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## BOY, 16, KILLS SALESMAN FOR PAIR OF SHOES

Shoots Shop Owner After  
Being Fitted, Wounds Man  
Who Blocks Door—Trapped  
by Police in Bowery  
Chase.

New York, May 29.—After having been fitted to a pair of shoes, Dominic Gianbrosi, a sixteen-year-old boy, shot the owner of a Bowery shoe store through the brain. In trying to escape the boy shot and wounded a second man. He was captured by police after an exciting chase through the streets, in which he was followed by a mob of onlookers.

The killing took place at 5:30 o'clock. The slain man was Hyman Kust, who for fifteen years kept a shoe shop at 130 Bowery. His home was at 416 Grand Street, where he lived with his wife and three of his children. He was shot through the right eye, the bullet penetrating the brain.

Gianbrosi could not think of any other way than robbery to get a pair of shoes, he told police.

Hears Cry and Shot.

Max Brosen, thirty-two years old, a painter living at 204 Madison Avenue, son-in-law of Kust, suffered a scalp wound when Gianbrosi fired in passing him to make his escape. Brosen was descending the stairs to pay a call on Kust at the time and heard Gianbrosi cry "Hands up!" and fire.

The lad burst out of the shop and started running up the Bowery in his new shoes. Two patrolmen, Michael McCarthy, of Traffic A, stationed at the corner of Grand Street and the Bowery, and John Shine, of the Oak Street station, heard the shots, saw Gianbrosi and gave chase. The Bowery

rush-hour crowd joined lustily in the pursuit. Gianbrosi turned into Hester Street and sped on. He was seen reaching for his belt. The fleeing man dodged through traffic, slipped through the street crowd and around pushcarts, scattering the bewildered throng.

Down Hester Street Shine caught up with him, stuck out his foot and tripped the boy, who went spinning into an alleyway, still clutching at his belt.

McCarthy, who came up at that instant, clouted him over the head with his club and knocked him momentarily unconscious.

30 Cartridges in Belt.

Before he came to, the police had stripped Gianbrosi's belt from him. It contained six clips of five cartridges each of 32 caliber bullets. In his back pocket was a home-made blackjack consisting of a chisel and a heavy slung sewed into a canvas cover with a plectrum and serviceable handle.

Gianbrosi was dragged back to the little basement shoe shop through a crowd that grew momentarily larger



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and more ominous. There Brosen identified him as the one who had burst out of the shop, shooting as he went, leaving Kust dying on the floor. Brosen said he heard the first shot as he was descending the steps and saw Gianbrosi with the smoking revolver in his hands. Detectives Williams and La Bataglia, of the Clinton Street Station, arrived and set to work keeping the crowd back from the entrance to the shop. The crowd, however, grew momentarily more demonstrative and reserves were sent for. They drew their nightsticks and formed a cordon across the sidewalk.

Presently La Bataglia and McCarthy emerged with the lad between them and started to make their way to the police station. Shots of "Lynch him!" were heard, and the officers had a difficult time elbowing their way through the furious gathering. Other police formed in front and behind the little group and with some trouble brought their quarry to safety.

Gianbrosi told police at the Clinton Street Station that when he entered the shop several customers were ahead of him. He waited till they were all gone, he said, and Kust then fitted him to a pair of shoes. Gianbrosi asked the shopkeeper to wrap up his old ones, and when the man brought them to him, drew his revolver and ordered Kust to put up his hands.

Mildly astonished, Kust turned questioning toward Gianbrosi, who promptly pulled the trigger. Kust fell mortally wounded and Gianbrosi fled.

"At that moment Brosen was half-way down the basement steps. Startled by the concussion, Brosen took the last steps on the jump. His rush gave Gianbrosi a chance to slip past him. Brosen turned and made a grab at the fleeing lad, who promptly raised his revolver and fired again. The bullet ploughed across Brosen's scalp. He was taken to Gouverneur Hospital, where the physician who attended him declared he had a narrow escape from death. Brosen was able to leave the hospital after his wound was dressed.

In Gianbrosi's pocket a bankbook of the United States Bank was found, which showed that he opened an account there May 1 with \$20. He told the police he got his gun from a friend and said he bought the belt and cartridges in Park Row.

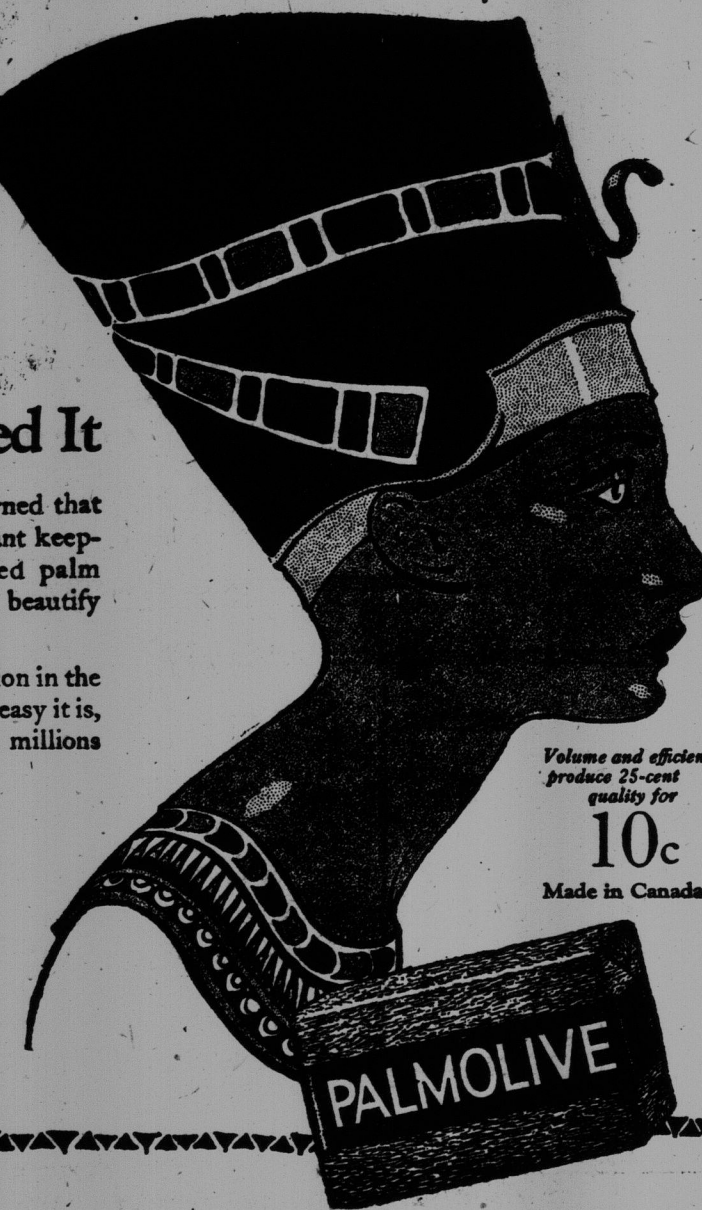


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### GLASS PISTOL BLUFF FAILS; THREE ARRESTED AS BURGLARS

New York, May 29.—A toy glass pistol failed to bluff Patrolman Parzall when he arrested three men on a charge of burglary.

The policeman said he saw the three carrying lead bars from the factory of Chilton Brothers, South and Jefferson streets, and that when he went to investigate, one of the men

tried to keep him away with a pistol. He said he didn't know it was a toy until he knocked it from the man's hand. The three were held in \$25,000 bail each.

A novelty shower in honor of Miss Marjorie McAlary was held last night at the home of Mrs. H. F. Estabrook, Sydney street. Miss V. Estabrook and Miss M. Cowan organized the shower. Games were played and refreshments served toward the close.

## Arrest Six For Theft Of \$100,000 In Autos

Pittsburgh Police Charge High School Boys Stole Cars for Joy Rides With Girl Friends.

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 29.—With the arrest of six youths, members of prominent families of the East End and Oakland districts, during the past week and the recovery of ninety-three automobiles, valued at about \$100,000, which the young men are alleged to have stolen in the last four months to take their girl friends for joy rides, the police believe that the theft of scores of automobiles stolen in this city in the past six months will be cleaned up.

Those arrested are Thomas Matthews, aged 16, a student at Pittsburgh Academy; Don Bartley, aged 15, Henry Barnes, aged 17, students at Schenley High School; Gust Kuehn, aged 16, Arthur Murray, aged 16, and Barnett Harmon, aged 17.

The youths were arraigned in Morale Court and held for court under \$1,000 bail each. According to the police, the boys made confessions.

The youths would make plans with their girl friends for a motor ride. Not having machines, they would make a selection of an automobile parked in either the East End or Oakland district, jump in and drive to their girl's home to keep the appointment.

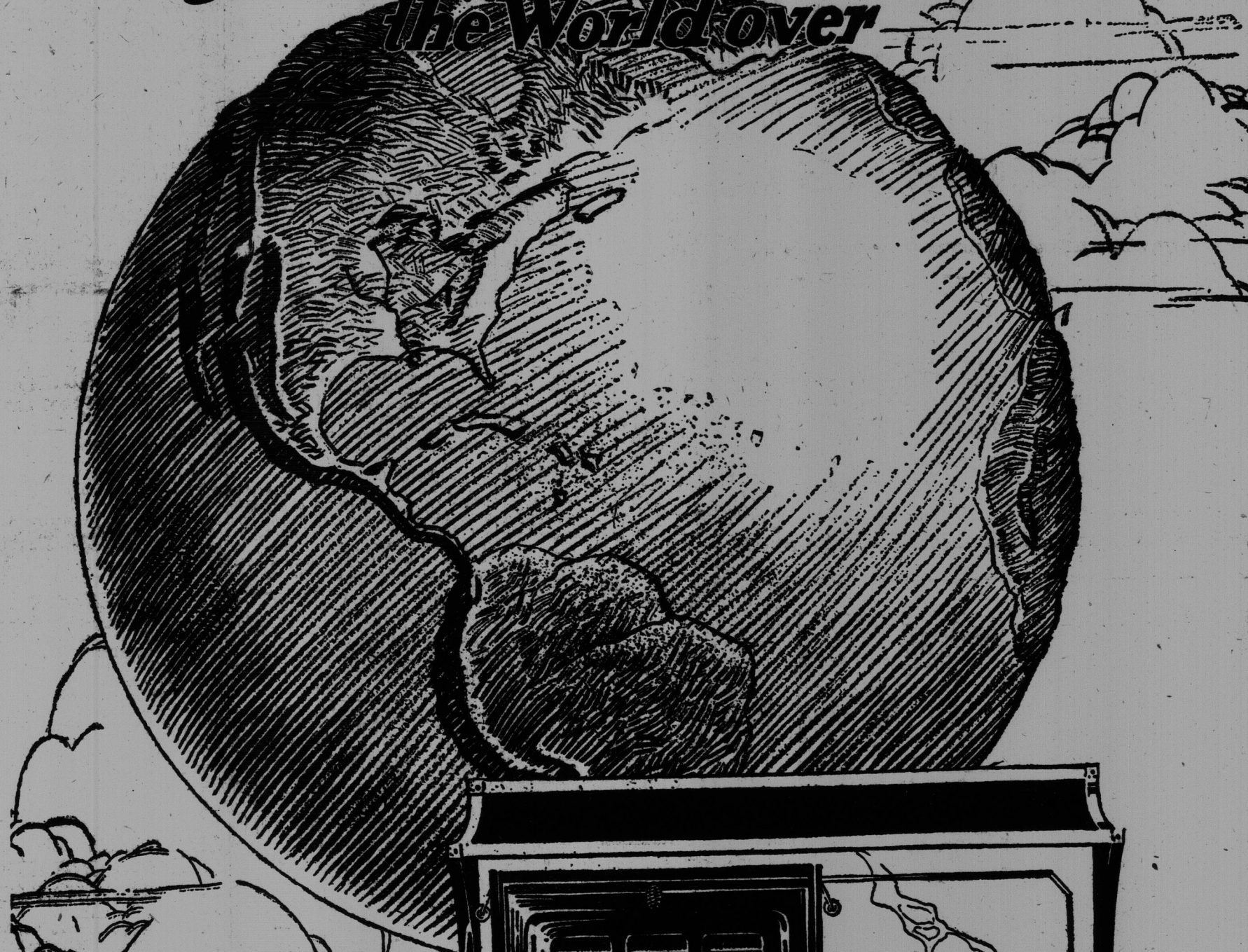
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