

those of Mertz were fastened together in front of his body. Then the bandits clamped cheap padlocks through the wires and after that, as was done with Mulligan, they secured the two men with thin sheets of red rubber which covered the greater part of their faces and were tied securely behind their heads. So tight was this rubber fastened that they were able to breathe only with the greatest difficulty, and it effectively prevented any exertion to loosen their bonds.

As soon as the bandits had bound and gagged the two men they dragged them across the room and flung them alongside the dead man and the body of the unconscious Mulligan. They said nothing, excepting that one of the men, as he stood and looked at the four stretched on the floor, said to his companions: "Pretty soft!" "They even bring it to us," replied one of the others.

Leave Victims Helpless. The bandits, working leisurely and apparently with no regard for the fact that they were only a few yards above the largest stream of traffic in the world, with no regard for the fact that probably fifty policemen and detectives were within two hundred yards of them, opened the bags brought into the office by Mertz and Provenzano, and carefully examined the contents. They seemed to be tremendously pleased with themselves, as they turned to Mertz and Provenzano as they lay tied on the floor and thanked the two men for happening into the place so opportunely. They then turned to Mulligan, who they had filled or partially filled from Andrews & Winstein's safe, and taking also the bags of jewels and pearls brought by Mertz and Provenzano, they turned toward the door. There they faced the two jewelry salesmen, the only conscious men of the four stretched upon the floor.

Then they laughed and went away. Mertz and Provenzano heard the door slam; they heard the three men walking calmly along the wall, and then they heard nothing but the multitudinous sounds that came up from the street and reached their ears through the window, the sound of automobile horns and the noises of the pedestrians. Once they heard a traffic policeman shout, apparently at some motorist. "Get back! You're violating the law." And at this the two men, bound and gagged just above the policeman, started.

Mertz and Provenzano waited for a long time—it seemed to them to be weeks—for some one to come along and release them. They became almost frantic by the tight sheets of rubber drawn across their faces. Several times they tried to loosen their bonds, but they failed. They tried to bite through the almost strangled. But finally it occurred to them that they might work on each other's bonds with less exertion, as they were bound together. They managed to move along the floor, half rolling and half crawling, until he reached Mertz's side. There he rested a while, and then Mertz, with his hands and feet, rather with the two or three fingers that the bandits had not tied together.

Mistaken for Movie Actors. It seemed to them that the bonds on their ankles offered the best chance, and, anyway, they could barely hope to cope with the padlocks that had been clamped on their wrists. They began loosening these bonds then, and after what seemed to be hours they were able to move their feet about. Finally they could move enough so that they could sway along the floor, making their way inch by inch, supporting themselves on each other and on the furniture. After stumbling and falling several times they reached the door, and Provenzano managed to raise his hands until his half-numbed fingers clutched the knob. He turned it and the door swung open.

Mertz and Provenzano had both been leaning against the door and when it opened they fell forward into the hallway and lay there for a time, unable to move. But then they began crying for help, and although their cries were muffled and almost inaudible because of the sheets of rubber drawn tightly across their faces, they were finally heard by Captain D. Edgerton, chief of the Edgerton & Son, manufacturing jewelers, in Fifth avenue and Fifty-third street. Edgerton was in the office of Rothkrug Bros. transacting business when he heard the thump of the bodies of Mertz and Provenzano falling to the floor of the hall, and then he heard the muffled shouts. He opened the door and saw the two men rolling about the hall. Edgerton told reporters that his first impression on seeing Mertz and Provenzano was that they were engaged in a thriller. Furthermore, their predicament at first sight appeared more humorous than anything else, and he laughed and started back into the office, where he when Mertz and Provenzano shouted their loudest and began rolling across the floor directly toward him. Edgerton looked about the room and could discover nothing about the men, although he had heard the thump of the bodies of Mertz and Provenzano falling to the floor of the hall, and then he heard the muffled shouts.

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After them came finger print experts, police photographers and detectives from headquarters and from both the Twenty-ninth and Thirty-first precincts. Within twenty minutes there were as many or more detectives swarming about the building, interrogating everybody on the eighth floor and almost everybody from the basement to the roof, than there were curious people in the crowd outside the Andrews & Winstein offices. The police found Mulligan still bound and gagged and about half conscious, lying on the floor beside the dead body of Andrews. No effort had been made to gag the jeweler and there had been no wire or rope tied about his hands and feet. It was very evident to the police that the three bandits had come upon him while he was working and when his back was toward the door, and they had struck him with the blackjack and the section of heavy pipe before he even knew that they were in the room. And then, that they believed, the bandits shot him because their first blows, although they had battered and hurt him and caused blood to flow freely, had not killed him or made him unconscious. The police could find no one who could identify the bandits, and it is believed that the bandit had equipped his revolver with a silencer. At the time of the holdup, however, many of the tenants in the vicinity of the Andrews & Winstein house were out to lunch, and it probably would

have been possible to shoot a man with an ordinary revolver and no one near the spot. **\$25,000 Necklace Overlooked.** The exact loss to the firm of Andrews & Winstein has not been determined. It is known, however, that between \$5,000 and \$10,000 worth of uncut diamonds were missing from the last safe, as well as many articles of jewelry set in gold and platinum, and many unmounted diamonds, emeralds, rubies and other precious stones. One of the curious things about the holdup is the fact that the bandits seemed to have overlooked a \$25,000 pearl necklace which lay on the workbench directly in sight. It was still there when the police entered the place, and from its position and other circumstances it is believed that the bandits shared it with the pearls. A careful examination of the railing which separates the main offices from the anteroom, and of various articles of furniture about the room, disclosed the fact that the bandits had used the railing to hold their prints, which were photographed immediately and sent to headquarters for comparison with prints in the Berillon room there.

Description of Bandits. The police also have excellent descriptions of the three men given by Mulligan, Mertz and Provenzano, because at no time did any of the men wear masks or make any attempt to hide their faces. The man who seemed to be the leader of the gang was about 35 years old, about five feet eight and a half inches tall, with dark hair, a complexion of 175 pounds. He was smooth shaven, with dark eyes and hair, wore a black derby hat and dark clothing. One of the others was between 25 and 30 years old, five feet six inches tall, smooth shaven and had a dark complexion, but he had many pimples on his face. The third man was about the same age as the second, but taller and heavier built. He was about five feet eight and a half inches tall, with dark hair, a complexion of 160 pounds. It is believed the men were foreigners. The police have been able to fix the time of the holdup to the minute into the building fairly accurately. As was his custom, Andrews went to lunch first, leaving his partner, Arthur Winstein, to handle the business. He returned about 1:30, and ten minutes later he and Winstein closed the door behind him and went down in the elevator. The bandits entered the place between that time and about 2:10, and they entered the room either exactly at 2 or only a few minutes after. He does not recall which. According to Miss Minnecore, who is in charge of the elevator operator, it was about 2:10 o'clock when Mertz and Provenzano arrived, almost at the same time. They were alone in the room.

Used Dum-Dum Bullet. George J. Rivers, superintendent of the building, told the police he had found that a section of concrete corbel, which had been used to brace the door leading to the roof of the building, had been moved and broken through the door had been forced open. The police, however, do not attach much importance to this, as there is no way by which a person could get from the roof of the Marcus building to that of any other building in the vicinity. The police also questioned every one who had been in nearby offices during the holdup, but they found no one who had seen or heard anything unusual. The jewelry house had quarters in the corner of the building, the windows facing Fifth avenue and Forty-seventh street. M. J. Lewis, importer of silks and woolsens, occupies the office on the left, and Rothkrug Brothers are in the offices fronting on the avenue.

The body of Andrews was left lying on the rug in his office until the arrival of Dr. Charles Norris, Chief Medical Examiner, who officially pronounced the jeweler dead. Dr. Norris said that Andrews had been killed by the bullet which had entered the stomach and ranged downward into the abdomen and that the blow on the head could have been caused by a fall. An empty brass cartridge about an inch and a half long was found on the floor near the body, and the bullet which Dr. Norris extracted from the dead man's body was fired from either a .32 or .38 caliber revolver. It had been blunted and apparently fired from a gun that its exact calibre was difficult to determine.

ARRESTED BY HARRISS, FREED, THREATENS SUIT. Arthur Ettlinger, a real estate dealer of 37 East Eighteenth street, was declared not guilty yesterday of blocking traffic by Magistrate Cobble, although the complainant was Dr. John A. Harriss, Special Deputy Police Commissioner. Dr. Harriss is father of the Fifth avenue traffic signal system.

Taxi Passenger Was Accused of Blocking Traffic. Dr. Harriss complained in court that Ettlinger had abused him by the use of vulgar names after the arrest, but Magistrate Cobble said that was not of interest to traffic court. When Ettlinger had been freed he announced he would bring action against the Deputy Commissioner for false arrest.

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CALL UPON SMITH TO PROTECT CITY Silver Manufacturers Association Turns Dinner Into Meeting of Protest. **TRADE GREATLY AROUSED** Formation of Vigilance Committee One Suggestion Following the Murder.

Resolutions appealing to Gov. Smith "to cause the proper authorities to furnish the necessary protection to life and property" in this city were adopted last night by the associates in the trade of Edwin W. Andrews, the murdered silversmith. Forty members of the trade, who compose the membership of the Sterling Silver Manufacturers Association, attended the dinner at the Waldorf, which had been planned in advance, but which, because of the tragedy, became one of protest against the lack of police protection in this city.

For more than two hours the members were closeted in heated discussion, during which many forms of drastic action were suggested. Among these was the formation of vigilance committees to patrol the silver trade district. All were abandoned, however, when Cleveland A. Dunn of Smith, Washington, D. C., presented the resolution appealing to Gov. Smith. It was adopted unanimously by a standing vote.

BEGGED ASSAILANTS TO SPARE HIS LIFE Murdered Bank Messenger Made Piteful Plea. **GENERAL SEARCH BEGUN FOR LOST BALLOONISTS** Three Naval Men Now Missing 85 Hours.

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ASTOR HOTEL BANDIT SHIELDS OTHER TWO Handicapped Held in \$10,000 Bail After Denying All But Casual Acquaintance. **HAS RECORD AS ROBBER** Victims Show No Bad Effects of Encounter With Desperate Thieves.

While the police were searching for the two bandits who escaped Wednesday night after attempting to rob four guests in a suite at the Hotel Astor, Lawrence Handicapped, who was captured after a fight, was held yesterday in \$10,000 bail by Magistrate Mancuso in West Side Court for examination Monday.

Handicapped told the court that his real name was Lawrence Hawthorne, that he was 22 years old and that he came from Wellsville, Va. He is a tall, well built young man with red hair. Although his appearance would not suggest it, police and hotel detectives said he was widely known as a "hotel yegg." His clothes were neat and his face bore no marks of the fierce struggle Wednesday night.

BANDITS SHOOT COP IN FIGHT IN MOTOR Lieut. Horton's Bullets May Have Hit Two Before He Drops to Street. A bullet crashed through a window of the Z & Z restaurant, at Broadway and 146th street, just before midnight last night, narrowly missed a party of diners and plunged into a showcase beside the cashier's desk. Half a dozen patrons of the place ran through the doorway onto the sidewalk, where they saw Lieut. Floyd Horton of the West 152d street police station, formerly one of the members of Inspector "Honest Dan" Costigan's staff, standing on the running board of an automobile exchanging shots with three men in the back seat.

MINISTER TO U. S. RECALLED. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Stephan Panaretoff, Bulgarian Minister to the United States, was recalled today by his Government and will leave for home within a short time. Until his successor is designated and arrives here Dr. P. Lesinsko, secretary of the legation, will act as chargé. Mr. Panaretoff has been Minister from Bulgaria here since December 22, 1914.

ASK MATZOTHS FOR 3,000,000. WARSAW, Dec. 16 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).—The Jewish community of Warsaw has appealed to the Joint Distribution Committee for American Jewish Relief for the special food required for the Passover, because conditions in Poland make it impossible to supply the 3,000,000 Jews here. The chief requirement for Passover week is unleavened bread, or "matzoths."

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SPORTS ARE NUMEROUS IN NASSAU JURY PANEL Barred in Filling Box for Gambling Trial. Three more jurors were added yesterday to the two selected Wednesday in the trial of the four Nassau county officials charged with conspiracy to give protection to professional gamblers. The officials are Sheriff Charles W. Smith, Assemblyman Thomas McWhinnie, Supervisor G. Wilbur Doucety and Postmaster Thomas A. O'Keefe of Coney Bay. They are being tried in the Supreme Court at Mineola.

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