

CONFLICTING TALES OF NEW YORK SHOOTING

Police Mystified Over Killing
of Ex-Convict

Slayer Tells of Holdup, Saying
Robbery Was Attempted — Friend of Dead Man
Says It's Murder.

(New York Times.)
Despite a score of "eye-witness accounts" of a fatal shooting and a police chase after fugitives through the crowds in West Thirty-ninth Street, near Broadway, at 6 o'clock last evening, detectives were still struggling through mazes of conflicting stories at midnight in attempts to fashion a plausible story of the death of an ex-convict.

Hundreds of persons saw a sprinting man dash out of the traffic of West Thirty-ninth street into the denser crowds of Broadway, with another at his heels, firing an automatic pistol at every jump, and near the Princess Theatre, in the middle of the block, other witnesses had seen the man with the pistol shoot down another victim. But none of them was able to say whether the case was one of robbery or homicide.

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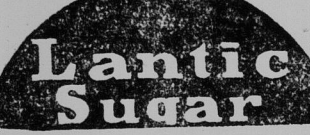


Detectives were inclined at first to credit the version of the man with the pistol—William Stern, a jewelry salesman of 212 West 111th street—who said he was walking toward Sixth avenue on the south side of Thirty-ninth street when three or four men seized him near the Princess Theatre, hurled him into a dark doorway and attempted to steal \$2,000 in cash and jewels.

Stern's Record Disclosed.

When the police raked over their records at headquarters they found that Stern, also known as Herman Kudich, had been sentenced to three months on Blackwell's Island on Sept. 11, 1911, for petty larceny. Their records showed also that Stern, or Kudich, under the name of Harry Smith was sentenced to three months in the house of corrections in Boston, on Dec. 31, 1914. Detectives said fingerprints, pictures and

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description proved that Stern had been in jail.

At midnight the man with the pistol was taken to the police headquarters on a

charge of homicide, and detectives began to hear the story of Pasquale Mille of Farmingdale, L. I., who was making the determined effort to get out into Broadway out of range of Stern's pistol. Mille declared that the case was "murder", not robbery, and he vehemently denied the accusation of a detective that he himself had served a term in Sing Sing. He was more interested in a couple of bullet holes in his coat.

It was Mille's story that he was to meet Paul Boitano of 137 West Seventy-sixth street in Thirty-ninth street at 6 o'clock and that he saw Boitano in violent argument with Stern as he approached the rendezvous. He said he did not care to take part in the quarrel and went into a candy store of William Halpern, a few doors from the Princess Theatre to get a drink of soda. Mille said he heard shooting while

drinking the soda and ran out just as his friend Boitano fell dead on the sidewalk with two bullet wounds in his breast. As he started toward Boitano he said, Stern opened fire on him and he fled toward Broadway at his best speed, with the man with the pistol close behind. He was held as a material witness.

Peering still further into the mystery of the shooting, the police found that the dead man also had a prison record. With three other men, he held up and shot the cashier of the East River Savings Bank on the Bowery in 1914 and was sent to Sing Sing for an indeterminate sentence. He served twenty-three months. The police of the West Thirtieth street station said they had had their eyes on him for months.

Contenting at first that he was not well acquainted with Boitano and did not know Stern at all, Mille admitted to detectives after lengthy questioning that he knew both men well. He denied that he knew of any reason why they should quarrel and declared he had never done any work with either of the men, or had any financial dealings with them.

Checking up Stern's story that his assailants had a pistol and a knife, the police searched the street and the dark hallway thoroughly, but found no weapons. Mille said he had no pistol and did not know Boitano was in the habit of carrying weapons. Stern declared that he had a shooting gallery near one of the Long Island camps during the war and had a Nassau county permit to carry a pistol.

Salesman "on His Own Hook."

Stern had a certified check for \$600 in his pocket, \$100 in cash and about \$1,500 worth of jewelry, which he said he was peddling at Broadway and Sixth Avenue stores when he met Boitano. He would not say where he got the gems and declared that he was "a salesman on his own hook."

Although hundreds of persons saw the chase through Thirty-ninth street, including lines of persons at the ticket offices of the Princess and Maxine Elliott's theatres, none saw the action that led up to the shooting. Mille's story that he was in the candy store was upheld by the proprietor.

The police got their clearest account of the shooting and chase from a fidgety ten-year-old boy, the son of the proprietor of the candy store. The boy, William Halpern, was in the street in front of the store and gave chase to the fugitives, running neck and neck with Policeman Nicholas Moore of Traffic Squad B, who left his Broadway post when he heard the shooting.

Willie became so nervous when he was asked to go to the police station to tell his story that Captain Walsh and Detective Wood thought it would be wise to tell him that he was merely helping the police and that no suspicion was directed against him.

Willie Fears "a Licking."

"I don't mind seeing a guy shot up and killed or helping a bunch of cops on a case," said the sophisticated Willie, "but my mother told me she'd give me a licking if I didn't hurry home tonight to do my examples because teacher said I wasn't good at arithmetic."

Captain Walsh settled this by giving him a note that would satisfy both mother and teacher, and sent him glowing on his way with the official thanks of the police department for his "cooperation." The detectives said Willie had a clear story of the shooting, and saw more than his elders, and he won't have to recite in classes today. But he has a good yarn for his "gang."

Broadway's crowds swept over the incident so quickly that many witnesses were lost by the police, and aside from losing a step or two on traffic while Policeman Moore was in the chase, the street seemed normal again ten minutes after some 2,000 persons had been watching a "thriller" in real life.

Shirt Wins Husband.

Petersborough, Eng., Oct. 15.—A romance of Red Cross work during the war culminated in the marriage of Edgar G. Bishop and Miss Florence L. Smith. During the war the bride made shirts for

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Society Cooks Own Meal.

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ony here solves the servant problem.
Mrs. Francis Dillon Fitz-Gibbon gave a
party at which each guest cooked his or
her dinner, ate it, and said they liked it.
It is believed Mrs. Fitz-Gibbon's example
will be followed by other hostesses who
have difficulty in keeping servants.

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New York, Oct. 15.—If the prison sur-
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inson, can bring it about, prisoners in
New York at \$100 a month, will be
paid wages equivalent to their earning
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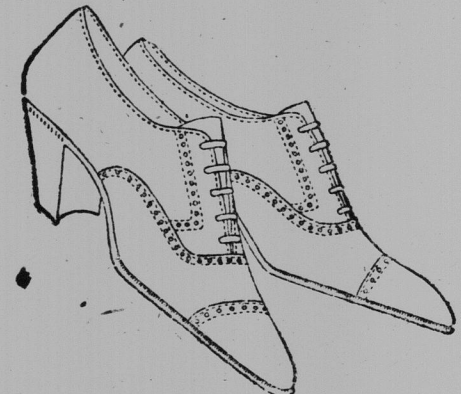
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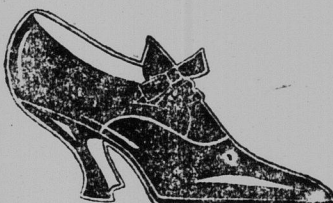
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