# POOR DOCUMENT

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# GERALD CHAPMAN, **\$1,00**0,000 ROBBER KILLS POLICEMAN

His Accomplice, Walter Shean, Member of Prominent Family.

COOL CRIMINALS

They Were Caught Blowing Safes in a New Britain Department Store.

Gerald Chapman, the million-dollar mail robber, who escaped from Atlanta in April, 1923, and since has eluded a world-wide hunt, is wanted now for murder. The police of New York Joined Sunday with those of Connecticut and Massachusetts in a new search for him, ready to shoot on sight, for Chapman is known to be a gun fighter on the slightest provocation.

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Chapman and a companion shot a policeman to death in New Britain, Conn., early Sunday morning when they were caught blowing safes in a big department store. Chapman's companion was captured and found to be the son of a wealthy and prominent family in Springfield, Mass. The mail robber, cool and resourceful as he has been in all his depredations, ran from the store in which he had just mortally wounded the policeman, paused to tell by-stander, "Somebody's been shot in there," pocketed his weapon, fied into an alley and disappeared.

Just then the hostler who had sent e first alarm had come around from e livery stable into Main street. Near e store door he met the three police-en who, if plans had not miscarried, ould have been guarding that door nd man was still in the store

the second man or had escaped.

They reached the nearest corner, Church street, and there around the corner was a young man just getting automobile.

hat's one of 'em," shouted the er, and the three policemen sprang he man. Their weapons were n and his hands went into the air out argument. But in suave, polite he began to protest against being ned, insisting he was a respectable n and had nothing to do with the less afoot

matic pistol which was loaded but had not been fired.

The policemen marched their captive back to the store, where Skelly, a man blowing to fire the detonating caps. They carried him out and took

## Kills Wife and Children





He first met Chapman last July when the mail robber came to Springfield. If he and Chapman had engaged in any lawless enterprise before the store robbery that ended with a fatality. Shean would not admit it.

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On March 27, 1923, when he had served six months of his sentence, Chapman and a forger named Frank Gray, both inmates of the prison hospital, executed an elaborate and careful plot to escape. They overpowered a male nure, slid down ropes, already made from their sheets, went through a tunnel to the tubercular camp, short-circuited the lights whereby the guards in watch towers were able to keep vigil over happenings in the prison wall and clambered over a rope ladder with grappling hooks at one end with which confederates had supplied them. Then they feel hi

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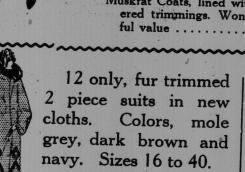
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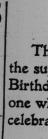
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