

DETECTIVE SPY TELLS OF MIXING IN HOLDUP BAND

Cava Testifies to Alderman How Bank Bandits Gave Him Their Plan.

The resumed hearing of the Alderman police investigation committee was made spectacular today when two witnesses led into the investigation chamber a hawk-nosed young man, securely handcuffed. He was placed in a chair and the witness stand.

The prisoner was described as one Capstein, an alleged former police stool pigeon, who was prepared to testify as to police graft and police participation in "framed-up" crime.

Another man, "Dave" Levy, also reported to have acted as a stool, was present under subpoena.

POLICEMAN CAVA TELLS OF SPYING ON CROOKS.

Policeman Angelo Cava, who, with Policeman Gambrell, associated with crooks for the alleged purpose of connecting them with "jobs," was the first witness. Cava showed great proficiency in crooks' dialect. He talked volubly of "jobs," "crooks," "bawling," "hangouts" and "dips."

Cava waived immunity after Counsel Buckner had explained the meaning of the word. He admitted frankly that he had hung out with crooks, made a "good fellow" out of himself and got in the good graces of the "gang." Then he heard the "gang" discuss plans for the Germania Bank robbery and the holdup and robbery of Annie Sugar in her Fifth street office "stube."

Cava told of intimate association with "Pete the Burglar," "Whitey," "Phil," "Rosa," "Charlie Yuma" and other crooks who kept him posted concerning "jobs to be pulled off." Cava was rejected for appointment to the police by former Commissioner Chasey because he had once been arrested. Commissioner Waide appointed him.

"Did you tell Waide that you had been arrested?" asked Attorney Buckner.

"No," I didn't think he wanted to know that."

"I guess you are right on that score," retorted Mr. Buckner.

The witness said he had told Deputy Commissioner Dougherty in advance concerning the plans to rob a woman who was to carry a large deposit to the Germania Bank last March. He was instructed by Dougherty to keep tabs on "the bunch." Mr. Buckner sought to

make it appear that the witness should have arrested the crooks before the robbery in order to prevent the woman from being blackjacked or shot by the holdup men.

"Isn't it a fact," demanded Mr. Buckner, "that you permitted that robbery, so you would make an important arrest and earn promotion?"

The witness answered "No."

PAWNEED CROOK'S REVOLVER TO KEEP IN TOUCH.

Cava was confronted with Convict Rosel's deposition, to the effect that Cava had pawned a revolver at the request of Rosel. Cava explained that he was then still acting as a "good fellow" with the gang and did pledge the weapon. Cava denied any criminal participation in any criminal act or encouraging crooks to engage in crime. Nor did he ever share in the proceeds of any robbery, the witness testified, adding: "These crooks will say anything. You can't believe all they charge."

Mr. Buckner produced the pawn ticket and asked:

"So Rosel has told us the truth about everything except that he knew you were a police officer while you were associating with him and the other criminals?"

"He did not know I was an officer," answered the witness.

"And Rosel lied when he said you and Leo, your police partner, suggested the Germania Bank robbery?"

"He certainly did."

"But you posed as a criminal among them."

"Yes, I tried to pose as a crook."

BETRAYED BY STOOE PIGEON, CONVICT SAYS.

Joseph Goldstein, the man who was brought into the chamber handcuffed, was then sworn. He, with Kessler, William and Levy, committed a burglary at No. 72 Broadway in June last. Goldstein was convicted of burglary in the third degree. He was permitted by a Judge in General Sessions to leave the Tombs in custody to-day to testify.

Goldstein testified that, after his arrest, he was visited in the Tombs by Lieut. Glynn, who asked him to say in court that Levy had escaped, and the police were not to blame. Levy was the police "stool," and had so well betrayed the gang that before the witness had left the scene of the robbery the police arrested him. Levy, the witness said, planned the robbery.

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Miss Marcia Wright was taken ill about five weeks ago. She suffered from the infirmities of age and when all hope for her recovery was given up her sister, through worry, was also stricken. The death of one hastened that of the other. The sisters will be buried at a double funeral to-morrow afternoon.



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