

## ATTEMPT IS MADE TO KILL MAYOR MITCHELL. CITY OFFICIAL IS SHOT

### Assassin's Bullet Aimed at Executive Strikes Corporation Counsel Frank Polk.

### BALL CRASHES THROUGH JAW Teeth of Victim Are Nearly All Knocked Out by Lead.

### ASSAILANT AGED, OUT OF WORK

### Michael P. Mahoney Had Made Up Mind to Slay Gotham Head.

### PLOT EXISTED, IS BELIEVED

### Man Firing Gun Says He Is Sorry Now that He Did So, and Hopes Wounded Person Will Recover.

NEW YORK, April 17.—An assassin's bullet, aimed at Mayor Mitchell as he was leaving the city hall in an automobile today for lunch, missed its mark, but badly wounded Frank Polk, corporation counsel. The man who fired the shot was instantly overpowered. His name is Michael P. Mahoney of No. 353 East 157th street, Manhattan, his age nearly 30, and he gave evidences of being mentally unbalanced.

The bullet crashed through Mr. Polk's jaw, knocking out nearly all his front teeth and inflicting a serious, though not necessarily fatal wound. He was assisted into the city hall, then removed to a hospital.

"Mr. Polk was hit by the bullet, but the bullet was undoubtedly for me," was Mr. Mahoney's comment.

Attaches at the city hall said that Mahoney had called to see the mayor several times lately, but because of his queer actions had not been permitted to see him.

### Won't Talk at First.

While an ambulance surgeon was dressing Mr. Polk's wound Mahoney was questioned by the mayor and a score of detectives. He refused at first to answer any questions. Two letters addressed to Mayor Mitchell were found on his clothing.

The shooting occurred at the Park Row entrance to the city hall plaza shortly after 1 o'clock. At that time of day Park Row is congested with hundreds of men and women on their way to and from lunch.

In Mahoney's pockets the police found two bottles containing liquid. A man, who said he saw the shooting, declared as Mahoney fired two men, who had been with him, ran off in opposite directions. This led to the belief that there had been a plot to assassinate the mayor.

### Out of Work Year.

After being questioned for two hours by District Attorney Whitman, Police Commissioner Wood and detectives, the man said his name was Michael P. Mahoney of No. 353 East 157th street, Manhattan. Mahoney said he was a blacksmith and had been out of work about a year.

He said he had tried to set an interview with Mayor Mitchell on Monday last, but had been unsuccessful. On Wednesday, he said, he made up his mind to kill the mayor and went to the city hall for that purpose. He lost his nerve, however, and went away.

Early this afternoon, according to his story, he visited a saloon in Park Row, drank some whiskey and then attended an anarchistic meeting under the statue of Benjamin Franklin in Park Row. He was leaving the meeting when he saw the mayor and his party. He immediately determined it was a good time to kill Mr. Mitchell. Mahoney said he was sorry now that he had fired.

"I would never do such a thing again," he said. "I am very sorry for Mr. Polk. I hope he will recover."

### Commits Suicide on Wife's Grave.

SPARTA, Wis., April 17.—Floyd Miller of Minneapolis, a painting contractor, committed suicide in the Lutheran cemetery here on the grave of his wife. There were drunk whiskey containing poison, then he drank for help, but a physician who responded was unable to save him.

## The Weather

Forecast (Ill. T. P. M. Buffalo):  
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity  
—Fair, colder.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.	Hour.	Deg.
Lowest yesterday	5 a. m.	46
High yesterday	8 p. m.	62
Mean temperature		54
Precipitation		0.00

### Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State	Temp.	Wind	Remarks
Davenport, Iowa	48	W	Cloudy
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