a car for the transportation of the exhibit, free of charge, to the state fair grounds.

In fact it seems as though the whole county is taking hold of this proposition to give to Koochiching county the best showing it has ever had to the end that our extensive vacant lands may be settled and this apparent wilderness made to "bud and blossom as the rose."—International Falls Press.

Kentucky Democrats Oppose "Drys."

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 12.—County conventions were held in Kentucky today to elect delegates to the Democratic State convention here next Tuesday for the adoption of a platform and nomination of state officers. The Democrats appreciate the fact that they must fight hard to win a victory in the coming election. The platform will indorse the policy of the Democratic party in Congress. The convention probably will declare against State-wide prohibition and unequivocally in favor of a uniform local option law, with the county as the unit.

Admiral Togo at West Point.

West Point, N. Y., Aug. 12.—Admiral Togo and his party visited the United States Military Academy today. The visitors came up from New York on the naval yacht Mayflower. After luncheon with General Barry, the superintendent, Admiral Togo witnessed a review of the cadet corps.

Wisdom's Real Object.

Wisdom does not show itself so much in precept as in life—in a firmness of mind and mastery of appetite. It teaches us to do, as well as to talk; and to make our actions and words all of a color.—Seneca.

Rumor has it that Des Moines will be dropped from the Western League and be given a berth in the Three-I League.

BRINGS NEGRO TO PREVENT LYNCHING

Sheriff Hustles Man Identified By Bagley Woman to Bemidji on Night Train.

PRISONER CLEVER IN COURT

Proves Surprise as Amateur Lawyer But Fails in Bold Attempt to Establish Alibi.

ADMITS THAT HE IS A HOBO

Says His Name is "Tramp Shine" and That He Has Gone From Coast to Coast.

To prevent any possibility of the enraged and indignant citizens of Bagley from doing violence to the negro identified by Mrs. Gilbert Olson of that city as the man who attacked her in the woods Tuesday, Sheriff Anderson of Clearwater county brought his prisoner to Bemidji on the midnight train last night and locked him in the Beltrami county jail.

As a result of the hearing at Bagley yesterday before Justice O. O. Biegan, the case against the negro, who is a particularly vicious type of the professional hobo class, is strong.

Missing Finger Strong Point.

Aside from Mrs. Olson, other witnesses identified him as a person seen in the neighborhood of the attack. All, including Mrs. Olson, swore that the person seen had a part of one finger missing. The negro under arrest is thus crippled.

Despite this evidence the negro regained his courage and insists that he is innocent.

Talks With Bravado.

"I was miles away when that happened," he said in jail here today to a Pioneer reporter, "and I don't know nothing about it, believe me."

"I ain't got no name except 'Tramp Shine,' and I sure enough am a tramp. I have been a traveling ever since the first I can remember. I got from coast to coast, but aside from that I am no bad man."

Proves Clever at Law.

The prisoner's appearance and general behavior does not bear him out in this assertion. He is a burly, coarse, revolting character. At his hearing in Bagley yesterday he proved himself to be an adept at court procedure and a trial lawyer of no mean ability.

The way he handled his side in the case showed that he knew all the tricks of criminal law and was a witness above the average.

Falls Down on Alibi.

Had he not tried to prove an alibi, he would have strengthened his case, but his assertion that he was at Mallard at the time the assault was committed, with three competent witnesses to prove that he was seen within a half mile of where the crime was committed, besides the testimony of the victim, weakened his evidence and strengthened the side of the state.

He made a strong plea for dismissal on grounds that plaintiffs had made no case and offered an alibi as his defense, admitting, however, that he had no witnesses to corroborate his testimony, as the only two people who had been with him for the three preceding days and the day the crime was committed, were tramps, and that he did not know their names.

STEALS 100 DOCTORS' TOWELS

Bold Culprit Gets Away With Bundle in Broad Daylight.

Nearly 100 towels were stolen from the Miles Block yesterday between 11 and 11:30 a. m., from the offices of Dr. C. M. Palmer and Dr. R. Gilmore. The doctors' assistants gather the soiled towels each day, and, after tying them in a bundle, leave them outside their doors for the laundry boy. This they did yesterday and while the boy went to Dr. Sanborn's office some thief stole the bundles and made away with them before they were noticed. No clue has been found, but efforts are being made to catch the culprit.

Bishop Corbett to Preach Here.

Bishop Timothy Corbett of Crookston, arrived in the city today and will be here to preach the sermon at high mass tomorrow morning. Bishop Corbett will be here but one day.

WOMAN BADLY INJURED

Young Dressmaker Choked And Hit in Mouth in Night Fight With Man on Bridge.

PRISONER'S HEARING GOES OVER

After having first said that she could not identify the man arrested at Cass Lake as the one who assaulted her on the bridge across the Mississippi between here and Nymore Thursday about midnight, the young dressmaker involved today admitted that possibly the prisoner was the man.

The prisoner who gave his name as Henry Mattson, was arraigned this morning before Court Commissioner H. A. Simons. He protested his innocence but there is so much damaging evidence against him that his case was continued for ten days and he was locked up again. In the meantime officers will investigate his record.

It develops that the young woman was badly hurt by her assailant, having had two teeth knocked out and a gold plate broken in her mouth. The man struck his victim several times in the mouth with his fist, and her neck shows marks of the man who attempted to choke her to stop her cries.

The young woman is above the average in size and succeeded in fighting off her assailant.

SURVIVES FALL; DIES OF COLD

W. Hillgrove, Recovering From Broken Bones, Victim of Pneumonia.

After having advanced well on the road to recovery from injuries received from a fall on cedar poles July 31 at Turtle River when four ribs were broken and his collar bone fractured, William Hillgrove fell a victim to pneumonia Thursday and died at 5 p. m. yesterday. At the time of his injury Mr. Hillgrove was assisting the L. K. Deal Lumber company in loading cedar poles. He was a mason by trade and was doing work at Turtle River but yielded to a request to aid in handling the poles, and while on top of a car which was being loaded was hit on the head with a pole, throwing him to the ground. While being brought to Bemidji he caught a severe cold which developed into pneumonia. Mr. Hillgrove appeared to be recovering rapidly, and yesterday afternoon while talking to his wife told her he soon expected to be taken home. An hour later he was dead, his heart having given out under the strain of the disease, although double pneumonia is given as the real cause of his death. He is survived by his wife and four step-children. The funeral will be held Tuesday morning at 8:30 from St. Phillip's Catholic Church. He was 52 years old.

EBERHART TO VIEW DITCHES

Comes on August 17 to View Marshall and Beltrami Drains.

Arrangements have been perfected for a visit by Governor Eberhart and other state officials and a number of railway officers on August 17, 18 and 19, to the great drainage projects in Marshall and Beltrami counties. The visitors will be transported in autos some forty miles to Gryla and neighboring villages through a broad rich stretch of level drained country and over the famous boulevard roads constructed from the excavated sub-soil clays. These highways are literally as smooth and level as the proverbial floor and reach away in straight lines beyond the horizon.

The Northwestern Drainage company of Thief River Falls has all the drainage contracts in this section and their nine great ditching machines, running day and night, are fast changing the former low lands into available farming land of the very best quality. The purpose of the visit of the state officers is to permit them to see drainage at first hand on a large scale; to note the quick and complete transformation of these lowlands—not swamp lands—into good farm land at once ready to receive the plow and supply good crops; and further, to permit them to see the close and practical connection between ditching and highway building.

Actions are Mysterious.

And this from Akeley: "W. E. Johnson, special head officer for the Indian division of the United States interior department, was in Akeley about two hours last week, at which time Special Officer D. Patten was given instructions from his superior officer. The Herald-Tribune is unable to procure definite information from Officer Patten as to the reason for the visit from the famous 'Pussyfoot' Johnson at this time. He dropped in suddenly from Walker, spent two hours in the city and went right back again. It is known that he had a long heart-to-heart talk with Special Officer Patten. The latter is as silent as a clam, and while he admits that 'Mr. Johnson came down to see me' will give no further information.

Many Drunken Indians.

"It is said that there has been much drunkenness among the Indians during the past few months. The saloonkeepers of Bemidji, Cass Lake, Walker and Park Rapids are said to have exercised great care in dispensing their goods in bottles and they are not held responsible, but Lo gets booze just the same.

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'PUSSYFOOT' COMES; MAY CLOSE SALOONS

Following His Visit at Akeley, Close Friends Predict This District Will Be "Dry as Sahara."

DUMAS CASE IS ALSO INVOLVED

Asserted that Special Agent is Here to Assist Government in Charges Against Mayor.

VISITS WALKER; ALSO BAGLEY

At Both Places He Held Secret Conferences With Men Co-operating With Him.

Beware!

"Pussyfoot" Johnson is "in our midst."

Silently and secretly he came and no man knoweth why, unless it be a few saloonkeepers who are presumed to have been selling fire water to Indians.

Walker, Akeley and Bagley during the past few days have all obtained a glimpse of the liquor annihilating agent of the Indian bureau who applied a lid that only was raised when Judge Spooner of this city got on the job.

It has been known for some time that "Pussyfoot" Johnson was laying plans to again invade this part of the state. It has been said that he was assisting the government in bringing charges against Mayor Dumas of Cass Lake.

May Try Again to Make Us Dry.

Also it has been hinted that the Indian Bureau was again making an effort to wipe out the saloons in this part of the state under power of the old Indian treaties, which were successfully attacked by Judge Spooner and E. E. McDonald in federal court at Minneapolis before Judge Willard. It is presumed that an appeal to the Willard decision is to be hastened and the saloons closed if possible.

During his visit here this week, "Pussyfoot" has kept under cover as much as possible.

Slips into Bagley.

This is what the Bagley Clearwater Crystal had to say: "Quiet and unnoticed, entirely unsuspected, Wm. E. Johnson, Chief Indian Officer, spent several hours in town not long ago inspecting things and conferring with the local deputy."

The Walker Pilot offers this: "Chief Special Agent (Pussyfoot) Johnson dropped into Walker Saturday after an absence of nearly a year; tossed his grip into the Chase hotel office and hopped in a rig headed for Akeley where he spent part of the day. He returned to Walker later in the day and wholly unlike many government agents, refused to give out anything of importance regarding his mission here. He did say however, that Walker was entitled to a chromo for its good behavior.

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