



GANG BEATS, TRIES TO KILL CHAUFFEUR

Gunman Tells Victim That He "Squealed," but He Denies That He Ever Told Police Anything.

EAST SIDE IN A PANIC

Assault Takes Place in Front of Garage Owned by Father, and Men Flee as He Appears—No Arrests Made.

Residents of East 9th street, near Second avenue, were thrown into a panic last night, when a number of men walked up to the garage of Jacob Steinhart and attacked his son, Louis, who was standing in front of the place, by striking him in the face, throwing him to the ground and kicking him, one of them at length drawing a revolver and firing a shot at him as he lay on the ground.

The report of the pistol shot brought the father and several employees out of the garage, and the man with the gun fired two shots at them and another into the garage.

People in the street, hearing the shots, began screaming, and ran into doorways and stores. Patrolmen from the 5th street station arrived at the place as the men darted into tenement houses. The reserves from the 5th street station were called out, the block was surrounded and a house to house search was made by the police in an effort to find some of the men.

Louis Steinhart said the men stepped in front of the garage and one of them said in a loud voice: "There's the 'squealer' now! Give it to him!" He said also, that the man who shot at him remarked that he would not "tell the police who stole any more boxes."

Patrolman Lawlor, of the 5th street station, was on duty at the corner of 7th street and Second avenue when he heard the report of the first shot. He started on a run for 9th street, blowing his police whistle, and had reached 8th street when he heard the other shots. Patrolman Lahey, of the same precinct, was at 11th street and Second avenue, and he, too, heard the shots. Both patrolmen reached the corner of 9th street and Second avenue at the same time.

As they turned into 9th street they saw the forms of several men disappearing into the hallways of tenement houses. The patrolmen followed, but could not find any of the men. Word had been telephoned to Police Headquarters and the reserves were hurried to the scene. When they arrived the street was deserted.

An ambulance was summoned for young Steinhart, and after the cuts on his face and head and bruises on his body had been dressed he told the police that he did not know any of the men, but gave them a good description of the man who had done the shooting. He assured the police that though this man had accused him of "squealing" about "some boxes" he was in ignorance as to what they meant, as he had not told the police anything.

Detectives Rosenfeld, Allen and Kelly, of the 5th street station, made a house-to-house search, but were unable to find any trace of the men. Several patrolmen were left in the neighborhood, for the elder Steinhart said he was afraid the gang would return.

VANDERBILT UNDER KNIFE

Lad of Ten Undergoes Minor Operation at Newport.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Newport, R. I., July 24.—William Henry Vanderbilt, son of Alfred G. Vanderbilt and Mrs. French Vanderbilt, underwent an operation at Harbortown, his mother's villa, this afternoon. It was not a serious matter, however, and the boy, who is very robust, stood it well.

The operation was for the removal of tonsils and adenoids, and almost as soon as it was over William was as cheerful as ever. The boy is ten years old. His mother never left the room while the surgeons were at work.

This Morning's News

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MANY LIVES TOLL OF SUDDEN FLOOD

Fourteen Drowned in One Pennsylvania Mine and Desolation Extends Over Part of Three States.

PROPERTY LOSS ENORMOUS

Swollen Creeks and Rivers Carry Away Homes, Livestock, Bridges and Railroads in Ohio and West Virginia.

Pittsburgh, July 24.—Death and widespread devastation from tremendous rains resulted to-day in Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia. From all sections come details telling of persons drowned or reported drowned, of hundreds of buildings wrecked or washed away, streets torn up and bridges swept down, crops ruined, light plants put out of commission and towns left to suffer their misery in darkness, while transportation, telegraph and telephone facilities are badly crippled.

At Evans Station, three miles north of Uniontown, Penn., a cloudburst sent waters raging into the mouth of the Superba No. 2 mines. Fourteen men were drowned like rats in a trap, while thirty-seven others had miraculous escapes from a similar death.

Other Miners Victims, Too. A few miles away, at Lemont Mine No. 2, three other men are reported to have been drowned in like fashion.

Up in the Red Stone Valley, near Brownsville, Penn., it is rumored that at least ten miners were caught while at work by flood waters entering the mines and drowned. Verification of this to-night is impossible, and it may be days before anything definite can be learned. At Millsboro, Penn., seventy-five miners had a narrow escape when the waters swept into the mines. All escaped, but not before many were exhausted.

Three deaths are believed to have occurred in the vicinity of Wheeling, W. Va.

Desolation for 100 Miles.

For a radius of 100 miles around Pittsburgh to-night there is a scene of desolation. Wrecked buildings are visible everywhere, while streets are strewn with debris. In some places the debris is piled twenty feet high.

Scores of small bridges have been broken to pieces in the raging water. At many points the bridges held long enough to clog up streams and back water far into the towns. Cellars by thousands were submerged, and in many cases the water reached the second and third floors of buildings.

Hundreds of families have been driven from their homes and to-night sought shelter with friends or are camped on the hillsides. At midnight the rain had ceased at all points and the water had started to subside.

Uniontown, Penn., July 24.—Caught like rats in a trap when water rushed into the mainway of Superba No. 2 mine, at Evans station, three miles north of Uniontown, following a cloudburst this afternoon, thirteen men were drowned and thirty-seven others escaped after a most harrowing experience.

The men were drowned about four thousand feet from the mouth of the mine, their only avenue of escape. All of the victims, except Adam Smith, were married and most of them had large families.

The Dead.

BOLTESKI, Andrew; POLLOCK, Andrew; FELDER, Michael; RONCO, John; GALEY, J. R.; SMITH, Adam; GARDNER, Russell; SMITH, Michael; KAPLAN, John; SOLOMON, Pierre; SATOFF, Frank; VALES, Andrew; MOSSBERG, William.

It is reported that at least one more victim, an unknown foreigner, will be added to the list. He was passed by other men in the mine when they escaped, refusing to accompany them to a place of safety.

About thirty children are deprived of their bread winners by one of the worst catastrophes that have ever visited Fayette County. The men who escaped were forced to half swim and half walk to the pit mouth through water ranging in depth from their waists to their necks.

Wives and families of the miners and drivers, when the alarm was raised, rushed to a large hole made by the rushing water at the minehole, and frantically threw sticks, stones, bushes, poles and whatever other timber they could find into the water to stop its rush into the mine, where their loved ones were perishing.

Failing to stop the water there, they rushed to the mouth of the mine and would have continued their mad dash into the water in the mine had they not been stopped by cool headed persons who guarded the entrance.

I. G. Roby, mine inspector, went to the scene of the disaster. He said that as far as he could ascertain the flooding of the mine was unavoidable. J. W. Buttermore, superintendent, declared that everything possible had been done to prevent such a disaster and that it could not have been avoided.

It is reported that several other men have perished in the mine, but officials of the company declare the complete list is only thirteen.

Evansville, Penn., July 24.—Horsemen dashed frantically down the Redstone

THE TWO HIGH POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS IN CHARGE OF THE ROSENTHAL CASE.



INSPECTOR EDWARD HUGHES, Head of the Detective Bureau. GEORGE S. DOUGHERTY, Second Deputy Police Commissioner.

NO NEW BATTLESHIPS; HOUSE STANDS FIRM

Democrats in Caucus Go on Record Again Against Adequate Navy.

SENATE'S PLAN REJECTED

By Vote of 70 to 62 Democrats Adhere to Original Naval Programme—Middle West Against Increase.

(From The Tribune Bureau.) Washington, July 24.—With evidence of much internal strife the Democrats of the House, in caucus to-night, for the third time went on record as the opponents of an adequate navy. By a vote of 70 to 62 the caucus refused to permit the conferees on the naval appropriation bill to accept the Senate amendment authorizing two battleships, nor would it accept the compromise suggestion of one battleship.

Representative Padgett, chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee, offered a resolution for one battleship. The resolution was tabled after wrangling, which continued for almost two hours. Representatives Sulzer, Levy and others then sought to obtain the adoption of a resolution permitting Democrats to vote each according to their own views when the conference report is brought into the House. This resolution was tabled on the same vote which defeated the Padgett resolution, and also the Broussard resolution for two battleships.

The larger navy advocates quoted the Democratic platform as voicing the stand of the party in favor of an adequate navy. "The House 'economists,'" led by Representative Fitzgerald, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, asserted the platform did not bind the House to authorize new ships at this session, and so-called economy won by a margin of eight votes.

Those who favored battleships, including Representatives Sulzer, Hobson, Levy, Lee (of Pennsylvania), Donahoe and Conroy, were displeased over the refusal of the caucus to permit members to exercise their own judgment in voting on the naval bill conference report. The caucus action binds all save those who were excused at the original caucus from supporting the caucus decree.

Representative Burnett, of Alabama, made a motion to table all resolutions to rescind the former action of the House majority. Mr. Burnett became angry several months ago, when the caucus refused to sanction a public buildings "pork barrel," and he and other members of the Public Buildings Committee vowed there would be no battleship authorization unless the "pork barrel" was allowed. The same made good their threat again to-day.

Members from the Middle West, including those from Missouri, voted almost solidly against battleships. The action of the Senate in striking from the postoffice appropriation bill the Shakerford amendment for federal aid to good roads is said to have angered the Missourians, and they sought retribution and a fight with the Senate on the battleship issue.

The action of the caucus further complicated the adjournment plans of the leaders of both the Senate and the House. The naval appropriation bill is in conference, and to-day's caucus was ordered in an effort to break a deadlock that has prevailed for some time with no apparent chance that it could be broken. The Senate committed to a two battleship building programme, was willing to compromise on one vessel this year. It has expressed its determination not to recede further.

EMPEROR SUFFERS RELAPSE

Heart Weaker and Doctor Fears Failure Any Moment.

Tokio, July 25.—Dr. Mirra, physician to the Emperor, in an interview this morning, admitted that the imperial patient had suffered a serious relapse. Dr. Mirra says his patient's heart is weaker and he fears for its failure at any moment.

The early morning bulletin to-day was more reassuring than that of last night, giving the Emperor's temperature as 98.7; pulse, 194; respiration, 22. He slept fairly well.

SOCIETY GIRL HEROIC

Miss Frances Carey Fatally Injured in Saving Cousin.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Baltimore, July 24.—Miss Frances King Carey, only daughter of James Carey, Jr., while driving near her father's summer home, Monterey, Penn., in the Blue Ridge Mountains, with her cousin, Miss Miriam Thomas, of Haverford, Penn., was so seriously injured in a runaway accident that she died to-day.

While Miss Carey was adjusting the horse's harness a bee stung the animal and he bolted. Mindful only of her cousin's danger, Miss Carey clung to the bridle, and was dragged over the mountain road. She stopped the horse, but was fatally injured.

Miss Carey was a graduate of Bryn Mawr College, and had been enrolled as a student at the Johns Hopkins Medical School.

FRENCH EXPEL AMERICANS

Illinois Men Accused of Tampering with Roulette Wheels.

Paris, July 24.—The Ministry of the Interior has issued a decree expelling from France Walter Thornton Lewis, of Shelbyville, Ill., domiciled in London, and Frederick M. Sibley, of Peoria, Ill., on the charge that they induced the employees of a firm manufacturing roulette wheels to give them possession of the wheels before delivery to the casinos at fashionable French watering places for the purpose of tampering with them.

The police allege that they found a roulette apparatus in Sibley's apartment in Paris so modified that the ball always fell in the same numbers. The Ministry of the Interior announces that as dishonest intentions do not constitute a criminal offence according to French law it was decided to expel the two men.

MOTOR BOAT IN MID-OCEAN

Steamer Passes Little Craft with Four Men Aboard.

Philadelphia, July 24.—A motor boat containing four men and headed toward Europe was sighted far out on the Atlantic Ocean by the captain and passengers of the steamship Pretoria, which arrived here to-day from Hamburg. Captain Mans at first thought the boat might contain survivors from a shipwrecked vessel, but as no signals were displayed he proceeded without asking the boat's destination.

The little craft, which shipping men say may be the motor boat Detroit, bound from New York to Queenstown, was seen from the deck of the Pretoria on July 20.

WIRELESS OPERATORS TO HAVE A WORLD UNION

Committee Named in Hoboken on Tuesday Night Establishes Office Here.

SAY PAY IS TOO SMALL

Hoped to Get All of the 9,000 Employes into Organization—Six Months Before Vote Is In.

Steps were taken at a meeting of wireless operators late on Tuesday night in Hoboken to arrange for the organization of a worldwide union of wireless telegraphers, and a resolution was passed to put the question of forming such a union to a referendum vote of all the operators in the world.

A committee which was appointed to take charge of the plan established temporary headquarters yesterday at No. 50 Broadway, and the committee, it was stated, will set to work at once to communicate with wireless men everywhere.

A conference was held yesterday between this committee and President S. J. Koenenkamp, of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America. Mr. Koenenkamp stopped over here on his way to Montreal to confer with the local union of telegraphers there, but postponed his visit to Montreal for two days in order that he might attend the meeting in Hoboken and meet this committee afterward. Italian operators who attended the meeting said that practically all the wireless operators in Italy were organized, and it was stated that the German wireless operators also had a good union.

It was agreed that telegraphers at land stations in this country should join the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, as the regular telegraph systems in this country, like the wireless systems, are in the control of private corporations. It was stated, also, that America was the only country in which the regular telegraphic system was not run by the government. It was said, further, that America was the only country which had a system of wireless telegraphy on land, the wireless telegraphy of other countries being practically confined to the naval stations.

Koenenkamp Talks of Plans. Mr. Koenenkamp, after a talk yesterday with the committee which was formed at the Hoboken meeting, gave out a statement about the organization of the proposed world-wide union. He said that at the Hoboken meeting there were two representative wireless telegraphers from Naples, one from Hamburg, one from Holland and one from Germany, and that other countries were also represented. He declared that there were approximately nine thousand wireless telegraphers in the world. Of these there are about one thousand in America, exclusive of those on American vessels.

"As America is looked on as the home of wireless telegraphy and the wireless codes are in English," President Koenenkamp continued, "it is proposed to have the headquarters of the proposed world-wide union in this country. The wireless systems throughout the world are controlled by private corporations, while in countries outside of America the old systems are under government control. Some of the wireless corporations are in English."

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DEWEY'S SUPERIOR PORT WINE

Invaluable for Invalids and Convalescents. H.T. Dewey & Sons Co., 133 Fulton St., N.Y. -Advt.

GANG STILL HERE, NOT EVEN HIDING

"Lefty Louie" and "Sam" Schepps, Posted by Police as Actual Murderers, Reported in Sixth Avenue Tuesday.

HARLEM LETTER FROM THIRD

Weber's Alibi Destroyed by Barber—"Bridgie" Hard Pressed to Confess All—Aldermen Conduct Inquiry Into "System"—Gun Men Throng Court.

"Lefty Louie," who is named in the police "wanted" circular as one of the actual murderers of Herman Rosenthal, and "Sam" Schepps, one of the party that rode in the gray car from Sharkey's to "Bridgie" Weber's on the night of the murder, were at 48th street and Sixth avenue at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday night, according to a story detailed to the District Attorney yesterday.

Harry Horowitz, also known as "Gib the Blood," another of the men wanted by the police, sent a letter to a friend, which was received yesterday, saying that he intended to go to a meeting of the Sam Paul Association which is scheduled for to-night. The letter was postmarked at Station J, at No. 309 West 125th street. The recipient is a man mentioned before in the case as a close personal friend of Lieutenant Charles Becker.

Mr. Whitman set his men at work yesterday afternoon on a story brought to him that Weber took a notorious gun-man and gangster to the Fort Lowry Hotel, at Bath Beach, the Thursday preceding the murder, kept him there over Friday, and brought him back to the city on Saturday, when he, Weber, also brought in from the beach his wife and her sister. This gun-man has since disappeared, and the police are looking for him.

The District Attorney and the police concentrated their efforts yesterday on pounding Weber into a position where he will have to tell all he knows to save himself.

To this end, at the hearing before Coroner Feinberg, Mr. Whitman put up as his only witness John Reisler, a barber at No. 169 West 45th street, who had told him a few minutes before that he, Reisler, saw Weber running from the scene of the murder. Reisler walked on the stand, however, and refused positively to identify Weber as the man he had seen in flight. At the end of a sensational session Reisler was arrested for perjury on Mr. Whitman's complaint.

The Special Sessions courtroom in which the hearing was held was thronged with gamblers and gangsters, who, it is believed, secretly intimidated Reisler.

Besides the partial destruction of the alibi previously furnished by Weber by the statement of Reisler, the District Attorney also received information from one "Jack" Beebe tending to disprove the equally carefully built up alibi advanced by Harry Valinsky, alias Vallon. Beebe's story, which will be told to the grand jury to-day, is to the effect that Valinsky was at the Metropole within ten minutes preceding the murder.

Backed by demands from various civic organizations, plans have been prepared by Alderman Henry H. Curran, chairman of the Finance Committee, looking toward an aldermanic committee investigation of the police system. The District Attorney announced that he would co-operate in any way possible with such an inquiry, which is provided for by Section 54 of the charter. It is likely that if matters take that course the Burns Detective Agency will turn its reports over to the aldermanic committee and receive its pay from the city.

John Immerman, brother-in-law of Rosenthal, and Otto Aversi, chauffeur of Henry S. Sternberger's motor car, the use of which Lieutenant Becker has enjoyed for six months, were the only witnesses before the grand jury. Aversi admitted that Becker not only coached him for the testimony he gave Monday, but that on leaving the grand jury room on that day he went direct to Becker and had a talk with him.

GAMBLERS IN ALARM LEST WEBER CONFESS

The District Attorney practically confined his efforts in the Rosenthal case yesterday to "Bridgie" Weber. Mr. Whitman admits that his chief hope of success in solving the mystery lies in the chance of "breaking down" Weber. As has been said, Weber is considered the "weak sister" of the bunch of gamblers and gangsters concerned in the murder, and it is believed that if pressure enough can be brought to bear upon him he will not hesitate to sacrifice any one "higher up" whether in his own gaming coterie or in police circles, if by so doing he can save himself.

The story of John Reisler, as Mr. Whitman began to pump it out from the unwilling witness at a rapid fire rate just after he took the stand, brought a look of fear to Weber's face such as has not been seen upon it since he has been in custody. When the identification fell down relief surged over Weber's countenance and frame like sunshine after a cloud.

When Reisler was arrested for perjury and Weber saw that it seemed to be only a matter of a few hours until the barber would actually identify him and place him right at the scene of the murder directly after it was committed, the gambler began to show the same nervous tension that characterized his appearance when Reisler answered the first questions.

After the hearing, when Weber was taken into an anteroom, he was allowed to see his wife for a few moments, and she renewed her efforts to warn "Bridgie" of the danger he was in and begged him not to allow any one, either gamblers or police, to "make a goat" of him in the case. "Bridgie" will learn to-day that his movements for at least five days before the murder have been traced. He will be told by either the District Attorney or Deputy Dougherty that his wife and sister are likely to be implicated in the case unless he makes a clean breast of it, because, according to the information now in the hands of the authorities, Weber left a friend, who is believed to be one of the gangsters wanted, at the Fort Lowry Hotel, at Bath Beach, with them, while he was running back and forth between Sicily and the beach on the days just preceding Rosenthal's murder.

The manager of the Fort Lowry Hotel partially confirmed the story late last night, when called on the telephone by a Tribune reporter. He said that Mrs. Weber and Miss Sadie Probst, her sister, had been at the hotel for a few days about a week ago last Thursday.