

Photograph of Official Permit Approved by Mayor Making John Looney, Jr., a Special Police Officer

OFFICIAL BOND

Know all Men by these Presents:

That We, John Looney, Jr., of the City and County of Rock Island and State of Illinois, as principal, and John Looney and D. J. Cleland, as sureties, are HELD and FIRMLY BOUND unto the City of Rock Island, in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, lawful money, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made and performed, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated this 27 day of Dec, A. D. 1922

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, WHEREAS, the above bounden

John Looney, Jr. has been appointed City Special Officer for Rock Island, Illinois, in and for the CITY OF ROCK ISLAND, and has accepted the said office, and is about taking upon himself the discharge of its duties. NOW, THEREFORE, if the said John Looney, Jr. as City Special Officer for Rock Island, Illinois, shall faithfully execute the duties of said office, and account for, deliver and pay over all moneys and other properties received by him, then this obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

John Looney, Jr. (SEAL) D. J. Cleland (SEAL) John Looney (SEAL) John Looney (SEAL)

Above is a photograph of the official bond approved by Mayor Harry M. Schriver authorizing John Looney, Jr., to serve as a special police officer for the Rock Island News. John Looney and D. J. Cleland, police magistrate, appear as sureties, the permit having been issued under date of Dec. 21, 1921.

The mayor promised the commission that he would offer a resolution at the next meeting of the city council making it necessary for all such permits to be approved by the board of fire and police commissioners. That was in July, but as yet the mayor has not taken the action he promised.

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John Looney, Jr. was held in the city jail until this morning. Anthony W. Billburg was arrested on charge of murder at noon today by Detective Dennis Bennett. His hearing was set for 2:30 o'clock this afternoon before D. J. Cleland in police court.

At that time Magistrate Cleland will hear the evidence against Billburg and decide whether or not it is sufficient to warrant holding him. Cyrus E. Dietz, Samuel R. Kenworthy and Hays Britton were present shortly after noon in police court when a hearing was to have been held. They have been retained by Billburg to defend him.

Mr. Eagle has insisted that definite evidence be submitted before serving any individual with a warrant. If this proves the case in Billburg's arrest when the evidence is heard this afternoon in police court, he will probably be held without bond for hearing Oct. 16.

The other three defendants, Holsapple, Drost and Buckley, are being detained without bond, their cases continued to Oct. 16. During the night no one was admitted to speak to Holsapple and Drost, this being forbidden by Mr. Eagle's orders. Doors of the city garage which adjoins the jail were locked, leaving only one entrance into the cell room—through the police station.

Sheriff John G. Miller and his deputies were in evidence and working with the police authorities. Search Vice Deas. A number of places suspected of containing evidence which would throw light on the identity of the gunman who participated in the riot, were searched. In the deserted "longest bar in the world," Twentieth street and Third avenue, a long-barreled repeating shotgun, said to have been recently fired, and believed to be the one which shot a hole in the Sherman hotel window, was discovered by police and confiscated.

Before the turmoil had quieted down early last evening two squads of armed policemen in uniform made a canvass of all saloons and vice dens in the city. This was done under orders of Acting Chief William H. Fitzsimmons. The chief later announced that every saloon down town had been entered and searched for liquor, and that every place ever suspected of being a house of prostitution or gambling, was searched also.

No liquor was found and no women arrested. The men reported that they found no illegal conditions in this canvass, said the chief. They located no liquor and there was no evidence of disorderly conduct at any of the places visited. This was the alleged "protected" joints was spared. Pedigo Arrested. Arrest of everyone carrying weapons of any kind, and search of any person, at the discretion of the police.

William H. Fitzsimmons was ordered by Acting Chief of Police William H. Fitzsimmons at 5 o'clock. Lawrence Pedigo, proprietor of the Sherman hotel, and a man who gave his name as M. Taxman, were the first to be hit by this order. Taxman is said to be in Pedigo's employ. Sheriff John G. Miller arrested them as they were driving away from the police station with Charles Downing, chambermaid at the Sherman, a witness who had been examined by the police.

PEDIGO ARREST ANGRERS ORTELL; BERATE'S EAGLE

Assistant State's Attorney and Bondsmen Clash at Midnight About Holding Suspects.

Assistant State's Attorney Edward L. Eagle, assisted by Acting Chief of Police William H. Fitzsimmons, Sheriff John G. Miller, and numerous deputies, detectives and uniformed patrolmen, worked late into last night compiling evidence and filing the machinery of the law to function in dealing with the participants in yesterday's shooting affray.

It was after 1 o'clock this morning when Mr. Eagle completed his labors with the issuance of warrants for Holsapple, Drost, Buckley and two others unnamed, charging murder, and against Pedigo and Taxman on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. Taking of evidence and the grilling of all known participants, with the exception of John Looney, Jr., was held behind closed doors in the private office of Acting Chief Fitzsimmons.

About 1:30 in the morning Acting Chief Fitzsimmons was called to the telephone by John Looney, who, it transpired, sought a guard to remain with him during the remainder of the night. In the conversation which ensued Looney apparently requested that Lawrence Pedigo be released on bond. Fitzsimmons called Eagle to the telephone and after considerable discussion, in which Mr. Eagle expressed himself as loath to turn Pedigo, who he termed as dangerous character, loose on the community, it was finally arranged that he would be released on bond and Looney declared that he would have sureties for Pedigo at police headquarters immediately. Only a few minutes elapsed until Louis Ortell arrived at the station, collarless, and in a high state of nervous tension.

He paced the floor and made immediate inquiry as to whether Billburg was behind the bars, and when told that he had been released he displayed deep emotion. "It's a pretty state of affairs," he jerked out. "The man who framed this whole thing, the most dangerous man in the bunch, you turned loose. What in h— is the matter down here, anyway? You got the rest of 'em in here, jerking his thumb into the cells, but Billburg is allowed to go." The fact apparently escaped Ortell that while Billburg had been released pending further investigation of the shooting affray, Looney had not yet even been questioned by the authorities.

Ortell Exalted. Ortell was then taken into the office of the chief for questioning. Only one or two queries had been put by Eagle when Ortell lost his head entirely. "I tell you this is serious business," he fairly shrieked. "What in h— kind of business is this. I may be a bootlegger and all that, but this is getting serious. The boy is dead. All we want is a fair deal—just fair play. We want fair treatment. "Cut all that out—cut it out right now," ordered Mr. Eagle. "I am conducting this investigation. Answer questions when they're asked or I don't want your opinion or your opinion."

"But what we want is fair play—a square deal," shouted Ortell. "I've got witnesses who saw Billburg and that crowd of drive up Third avenue and right up to Billburg's saloon and dump their guns after the shooting. I telephoned the station and asked that someone be sent up there and get 'em, but as far as I know nobody was sent until they had time to put all their weapons away."

"Never mind, never mind—we've been at work on this investigation. We've got the guns. If you accuse any of us with neglecting our duty I'll throw you in," Mr. Eagle angrily retorted.

Admits He's Bootlegger. "I admit I'm a bootlegger," he exclaimed brokenly in Ortell. "I admit I may be a bootlegger, but I tell you this is serious business—serious business." Ortell fairly shouted, apparently in a nervous panic, and his voice could be heard throughout the station. Eagle ordered all but officials out of the chief's office, and with door closed the quizzing of Ortell proceeded. Shortly afterward Pedigo was released, with Ortell as his bondsmen.

Following yesterday's gun battle and throughout the work of investigation which followed, the police department, even to the untrained eye, showed a high state of demoralization. Officials conferred nervously in groups of one and two. City Attorney John K. Scott and Mayor Harry M. Schriver hurriedly returned to the city after the Gabel murder, the police department, though plainly demoralized and without a leader that could weld the department as a unit behind him, was determined to make arrests and use the dragnet.

ALLEN RELATES SCENES BEFORE BATTLE BEGAN

Rock Island Attorney Convinced With Looney Immediately Before Fire Opened.

William C. Allen, Rock Island attorney, was talking with John Looney, who was seated in the latter's car in front of the Sherman hotel a few minutes before the shooting. Mr. Allen said that he was crossing Seventeenth street from the west and as he was stepping upon the curb at the corner near the Sherman hotel he heard some one call to him. He looked and saw Looney motioning for him to come over to the car which was parked directly in front of the hotel. Mr. Allen went to the car and Looney showed him a number of legal papers which he had in the car. As they were discussing the papers, Mr. Allen said Lawrence Pedigo came up to Looney and handed him more papers.

"Connor Looney then appeared," Mr. Allen said. "Connor seated himself in the rear seat of the car and Looney talked with him a few minutes in low tones. Looney was sitting on the right side of the front seat and Connor was sitting on the left side of the rear seat. While Looney was facing the rear seat of the car, three automobiles drove up in the rear and stopped. Looney glanced at the cars and exclaimed excitedly to his son, 'It's come, it's here, get out of this!' He repeated, 'get out of this,' to his son several times.

Looney then jumped from the car on the right side and walked toward the entrance of the Sherman hotel. Connor left the car from the right side and stepped to the curb. By that time I had started to walk north on Seventeenth street and Connor passed a few steps in front of me. When a fusillade of shots followed from the cars on Seventeenth street and Connor pulled his gun and opened fire on the cars. Looney reached on the inside of his coat as if to reach for a gun. He entered the Sherman house. I saw Lawrence Pedigo come to the door of the hotel but in the confusion I am not able to state accurately whether he had a gun or not.

People who described the scene shortly before the shooting said that young Looney and his father drove up to the curb and parked in front of the Sherman hotel. Looney remained in the car and a few minutes later Lawrence Pedigo drove away in his own car. He returned in about five minutes and handed Looney a paper. After the shooting started in the direction of the hotel, and crowds gathered, Looney and Pedigo are said by witnesses to have appeared in the third window from the south corner of the second story of the Sherman hotel, facing Seventeenth street, and were firing on the cars from which the first shots came.

Used Shot Gun. It is believed that one of the guns which were employed by the occupants of the cars which opened fire was a sawed-off shotgun. One of the holes in the south front window of the Sherman hotel is 12 inches in diameter and two others, one in the door and the other in the north window are smaller, probably made by revolver shots.

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Lest You Forget

The Argus on Aug. 5 printed the following promises on behalf of the Rock Island city and county governments:

- 1. Enforcement of the liquor laws, including the sale of intoxicant beverages in soft drink parlors and the traffic in hooch and bootleg whisky.
2. Closing of disorderly houses and driving from the city of prostitutes, street walkers and their male consorts.
3. Elimination of tool gambling, if any exists.
4. Removal of slot machines and like gambling devices.
This is to be no spasmodic clean-up," City Attorney Scott said. "We are going to make it thorough and lasting. We ask the cooperation of the public and urge that any citizen who has knowledge of law violations call Chief Cox or Sheriff Miller, or both, and give them the information. We are going to clean house and the strict enforcement of the law will continue at least as long as the present city administration is in office."
Sheriff Miller reiterated Mr. Scott's statement. "The county and city have joined forces and we are going through with this thing if it's the last thing we do. We want the police to help us and with that cooperation granted, we promise that the community will have nothing to complain of in regard to law enforcement."
This is Oct. 7. Conditions against which the city and county authorities pledged themselves to act on Aug. 5 still prevail in Rock Island.

WOMEN INITIATE CRUSADE; SALOON OWNER IS FINED

Achille Feys, proprietor of a bar at 1002 Railroad avenue, Moline, was fined \$110 by Magistrate Frank Gustafson in police court this morning on a charge of violating the liquor ordinance.

Seven women entered complaint against Feys' place. They declared that conditions there were much worse than to be found in a licensed saloon in the days before prohibition. The women declared there are four hooch bars within a short distance of Railroad avenue and Tenth street. Feys, they declared, has been conducting an especially noisy place.

Feys pleaded guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct and paid the fine. He also pleaded guilty to keeping a poolroom open after 12 o'clock at night. He was arrested at 12:10 o'clock last night by Policeman Louis Calzart.

WILL SEEK LEGAL ADVICE ON FIRE STATION OPENING

Alderman John Huey, not satisfied with the reasons given by Mayor C. P. Skinner for not reopening No. 4 fire station, is going to get the opinion of the city attorney and other attorneys in the matter. Alderman Huey stated his intentions at a mass meeting of east end citizens last night. Another meeting of the east-enders will be held Oct. 20. At that time an organization will be formed to seek improvements for the east end.

The city council, in session Monday night, voted to open the fire station. Action was postponed, and the mayor announced that the opening would not take place due to the fact that the city had no money to pay the salaries of the additional men to man the fire station. East end residents, who feel that the closing of the station subjects them to loss by fire, now believe that the mayor has a grudge against the east end.

Carter Car Shot

David W. Carter, 1623 1/2 Third avenue, was directly behind the last car which opened fire in the direction of the Sherman hotel. Mr. Carter was driving a truck on Third avenue from the east and turned up Seventeenth street. He noticed two cars ahead of him and thought that they were backing out from the curb in front of the hotel.

"The two cars were ahead of me and I was forced to stop," Mr. Carter said. "The minute they came to a halt I saw a gun barrel stick out from the rear car and open fire. They fired two shots and when the shots were returned from the Sherman hotel, I could not get by the cars ahead of me so I started to back out of Seventeenth street and go up Third avenue. The bullets were flying around me and the tire on the right rear wheel was punctured by one of the stray shots."

MAN BEATEN PAYS FINE AS A DRUNK

Joe Ingersoll, East Moline, who was arrested Thursday night on a charge of drunkenness, pleaded guilty this morning and was fined \$3. He is "sitting out" the fine in the city jail. Ingersoll, when picked up by the police, was covered with blood. He told the police that he had been assaulted and robbed at Fifth avenue and Seventh street, East Moline. He said he had attended a party in a boathouse earlier in the night and was on his way home when attacked.