

Bandit Who Violates "Code of Honor" Pays With Life for Double-Crossing Pals

So Says Diggs Nolen, Member of Memphis Band of Outlaws, Foiled in Rescue.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Bandits and crooks have their own peculiar code of honor. Then capital offense is—to double-cross a pal. The penalty—death.

Frank Holloway's nemesis, former pal, trailed him for six months and in the end the prey was snared, so Diggs Nolen, once a running mate of the bandit whose body was found in a shallow grave, near Tulsa, Okla., with two bullet holes in the head, told Lieut. Paul N. Waggener, secretary of the International Association of Bureau of Identification.

Nolen was in his cell at the Shelby county jail, under sentence of three to 15 years for forgery, when Lieut. Waggener, who for 10 years has kept constant tab of members of Holloway's original robber gang.

Holloway's band was put to flight here in 1912 when the members held up a Frisco train, near Memphis, in a bold coup to liberate Diggs Nolen, supposed to be aboard in custody of federal officers transporting him from Savannah, Ga., to Omaha, where he was wanted on a charge of having used the United States mail to defraud. The gang held up the wrong train, later was surprised in retreat, one slain, two captured and two others wounded in their escape.

Once too often. "I know who killed Frank Holloway and why it was done," Nolen told the Bechtel expert today. "He was the greatest double-crosser in the world. He pulled it once too often. He confided to a woman in Tulsa about a bank robbery. She squealed and the boys heard about it. He pulled a raver deal in Seattle and it was for this that he paid the penalty with his life. The man who got Frank Holloway had been on his heels for six months."

"No, I won't tell—I've got a 15-year stretch ahead of me now. That's enough to worry about right now. Lieutenant Waggener's tab on Holloway's hectic career follows the bandit's movements from Boston to Chihuahua and from Winnipeg to southern Texas. In December, 1912, Holloway and members of his gang occupied a beautiful bungalow at 1157 Wilson avenue, in the heart of the exclusive residential section of Memphis. Prior to that he had operated the Mecca hotel here—a place where Lieut. Waggener said, a score of crooks had been taken into custody by Memphis police, all wanted for "jobs" in other cities. Running to earth of so many police characters in Holloway's hotel finally forced him out of business and he retired to the Wilson avenue bungalow.

Police Get Hint. On December 10, 1912, Diggs Nolen was captured in Savannah, Ga., after he had been pursued for six months by secret service agents, postal inspectors and the police of a dozen cities. Plans were hatched in Holloway's Wilson avenue home to liberate Nolen when he passed through Memphis.

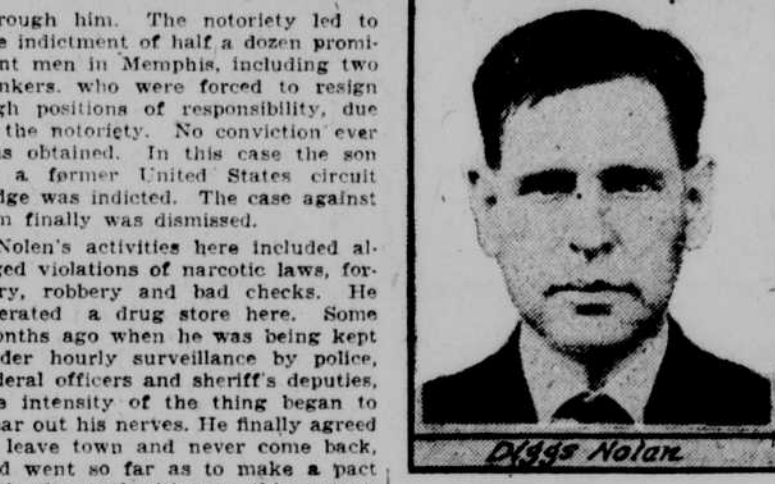
A "stool pigeon" gave Memphis police a hint. The travel itinerary of the United States deputy marshals was changed and Nolen was taken to Omaha via Chicago. A posse of Memphis detectives, following the holdup of the Frisco train, cornered Holloway in his bungalow. Kenney Bergen, Holloway's chief lieutenant at that time, armed only in night clothes, clambered onto the roof of the bungalow, pistol in hand. He slipped, rolled down the roof and landed on the ground, right at the feet of Detective John Poppiano. Ignoring a command to halt, Bergen was on his feet and over a high fence in the rear of the bungalow. Later he was shot to death by another posse of detectives secreted in another part of the neighborhood.

Two Wounded. Two others escaped, but were wounded. Holloway (Country) Mitchell and Luther Wallace were captured in the bungalow. Holloway was returned to Texas to finish an unexpired term for bank robbery. About six years ago Holloway again was picked up by Lieut. Waggener. He carried a roll amounting to \$21,000. He obtained his freedom on habeas corpus proceedings.

Nolen "did" two years in the Leavenworth prison and returned to Memphis. Within the last three years he has been arrested approximately 95 times, and indicted 47 times. Nolen's resources were far-reaching, in political influences, even to a certain United States senator, and he has been at liberty here at times upon as many as two dozen bonds. His biggest escapade was when New York police a few months ago traced to Memphis about \$400,000 worth of government bonds, stolen in Brooklyn when two messengers for a bond brokerage house were waylaid. In this Nolen obtained his freedom, although negotiations for the sale of the bonds here were conducted



Frank Holloway and Paul N. Waggener



Diggs Nolen

through him. The notoriety led to the indictment of half a dozen prominent men in Memphis, including two bankers, who were forced to resign high positions of responsibility, due to the notoriety. No conviction ever was obtained. In this case the son of a former United States circuit judge was indicted. The case against him finally was dismissed.

Nolen's activities here included alleged violations of narcotic laws, forgery, robbery and had checks. He operated a drug store here. Some months ago when he was being kept under hourly surveillance by police, federal officers and sheriff's deputies, the intensity of the thing began to wear out his nerves. He finally agreed to leave town and never come back, and went so far as to make a pact with the authorities to this extent. He remained away three months, came back, said he had reformed, and reopened a drug store. There prob-

Auto Dealers to Frolic in Omaha

Entertainment to Be Given Visiting Motor Car Men Week of Show.

A gathering of all of the automotive clubs of this section has been called for Wednesday night, February 28, the week of the auto show. Held in Hotel Fontenelle ball room, it will open with a dinner and then will follow a series of eight or nine vaudeville numbers.

The frolic has been the big event of the show for the large number of visiting dealers the last two years. This year, because of improved conditions, a record dealer attendance is looked for.

Lute Morse of Lincoln, king of story tellers, has been unlimbering his jaw for a month. Hugo Heyn's orchestra will jazz the food out of the dishes during the meal. Cabaret singers will warble while parading among the tables. A dancer will get her full share of attention. A variety of other events is planned.

There will be just the one serious address, a discussion of general conditions in this section, taking up the automobile industry particularly.

Government Rests Case in Texas Land Fraud Trial

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 20.—The government rested its case in the federal court trial of W. E. Stewart, president of the Stewart Land company, charged with using the mails to defraud in the sale of Hidalgo county, Texas, lands. The jury was excused until 10 o'clock this morning, when the defense plans to open its testimony.

French X-Ray Expert Given Unusual Honors

Paris, Feb. 20.—(AP)—For the loss of both arms in the use of x-rays during the last 20 years, Dr. Charles Valliant yesterday was accorded the Cravate of the Legion of Honor, a rare honor for a civilian other than the head of the state or a diplomat, the

Carnegie Hero medal, and the Gold Medal of the City of Paris. The celebrated doctor of La Riboussiere hospital, with both sleeves hanging empty but standing erect and un-

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