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WHERE IS PISTOL THAT KILLED MAN?

This Was One Missing Link In Strong Circumstantial Chain In Murder Case

THREE PERSONS HELD

L. J. Norris Held as Principal in Assassination Saturday Night of J. B. Bissett—Ada Yerby and Haywood Penny Also in Custody—Weapon Which Norris Turned Over to Officers Saturday Night Was 38 Calibre Pistol, But Bissett Was Shot With 32 Calibre Pistol—New Developments in Case.

The bullet which killed J. B. Bissett was fired from a 32 calibre pistol. The pistol that L. J. Norris turned over to the officers is a 38 calibre Harrington & Richardson. What the officers must do now to make out their case against Norris is to find the pistol from which the bullet was fired that killed Bissett.

With all the circumstances except one pointing to L. J. Norris as the assassin of J. B. Bissett, Chief of Police Stell, Coroner Separk and the entire machinery of the police department were endeavoring today to find the pistol with which J. B. Bissett was killed late Saturday night in the Gatling woods, beyond the Soldiers' Home. Every link in any possible chain was pieced together yesterday and today with the exception of the pistol with which Bissett was shot.

Although every straw points to Norris as the assassin and there is little doubt in the minds of the officers as to his guilt, yet the finding of the pistol from which the bullet was fired devolves upon them. Bissett was killed Saturday night while he was in the company of Ada Yerby, wife of Will Yerby. Norris had got out of the hack in which this pair was driving to the scene of the tragedy. Besides Norris and the woman, Haywood Penny, the colored hackman, is held as a witness. Will Yerby, arrested Saturday night, was released yesterday afternoon, it being clear to all that he had nothing to do with the affair.

Immediately after the killing, Coroner Separk got on the job. Norris reported the affair to Chief of Police Stell and at the same time handed over a pistol. This weapon was flung in the automobile and no more was thought about it until the woman had been arrested. One of the chambers was empty and an impression had been made on another of the cartridges, as if the hammer

STRIKE FEVER IN BRITAIN EPIDEMIC

London, Aug. 14.—The strike fever has become epidemic in Great Britain. From one end of the country to the other men either have struck or are threatening to do so, with the women and girls in smaller factories demanding better labor conditions. London streets are commencing to resume normal appearance. Railroad men throughout the country have assumed a threatening attitude and a complete tie-up of the railroad systems is feared. The locomotive engineers have adopted a resolution in favor of a national strike. Quiet has been restored at Liverpool following yesterday's rioting when a policeman was killed and 200 officers and civilians were wounded. Police reinforcements were brought here. Glasgow, where the street railway men are on strike, is also quieter.

Germans are being crowded out of the Chinese market.

had twice struck it. The pistol was taken to a locksmith and opened.

Probing for Bullet.

In the presence of the coroner and his jury, Dr. R. H. Freeman and Dr. John McKee, performed an autopsy on the body of Bissett. They traced the bullet from where it entered the left breast near the collar bone, penetrated the left lung, severed the aorta of the heart and lodged in the eighth rib. The man bled to death.

A Pathetic Picture.

H. B. Bissett, father of the slain man, remained about the undertaking establishment all the time the body was there for the post mortem. Before the knife was placed to the flesh, the aged father went up to the third floor and looked at his son. Then as the physicians made ready to perform their work, the old man descended the stairs and took a position in a corner of the building, where he remained throughout the whole proceeding. No sound escaped his lips; in dumb silence he bore his grief, while a throng of curious persons crowded around and talked. He seemed no more oblivious of their presence than they of his. Early this morning the aged father carried his son's remains to Nash County, where the body was buried. It was in Nash County that the boy grew up, and it was in Nash County that the man, 32 years old, is resting today.

Some Witnesses.

Among the witnesses who will be summoned for the coroner's inquest will be Ada Yerby, the woman; Haywood Penny, the hackman; Dorsey Pool, of Garner, relative of Ada Yerby; Drs. R. H. Freeman and John McKee, who performed the autopsy; Frank Wilson, who is said to have heard threats of Norris; Mrs. Giff, where Norris boarded, and Will Yerby, husband of the woman.

Coroner Separk will probably have his jury meet Wednesday or Thursday to hear the evidence. The jury is composed of Logan Terrell, N. G. Jones, C. Hutchings, W. A. Baker and Melvin Andrews.

Private Investigation.

Chief of Police Stell, Police Justice Watson and Solicitor Norris today subjected Ada Yerby and Haywood Penny to a rigid examination. The woman, who was first examined, declined to give any new information on the subject, and the colored hackman could tell little more than he disclosed yesterday.

Only One Pistol.

It was reported from several quarters that two pistols had been found, but a statement from the officers set at rest this report. Only the 38 calibre pistol is in possession of the authorities, an dit was a 32 calibre pistol from which the bullet was fired.

Rumors.

Reports of bad blood between Bissett and Norris will be investigated by the coroner. It has been stated by numerous persons that Norris had said that he was going "to get him a man" with a pistol, which he dangled around his finger, but these reports have yet to be verified.

The Hackman's Story.

Haywood Penny had no scruples against telling everything he knew about the affair. He drove the three toward the place of the killing. After some words, Norris got out, but promised to go to the place if he could secure the company of another person. He was not seen again until after the tragedy. Penny heard the pistol fire, and saw Ada Yerby rush to the carriage and without much urging struck a pace back to the city, returning in a different way from that which he went out.

Awaiting Developments.

The officers profess to know little about the affair other than any one could find out by investigating for himself. No disposition has been made to keep the news from the public and as soon as new developments are sprung, the facts will be given out. In the meantime, the officers are naturally wary as to the course they will pursue in their efforts to make out the case.

Pope Making Improvement.

Rome, Aug. 14.—Physicians found Pope Plus' condition little changed. Slow, gradual improvement is perceptible. Cooler weather had an unfavorable effect upon the patient.



Henry Clay Frick, one of the eight or ten richest men in this country, who has resigned from the directorate and executive committee of the Union Pacific Railroad, his resignation giving birth to the report that he is to retire permanently from active business life.



Mrs. "Jack" Geraghty, the former Julia Steele French, relative of the Vanderbilts, who, with her chauffeur husband, with whom she eloped, foiled relatives searching the New England countryside for them by getting married at Center Village, Conn. After their elopement from Newport in an automobile, they drove straight to Center Village, and after the marital knot was tied, sped to Springfield, Mass., where they established a temporary abode in the home of Joseph H. Harris, a relative of "handsome Jack" Geraghty, where they were found the next morning by the frustrated relatives of Mrs. Geraghty.

DIVORCE AGITATES MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Washington, August 14.—Agitation among the members of congress looking to a Federal law regulating marriage and divorce is the result of the storm of protests over the approaching marriage of John Jacob Astor, and Miss Madeline Force, Senator Curtis, of Kansas, is among the advocates of such a measure. He says it is a matter vitally affecting the social interests of marriage crime should be permitted to marry again. Both marriage and divorce should be more difficult. Representative Sheppard, of Texas, thinks an organization might influence the various states to join in a plan for uniform divorce laws.

MANY LIVES LOST.

More Than 500 Deaths From Typhoons—Much Property Damage.

Victoria, B. C., August 14.—More than 500 lives lost and great devastation ashore and afloat resulted from a typhoon and tidal wave that swept over Japan July 26th, according to advices by the steamer Empress of Japan. At Tokio the tidal wave swept away many homes. A torpedo boat was swept ashore at Tokio and several steamers foundered, while the big liners dragged their anchors. The loss at Tokio was \$4,000,000. The typhoon broke the corner in the rice market, the firm that had cornered is losing hundreds of thousands of bushels.

Togo at Luncheon.

New York, Aug. 14.—Admiral Togo was entertained at a luncheon given by the Japanese Society and Peace Society of New York. Six hundred were present.

WOOL CONFERENCE SUBMITTED TO HOUSE

Washington, D. C., Aug. 14.—The wool bill conference report, a complete agreement between the two houses of congress was submitted to the house today by Representative Underwood. Republican Leader Mann made the point of order the report could not be considered because the conferees exceeded their authority by fixing the tariff rates on certain manufacturers of wool higher than the same rates were made in either the house or senate bill.

Pennsylvania Flyer Wrecked.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Aug. 4.—A revised list of the dead and injured as result of the Eastbound eighteen-hour Pennsylvania Flyer, Chicago to New York, leaving the track one mile west of here last night, shows two dead, two missing and thirty injured. It is practically certain the two missing men, the fireman and engineer, are dead.

MOB LYNCHES NEGRO OKLAHOMA MOB BURNS NEGRO'S BODY

Durant, Oklahoma, Aug. 14.—Although little condemnation was offered for the mob which on yesterday burned to ashes the body of the negro who assaulted Mrs. L. R. Campbell, county officials said every effort was to be made to apprehend the leaders. Mrs. Campbell, who was shot by a negro after he attacked her, is in a serious condition. All negroes have been warned to leave Durant. Most of them left today. Serious race trouble is feared at Caddo, twelve miles north, from which place the burned negro, it is said, came here. The attack on Mrs. Campbell followed a series of wild crimes which led to the belief the negro was demented. A posse found the negro twelve miles southwest of here when a running fight ensued. The posse numbered fifteen men. It was estimated 150 shots were fired at the negro before his body was picked up. The corpse was brought here and a mob of 500 persons met the posse at the outskirts. The body was taken from the officers and carried to Mrs. Campbell's home. She identified it. The body was then taken to a vacant lot near the city's center and burned on a pyre of dry goods boxes.

Aged Woman Beaten and Robbed.

Washington, August 14.—Mrs. Jno. McClintock, aged 85, was brutally choked and beaten by two negroes in her home near Annapolis, and \$700 taken. She was attacked as she slept beside her bed ridden husband. The negroes took the money belt from about her waist. Officers are searching for the negroes.

ENLISTEN YOUNG BEFORE BOARD.

Norfolk, Aug. 14.—Ensign Robert M. Young, U. S. N., of Concord, N. C., who mysteriously disappeared from the United States destroyer Perkins, at Brooklyn, some time ago, having left the Charlotte N. C., sanatorium, was sent before the naval medical examining board which will report to Washington.

London Has Radium Institute.

London, August 14.—The new Radium Institute, in the establishment of which King Edward VII., took an active interest during the latter years of his life, was formally opened today for the treatment of patients. The institute is conveniently located in Riding House street, near Portland place. It is to be conducted on the lines of the Radium Institute in Paris, and both curative and research work will be carried on.

Mad Man Partially Wounds Three.

New York, August 14.—Three are lying in a hospital as the result of John Vecci, a mad tailor going to the home of his neighbors, John Arminia and wife. Arminia was asleep in an apartment in Brooklyn when Vecci burst in with his knife and pistol. He stabbed the woman repeatedly, shot her husband and emptied the revolver in his own body. The Germans are making a substitute for celluloid, calling it cello.

WICKERSHAM CHARGES TO BE INVESTIGATED

Washington, D. C., Aug. 14.—All records and papers in connection with the recent charges of Alaskan Delegate Wickersham against Attorney General Wickersham were asked for from the department of justice in a resolution adopted by the house. The resolution was offered by Representative Clayton, of Alabama, chairman of the judiciary committee.

OBJECT TO ROPE FACTORY.

Union Labor Object to Plan of the Farmers' Union. Houston, Texas, Aug. 14.—A difficult situation has arisen within the ranks of the Farmers' Union of Texas when they found organized labor of the nation was again their plan of securing convict-operated rope factories in Texas to increase the consumption of cotton.

This scheme has long been cherished by the Farmers' Union to promote the use of Texas cotton, which they hoped would cause an increase in price. It was proposed to place the factory near Houston in place of the dismantled convict iron plant at Insk. The matter had gotten so far as the legislature when organized labor stepped in and placed thumbs down on the project.

At a recent meeting at Fort Worth, W. H. Wisner, of New York, president of the United Garment Workers of America, voiced the protest of organized labor against the proposed venture, apprising the Farmers' Union of an ethical oversight. In consequence, if a rope factory be established near Houston it will be manned by union labor and not by convicts.

SUTHERLAND SEA.

Geologists Believe Its Source is in the Rocky Mountains—Find is in Two Counties. San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 14.—The discovery of a subterranean sea in Hall and Lubbock counties confirms the recent geological investigations tending to show that there is an underground flow from the Rocky Mountains sweeping across New Mexico, the "Panhandle" and southwestern portions of Texas.

For a number of years it has been a theory of geologists that there is a subterranean stream from the Rocky Mountains sweeping southwestward to the gulf. It is contended that this stream is the source of many springs such as those which form the headwaters of the Guadalupe river near New Braunfels, Texas, the famous San Pedro Springs in this city, the Carrizo springs in Dimmit county, the various flows at Sutherland springs, in Williamson county, and a series of springs forming the headwaters of the Nueces and those which pour constant streams into the Devil and Pecos rivers.

DOCTOR AND PATIENTS WED

New Wife Said to Have Been an Intimate Friend of Her Predecessor. Philadelphia, August 14.—Dr. C. Ellwood Meyers, of No. 170 Green Lane, Germantown, was married to Mrs. Lillian Lang Jones, of Roxborough on July 29th, at Camden, Me. Dr. Meyers was divorced from his first wife on June 23rd, of this year. Since the granting of the divorce Mrs. Meyers has been living with a friend at Whitwood, but she is expected to return to No. 170 Green Lane, the house having been turned over to her for life by Dr. Meyers. She is said to have been an intimate friend of the second Mrs. Meyers.

Physician's Bride is also a Divorcee.

Horace Jones, is remarried and living with his wife and children in New York. She is the daughter of the late John Lang, a paper manufacturer, and has a son, Langdon Jones, a Harvard undergraduate.

BRYAN TO BECOME MINISTER.

Nebraska, Says Report, Will Retire Permanently From Politics. Centerville, Ill., Aug. 14.—William Jennings Bryan, it is reported is soon to enter the ministry and give up politics altogether. Mr. Bryan is scheduled to deliver a sermon next Sunday evening from the pulpit of the Methodist Episcopal church at Salem, Ill., his birthplace. Church services are to be dispensed with in other parts of that city, and all will unite in the one service. The subject of Mr. Bryan's sermon will be "Old Time Religion" and will be a criticism of the conditions of modern worship.

BEATTIE CASE HEARD TODAY

Grand Jury Took Up the Charge of Murder Against Young Richmond Man

DATE FOR THE TRIAL

But Four Witnesses to be Heard by the Grand Jury—And an Indictment Was Expected Early—Beattie Left in Richmond Jail During Today's Proceedings—Paul Beattie, Benlah Binford and Thomas Owen, Mrs. Beattie's Uncle, the Principal Witnesses Before the Grand Jury.

Chesterfield Court House, Va., Aug. 14.—The grand jury met this morning to consider the case of Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., twenty-six year old son of a Richmond merchant, charged by the coroner's jury with murdering his young wife July 18. The indictment, charging murder in the first degree, was in the clerk's hands when the grand jurors arrived. With but four witnesses to be heard, the spectators prepared for only a brief wait before the document would be handed down formally and the date for trial fixed. The sheriff announced that Beattie would be kept in the Richmond jail during today's proceedings.

Paul Beattie, Henry's cousin and Benlah Binford, the vivacious seventeen year old girl for love of whom the prosecution charges Beattie killed his wife, reached the court house early in the officer's custody. Other witnesses heard by the grand jury included Thomas E. Owen, Mrs. Beattie's uncle, to whose home Beattie brought the body with his tale of a mysterious man fling into his automobile from the roadway. The indictment charging Beattie with murder is the usual document, bristling with legal verbiage. It describes the commission of the crime and concludes solemnly that the jurors "upon their oath do say the said Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., feloniously, wilfully and of malice aforethought, did kill and murder and against the peace and dignity of the commonwealth of Virginia," his twenty-three year old wife, Louise Wellford Owen Beattie.

Upon this indictment the state will try to send the prisoner to the electric chair.

True Bill Returned.

Chesterfield Court House, Aug. 14.—A true bill, charging murder in the first degree, was returned by the grand jury of Chesterfield Circuit Court against Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., of Richmond. He will be tried for his life as the alleged murderer of his young wife, the victim of the Midlothian turnpike tragedy of July 18th, last. After the grand jury brought in the indictments the court adjourned until this afternoon when the date of the trial is expected to be set. Neither Benlah Binford, nor Paul Beattie were called before the jury as a witness. Both remained in the ante-room while the jury was in session. The indictment covers broadly all the degrees of homicide from murder in the first degree to manslaughter.

RESTRICTIONS ON CHEMISTRY OFFICIALS

Washington, D. C., Aug. 14.—Restrictions placed upon the bureau of chemistry officials by Solicitor McCabe on their talking with United States district attorneys has greatly hampered work in the district laboratories, where attorneys prosecuting the pure food cases often seek expert advice, according to Dr. W. D. Bigelow, the bureau's assistant chief, who again appeared as a witness before the house committee investigating the charges against Dr. Harvey W. Wiley. Bigelow made it clear to the bureau officials that they were not to talk with the district attorneys without his express consent.

Lockout of Dock Men.

Liverpool, Aug. 14.—The threatened lockout by ship owners became effective today. Thirty thousand dock men were refused employment until they decide to abide by the terms of their recent agreement.