

SEEK IDENTITY OF TWO ESCAPED BLUFFS BANDITS

Police Allege Gangsters Escaped After Killing Four And Wounding Three Men in Pool Hall.

Council Bluffs detectives are seeking clues to the identity of two bandits who are alleged to have accompanied Harold Roberts, John McLaughlin and Clifford Barrett to the pool hall in "Little Austria" Wednesday night when four men were killed and three received serious gunshot wounds in a battle which followed an attempted holdup. Police say that four bandits, all masked, stepped into the pool hall. Earlier reports stated that only three gunmen appeared. The fourth robber is said to have jumped into a toilet room when the shooting started. He later escaped in the confusion and is alleged to have joined a fifth member of the gang who was waiting in an automobile a short distance away.

Three Killed in Battle. The attempted holdup was staged at Pete Potkonak's pool hall, 1005 Fifteenth avenue, at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening. About 25 Austrians were in the place at the time. In the resulting battle three men were killed, one suffered wounds from which he died yesterday and three others are now in the Jennie Edmundson hospital with serious bullet wounds.

"My boy was a good boy, he was clean-minded and hardworking. It was the influence of pool halls and older companions that caused him to become mixed up in this awful affair."

This was the comment made yesterday by E. F. Roberts, 511 North street, Council Bluffs, engineer at the Bloomer cold storage plant and father of Harold Roberts, 20 years old, alleged boy bandit who was killed in the gun battle Wednesday night at a pool hall in "Little Austria."

He died other than Roberts, are: Pedro Jimenez, 1804 Ninth avenue, Union Pacific section foreman, Steve Kilbarda, 1606 Fifth avenue.

John Redarman, 1804 Ninth avenue.

Married But Two Months. Young Roberts had been married but two months. His bride was Miss Annie Russell, timekeeper at the Milwaukee railroad shops, where he was employed up until the time of his death. His pretty, young widow was heart-broken this morning at his parents' home, 511 North street, where they have been living since their marriage.

"Harold was not a bad man," she sobbed. "I can't understand how he happened to do this awful thing. He didn't have to hold up people. He worked hard every day and was making good money."

"I pleaded with my son to spend his evenings at home with us and to not frequent pool halls and associate with questionable characters," said Mr. Roberts.

Brother Killed in France. "I had only two boys and now I have lost both of them. Harold's brother, Loring, was killed in France while in service. And now Harold is dead. I think we will move away from this city."

John McLaughlin, 17 years old, alleged by police to be the youngest of the three gunmen, is lying at the Jennie Edmundson Memorial hospital with three bullet wounds.

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through his chest. He is not expected to live. McLaughlin has been working for three years as car repairer at the Union Pacific shops, supporting his widowed mother, Mrs. Mattie McLaughlin, with whom he made his home a 1908 Third avenue.

Father Killed in Omaha. Clifford Barrett, 28 years old, said to be the third bandit, also is in a critical condition at the Jennie Edmundson hospital. He is suffering



Harold Roberts

from a bullet wound through the abdomen. His liver was torn and surgeons say that it is improbable that he will recover.

Barrett is a son of Mrs. A. J. Barrett, 609 Franklin avenue. His father was killed by a fall from a building in Omaha two years ago this spring. He was not married, but supported his mother by working in a Bluffs garage.

Eye Witness Interviewed. Nick Depor, 35 years old, a Mexican laborer living on Sixteenth avenue, is probably wounded fatally.

Louis Ortega, section foreman and the only eye witness that police have interviewed, said that the bandits were the victims of their own guns. In the pandemonium which reigned when many of the Austrians failed to put up their hands and one of them grappled with one of the bandits, shots went wild and resulted in the killing or wounding of the seven men, he said.

Police say that many of the intended victims probably carried guns and that some of them may have actually engaged in a pitched battle with the bandits. No evidence can be found to substantiate this theory, however.

Ducked Under Table. Pete Potkonak, proprietor of the pool hall, told police that he ducked underneath a table when the gunmen came in the door and that he saw none of the details of the shooting.

According to Ortega's story there were about 25 men in the pool hall when the three bandits appeared, all wearing black handkerchief masks across the lower parts of their faces and carrying guns.

When the robbers cried, "Stick 'em up," many of the men standing near the front of the hall complied. Others did not see or hear the gunmen and one of them fired several

My HEART and My HUSBAND

Adele Garrison's New Phase of Revelations of a Wife

The Way Lillian "Scampered Off" With Madge.

I drove as fast as I could toward home, for my interview with Alice Holcomb had consumed more time than I had expected, and I dreaded the comment, good-natured and caustic, which my disappearance with the car would call forth from the circle of relatives and friends at the house.

But it did me no good to hasten, for when I turned in at the entrance I saw that all of the party were stationed on the veranda. As I walked up the path I knew from the grins on the faces of Dicky and his brother-in-law, and the dimpling smile of Mrs. Durkee that I was in for a bad quarter of an hour.

"Well, how's Barney Oldfield?" Dr. Braithwaite boomed the question across the intervening stretch of grass plot, and little Mrs. Durkee promptly testified to her approbation by a girlish giggle.

"Woman! How much did this trip cost me?" Dicky assumed a menacing manner. "Confess, now, what the traffic cop nailed you for!"

"I hope the merry villagers were properly impressed with the new car, dear," Lillian put in slyly.

"I put both hands high above my head."

"Don't shoot. I'll come down," I

shots into the ceiling to attract attention and emphasize their demands.

Roberts is said to have walked down the line of tables, poking victims in the ribs with his gun and forcing them to put up their hands. When he came to Pedro Jimenez, now dead, the Mexican foreman grappled with him, locking the young bandit's arms behind his back.

One of the other gunmen noticed the situation and began to shoot in that direction. Jimenez, said Ortega, wheeled around and placed the bandit between him and the shooter as a shield. A shot struck Roberts in the chest and pierced his lung and heart, killing him instantly.

The Mexican dropped the body and was himself struck by bullets. He tottered, grasping the edge of the counter, then fell to the floor and died.

Austrians Create Panic.

Steve Kilbarda, the third dead man, was shot while crouching in a corner in the rear of the hall. He crawled on his hands and knees through the rear door and his body was found several feet in back of the building.

As soon as the firing commenced a panic was created by the Austrians in their efforts to rush out of the building. The room was found deserted by police when they arrived on the scene. Sixteen bullet holes were counted in the walls, ceiling and fixtures.

Barrett, with a bullet hole through his abdomen, made his escape from the chancel house and succeeded in reaching the home of Mrs. Martha Johnson, 1512 Eleventh avenue, six blocks away. He knocked at the door and staggered into the house in a semi-conscious condition. Mrs. Johnson phoned police and he was taken to the Jennie Edmundson hospital, where surgeons operated upon him at once.

McLaughlin May Die. McLaughlin, who also made his way from the pool hall after the shooting was found behind a bill board two blocks away by Don Franks, 16 years old, 1502 Fourteenth avenue.

"For God's sake, help me get away!" Franks heard McLaughlin moan as he passed the bill board. He called police. McLaughlin has a slim chance for recovery, surgeons say.

Detectives today are investigating the affair to determine whether any of the intended victims returned the fire of the bandits. Empty cartridges strewn about over the floor indicated that guns must have been reloaded during the fight.

The bodies of the dead men were taken to the undertaking parlors of Coroner Cutler. No inquest will be held, according to a statement made by the coroner this morning, pending changes in the condition of the wounded men at the hospital.

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AT THE THEATERS

THE Goldman company of Yiddish players will offer a drama of red-blooded men and women fiercely loving, fiercely fighting, intensely hating and better men and women for this very fierceness and loveliness in their nature, entitled "Bought," at the Brandeis theater tonight.

Mabel and Dora Ford at the Orpheum this week are offering a group of four dances. Three are new creations and the fourth is a step-dance which used to be done by them in association with their two brothers, when the quartet was known as the Four Fords. Two other acts are featured. One is presented by Charles E. Bensee and Florence Baird. Miss Baird is especially effective as a comedienne. Clara Morton, formerly one of the four Mortons, appears effectively in a "Solo curtain rises at 7:55 o'clock sharp."

All the costumes, scenery and properties in the "Paper Dress Revue," at the Empress, are made entirely of paper. The scene shows the interior of a paper shop and the story has to do with a theatrical producer in search of novelties in costumes for a new production he is undertaking. The six pretty models appear and show what paper can do in the making of costumes. Songs and dances enliven the production, as well as sufficient comedy situations.

This afternoon and evening Peter S. Clark's "Oh, Girl!" company will give its two final performances. Tomorrow matinee one of the very high spots in the Gayety's season arrives—the annual week's engagement of "The Auto Girls" (1920 models), purposely booked for the week of Omaha's big auto show. Frank Hunter is the principal chauffeur in charge of the fun and is ably supported by a wonderful cast of principals and the famous joy-riding beauty chorus. The production is elaborate in every way and just the thing for Omaha's big gala week.

No lovers of fun and good music and dancing should miss "Come Along Mary," which comes to the Brandeis theater Saturday and Sunday. The company numbers some 40 people with a well known musical comedy cast and boasts of a bevy of beautiful girls who not only sing and dance well, but appear in one of the most startling and expensive costumes ever seen in musical comedy.

"Tiger Rose," written by Willard Mack, staged by David Belasco, when the original New York and Chicago production, is to be presented at the Brandeis theater Tuesday night by a Belasconian cast.

"A Daughter of the Sun," the story of a Hawaiian butterfly, a massive scenic production carrying a load of special scenery, will be seen at the Brandeis on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 4, 5 and 6.

Flashes From Filmiland

Neighborhood Houses

GRAND—16th and Binney—ELSER PERGUSON in "WITNESS FOR THE DEFENSE," and Sancho comedy.

HAMILTON—10th and Hamilton—RAY JURY in "THE DELICIOUS LITTLE DEVIL," also Lyon and Moran comedy.

LOTHROP—2nd and Lehigh—WARREN KERRIGAN in "LIVE SPARKS," Mutt and Jeff and Robin comedy.

DIAMOND—24th and Lake—JAMES J. CORBETT in "NIGHT MAN," and good short feature.

THE latest Enid Bennett picture to be shown in Omaha bears the interesting title of "The Woman in the Sun," and it will continue the stellar attraction at the Strand the balance of the week. The story centers around a vicious young boarding school miss, who has always made more or less of a pal out of her father and is shocked to discover the photograph of a comely woman, not her mother, in his suitcase. The picture bears an endearing inscription and convinces Mary, the heroine, that her father is carrying on an affair with the siren. She determines to rescue him.

Moon—If you want to see a gripping, dramatic picture with human problems set forth with all the story teller's art, then visit the Moon theater Saturday or Sunday and view "The Valley of Tomorrow," starring William Russell. Herein this athletic favorite, with Mary Thurman and a cast of star caliber, puts upon the screen the tragic hesitations that harass a man when love clashes with his hereditary duty to kill his sister's betrayer—the brother of the woman he loves, the very man to whom he owes his own escape from death.

Rialto—With Dorothy Dalton playing three distinct roles and the scene of the action varying from the upper stratum of Parisian life to the Indian jungle, "Black is White," a picture production offering at the Rialto the balance of the week, is furnishing much novel entertainment for movie fans. Miss Dalton portrays the faithful, loving wife of an unreasonably jealous husband, a fragile invalid and the

Industrial Festival At Vancouver Seeks Visit by Omaha Mayor

"Will wonders never cease?" asked Mayor Smith yesterday when he read a telegram from Vancouver, B. C., offering to pay all of his expenses in connection with a visit to a "great industrial festival," to be held in the Canadian city, April 19 to 24.

Man Hurt in Street Fight Dies in Edmundson Hospital

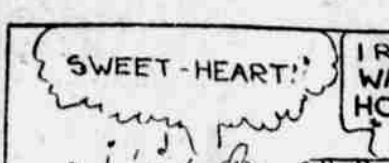
Elmer L. Hall, 32 years old, 2100 South Twelfth street, Council Bluffs, who was shot in the back in a fight near the Emmet house on Sixteenth avenue and Sixth street, died at the Edmundson hospital Wednesday night.

Hall was a member of the Carpenters' union and had lived all his life in Council Bluffs. He was a car inspector for the Union Pacific.

He leaves a wife, two daughters, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hall, of this city, two brothers, George Hall of this city and William Hall of Beardsley, Minn., and one sister, Miss Edna Hall, at home.

Three Die in Blast.

Manitowoc, Wis., Feb. 26.—The third victim of an explosion in the plant of the Aluminum Manufacturing company Thursday morning died of her injuries tonight, increasing the death toll from three to four. Little hope is held out for the recovery of four others.



"SWEET-HEART!"

"I REMEMBER-IT WAS A FOG-HORN FOR OUR BOAT."

"WHAT ARE YOU SORE ABOUT?"

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BYSTANDER SHOT AS TWO ENEMIES SETTLE QUARREL

Bullet Passes Through Leg of John Lusso and Hits Louis Salerno.

Roy Gruen, 1207 South Sixth street, shot and slightly wounded John Lusso, Seventh and Pierce streets, and Louis Salerno, 17 years old, 723 Pierce street, during a quarrel between Gruen and Lusso last night, according to police reports.

The fight was the result of an old quarrel, police say. Last night Lusso attempted to throw Gruen from a house, where he was watching, claiming that he was attempting to steal property in the house.

Gruen, who is a night watchman at the Elifonso Cannella dry goods store at Sixth and Pierce streets, went to his room and secured a revolver, returning to the Queen picture show, and was attacked by Lusso in the street.

Gruen shot and struck Lusso in the right leg, the bullet passing through and striking Salerno, who was watching the fight from the corner of the street.

Police were summoned and all three men taken to the police station, where a charge of shooting with intent to kill was placed against Gruen. A large knife was taken from Lusso and he was booked on an assault and battery charge.

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