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## WEBB DENIES HE IS HART'S MURDERER; POLICE HAVE ONLY CROOK'S WORD FOR IT

*Mike Cassella Lies When Webb Accuses Him of Murdering Detective—Lavin, the Man Who Failed, Trying to Wring Confession from Boy Bandit.*

The police have got Robert ("Teddy") Webb, the boy auto bandit, safely behind bars. A small army of detectives and policemen guard Webb's cell at the Hyde Park police station.

And what's bothering the police mostly right now is what in thunder they are going to do with him now they've got him.

Webb is indicted for the murder of Detective Peter Hart. State's Attorney Hoyne says he will be indicted again Monday and rushed to trial before Judge Kersten within a week.

But Webb steadfastly denies that he killed Hart, and all the third degree sweating of the police has failed to break him down so far.

And the police haven't got evidence against Webb on the murder charge to stick in a rattlesnake's eye.

Hart was shot through the

heart in the auto bandit love flat owned by Mike Cassella at 1617 South Wabash avenue Jan. 20.

In the room at the time of the murder were Hart, Webb—and Mike Cassella.

Cassella did nothing to prevent the murder, and he allowed Webb to make a clean getaway.

Cassella was arrested and sweated. He said that Webb had shot and killed Hart with Hart's own revolver. He explained his not preventing the murder and his allowing the escape of Webb by saying that he was "like a man in a dream."

In his various stories, Cassella has contradicted himself several times. Cassella has a bad record. He is a crook. And he is the lone witness of the state against Webb on the murder charge.

When Cassella last night was taken to the detective bureau and shown Webb he immediately