

FIGHTS THIEF WITH STILETTO

Crowd Watches New York
Police Veteran in Duel

Uses Nightstick Against
Man Armed with Knife
Sharpened to Razor-like
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Into Submission.

New York, Nov. 2.—With a crowd of more than 1,000 persons milling excitedly about him, Patrolman Frank Hagen of Clinton street station, a veteran of eighteen years' service on the force, fought a duel with his nightstick against a robber armed with a stiletto sharpened to a razorlike keenness, and clubbed him into submission, at Essex and Rivington streets.



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Hagen, the crowd indignant at another attempted hold-up, closed in and tried to take him away. The policeman clung to his man, but could not save him from numerous buffets from the fist of men who darted at him, swung and leaped back into the crowd. Detective Joseph of the Clinton street station, arrived while the crowd was surging about patrolman and captive, and just when it looked like Hagen might lose his man to mob vengeance, Joseph drew his pistol and went to the policeman's aid. The crowd fell back then and detective and patrolman dragged the man away.

The duel was the climax to a daring attempt made by three men to hold up the jewelry store of Sidney Glassman at 136 Essex street. Near closing time three men, wearing masks, with their caps drawn down over their faces, entered Glassman's store, which is on the second floor. The three were armed with revolvers, one of them also carrying a long stiletto, sharpened on both edges. Glassman was in the front room near an open safe containing \$15,000 worth of unset diamonds.

The robbers pointed their revolvers at Glassman and commanded him to "throw up your hands and don't make a noise." Evidently the robbers had expected Glassman to be alone in the shop. They did not know that six dealers, to whom the proprietor had been showing

diamonds, were in the rear showroom waiting for him to return. They ran to the front office where they were met by the command to throw up their hands.

A movement by one of the dealers moved, caused one of the robbers to turn his revolver to him, and as he did so, another dealer grabbed the revolver and pushed the man against another robber, thus preventing either from shooting. Five dealers and Glassman then set upon the two robbers, while the sixth dealer, Jacob Kalin, groped with the third man who held the stiletto.

Across the hall from Glassman's jewelry office is the office of Moe Kuska, an attorney, who knows Kalin, and on hearing his cry for help, telephoned the police headquarters. The nearest patrolmen were sent to the scene and Captain James J. MacKenzie, commanding the Clinton street station, and Lieut. Cornelius Willemse, in charge of the detective district, with Detectives Joseph, Burns, and Brennan went there in an automobile.

Patrolman Hagen answered the call at his signal box. "He reached Essex street in time to see the three robbers running away, pursued by a crowd of men, women, and boys. The fight put up by the diamond dealers and the shouting and noise of the battle had frightened the robbers who fled from the building.

The fugitives fired two shots at their pursuers, and a man who attempted to stop the robber with a stiletto narrowly missed being struck. The man leaped to one side and as the robber dashed past him he thrust out his foot and tripped the robber.

Hagen reached the scene as the robber got up, and, dodging a thrust with the stiletto, the policeman used his nightstick on the man, fearing to shoot for fear of a bullet striking some one in the crowd. For several seconds the two fought warily, the policeman's club crashing again and again against the stiletto as the robber swung and lunged at Hagen. Finally Hagen's club crashed down on the robber's head. As the man fell Hagen dropped on top of him and the two struggled on the sidewalk. With fists and nightstick Hagen beat the robber into submission just as the automobile with the detectives arrived. The other two robbers escaped.

The captured man was taken to the Clinton street police station, where he described himself as Bernardo Caffaro, a laborer of 297 Mott street. He said he is a World War veteran and had been gassed in the Argonne while serving with the 386th Ambulance Corps. He said he spent four months in the hospital in Europe and was at Fox Hills Hospital for fourteen months, and is now receiving a disability allowance of \$30 a month from the Government.

The robbers were forced to flee before they had obtained any loot, according to the police. The two men who escaped are known to the detectives.

AUTO VICTIM GETS \$52,935.
Philip Vatterline, in Prison, Must Pay Damages to Teacher.

San Jose, Cal., Nov. 2.—A judgment for \$52,935 damages against Philip G. Vatterline, son of the former head of the Wells-Fargo Express Company, was awarded to Miss Minnie Donald, a school teacher, for injuries suffered when run down by Vatterline in an automobile.

Vatterline is serving a sentence of from one to three years in San Quentin prison for driving the automobile while intoxicated. Miss Donald's right leg was amputated and she may lose the use of one arm.

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MINISTER TAKEN FOR THEFT.
Rev. J. C. Trotter of Oklahoma Is Arrested in Colorado.

Alamosa, Colo., Nov. 2.—Garbed in overalls and working as a day laborer in the railroad yards here, the Rev. J. C. Trotter, former pastor of the Haleyville, Okla., Methodist church, was arrested on a charge of embezzling church funds.

Trotter, who escaped from the McAlester, Okla., jail while awaiting trial, admitted his identity and added that others were implicated in the case.

Trotter had been working here several days under the name of Oscar Kinsey. He said he would not fight extradition.

Goes to Newfoundland.

Toronto, Nov. 2.—Appointment of Rev. Gilbert O. Lightbourne, B.A., L.Th., who was priest-in-charge of Shanty Bay, Hawkestone and East Oro, Ont., to be curate at St. Thomas' Anglican church in St. John's Nfld., has been officially announced here.

B. C. GOVERNMENT IS SUSTAINED

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 2.—The provincial government was sustained on the first division of the session of the legislature when an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne was rejected by a vote of 25 to 19. The amendment was introduced by R. H. Neilands, labor member for South Vancouver and deplored the omission, from the speech, of any reference to unemployment.

HALLOWEEN GATHERINGS

Mrs. Charles Pittman entertained several friends on Tuesday evening at a Halloween party at her home in East St. John. The house was attractively decorated in black and orange and a pleasant evening was spent. Music and games were enjoyed and a dainty luncheon served.

Mrs. William Sands entertained several boy and girl friends of her daughter, Beatrice at a Halloween party in her home, 200 Millidge avenue. The visitors arrived in masquerade and the house was appropriately decorated for the occasion. Games, music and dancing were enjoyed and refreshments served.

The Natural History Society has received as a gift the dress helmet, forage cap and mess jacket which were worn by the late Lieut.-Col. William Cunard, of the New Brunswick Regiment Garrison Artillery. It is one of the ideals of the curator of the museum, William McIntosh, that the society shall possess a complete collection of the uniforms of the various militia regiments of the province and this new gift is therefore doubly welcome.

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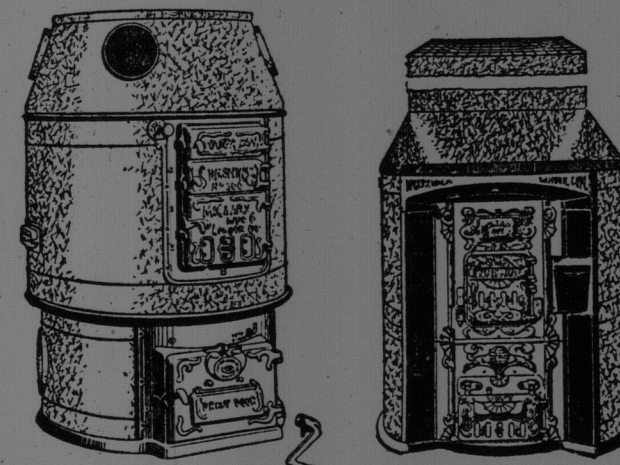
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