

SAM HELLER

MAY BE DEAD

**RELATIVES NOW BEGINNING TO
CREDIT REPORT FROM
IDAHO.**

NO NEWS FROM MISSING ONE.

**HIS FORMER PARTNER FEARS THE
WORST.**

**Body of Man So Decomposed That
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sible.**

Was Sam Heller murdered on the train between Montana and the Thunder Mountain district in Idaho?

That now seems to be the prevailing opinion in many quarters. About two weeks ago it was reported that Mr. Heller had been killed in the district described, but his brother, Ben Heller, formerly of Duluth but now of Minneapolis, discredited the rumor and the matter dropped out of the public mind: Last night, however, it was learned from reliable and well informed sources that the relatives of Sam Heller have begun to consider the news true. Ben Heller wrote to the authorities in the Thunder Mountain district and the replies which he received, while not absolutely definite, went far to confirm the original reports. It was stated that the body of a man who was supposed to be Sam Heller was found on the trail, and that the head was practically severed from the trunk. The face was so battered and decomposed, that identification was impossible.

A business partner of Sam Heller in Montana was the first to suspect that the dead man on the trail was Heller. His name is Merrill and he communicated his fears to friends of Heller in Duluth and Minneapolis. It is also reported that the man supposed to be Heller was shot and that the discharge of the gun blew one side of his face away.