

PETER SKRIEF MURDERED IN QUARREL

BEMIDJI MAN IS ARRESTED AS SUSPECT IN DAHL ASSAULT CASE

GEORGE STERLING ARRESTED FOR THE MURDER OF SKRIEF, MAINTAINS SILENCE

Says Mind is Blank and Does Not Remember Committing the Crime.

ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN INTOXICATED

Starts Quarrel With Alleged "Enemy" and Kills a Good Friend.

Peter Skrief, who operated a saw mill in the town of O'Brien and was well known in Bemidji, was shot and killed Saturday evening near the new town hall of O'Brien which is under construction.

Mind a Blank. George Sterling, who is alleged to have done the shooting, is in the county jail. He maintains that he knows nothing of the affair and that his mind is blank.

It is reported that Skrief, Sterling, James Haley, Jack Rabi and other residents of the O'Brien district went to the new town hall Saturday afternoon, Skrief bringing a load of lumber for the hall.

The men had been drinking, it is said, and Sterling became intoxicated. He lay down on a pile of lumber and went to sleep.

In the meantime, Skrief drove to the Rabi home for some cement. When he returned Sterling was still asleep.

Sterling a Bachelor. When it came time to return to their homes, Skrief said that he would take Sterling home with him. Sterling was a bachelor and had a home-stand of 40 acres.

When Sterling was awakened he pushed at Haley, with whom he had been at "outs" for years. He struck him and Haley struck back. Rabi pushed between the two men.

Then, according to the story told Sheriff Johnson, Haley and Skrief, and Maynard and Junow, two other men who were assisting at the hall, jumped on Skrief's wagon and started to drive away.

Shoots Horse. They had gone about 200 paces when Sterling opened fire with a 30-30 rifle. His first shot went wild. On the second shot he struck one of the horses. The men then jumped from the wagon and ran towards the woods.

Rabi, who was standing near Sterling, begged him to stop and Sterling turned on him. Rabi made for the nearby brush.

The third shot struck Skrief in the leg. Sterling looked on while the other men made an attempt to stop the flow of blood from Skrief's leg by tying handkerchiefs and rope above the wound.

Several of the men went to get another horse, a distance of about two miles, and on their return Skrief was loaded on the wagon and taken to Blackduck. The men talked to him when about two miles from the village and he answered back.

When they arrived at Blackduck they called Dr. Koch who found Skrief dead.

Well Known Here. Skrief was about 40 years of age and is survived by a wife and two children, a brother at Kelliher and a brother in Wisconsin. Mrs. Skrief is the daughter of August Weber of Kelliher. She was notified of the death Sunday.

Skrief has been operating a saw mill in the town of O'Brien for several years. He was previously employed as a scaler for the Crookston Lumber company and as captain of the steamer Beltrami on Red Lake.

Sheriff Johnson was called and he, with Deputy Cahill and Coroner Akerberg, went to the scene.

Sterling, who is a man of about 40 years, has lived in the O'Brien district for years and always had the reputation of being a dangerous man. He is a crack shot with a rifle. An odd character, he has lived alone on his homestead, and when sober he was agreeable. When intoxicated he was disagreeable and at times thought to be demented.

All efforts to find Sterling early Monday morning failed.

At about six o'clock Sunday morning J. F. Higgins reported seeing him near the scene of the crime. Sterling at that time did not know of the death of Skrief.

Sheriff Johnson secured the services of Frank Cook, who is a good friend of Sterling's, the sheriff know-

ing that if Sterling was antagonized he would shoot to kill and would be able to hold a posse at bay for weeks. Cook went to the Sterling homestead, followed by Johnson, Cahill and Akerberg and with Sterling walked down the road. Sheriff Johnson then placed Sterling under arrest. Sterling claimed that he did not remember anything in regard to the affair. He claims that his mind is blank and appeared as if he felt bad that his friend Skrief had been shot. He was at all times considered a good friend of Skrief's.

Coroner Akerberg will hold an inquest at Blackduck tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

The scene of the crime was about 15 miles from Blackduck.

At a hearing held before Judge Fisk this morning, Sterling requested an examination. The hearing was continued to Oct. 4.

NEW YORK SCHOOLS OPEN TODAY

(By United Press) New York, Sept. 25.—Delayed since the regular opening date the first of the month, by the infantile paralysis epidemic which has claimed about 10,000 victims, or whom 3,000 died, and which cost the city a million dollars, school opened here today.

A goodly percentage of New York city's boys and girls did not attend, however, because their parents still fear the disease which has baffled city, county, state and federal authorities until the last few weeks.

INDIAN SAYS TREATY GIVES GAME RIGHTS

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 25.—A federal treaty with the Indians in 1855 may be used as a defense for John Light, an Indian, charged with killing two moose cows north of Lower, Carlos Avery, state game and fish commissioner, was advised by A. Gibbs, the warden making the arrest.

"We will fight the case to a finish on that defense," said Commissioner Avery, "because recognition of such a principle would mean prompt extermination of moose in Minnesota.

Washington authorities are being consulted by the Indian's friends, who maintain that under the treaty more than 65 years ago the Indians were given perpetual hunting and fishing rights in certain territory in Northern Minnesota. The case is set for hearing Sept. 30.

BEMIDJI HIGH 26 PARK RAPIDS 0

The Bemidji high school football team, in the opening game of the season, defeated the Park Rapids eleven by a score of 26 to 0. The score at the end of the first half was 13 to 0.

The Bemidji lineup was as follows: Opsahl, center; Hovey Lord, right guard; Howard Palmer, left guard; Pierre Grey, right tackle; Ploy Mard, left tackle; Brooks, left end; Kittleson and Achenbach, right ends; Harold White, quarterback; Warfield, full back; Bailey, right half and Fred Pihbis, left half.

Warfield showed up much stronger than was expected and was very successful in forward passes. Bailey played an especially strong and consistent game. Brooks at end played a very good game, showing up well on tackling and in receiving forward passes.

Park Rapids kicked off to Opsahl at center and Bemidji took the ball down the field for a touchdown within the first five minutes of play.

Park Rapids played a good clean game, playing mostly mass plays. A few forward passes were successful. Bemidji played a good game, using the famous Minnesota shift successfully.

200 BEMIDJI PEOPLE AT RED LAKE FAIR

Over 200 Bemidji people went to the Red Lake Indian reservation yesterday and attended the Indian fair. The crowd at the fair was large, there being many Clearbrook, Bagley and Crookston people present.

An excellent program was given at the fair.

Bemidji people were especially interested in the exhibits which were far superior to exhibits of former years.

The fair was a big success. A special train was operated over the Minneapolis, Red Lake & Manitoba railway yesterday to accommodate the crowds from Bemidji.

A number of people motored to the reservation.

PERRITANN IS FOUND NOT GUILTY IN FIRST OF CASES FOR TRESPASSING

Kelliher Man, Accused of Taking Timber from State Lands, is Freed.

JURY RETURNS VERDICT EARLY SUNDAY MORNING

Two Other Cases for Trespass Being Taken Up in the District Court Today.

Leonard Perritann, accused of taking timber from state lands near Kelliher, was found not guilty by a jury in the district court. The jury retired Saturday evening and returned a verdict early Sunday morning.

First Case Up. This is the first case brought by state authorities for alleged timber trespass. Two other cases will be taken up in the court here and a number of other cases will be taken up in other counties.

County Attorney Graham M. Torrance presented the Perritann case for the state. Attorney P. J. Russell represented Mr. Perritann.

The court is today taking up the trespass case against John G. Miller. Miller is accused of operating the "Flying Dutchman," a portable sawmill, near Kelliher. The mill was seized by state authorities last spring.

A number of state cruisers are attending the meeting.

BEN LUNDGREN IS NAMED GAME WARDEN

Ben Lundgren has been appointed as a special game warden in this district to aid Game Warden Sherm Bailey.

TELEGRAPH OFFICE IN MILL CITY BURNS

(By United Press) Minneapolis, Sept. 25.—Fire partially destroyed the Western Union telegraph office here last night. The damage was about \$5,000. Service was partially interrupted.

BISHOP MORRISON AT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Bishop Morrison of Duluth will officiate at services at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal church tonight at 7:45 o'clock. Members of the church are requested to remain at the church after the service to discuss the question of providing a new pastor for the Bemidji church.

BLACKDUCK COUPLE LICENSED TO WED

A wedding license was issued this morning to Albert Jantass and Gladys Smith of Blackduck this morning.

NEW INSTRUCTOR AT BEMIDJI HIGH SCHOOL

Miss Estelle Elke of Chaska arrived in Bemidji today to accept a position as instructor in the Bemidji high school. She will have charge of the German classes and will assist with algebra and English classes to relieve the congestion in the school.

PIONEER RESIDENT OF NEBISH IS DEAD

John Bergquist, aged 51, a resident of the Nebish district for the past 17 years, died at St. Anthony's hospital Sunday after a short illness.

He is survived by a wife and son. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at ten o'clock from the M. E. Ibertson undertaking parlors. Interment will be made at the Greenwood cemetery.

ZEPPELIN RAID ON ENGLAND SUCCESS; MANY ARE KILLED; CRAFTS DESTROYED

Houses and Stores are Destroyed; Raid is Also Made on Bucharest.

ITALIANS CUT WATER SUPPLY AT TRIESTE

Insurgents Control the Island of Crete; Taken Without Bloodshed.

(By United Press) London, Sept. 25.—German Zeppelins raided England last night, killing a number of persons, destroying several houses and stores, but doing no military damage.

Seven men, eight women and three children were wounded in London. Forty-five men, thirty-seven women and seventeen children were killed in the provinces.

Seventeen persons were wounded in the provinces.

Two of the Zeppelins were destroyed. One crew was killed and the other crew captured.

Britons today believe that London is secure against big damage because of air raids. Residents are unmoved by attacks.

LOSS IS ADMITTED. BERLIN, SEPT. 25.—The loss of two air craft in Saturday raid on England is officially admitted.

The official statement today says that a German Zeppelin raided Bucharest, the capitol of Rumania, last night, causing much damage.

Rome, Sept. 25.—The Italians have cut the Trieste water supply.

New Market, England, Sept. 25.—The Earl of Essex is dead.

Bucharest, Sept. 25.—The Rumanians have captured 6,884 prisoners north and northwest of the Transylvanian fronts.

HUGHES SHOWN OFF; UNABLE TO SPEAK

(By United Press) Dayton, O., Sept. 25.—Charles E. Hughes started on an oratorical marathon in Ohio today without speaking. His vocal chords are inflamed and his wife and physicians have forbid him from speaking. The local committee, however, planned to parade him through Dayton. All day he will be shown off.

AMERICANS ARE COURT MARTIALED IN MEXICO

(By United Press) Washington, Sept. 25.—General Funston today officially reported that he had court martialed Corporal Rodgers and seven members of a patrol of Texas cavalry for pressing into Mexico unauthorized. The Mexicans fired upon the patrol, killing a horse.

MRS. E. L. GRADY AND CHILDREN OF HIBBING ARE VISITING MRS. PEARL SHORES. MRS. GRADY IS A DAUGHTER OF MRS. SHORES.

AUTO KILLS MORE PERSONS THAN ZEP

(By United Press) New York, Sept. 25.—Figures compiled here show that more persons are killed and injured by automobiles on American streets during a year than all the Zeppelin raids on England. Chicago and New York reports show that over 100 were killed during the year. All cities report that 1,043 were killed and 8,000 injured. In the two years of war in England, Zeppelins have killed 368 and wounded 843.

Every man is supposed to be the architect of his own fortune, but many of them forget to build.

DISCHARGED "U" PROF. CARRYING HOD IN CANADA

(By United Press) Minneapolis, Sept. 25.—It is reported here that Edward Throwbridge Dana, discharged from the faculty of the University of Minnesota because he said that his wife's suicide she could not become a perfect mother was beautiful, was seen carrying a hod in Canada. It is believed that his desire of becoming Tolson and getting closer to the elementary human life prompted him.

ATTORNEY ARRESTED FOR MURDER OF WIFE

(By United Press) St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 25.—Oscar McDaniel, prosecuting attorney, has been arrested charged with murdering his wife, Harriet Moss McDaniel, July 15. He laughed when arrested and bought cigars for the officers. He said that lawbreakers he had prosecuted had deceived him from his home on the night of the murder by a false telephone message and that they had killed his wife and attempted to kill him.

TWO MORE ARRESTED IN BLACKMAIL CASE

(By United Press) Chicago, Sept. 25.—Two more men have been arrested on sensational charges in connection with the nationwide blackmail syndicate.

BROTHER OF HERO ASSAILS SOCIETY

(By United Press) Chicago, Ill., Sept. 23.—A brother of Samuel Meisenberg, Chicago marine who was killed at Vera Cruz, plunged through a crowd when a society was erecting a monument for Meisenberg. He turned on the crowd and shouted that the society had failed to give the poverty stricken parents food. He shouted, "You can't use my brother's grave to advertise your society."

LABOR TROUBLES ARE BLAMED FOR EXPLOSION

(By United Press) Chicago, Sept. 25.—Labor troubles are blamed for a bomb explosion in the Loop moving picture theater this morning. The building was slightly damaged and nearby windows were shattered.

ROCHESTER SOCIETY GIRL DISAPPEARS

(By United Press) Rochester, Minn., Sept. 25.—Edna Lundberg, pretty society girl, has disappeared. There is no clue. She left only a bunch of love letters.

MINNESOTA TAXATION MAY BE 3.7 MILLS

(By United Press) St. Paul, Sept. 25.—Minnesota taxation is estimated at 3.7 mills, as compared to 4.15 mills last year. Taxable property in the state is \$1,516,000, against \$1,491,000 last year.

U. S. EXPORTS SET WORLD RECORD

(By United Press) Washington, Sept. 25.—U. S. exports during August set a world's record for exports. The department of commerce today announced that the exports amounted to \$510,036,000 above previous high record for May. The imports for August were \$199,247,000. The exports for the year ending August were \$4,759,000,000.

* He who forgets to adver- *
* tise should not complain when *
* the buyer forgets that he is *
* in business. It is just a case *
* of "forget" all around. *

JOHN CROUPA IS HELD FOR HUGGING SCHOOL TEACHER AT WILTON HOME

Sheriff Gunderson Requests Chief to Hold Him Pending an Investigation.

HOMESTEADERS TAKE OATH OF VENGEANCE

Miss Olga Dahl Continues to Improve; Search for Assailant Continues.

John Croupa, well known around Bemidji because of his peculiar actions, was arrested this morning for attempting to hug a school teacher at Wilton. He is also held as a suspect in the assault upon Miss Olga Dahl, Round Lake school teacher.

Croupa, it is alleged, arrived at Wilton last evening on the freight train and went to the Rue hotel. At the hotel he made overtures to several of the girls and attempted to hug one of the school teachers. The girls became frightened and went to their rooms.

Attempts to Follow. This morning he attempted to follow one of the teachers to her school. The school teacher became frightened and several boys and young men escorted her to the school.

The feeling in Wilton against Croupa became tense and he was placed under arrest and spirited to this city.

Croupa very closely resembles the man who is accused of assaulting Olga Dahl, Round Lake school teacher, who walked the little teacher into the woods at the point of a revolver, trussed her to a sapling, attacked her after a night of torture and shot her twice in the head.

Can't White English. Croupa, however, was dressed differently and he does not speak or write English.

He has been arrested in Bemidji several times because of his actions. Last spring he attempted to get into a girl's room in a local hotel by digging a hole through the wall. He was arrested and examined for his sanity. He was released, ordered out of town and up to yesterday had not been seen in this district.

He stated that he had been at Crookston and maintains that he knows nothing of the Dahl assault. Sheriff Gunderson wired Chief of Police Ripple this afternoon to hold Croupa until further investigation.

Deputy Sheriff Riley of Itasca county will arrive in the city tonight to examine Croupa.

Search Continues. In the meantime the search continues in Itasca county for the assailant. Five hundred men were on a man hunt yesterday. It is estimated that 300 are still on the hunt today.

Several homesteaders, foreigners, living near the scene of the crime, have taken a blood oath of vengeance not to abandon the search until Miss Dahl has recovered or until the assailant has been captured.

Saturday night a trace of the man was reported found south of Round Lake. A posse started on a search but up to a late hour this afternoon had been unable to locate the man.

Twenty new deputy sheriffs were sworn in at Grand Rapids yesterday.

Resting Easier. Miss Dahl is reported to be resting easier and will recover. She is conscious at times and tells of meeting the stranger. She maintains that it was the man that had breakfast at the Lumien home.

"Everybody is up in arms in the district," said Sheriff Gunderson yesterday. "I am afraid that if they get hold of the man they will string him up before the authorities have a chance."

Another clue was located today when it was reported that a man by the same description was in Tenstrike several weeks ago. He was posing as an evangelist and wanted to establish himself in Tenstrike. He had a falling for girls and at various times mentioned pretty girls. He was ordered out and went to Nakoda. Later he went to Mizpah. He has since disappeared. He may have been the same man that asked the way to Constable Jones of Northome to the Round Lake school house Tuesday, the day before the crime was committed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Naugle, Mrs. J. W. Naugle and Archie Naugle will leave tomorrow on a motor trip to Norway, Mich.