

# POLICEMAN SHOT BY HOHL DIES; GIRL AND \$13,100 LOOT SOUGHT

### Cincinnati Police Search for Bank Money Stolen by Harrisburg Bandit Who Was Shot to Death by Bluecoats—Detectives Question Robber's First Wife Who Was Bertha Holtzman, of This City—Hunting Now for Ivy Ormsby—Chief Hutchison Is Helping Ohio Sleuths—Mother Plans to Bring Body Here

The police of Cincinnati are searching to-day for the \$13,100 stolen from two banks yesterday by Frank G. Hohl, the young Harrisburg bandit, who later was shot to death by Cincinnati police.

So quickly was this money concealed following the daring robberies committed by the youth in two Cincinnati banks in broad daylight that the detective force is convinced that he must have had an accomplice.

Patrolman Edward Knaul, who was shot by Hohl while trying to arrest the latter yesterday, died at the City hospital in Cincinnati to-day.

The police are searching for a woman, whom they believe was the bandit's confederate and to whom they think he managed to give the \$13,100 he obtained from the banks.

Colonel Joseph B. Hutchison, chief of the Harrisburg police, who gave information shortly after Hohl robbed a bank in Altoona, last March, which led to the identification of the bandit as the former Harrisburg youth, is aiding the Cincinnati police at this end. Colonel Hutchison is trying to help locate the loot and is attempting to obtain information that may help in the capture of Hohl's accomplice.

Hohl's body his morning lay unclaimed in the City hospital, in Cincinnati, but Mrs. Annie Hohl, the youth's mother, said at her home, 316 Court avenue, this city, that she hopes to be able to go to the Ohio city to claim it and give it burial. She said she is without funds but intends trying to obtain a railroad pass to carry her to Cincinnati. Her plan is to bring the body here for burial.

Hohl's wife, Mrs. Bertha Hohl, a former Harrisburg girl whom the youth married here in 1911, was found in Cincinnati by the police last evening and closely questioned at headquarters. Her maiden name was Bertha Holtzman. She declared she had no knowledge of the crime and that she did not know of Hohl's presence in Cincinnati until she read in the papers of his exploits of yesterday. She said she left Hohl soon after their marriage because he wanted her to assist him in his robberies.

The woman the police are seeking is Ivy Ormsby, with whom Hohl was acquainted, and whom he is alleged to have represented to be his wife. The police believe she may be able to tell something of the bandit's recent movements.

### HUTCHISON GAVE TIP LEADING TO ARREST OF HOHL IN LAST APRIL

When the first report of the daring robbery of the Union bank, of Altoona, Pa., last March, was made to the police in this city, Chief of Police Hutchison was so impressed with the daring of the robber that he immediately associated with the crime the name of Frank G. Hohl, the Harrisburg bandit, who has now paid the penalty with his life. The first clue as to the identity of the Altoona robber was furnished by Chief Hutchison and on this information was the bandit identified. The subsequent arrest of Hohl in Salem, O., was a direct result of the information furnished by Chief Hutchison.

Lieutenant McIlvane and Inspector Turney, of the Pennsylvania railroad police in Altoona, came to Harrisburg on March 24, the day following the Altoona robbery, having learned that a package had been sent from Altoona to this city and believing that it contained the stolen money.

The following day Chief Hutchison telephoned to Chief of Police Tillard, of Altoona, that he believed Hohl was the bandit. He followed that long distance call with a letter in which he enclosed a photograph of Hohl taken when he was in the Eastern penitentiary. The bank authorities failed to identify the photograph but the boarding house keeper and the employees of the restaurant where Hohl took his meals in Altoona positively identified the photograph and on the strength of that the "look-out" notices were issued to all of the police departments in the country. Also on the "look-out" were pictures taken of Hohl when he was

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### MOTHER SAYS HOHL WAS A GOOD BOY BUT THAT POLICE HOUNDED HIM

Frank G. Hohl's mother, Mrs. Annie Hohl, heard the first news of her son's awful crime and his swift retribution, as she sat in her home at 316 Court street, this city, last evening. A Star-Independent reporter was one of the first to bear the distressing news to the mother. She is a frail little woman, and as she heard the story of the Cincinnati bank robberies committed by her son and his duel to the death with the policeman, she wept softly and sobbed until she shook with the agony of it.

"He was a good boy," she said, time and time again, denying with all the vehemence of a mother's belief in the goodness of her only son that he was bad. That she had seen him, or that she had heard from him since he left Harrisburg months ago, she denied emphatically.

This morning a telegram was received in Harrisburg stating that Mrs. Hohl, mother of the dead bandit, had written her daughter-in-law, Frank's wife, in Cincinnati, on Monday, last, telling her that she saw Frank in Harrisburg last week. When the mother was shown this telegram to-day she vehemently denied that she had written any letter of the kind.

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### FRANK G. HOHL, AT 17 YEARS



Harrisburg Bandit Who Was Shot To Death By Police After He Stole \$13,100 From Two Cincinnati Banks Yesterday

### IVY ORMSBY, SOUGHT BY POLICE



Woman, Alleged to Have Been Wife of the Bandit, Hohl—She Is Being Sought By the Police

### FIRST WIFE OF HOHL DENIES ALL KNOWLEDGE OF CRIME

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 18.—The police here believe that Frank G. Hohl, the dead automobile bandit, was a bigamist as well as a bank robber, sneak thief and burglar. This theory was reached at police headquarters last night after the detectives questioned Mrs. Bertha Hohl, the bandit's wife, who was Miss Bertha Holtzman, of Harrisburg, Pa.

Mrs. Hohl denied that she knew anything about the bank robbery here yesterday until brought to her attention through the newspapers; denied that she knew Hohl was in Cincinnati and declared that he had left her more than a year ago because she would not take part in his crimes.

She said she was married in Harrisburg, March, 1911, to Hohl a few days after he had been dismissed from the Eastern Penitentiary in Philadelphia. Her maiden name was Bertha Holtzman and she was born in Harrisburg. Hohl was first arrested for steal-

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### HOHL MARRIED BERTHA HOLTZMAN HERE IN 1911

Frank G. Hohl, the Harrisburg bandit shot to death by the Cincinnati police yesterday, married his first wife, who was Miss Bertha Holtzman, of Harrisburg, on February 20, 1911, the ceremony having been performed by Alderman Charles P. Walters, at the magistrate's office in this city. The bank robber and slayer of a Cincinnati policeman, a short time before his first wedding, had been paroled from the Eastern penitentiary to which institution he had been committed on a charge of robbing freight cars in Lemoyne.

The girl he married is a daughter of the Frank and Lucy Holtzman. So far as could be learned the Holtzman family moved to Harrisburg from Lebanon county a dozen or more years ago. Frank Holtzman, now dead, was twice married, two sons having been born by the first match, one of whom is George Holtzman, of this city.

The wife of the bank robber was a daughter by the second marriage. Frank Holtzman was a butcher by trade and lived in this city, at different times, on Cameron and Fulton streets. After the death of Mr. Holtzman his widow remarried and moved out of the city.

### HOHL BLAMED FOR BIG ROBBERY IN KANSAS CITY

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 18.—Photographs of Hohl recently received by the police were identified last night by members of the Goldman concern as those of the man who robbed the store of diamonds of great value. Another photograph said to be of a Salem, Ohio, woman, was identified as that of the alleged female accomplice.

### STELTON FOOTBALL 'STAR' NAMED FOR WEST POINT

Frank Morrett, who plays on the Bucknell 'Varsity, Nominated By Congressman Kreider—Fasnacht Is First Alternate and Carl, Second

Congressman Kreider, of this district, will to-morrow send to the Adjutant General of the U. S. A., in the War Department, Washington, his nominations of the candidates for the Eighteenth Congressional district, for the cadetship of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He will name as principal Frank Morrett, of Steelton; first alternate, Walter K. Fasnacht, of Palmyra; second alternate, Paul Carl, of Williamstown.

Frank Morrett is a son of Jacob Morrett, of Steelton, an employe of the Pennsylvania steel works and was born in Steelton. He is twenty years old, and in 1913 was graduated at the Steelton High school, standing high. He was a prominent member of the Steelton football team, and played in all of the big games while at school, being a fine athlete. In the fall of 1913 he attended the North Carolina University, but at the beginning of the present year he passed the entrance to Bucknell University where he is now in his first year course. He is a member of the Bucknell football team and played in Harrisburg with the team against Gettysburg. While at Steelton he was regarded as one of the

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### GONE TO CUT CITY'S TREE

Mayor Royal and City Commissioners Start for the Mountains in Two Autos This Afternoon

Harrisburg will not be without a Christmas tree for its Municipal celebration on Christmas Eve, for this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock a group of members of the Tree Committee left Police Headquarters for the Bayard tract, which is located in the mountains seven miles above Dauphin, to select the massive line which will be admired by all Harrisburg.

The party, which consisted of City Commissioners Bowman, Lynch, Taylor and Royal, and the Mayor's secretary, Clarence O. Backenstoss; Robert W. Hoy, chairman of the committee; Robert Gorman and C. M. Kaltwasser, started for the Bayard tract in two of the city automobiles.

After the tree has been selected the Mayor will take an ax and start to fell it, after which a regular woodsman will complete the job and bring the tree to Harrisburg in the early part of next week.

### GRANTS 5% INCREASE ON FREIGHT

Interstate Commerce Commission Accedes to Application Made by Eastern Railroads

### RESTRICTIONS ON FEW COMMODITIES

Carriers Permitted to Make Advance Except in Rail-Lake Traffic, Bituminous Coal and Coke and Anthracite Coal and Iron Ore

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Interstate Commerce Commission to-day granted the application of the Eastern railroads for a five per cent. advance in freight rates, excepting on certain specified commodities. Commissioners Harlan and Clements dissented.

The carriers are permitted to make the applied for advances in rates except the rail-lake-and-rail, lake and rail and rail-lake traffic; rates on bituminous coal and coke; rates on anthracite coal and iron ore and rates that are held but unexpired orders of the commission.

After further consideration the commission permits advances to be made also on cement, starch brick, tile, clay and plaster. On these commodities no advances were permitted by the decision of August 1.

Specify the Increased Rates  
Joint rates between official classification territory and territory south of the Potomac and Ohio and east of the Mississippi may be increased not to exceed five per cent.

Interstate rates to and from New England also may be increased not to exceed five per cent.

While present existing differentials among various Atlantic ports are preserved the rates between any two of them also may be increased five per cent.

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### REVIEW OF 1914 BY PROF. WERT

Interesting Events of the Year in Harrisburg Arranged in a Chronological Order

### DEATH'S HAND HEAVILY FELT

Growing Number of Civil War Veterans Answered the Last Roll Call—Volunteer Department Kept the Fire Loss at a Low Total

BY PROFESSOR J. HOWARD WERT  
This year's record of daily occurrences of special local interest has been compiled along the same lines, substantially, as those presented to the Star-Independent readers in previous years. Harrisburg, as the Capital City and a great railroad center, continues to be the chief convention city of the State. Hence special attention has been given in this compilation to national and State conventions, reunions and meetings of a fraternal, religious, political, educational, business or social character, including also special excursions of large bodies of visitors to this city. Of these 60 have been catalogued, although of necessity, many of a minor character have been omitted.

Of all the assemblages here mentioned the most impressive and pathetic was the one in which the veterans of the Civil war removed the battle flags they once followed, to the place prepared for them in the State's Capitol building. The greatest assemblage was the one attendant upon the meeting of the State Firemen's Association. An effort has also been made to record the leading facts in the religious, fraternal, industrial, educational and

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Aged Recluse Feels Winter's Chill  
Marietta, Dec. 18.—Isaac Metzler, an aged recluse and veteran of the Civil war, was found in a serious condition this morning, having felt some time last night while retiring and almost frozen to death. He is about 76 years of age and during the summer months has one of the finest gardens in the community from which he gains a livelihood in addition to receiving a pension.

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### 400 PERISH AS GERMAN SHIP SINKS

Cruiser Freidrich Karl Goes to Bottom During Recent Sortie in the Baltic

### RUSSIA SILENT ON GERMAN VICTORY

Amsterdam Dispatch Says That Some of British Destroyers That Attacked German Raiding Squadron Off British Coast Were Sunk

Petrograd, Dec. 18.—It is semi-officially announced that the German armored cruiser Freidrich Karl was sunk during a recent sortie in the Baltic and had sunk. She was a cruiser of 8,550 tons and was built in Hamburg in 1902. Her complement was about 557 men.

Several reports recently said the Freidrich Karl had struck a mine while coming out of a German port in the Baltic and had sunk. She was a cruiser of 8,550 tons and was built in Hamburg in 1902. Her complement was about 557 men.

### British Destroyers Sunk

London, Dec. 18, 3:10 A. M.—An Amsterdam dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company contains a German official statement which claims that some of the British destroyers, which attacked the German raiding squadron off the British coast were sunk. The communication follows:

"The retreating cruisers were attacked by four British destroyers, one of which was sunk. Another disappeared badly damaged.

"At another point another English destroyer was sunk."

An official statement issued by the British Admiralty last night makes no mention of any British warship having been lost. The British statement said that the light cruiser Patrol and the destroyer Doon, which were among the British ships that attacked the German cruisers, were struck by shells and lost five men in killed and fifteen wounded.

### Russian Silent on German Victory

London, Dec. 18, 3:25 A. M.—No definite news has yet come from the Russian side of the Great German victory in Poland reported in Berlin and Vienna. The Russian official headquarters report received last night gives no information on the subject and the customary long Petrograd dispatches dealing with the military operations in this district are absent from the London newspapers this morning would seem to indicate that a censorship has been imposed at Petrograd.

### LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The German armies which invaded France and Belgium are said by the allies to be yielding slowly but steadily. To-day's official French statement, like its recent predecessors, reports victories here and there along the battle line. It is stated that the allies have made a further advance in Belgium, although the report that they had captured Westende, near Neuport on the Belgian coast, was not confirmed. Several German trenches have been taken, it is also stated, although the admission is made that the Germans blew up a French trench in the Argonne.

The German War Office denies that further ground has been won by the allies. It states that French attacks have been repulsed and that in the Argonne 7,500 prisoners were captured.

The German statement adds little to

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### WALL STREET CLOSING

New York, Dec. 18.—The closing was irregular. Profit taking was again in evidence during the final hour, prices yielding from the best. Stocks moved steadily downward in the early dealings, but recovered in large measure later on announcement that the Interstate Commerce Commission has granted freight increased to Eastern railroads.