

DETECTIVE SHOT IN GUN FIGHT WITH 5 AUTO BANDITS

Mortal Combat Staged on North Side When Police Surround Den of Holdup Men.

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charged with drawn revolvers upon the house at 8 o'clock.

Rush for Stairs.

They were met at the door by Mrs. B. C. Kirke. When she declared that she was Mrs. Daisy Detectives Rooney, Dolan and Danbaum made a rush for the stairs. They were met by a fusillade of shots from bandits barricaded on an upper floor.

Rooney fell with two bullets in the abdomen. He was rushed to St. Joseph hospital by Detective Bulford and Chauffeur Bowman, where surgeons were unable to diagnose the extent of his injuries.

Reinforced by Sergeants Madsen and Van Dusen, Detective Jolly and Chauffeur Armstrong, the officers advanced up the stairs and captured four of the bandits barricaded behind a bed.

Lattle on Roof.

One suspect escaped to the roof and was captured an hour later when Detectives Jolly and Danbaum crawled to the roof and engaged him in battle.

After emptying their revolvers the detectives attempted to grapple with the desperado, who jumped from the roof into the arms of Detective James Murphy. He was suffering from a wrenched back and a scratched face from splinters from the woodwork of his barricade on the roof during the battle.

One of the bandits escaped by jumping from the roof and a detail of detectives is now searching North Omaha in an effort to locate his hiding place.

Police Recover Valuable Loot.

The loot was found on the bed behind which the robbers had taken refuge. It was neatly separated in piles and gave mute evidence of the division of the spoils having been interrupted by the police. Police were unable to find the diamonds supposed to have been stolen.

When taken to the police station the bandits gave their names as Harry Williams, Kansas City, who was captured in the house; Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Kirke, in whose name the house was rented; Frank Martin, Samuel Stone, Thomas McKay and Miss Anna Webster.

Three Bandits Are Wounded.

Three of the bandits were recipients of gunshot wounds, but a first aid examination by police surgeons indicated that only one, Thomas McKay, was seriously wounded. He was shot in the abdomen and will probably die. The two women escaped injury.

Detective Rooney succeeded in detaching Thomas Ring on the force. Ring was shot to death in a battle with a Mexican two years ago.

The house in which the bandits made their rendezvous was rented by Kirke a month ago and the rent paid three months in advance. Neighbors had noticed for several weeks nocturnal trips in automobiles in which the five men and two women participated.

Mrs. Kirke gave the name of Mrs. Daisy when officers asked who lived there. Mrs. Daisy and daughter, Carmelia, who had been living in the house, moved several months ago and are now in California.

Thomas McKay was given an anesthetic at the hospital while his wounds were being dressed. On recovering consciousness he was told of his condition and asked if he desired the services of a priest.

"I will die the way I have lived," he answered, gruffly.

Later, realizing his condition, he asked that a priest be summoned.

Kirke Leader of Gang.

B. C. Kirke, said to be the leader of the gang, is a well-known Omaha police character. He has been suspected, but never convicted, of many automobile thefts.

Frank Martin, alias "Dig Wally," and six other aliases, was bound over to the district court at Osceola on a charge of auto stealing. He escaped from the county jail in that city November 24, 1917.

B. C. Kirke rented the house at 3907 North Fourteenth avenue, a month ago from Mrs. Bessie Daisy, who is spending the winter in California.

The house was rented furnished. Kirke represented himself as an automobile salesman from St. Joseph, Mo., and displayed several letters of recommendations when he rented the house.

Neighbors say that all during the nights, Kirke and his followers have been leaving and returning to the house at various intervals with suitcases, automobile tires and other packages. During the daytime, neighbors say that little was seen of the occupants of the house.

Masked Men Enter Store.

The five bandits, all wearing masks, entered the jewelry store of Harry Malashock, 1514 Dodge street, lined the clerks up against the wall at the point of revolvers and rifled the safe and showcases. Hundreds of passers-by were unable to see the robbery, as the windows were coated with ice.

After warning the employees they would kill the first man who moved, the bandits gathered up the diamonds and jewelry in the cases. They then carried their loot to a waiting automobile and made their escape.

Nathan Horwich, a clerk, attempted to lower his hands and was knocked unconscious by one of the robbers. The robbery was the most daring in the history of Omaha and was similar to the raids in Chicago and the Twin Cities.

Find Hat as Clue.

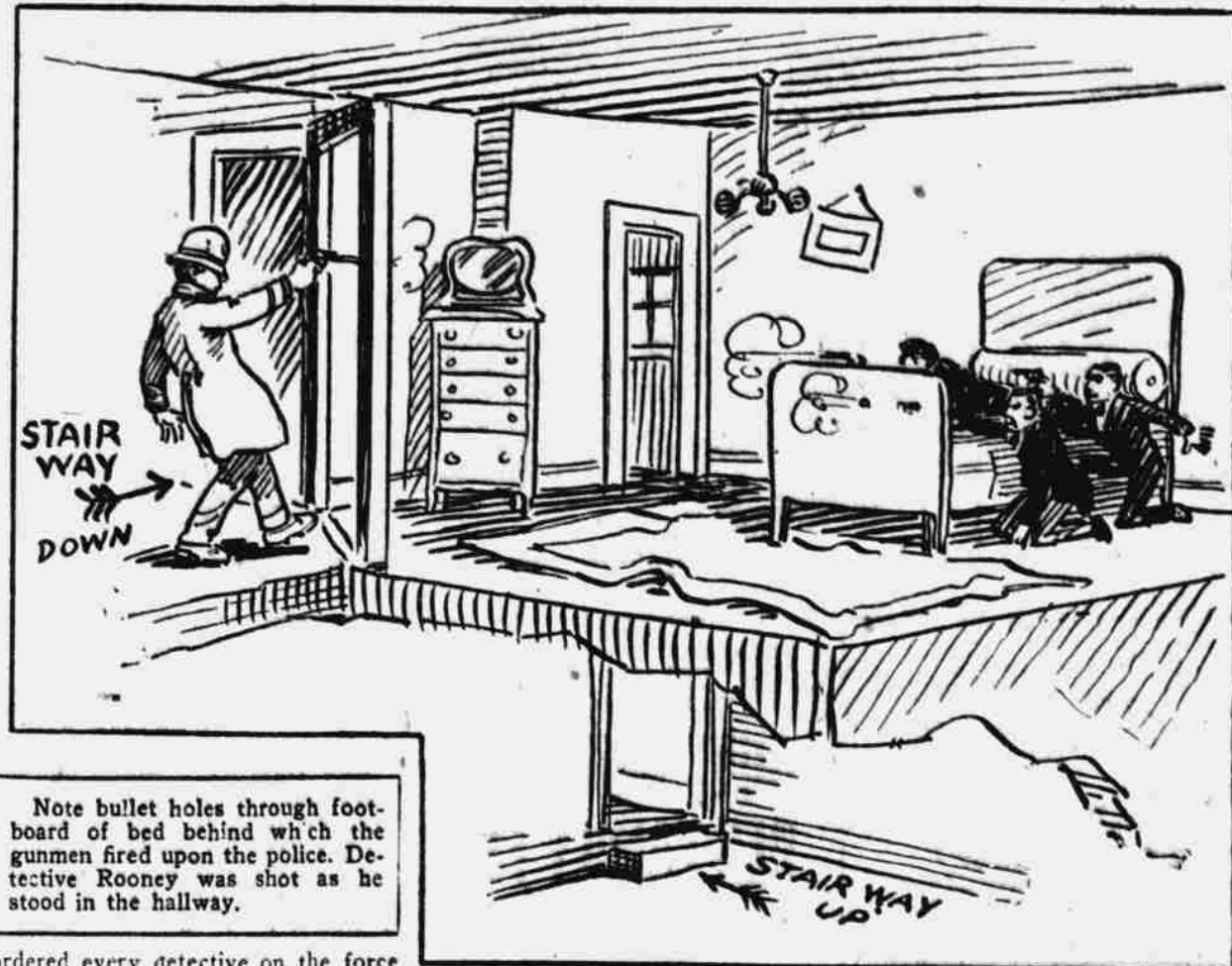
The car used by the bandits was found by detectives at Twenty-second and Miami streets at 3:30. A pearl gray fedora hat with the name of a Kansas City firm on the band, and a pair of diamond cuff links was in it.

The automobile was the property of W. H. Gibson, 4120 North Nineteenth street, and was stolen from in front of the Orpheum theater Tuesday night. The diamond cuff links found in the car have been identified as the property of a holdup victim.

All Forces on Job.

Acting Chief of Police Demsey

Scene of Desperate Battle in Bed Room of Robbers Den In Fourteenth Avenue



Note bullet holes through foot-board of bed behind which the gunmen fired upon the police. Detective Rooney was shot as he stood in the hallway.

ordered every detective on the force to "get on the job" in the search for the daylight robbers. Every town and city within a radius of several hundred miles was notified by telephone or telegraph to be on the lookout.

"We had the whole department looking for these men and did everything we could think of," stated the acting chief. "It appears as if the gang may have been the same men or part of a gang reported in Chicago, Minneapolis and Denver recently. It was bold work and accomplished by men who understood their business. It is the kind of a job that could be pulled off in any large city, and I don't believe Omaha is any easier or harder in this respect than the average metropolitan city."

F. B. Strandgaard, 5012 North Forty-second street, owner of the Malashock store when the robbers were beginning their work.

Struck by Revolver

"Just as I entered the door one of the men struck me across the left side of the head with the butt end of a revolver. I fell unconscious to the floor and was dragged to the back of the room," said Strandgaard. "I recovered consciousness enough to hear one of the robbers remark that he thought it was about time to go as a crowd was beginning to gather at the front door. I could not get much of a look at the gang, but what I saw made me believe they were large men. The man who struck me told me to hold up my hands, but before I could obey the command, he struck me an awful blow." Mr. Strandgaard's scalp was cut to the bone, but was not fractured. He was also cut on the cheek.

The previous daylight robbery of consequence was committed 12 years ago at the pawnshop of Joe Sonnenberg on Douglas street.

One hundred diamond rings, 100 ladies' and men's watches and 115 pairs of diamond earrings is some of the loot obtained.

Robinson Eye-Witness.

Sam Robinson, 518 North Twentieth street, was the only passerby whose attention was drawn to the daring robbery being perpetrated. As a result he suffered a blow on the head at the hands of the bandits.

Robinson was the former owner of the jewelry store, which Malashock purchased from him several years ago. Robinson frequently drops into the store and is acquainted with all Malashock's clerks. Robinson chanced to pass by the store at the critical moment and noticed a strange man gathering up diamonds in the diamond cage.

Sensing a robbery, but with no thought that the man might have accomplices, Robinson entered the store, thinking to notify Malashock. As he entered the door one of the robbers hit him a terrific blow on the head, then dragged his body into the back room.

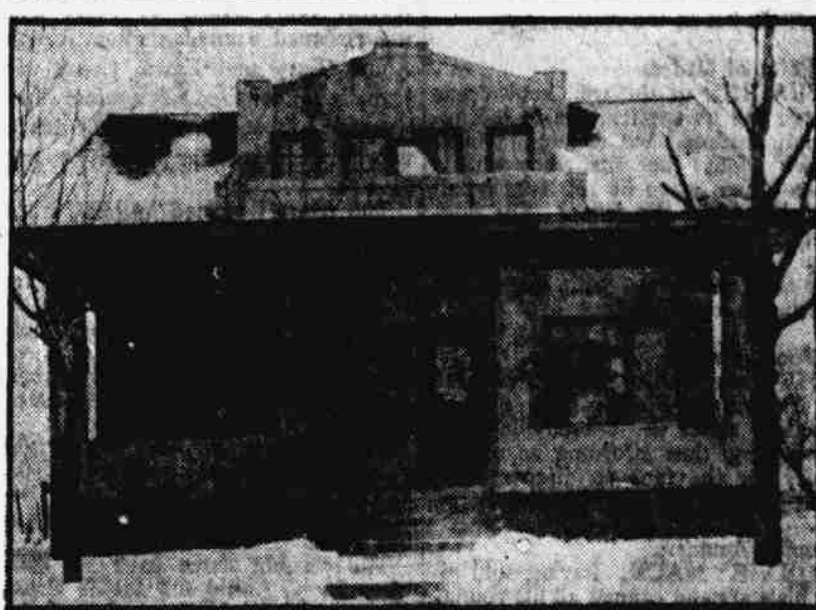
Alleged Stamp Robber.

Acting Chief of Police Demsey stated that the sixth man who escaped Wednesday night in the pajamas was Eddie Leonard, a principal in the revenue stamp robbery in St. Paul, Minn., during 1916. The chief is in communication with the St. Paul authorities and will receive a photograph of Leonard, who was convicted in the Twin Cities.

The stolen stamps were valued at \$75,000 and the robbery was of a bold nature.

Mayor Dahlman said he expected to visit the house where the police captured five of the auto bandits and he also said he would visit the police station and see the bandits.

House Where Bandits Fought Omaha Police



Room in Which Robbers Barricaded Themselves



bullet as it sped on its course. "That man Dolan sure has some nerve," commented Danbaum, referring to one of his associates of the Wednesday night battle.

French Lose Three Ships.

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