

COP ALMOST KILLED BY CROWD IN SALOON

Every Bone in George Hand's Face Broken by Booting From Irate Drinkers.

SECOND POLICEMAN HURT

Vietims Say Attack Was Unprovoked, but Arrested Men Claim Self-Defence.

Beaten so badly that surgeons at Bellevue Hospital admitted they believed practically every bone in his face was broken and that an additional injury, a fracture of the skull might cause his death, Policeman George A. Hand, one of the most powerful men in the department, was dragged from beneath the feet of fifteen assailants in a saloon at Eighth avenue and Fifty-second street last night after he had fallen unconscious.

The fight resulted in the wrecking of the saloon. Partitions were knocked down and chairs and tables were riddled to splinters. Glasses were hurled against walls, and when policemen who had been attracted by blasts of a police whistle blown by a passerby finally entered by breaking a window in the rear, Hand lay unconscious on the floor.

Two Stories of the Fight. When Hand had been taken to Bellevue and Moore had had his wounds dressed and was able to talk detectives assigned immediately to the case declared he told them the attack was unprovoked. He said he and Hand entered the saloon washroom from the street, paying no attention to the fifteen or more occupants of the rear room, and that they were assaulted without warning.

A different story was told by Reaney and O'Hara. They said Hand and O'Hara entered the saloon earlier in the night and engaged in an argument with the second bartender, a man who was not found when the rear door of the place was broken down.

According to Reaney and his brother-in-law, the two policemen returned just before midnight. Accompanying them was a third man, a civilian. As the three entered, said Reaney, one said to the others: "Now get your 'gat' and give it to that bartender."

The battle began immediately, and, according to the saloon proprietor, it was a case of those in the room trying to protect themselves.

Moore's story was that he and Hand, as soon as they found they were being attacked by every one in the place, and outnumbered, were in for a beating, tried to escape through a door to the street. The door had been locked and their break for safety could not be accomplished. They fought back then, but were getting the worst of it when they heard a rattle on the front door.

Policeman to the Rescue. That was Policeman Goodwin trying to enter. He had been relieved from duty in Old Slip station and was on his way home on an elevated train when the sound of police whistles reached him. Finally he succeeded in getting in by the side door.

As he passed into the room he was struck over the head, it was said. He drew his revolver and covering the crowd as best he could, tried to drag Hand toward the door. The side door had been locked, and when he reached it he was attacked.

Goodwin was standing with his back to the wall trying to protect Hand, and having a hard time dodging blows and kicks, when a night stick smashed a hole through the glass of the door. An elbow punched out the remainder of the glass and then Policeman Hattendorf of the West Forty-seventh street station sprang into the room. He and Goodwin finally opened the door and dragged Hand into the street. As the door opened all place Reaney and O'Hara fled from the place.

Meanwhile telephone calls to the West Forty-seventh street station had brought the reserves and the saloon was surrounded. The policemen who searched the place found no one but the proprietor and his brother.

Hand and Moore, it was learned, were off duty, and had left their homes at 443 West Fifty-eighth street and 850 Tenth avenue respectively for a walk before retiring.

TWO MEN SHOT IN BROOKLYN.

Mystery in Street Affray With Revolver Early This Morning.

Two men were shot soon before midnight this morning in front of 501 Fourth avenue, Brooklyn. Both are in the Methodist Episcopal Hospital in a critical condition, one with a bullet wound in the stomach and the other with a bullet wound in the chest. Their names have not been learned.

According to what information the police could get five or six men were standing in front of the house when one of them fired two shots from a revolver. Detectives from the Fifth avenue station went to the hospital to clear up the shooting.

BLAMES MURDER ON FRIEND.

Bowery Lodger Detained in Case of Slain Queens County Man.

James Joyce, 26 years old, who gave his address as the Bowery Y. M. C. A., 20 East Third street, was questioned yesterday by Queens county authorities and detained for alleged connection with the murder on July 1 of Adam Zittel, a delicatessen storekeeper of 604 Broadway, Astoria. In Joyce's room detectives said they found a pair of "snickers" and a revolver. While questioning him regarding these articles they said Joyce broke down and made a statement placing the blame for the actual shooting upon a man who acted with him in attempting to rob Zittel.

Zittel was killed in his store by a bullet in the neck. According to the confession said to have been made by Joyce, Zittel offered resistance and said he had no money, when the men shoved their guns under his nose.

Blowout Injures Family.

MACON, Ga., July 31.—Six persons were injured here when an automobile tire blew out and caused a machine driven by E. S. Walton to crash into a telephone pole. Mr. Walton sustained a broken nose, while Mrs. Walton and the children were cut and bruised.

GIRL SHOT IN FRONT OF MOTHER'S HOTEL

Mystery in Attempt to Slay Orange County Resident.

WASHINGTONVILLE, N. Y., July 31.—Miss Nettie Loud, 29, daughter of Mrs. Minnie Loud, was shot five times tonight by a man while standing in front of her mother's hotel. Joe Roach, who is alleged to have done the shooting, was being sought by Sheriff Leonard of Orange county, his deputies and members of the State police.

According to witnesses, Roach is alleged to have opened fire with a revolver upon Miss Loud without warning. No motive for the shooting is known. Miss Loud, whose condition is said to be serious, was taken to a hospital in Newburgh.

AMERICANS VERSUS SWISS AT RANGES

International Match in September at Tenafly.

A decidedly unique rifle match with an international interest attached has just been arranged between the representatives of the American Smallbore League and the Shooting Societies of Switzerland.

The match will be staged during the first twenty days of September, with the American team shooting at the league's National Range at Tenafly, N. J., and the Swiss team firing their record shots near Berne, Switzerland. The details of the match will be sent to America a few weeks ago by invitation of the executive committee of the American Smallbore League to arrange the details of the match and left for Switzerland with the stamped papers on the steamer Pesaro.

The match will be preceded by elimination shoots in both countries covering a period of four weeks by members of each organization. The nominations for the teams will be announced about the middle of August. The results of the scores will be cabled to the representative legations in each country. The match will be a potent factor in stimulating interest in small bore rifle shooting and is but one of many extremely interesting matches arranged by the committee of the American Smallbore League.

Both captains and coach for the American team will be selected later. Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars rifle clubs will enter many of the matches. The elimination trial, and from the timber being developed it is expected that several will earn a place on the team.

The terms of the match are as follows: Each country to be represented by ten men and two alternates, each man to fire twenty consecutive shots, slow fire, no sighters. Any sights without glass will be permitted. The scores from the other side are to be cabled to the Swiss Legation at Washington and from this side to the American Legation at Berne.

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MAN ARRESTED 465 TIMES.

St. Louis, Mo., July 31.—Ernest Miller, who has been arrested 465 times, according to his own admission, and who was convicted by a jury in the United States District Court of conspiracy to steal from interstate shipments, was fined \$599 and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary by Judge Paris. Miller appealed and was released on \$6,000 bond.

Advertisement for Castle Confidential Credit, 137-4 Broadway, 2 doors above 57th St. Specializing in watches, jewelry, silverware.

Advertisement for Bedford Beauty, "Where Nature Falls We Aid".

Advertisement for Pawn Tickets and Diamonds Bought, Forgo'ston's, 503-5th Ave.

Advertisement for Cordon & Dilworth, Real Orange Marmalade.

BUNGALOWS FOR PARIS STUDENTS

Rector of University Asks Ground Occupied as Temporary Barracks.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS THE SIZE OF ILLINOIS

Population Is 13,812,000, Say Republic's Figures.

PRAGUE, July 31.—The Statistical Bulletin publishes the following data on the Czechoslovak Republic: The area of the republic is 142,575 square kilometers, or 55,948 square miles, about the size of the State of Illinois. In addition to the Czechoslovak provinces of Bohemia, Moravia, Silesia and Slovakia the republic includes also the autonomous territory of Carpathian Russia.

In 1919 the present territory of Czechoslovakia had 13,812,000 inhabitants, of whom 6,716,000 were men and 7,096,000 women, the proportion of the sexes being about 106 women to 100 men. About 70 per cent of the inhabitants are Slavs—Czechoslovaks, Ruthenians and Poles. The Germans represent fewer than 25 per cent, and the Magyars a little over 5 per cent.

The total. The Czechoslovaks alone number about 62 per cent of the population. The rights of the minorities are fully protected by the constitution of the republic.

VIRGINIA WOULD END DEBT TO NEIGHBOR

Seeks Release of \$1,132,500 in Bonds in Escrow.

LOST LETTER LINKS PASTOR AND ACTRESS

Parishioner Finds Accusation Made by a Wife.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., July 31.—Representatives of the Virginia Debt Commission appeared before the State Board of Public Works of West Virginia yesterday to secure release of Virginia debt bonds valued at \$1,132,500. These bonds have been held in escrow by West Virginia pending establishment of ownership and production of the debt certificates they represent.

Proof of ownership was presented to the board by Col. Joseph Button, secretary of the Virginia commission. It could not be determined by the West Virginia board, which met in special session with Gov. Cornwell presiding, when a decision would be reached.

The bonds in question have been held by West Virginia since the settlement of the Virginia-West Virginia debt case. Bonds in the value of \$1,132,500, representing a part of the debt, had been lost and it was agreed that the State hold bonds in equal amount in escrow until the lost certificates were produced.

SOCIALISTS MISS U. S.

Regret No Americans Are Attending Geneva Congress.

GIRL DRINKS POISON WHEN MAN FAILS HER

Quick Action by Bystander and Druggist Saves Life.

GENEVA, July 31.—The United States was not represented at the opening of the International Socialist Congress today. Thomas Shaw, who was elected president, expressed regret that the United States was not participating, as it could greatly aid the Second International in preventing future wars and in benefiting humanity.

Marcella Akerman, 22 years old, of 23 East Forty-first street, tried to take her life by drinking carbolic acid in front of a drug store at Third avenue and Twenty-third street last night when a man with whom she had an appointment failed to meet her. A pedestrian struck the small bottle from her hand

Quality First

Notwithstanding that there are many different kinds of hose supporters we believe none has won such an enviable reputation for quality and service or given so much satisfaction to mothers and children as the Velvet Grip Hose Supporter.

Advertisement for Velvet Grip Hose Supporter, featuring an image of a child and text describing its benefits for children's feet.

Large advertisement for Flint's Fine Furniture, featuring a dining room suite illustration, a list of furniture items with prices, and the company name and address: Flint & Horner Co. Inc., 20-26 West 36th Street.