

Moses Rafael Flanagan

Scrapbook of Life as a Gangster

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TIMELINE: Moses Rafael FLANAGAN (25 Nov 1896 - 14 May 1919)

- **Aliases:** Tom (or John) Maroney, Muhoney, Martin Conway, Mulrooney, John Flanigan
 - **Chicago address:** 1230 West Madison St. [from news articles]
 - **1916 Jul 8.** Suspect in gang-war shooting murder of Frank “Gutter” Newman [1]

“Tom Rowe, with whom Flanagan associated at the time, had been held up by Newman and threatened with death in a club house run by Beverly Brown at 107-1/2 North Twelfth street. “Cherries” Dunn and Flanagan happened in about that time and interfered. Dunn ordering Rowe to “beat up” Newman, which Rowe did... [1]
 - **1916 May 24.** Arrested for suspected burglary, but no charges brought. Was not in the newspaper
 - **1916 Aug 16** (also recorded as 21). Suspected of murdering Harry ROMANI [ROMAINE] in kick-off to 1916 Gang War, which lasted at least into 1922 [5]. Another report implicates Harry DUNN, Thomas QUIGLEY, and James GRADY. [9] See also [1]
 - **1916 Sept 19.** Suspicion of murdering Harry “Cherries” DUNN in the Typo Press Club (see TROLL below) [I think he was on Dunn’s side, however, so ???]
 - **1916 Oct 20.** Suspected of murdering Edward “Baldy” SCHOENBORN in Beverly Brown’s saloon (13th and Chestnut).
 - **1916 Oct:** suspected of murdering Arthur FINEBERG (see above)
 - **1916 Dec 31.** Arrested for forgery on behalf of Tony Ortell
 - **1917 Mar 14:** sentenced to 6 months in City Workhouse for forgery in association with Tony ORTELL
 - **1917 Jun 8.** Suspected of murdering Frank “Gutter” NEWMAN with Fred “Toss” WOELFEL
 - **1918 Feb 12.** Arrested/released disturbance of the peace, with Tom Rowe [STL Star & Times, Wed Feb 13, p 3]
 - **1918 Apr 8.** Arrested for safecracking with Thomas ROWE at Joe MOCHESKY’s saloon. Per Globe Democrat, he and Rowe were also suspected of robbing the Ferguson post office weeks earlier. Caught at 14th and Washington... [1]
 - **1918 May 18** Arrested in DeSoto MO as a bank robber [STL Post-Dispatch, 18 May 1918, p 2]
 - **1918 May 26** Sentenced to 1 yr in the Workhouse. [1]
 - **1918 Nov 27** Escaped from Workhouse [moved to Chicago?][1]
 - “...By this time he had become a pal of Frank Anthonis (“The Boob”) and Tony Ortel, safeblowers” [1]
 - **1918 Dec 21.** Picked up by Chicago police in connection with the theft of \$10,000 worth of furs. Shortly after his release on bond Charles Stillwell, an alleged Chicago gunman, was killed, and Flanagan was arrested on suspicion of knowing something about the affair. On April 5 Woelfel was shot and killed. Police here say that they sought Woelfel And Flanagan following the killing of Frank (Gutter) Newman, another gangster, in from of a house at 3323 Lucas avenue, July 8, 1916, on the theory that the slaying of Newman was the outgrowth of another gang murder in which Woelfel and Flanagan were believed to have been involved.” [STL Post-Dispatch, 15 May 1919, p 17]
 - Picked up by Chicago police for murder of STILLWELL, but couldn’t make it stick, using alias Thomas Maroney 1230 West Madison (aka John Flanigan) [16]
- 1919**
- **1919 Jan 12.** “He was arrested in Chicago on January 12 as a suspect in the killing of Stillwell. After this, it developed that Flanagan was out on bond of \$3,000 on a burglary charge. The murder charge could not be fastened on Flanagan and he was released, without knowledge of St. Louis police, who wanted him.” [1]
 - **1919 Jan 15** Arrested “in connection with the [Dec 23 1918] Dressel Commercial and Savings bank robbery and released on bonds of \$1,000 signed by Clarence White, one of Grogan’s henchmen” ChicTrib, 21 Jan, p 13 [For robbery details, see Chic Trib 24 Dec 1918, p 13]

- **1919 Jan 19 (Sun).** Charles Stillwell murdered by 3 men in Grogan's Club shortly after midnight.
- **1919 Jan 20 (Mon).** First mention of Stillwell's death at Grogan's in Chicago Tribune, page 1
- **1919 Jan 21 (Tue)** Chicago Tribune p 13. AKA Frank Maroney. Manhunt. [see clipping]
- **1919 Jan 22,** (Wed) Chicago Tribune, p 5, col1. 3 more gang murders (incl. Jimmy Cherin) reflecting turmoil and rivalries in the underworld. Mentions Stillwell murder at Grogan's. Says Stillwell's and Cherin's mobs intermingled. See last paragraph, where Barney Grogan denies "Frank Maroney" is a member of his club.

- **1919 Jan 22** "John Maroney" arrested in Stillwell case
- **1919 Jan 23** (Thu), Chicago Tribune, p 8 Police kill George Murphy, member of "Stillwell's Mob"

Lists many of the gang members recently killed. Modie arrested.

- **1919 Jan 24** (Fri). Chicago Trib, p 13. Police seeking a woman who might have witnessed the Stillwell murder at Grogan's. (Police grasping at straws, since none of the men will talk. Most of the Women's Auxiliary of the club were present at the dance.)

1919 Jan 25 (Sat). Chicago Tribune, p 13. As "John Maroney" suspected as employee of fur theft ring (or "trust")

1919 Jan 28 (Tues) Chicago Trib, p17

- **1919 Jan 29** Charged with murder of Charles Stillwell [Chicago Tribune, 29 Jan 1919, Wed, p 17]
:: MRS. GROGAN SAW MURDER IN CLUB RUN BY HUSBAND

Mrs Margaret Grogan, wife of Barney Grogan, west side politician, told Asst Stat's Attny John E. Owen last night she witnessed the murder of Charles Stillwell in the Grogan club, 1462 West Madison street, shortly after midnight Jan 19.

"I saw a man draw a revolver and fire a shot," she said, "while I was seated at a table with friends, but I was so frightened that I fled into my husband's office."

Grogan was counting the receipts of the dance given that night. He heard the shot and reached the door of his office just as his wife did.

"Fifteen or so people were left in the hall," Mrs. Grogan said. "I don't know what became of them. When my husband and the friends helping him count the tickets left, only the dead man remained." Mrs. Grogan said the slayer was about 35 years old, slim, 6 feet tall, and wore a dark suit and fedora and overcoat.

A formal charge of murder was placed last night against each of three suspects held in connection with the death of Stillwell. The men were booked on the charge at the request of the office of State's Attorney Hoyne. The men are:

omas Maroney, 21 years old, 1230 West Madison street, alias John Flanigan, of St. Louis. [Moses R. Flanagan]

Patrick Dwyer, 32 years old, 231 South Wood street, a storekeeper at the county hospital and secretary of the Eighteenth Ward Regular Democratic Organization club.

Frank Weaver, 45 years old, 42 Elizabeth street, precinct worker for B.J. [Barney] Grogan, founder of the club. The three men were arrested two days after the murder.

- **1919 Mar 5** Chicago Tribune, p 5. Murder charge dismissed

- **1919 Apr 5.** Pal Fred Woelfel, murdered in Chicago, found dead in a vacant lot (shot and thrown from an automobile) [2, 1]

• **1919 May 12.** Shot 9 times, thrown from car. Chicago. Attributed to feud between Chicago and STL gangs [1]

“Thomas Marooney of 1230 West Madison street, was found on a porch at 1842 West Monroe street (who lived here, what message being sent?) at 1:20 o'clock this morning. He had been shot eight times. He was taken to the county hospital and physicians say he will die within a few hours.

Residents along Monroe street heard shouts and shots for several blocks, and, opening the windows of their flats, saw a black touring car speeding up the street without lights and without license plates. It is believed Marooney was shot while fighting the other occupants of the machine.

Parting Shot Fired?

A streak on the pavement forty feet long showed how the autoists had put on the brakes and locked the wheels so they could get rid of the victim in a hurry. They rushed the wounded man up onto the porch and a shot was heard just before they sped away, indicating they had fired a last bullet into his body just before they left him.

Fred Ordway of 1814 Monroe street said he saw the automobile speeding by with a man's feet hanging out of the tonneau.

Mrs. Helen Elliot of 1836 West Monroe street said the murder machine was a black one with a white stripe around the body of the car. She was the first to call the police.

A letter was found by the police in Marooney's room addressed to him care of the county jail.

The police of the Warren avenue station believe Marooney was a victim of a gunman's war. It is believed he was arrested following the murder of Charles Stillwell... [aka Mulrooney]...

When questioned by detectives Marooney refused to talk further than to reiterate:

“Ask Pat Dwyer; perhaps he'll tell you.”

He gave Dwyer's address as 230 South Wood street. Dwyer is a leader in Barney Grogan's club...” [2]

13 May, Chicago Tribune, p 7 [See clippings]

::“Moses F, alias Thomas Maroney, a St. Louis gangster, died yesterday in the County Hospital at Chicago from bullet wounds inflicted Sunday night when he was shot eight times and hurled from an automobile... He shielded the identity of his slayers by observing gang ethics and declaring he did not know who had shot him.

Flanagan, according to the St Louis police records, was 22 years old and formerly lived at St. Ferdinand street and Vandeventer avenue. He escaped from the St. Louis workhouse Nov. 27, 1918, when serving a year for larceny growing out of an attempted safe robbery.

The St. Louis police believe that the slaying of Flanagan had some connection with the recent [Apr 5] murder in Chicago of Fred (Toss) Woelfel, another St. Louis gangster. The two were friends, the police say.

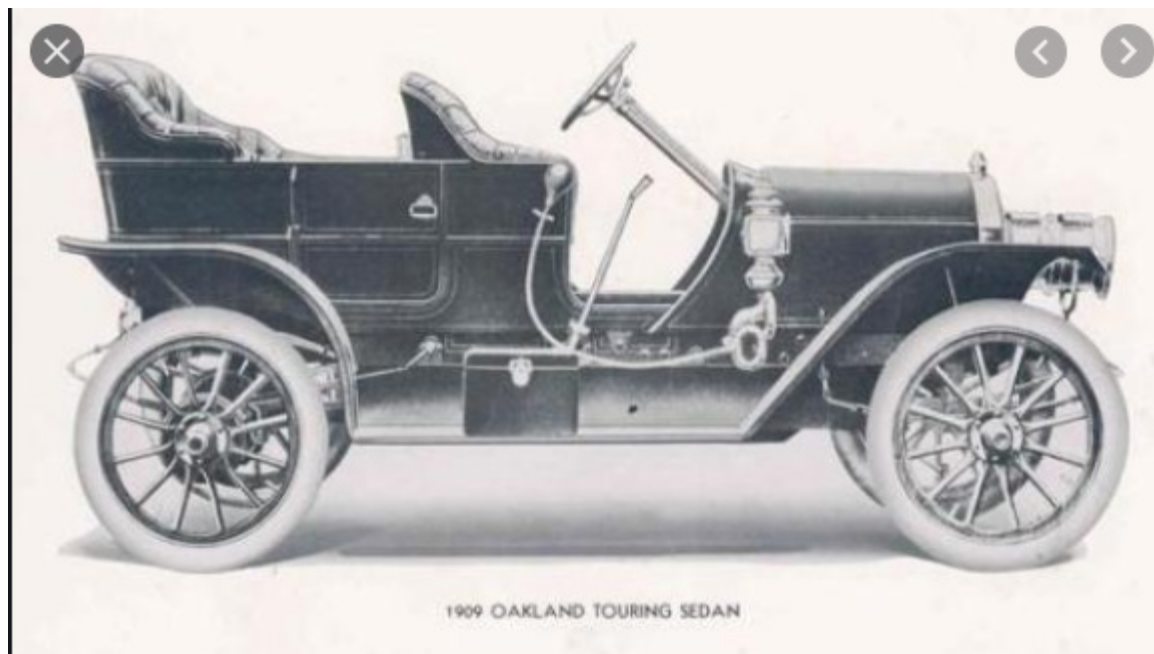
Flanagan was arrested by the Chicago police Dec. 21, 1918...[see above] “ [STL Post-Dispatch, Thu, 15 May 1919, p 17]

:: ST. LOUIS GANGSTER KILLED IN CHICAGO FEUD, POLICE SAY. Moses Flanagan Was Shot to Death in Auto—Refused to Name Slayers. SEQUEL TO MANY DEATHS. “Black Sheep” of Respectable Family Had Long Criminal Record, Officials Declare. ... Police... are searching for a woman known as ‘Jennie Kraft,’ who is said to have been with Flanagan just before he was shot. [1]

:: DEATH SEALS LIPS OF NOTORIOUS GANGSTER By Associated Press Leased Wire.
Chicago, May 14. Death today sealed the lips of Thomas Maroney, a notorious gangster, who was fired upon Sunday by a number of men in an automobile, nine of the bullets, entering his body.
Maroney, a member of Barney Grogan's Eighteenth ward democratic club, was arrested recently in connection with the murder there of Charles (Chancellor) Stillwell, known as the spider man, but later dismissed. Maroney steadfastly refused to divulge the names of his assailants, but just before he died he said: “Ask Pat Dwyer—maybe he'll know.” Dwyer, secretary of the club, told the authorities he knew nothing of the shooting. [The Dispatch (Moline, Illinois) 14 May 1919, Wed Also in Rock Island Argus, The Champagne Daily News.

Chicago Tribune 15 May 1919, p 20 [see clipping]

Car like the one Moses R. was killed in. "Tonneau" is the back seat (I think)



FORGER OF EX-CONVICT'S BOND GETS 6 MONTHS

Moses Flanagan, 3931 St. Ferdinand avenue, yesterday pleaded guilty to forgery in the fourth degree and was sentenced to serve six months in the Workhouse by Circuit Judge Shields.

Flanagan was charged with forging the name of Chester H. Kern on December 31, last, to a \$1,500 bond, which he offered at the La-clede Avenue Police Station, for the release of Tony Ortell, former convict. Ortell was under arrest on a charge of having burglar tools in his possession.

Kern was acting as Provisional Judge of the Court of Criminal Correction. Flanagan's defense at the time was that the bond was handed to him by another person, and he knew nothing about the forged signature.

St.Louis Star & Times, 14 Mar 1917, Page 6

**ST. LOUIS CITY WORK-
HOUSE**
4200 South Broadway



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MEN AT WORK IN THE WORKHOUSE QUARRY AT
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DATE: 1920-1939
CREATOR: Unknown
SUBJECTS: Laborers, Quarries and quarrying, Convict
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MEN AND WOMEN FIGHT POLICEMEN IN RIOT AT DANCE

Several Wagon Loads of Guests at New Club Hall Are Sent to Station.

A special police detail of twenty-five men engaged in a battle early today with guests at a ball of the Theatrical Brotherhood at the New Club Hall, Thirteenth street and Chouteau avenue, in which one policeman was knocked out when hit with a beer bottle and several men and women were beaten with nightsticks. The police loaded several dozen persons into a patrol wagon and took them to Soulard station, where after a weeding out process, charges were placed against seven men and women.

The seven appeared in police court this morning, but were discharged by Judge Hogan on the ground the police had placed the wrong charge. The defendants were charged with a general disturbance of the peace in a public place and Hogan ruled the dance hall in which the melee occurred was not a public place.

Police report that after they quieted one disturbance, which started when a man wanted to dance with one of the cabaret performers, another broke out. The dancers became so riotous that police closed the hall at 2 a. m., the report said.

A delegation of the Theatrical Brotherhood called on Chief Young yesterday and said that as many of the members could not get away from the theaters until midnight they could not get to the hall in time for the dance unless the police permitted the festivities to continue after 1 o'clock. The committee guaranteed to close the bar at 1 if the dance could continue. Chief Young gave his consent, but promised a special detail of patrolmen would be there to see that the lid went on promptly.

The first patrolmen on the scene reported back to the Soulard station that there were 1,100 cases of beer on sale at the dance. At 12:30 announcement was made that the lid would go on at 1, but that patrons might buy all the beer they wanted. There were three bars operating and they rapidly sold out, the police reported. Every table about which men and women were gathered was loaded with one or two cases of beer, the police said.

At 12:30 the merriment was at its height and a cabaret dancer was gyrating from table to table. A man seized her and tried to dance with her. There was a fight. Men and women joined in. Patrolman Hastey rush into the melee and tried to stop it. He was felled by a blow with a beer bottle. Other policemen rushed to his aid and battered the crowd back with their night sticks. The riot continued twenty minutes.

Charges of disturbing the peace were placed against Mrs. Ethel Wilson, 22, 2132 State street, East St. Louis; Mabel Stewart, 24, 1831 Market street; Tom Rowe, 28, 4432 Garfield avenue; Moses Flanagan, 3931 St. Ferdinand avenue; Edward Wright, 1806 Olive street; Joseph Gander, 2236 Cass avenue, and Morris O'Donnell, 3536A Clark avenue.

At 2 a. m. policemen drove the crowd from the dance floor and closed the hall.

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The St. Louis Star and Times
St. Louis, Missouri
13 Feb 1918, Wed • Page 3

MEN CAPTURED WHILE ROBBING SALOON SAFE

Thomas Rowe, 28 years old, 4432 Garfield avenue, and Moses Flanagan, 21, 3931 St. Ferdinand street, were arrested yesterday morning when they were discovered in the saloon of Joe Mochesky, 1301 Pine street. A lookout who was posted outside the saloon escaped.

The two men, police say, were engaged in forcing the safe when captured. The men fled through a rear door on the approach of the police and six shots were fired before they halted. The prisoners are suspected of robbing the Ferguson, Mo., post office a few weeks ago.

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St. Louis Globe-Democrat
St. Louis, Missouri
08 Apr 1918, Mon • Page 2

POLICE SHOOT AT AND ARREST TWO IN CHASE

Thomas Rowe, 4432 Garfield avenue, and Moses Flanagan, 3931 St. Ferdinand avenue, were arrested early yesterday following a chase in which police fired a dozen shots. The men were charged with an attempt to rob the saloon of Joe Mochesky, 1301 Pine street, where the police say they were discovered. Both were released on common law bonds.

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St. Louis, Missouri
08 Apr 1918, Mon • Page 5

TWO HELD, "LOOKOUT" ESCAPES

Thomas Rowe, 28 years old, of 4432 Garfield avenue, and Moses Flanagan, 21, of 3931 St. Ferdinand avenue, were arrested yesterday morning while, the police say, they were trying to break open a safe in the saloon of Joe Mochesky, 1301 Pine street. A third man, who had acted as a "lookout," escaped.

Several shots were fired at the two men when they tried to get away. The back door of the saloon had been "jimmied."

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St. Louis Post-Dispatch
St. Louis, Missouri
08 Apr 1918, Mon • Page 7

De Soto (Mo.) Authorities Arrest 4 as Madison Robber Suspects.

Four men, one of whom said he was **Moses Flannegan** of St. Louis, were greatly discomfited when they were arrested at De Soto, Mo., at 6 a. m. today on suspicion that they were the men who robbed the Tri-City State Bank at Madison, Ill., Thursday. They said they were on a fishing trip.

De Soto authorities had been asked to look out for the bank robbers, who were supposed to be "headin' South" in an automobile. The men who robbed the bank had a reddish-brown "chummy" roadster. Flannegan and his party had a black touring car when arrested. Each of the four had a revolver. They said these were for protection on their cutting.

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St. Louis, Missouri
18 May 1918, Sat • Page 2

The actual bank robbers were caught in Indiana, so no charges pressed.

ART INSTITUTE GEMS CLEW TO CLUB MURDER

Slaying at Grogan's Is Traced by Mystery Phone Calls.

A multiple mystery confronts the police in the murder of Charles Stillwell, burglar, early Sunday morning at a dance at Bernard J. (Barney) Grogan's Eighteenth Ward Regular Democratic organization at 1466 West Madison street.

Although there were 200 couples on the floor and the hall was brilliantly lighted, the police could find no one who would describe the murderer or who even "remembered" the details of the shooting.

Every angle of the case developed by last night presents a question mark, with a background of underworld vendetta, crime, intrigue, treachery among thieves, and politics. The ramifications extend from saloons to business houses, from dance hall to the Art institute.

Hinges on Three Phone Calls.

Three anonymous telephone calls, the outstanding features of the case, incline Detective Sergeant George O. Meinhardt and other police officials to the theory that Stillwell was suspected of being a "stool pigeon" and that in some manner the murder is an aftermath of the famous jewel robbery at the Art institute in December of 1915. Stillwell was a suspect in that case. He was released eventually because of lack of clinching evidence.

Recounting the circumstances preceding Stillwell's murder at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning, the story reverts to Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. At that hour, ten hours before the murder, a telephone call came over the wire to Detective Sergeant Meinhardt of the second deputy's office.

The Jewel Robbery "Squeal."

"I'm going to tell you who robbed the Barnett Brothers' jewelry store at 88 East Jackson boulevard on the morning of Jan. 15 and where to recover the loot," the voice said.

"Who are you?" the sergeant asked.

"Never mind who I am. You helped me once."

Then he supplied Meinhardt with information that caused him and Detective Sergeant Thomas O'Neill to visit the home of Mrs. Anna Henschel at 2109 West Thirty-fifth street. They arrested her nephew, Harry Golchert of 3829 Southport avenue, who made a confession.

Sought Art Institute Jewels.

Acting on this, they arrested Michael Gene of 1219 Oregon avenue, owner of a taxicab stand at the La Salle street station; James Bagnolia, 742 Bunker street; Arthur Behenna, 1830 North California avenue, now on probation on charges of robbery, and Samuel Ross, 822 South Wabash avenue, a bellboy.

They recovered at Golchert's home diamond rings valued at \$2,687. They learned that at the time of the Barnett robbery the Noyes collection of gems, valued at \$50,000, which had been stolen from the Art institute and only recently recovered, was on exhibit in the store's show window.

The robbers, however, were frightened away by the approach of a watchman before they could take the collection—the evident object of their search.

The Second Phone Call.

And now the story progresses to the second anonymous telephone call received by Desk Sergeant Henry Atzell of the Desplaines street station at 2:14 Sunday morning, some thirty minutes after the murder—

after the murder.

QUESTION MARK: Had Stillwell sought revenge because of an underworld feud, and so tipped the police of the Barnett Bros. robbery gang? And had his "squeal" been discovered and punished? Add question marks.

Anyway, when the patrol from the Desplaines street station and an automobile from the detective bureau arrived at the Grogan clubrooms all the dancers had vanished. The hall was still brilliantly lighted, the piano was open, beer bottles and glasses graced the tables. And that was all—all save Stillwell, lying over in one corner.

"Who shot you—who are you?" questioned a detective.

Death Seals His Lips.

Stillwell did not answer. He had been shot through the heart and was dying fast. A pencil was placed in his fingers. It slipped to the floor. He died in the police ambulance on the way to the county hospital. They identified him later.

Barney Grogan was not there when the shooting occurred, he told the police. He had gone home about midnight. He didn't know Stillwell, he said, and he was not a member of the Eighteenth ward Democratic organization. His theory was that the murder was merely the outcome of "a fall-

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ing out among thieves." "I am sorry it happened at the clubrooms," he said.

Big Crowd at Dance.

In this connection he was asked if the report was true that he had intended to announce his candidacy as alderman from the Eighteenth ward on the Sweltzer ticket and that the dance was a pre-celebration. It was not true. He had not intended to be a candidate, he said.

But whatever the occasion the dance had been a great success until the murder. During the evening more than 1,000 of the Grogan henchmen, their relatives and friends attended. By 1:30 o'clock the crowd had diminished to about 200 couples.

Stillwell, as nearly as the police can make out, was sitting in the rear of the hall, talking with three men—Frank Weaver, Jack Maroney, and Patrick Dwyer. Weaver has a record as a safe blower. Both he and Maroney are said to hold memberships in the Grogan Eighteenth ward organization.

Did He Turn "Stool Pigeon?"

About three weeks ago Dwyer, Stillwell and Weaver, and later Maroney, were arrested as suspects in a number of burglary cases. They were thought by the police to be members of a band that robbed retail stores by loading merchandise on automobile trucks.

Dwyer and Weaver were indicted. Maroney was held, but later released. Stillwell obtained his liberty almost immediately and made no effort, it is said, to supply bonds or attorneys for Dwyer and Weaver.

They believed from this that he had turned stool pigeon, the story goes. They later found a bondsman and the four met for the first time, it is believed, at the Grogan clubrooms.

"MARONEY" is an alias for Moses R. Flanagan

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Shots; Crowd Flees.

There was no intimation of trouble, according to the police version. The music and general amenities were going so loud that voices were muffled by the din.

Suddenly there were a number of revolver shots. The music stopped and the crowd fled. Dwyer and Weaver ran out the front door, Maroney out the back. It is believed now that Stillwell fired before being killed and wounded Dwyer and Maroney, as there were drops of blood leading from the spot where he lay to both the front and rear exits. The police are still seeking Dwyer, Maroney and Weaver.

So far but two men have been detained—William Waite of 1526 West Madison street, janitor of the club, and Paul Wandolsuski of 1413 West Taylor street, one of the dance patrons. Waite was found at his home. He said he left the building about 1 o'clock Sunday morning and forgot to lock the doors.

The Third Phone Call.

A third anonymous telephone call in the case was disclosed late last night when Detective Sergeants Nagel and Collins visited Stillwell's wife, Mrs. Rae Stillwell, 1400 South Michigan avenue. She conducts a rooming house there.

She did not know of her husband's death until some unidentified woman called her up, she said. She had been married to Stillwell five months.

Detective Connects Crimes.

The theory of possible connection between the turnup of the Barnett jewelry robbers and the murder of Stillwell was supported by Detective Sergeant Meinhardt.

"I got a phone tip Saturday after-

noon," Meinhardt said. "The tipster gave me the names of the men who pulled the Barnett robbery, where the Art Institute gems were barely missed. Harry Golchert was the leader—the brick thrower. I went after him. I learned he had a wife and baby at 3029 Southport avenue.

"I took a stand near the house and began watch at 7 p. m. I had been told Mrs. Golchert would not leave the house during the evening. She surprised me, however, by coming out to the corner drug store with her baby. She saw me. She looked at me several times.

Believes Wife "Tipped" Husband.

"She may have gone back into her house and done some telephoning. I think she must have, for along about midnight an automobile drove up near my 'station' in a dark alleyway. Men in the car peered out. My partner was smoking a cigar. He quickly flicked it out, but the men in the machine probably spotted us.

"I stayed on watch until 7 a. m. Golchert did not come home. He must have been tipped off. Later we found him at Archer avenue and Thirty-fifth street.

"I believe it quite likely that Mrs. Golchert telephoned Golchert and his pals that we were laying for him. That meant there had been a tipoff, a squeal.

More Than Coincidence.

"Stillwell may have been blamed. I do not know whether he had any connection with the Golchert gang, but I am investigating that angle.

"It surely is more than a coincidence that Stillwell should have been murdered while we were laying our hands on the robbers who were after the Noyes gems—the same gems that put Stillwell under suspicion."

Meinhardt added that he expected to extract additional facts from two of his prisoners—Gene, the taxi driver, and Bagnolia, who is one armed and is known as "Army." Bagnolia refused to make any admissions last night, but said he would tell his story in court. He hinted at telling "a lot more than you fellows dream of."

Connect It with Fay's Death.

Lieut. John W. Loftus of the detective bureau believes the Stillwell murder may have some connection with the slaying of Eddie Fay, notorious safeblower and postoffice robber who was killed Nov. 6 in the alley at the rear of 314 South Hamlin avenue. Although the police have been unable to solve the Fay death, they believe that he was slain by other criminals who believed he had given information to the police, and that Stillwell

likewise was "put out of the way" for being a stool pigeon, or that he had a hand in the Fay murder, and that Fay's friends avenged his death.

Although the police believe there is a connection between the Fay and Stillwell murders, the two men, it is said, were never seen together.

Had Long Police Record.

According to Lieut. Loftus, Stillwell had a police record containing a dozen convictions. The date of his first conviction was April 18, 1892, when he was sentenced to six months in the St. Louis workhouse on a charge of larceny. Since then he has been convicted in Denver, New Orleans, Milwaukee, and other cities.

In 1915 he and two companions were arrested in connection with a burglary, and \$1,500 worth of the plunder was found in their possession. The three served nine months in the house of correction for the crime.

Were Hunting Stillwell.

It was learned last night that at the time of the murder Lieut. Loftus and a squad of detectives were searching a building two doors away from the club for Stillwell. He had been suspected of committing numerous burglaries recently.

They left the scene, unaware of the slaying a short distance away.

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Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois
21 Jan 1919, Tue • Page 13

BLAME THIEVES' FEAR FOR DEATH OF STILLWELL

Grogan Club Murder Re- calls Killing of Ed- die Fay.

When thieves fall out look for a woman or a "stool pigeon."

This is a police axiom which may explain the killings of Eddie Fay and Charles Stillwell.

In the Fay case the police are looking for Charlie, Dean, a safeblower, who is said to have given his wife to Fay in exchange for \$75,000 "fall money." Fay refused to give the woman up, was taken out in an automobile, shot, and thrown in an alley.

Stillwell, a crook of lesser light, a mere west side gang member who was known on the south side as a respectable barber, was killed in Barney Grogan's Eighteenth Ward Regular Democratic club early Sunday morning because his comrades in several recent robberies thought he was about to tell the police about them.

Political Factions Figure.

The fact that the shooting took place in Grogan's club has added mystery to the case. The political cloak has been thrown around the killing, and the factions in the ward are making use of it. Grogan is the leader in the east side faction, and several of his henchmen are mixed up in the affair. The police are working accordingly. Grogan's club has not been closed. He has not been called upon to account for his service bar, where liquor was sold without a license. His club members display a remarkable lack of memory of the evening entertainment that ended with the death of "Spider" Stillwell. The name of the bartender is not known to the police.

Three Men Sought.

Three men, **Frank Maroney**, **Frank Weaver**, and **Patrick Dwyer**, all members of Grogan's club and hangers-on at his saloon, are being hunted. Dwyer is a former convict. **Maroney** was arrested Jan. 15 in connection with the Dressel Commercial and Savings bank robbery and released on bonds of \$1,000 signed by Clarence White, one of Grogan's henchmen.

Detective Sergeants Lavin and Crowley admitted last night they had learned that Stillwell had information regarding this robbery and they were seeking him at the time of the murder. They were waiting outside with other detectives while Stillwell and a number of his pals were in the service bar. It is thought someone brought word that the police were waiting for Stillwell and that the others of the gang were afraid of him. Someone put a revolver to Stillwell's side and fired. He fell and the mob scattered and disappeared.

Grogan last night said he saw Stillwell talking to **Maroney** and Weaver during the dance. Capt. O'Toole of the Desplaines street station questioned many club members in vain.

Wife Victimized.

Mrs. Charles Stillwell, a middle aged woman who keeps a boarding house on Michigan avenue, learned yesterday that the lame widower she married four months ago was a burglar with a police record extending back for many years. The shock was so great that she was under the care of a physician and nurse all day.

Stillwell led a double life. He won his wife after a courtship of two weeks. He found in her home a good shelter. Recently he has been absent for long periods. He went away about New Year's and did not come back until last Wednesday. Then he picked a quarrel with his wife. He said he had been drinking all that time. She told him he was not fit to come home and he took the excuse and went forth again that night to his prowlings around the west side with the "St. Louis gang." Her next word came Sunday morning when a woman called up and told her that her husband was dead. Then gradually his actions began to explain themselves and she understood.

"Not in Fay's Class."

Stillwell was not a stool pigeon for a detective agency, as was reported.

"I never heard of the man," said William A. Pinkerton yesterday. "He was just a small west side thief. He was not in a class with Eddie Fay. I saw Eddie Fay three times in the last fifteen years, and I want to tell you that he was not the man to turn informer, either."

Stillwell was a member of an established thieves' ring on the west side. Several of the gang came up from St. Louis four or five years ago. Four members have been killed. They were Peggy Tanner, shot on Sangamon street; John Barry, who met death in an alley off Carpenter street; John Murphy, who was killed on Calumet avenue, and Fred Koch, who also died after a mysterious south side shooting.

Working in the alleys with peddlers' wagons during the day, they would back wagons up to the doors at night, hack bars off the windows and drive away with great loads of merchandise.

Barnett Bros.' Robbery.

The police questioned the five men arrested in the Barnett Bros. jewelry store robbery closely as to their possible connection with Stillwell and his gang.

"These men on the west side belonged to an entirely different outfit," said Inspector Hugh McCarthy of the second deputy's office. "I have gone after them hard in this matter, pumping them as to their friends and habits. I do not find any connection between the two cases. Michael Gene, the taxi cab driver in the jewelry case, is the only one that has not confessed. He choked up today and said he 'wanted to do the best he could for himself,' but that is as near confession as he came."

THIEVES' TRUST LOSES ANOTHER LEADING LIGHT

Policeman Kills George Murphy, Member of "Stillwell's Mob."

George Murphy, alias Joseph Lynch, alias a dozen other names, pal of Charles Stillwell, murdered early Sunday morning by erstwhile comrades, was also killed yesterday. Murphy died in front of a policeman's gun while on an expedition of burglary.

Stillwell's "mob," members of the "west side thieves' trust," have been unlucky. - Peggy Tanner was shot in Sangamon street, John Barry was shot in an alley off of Carpenter street, John Murphy was shot and killed on the south side, and Fred Koch died after receiving mysterious wounds.

"Big Ben" Bensingen, associate of Stillwell, Fay, and Cherin, all murdered in the underworld war now on in Chicago, was recently killed in St. Paul, and "Big Dutch Otto," companion of Stillwell and Cherin, was killed in the same city about a month ago.

Gunman Fired First.

Murphy, instantly killed yesterday by Policeman Charles E. Carney, was with "Tim" Donovan, alias Michael O'Brien, when the latter was shot and killed by Detective Phillip Carroll in 1912. In that gun fight Murphy wounded Carroll and was given five years in Joliet.

Murphy fired at Policeman Carney, who discovered him trying to break into the hardware store of Thomas Small, 2156 West Van Buren street. The officer took shelter behind a flower box in a yard and then shot twice. One bullet severed the man's jugular vein and the other entered his heart.

"I heard the gun snap. But for that I might be in the morgue instead of the burglar," Policeman Carney said.

Arrest Three in Stillwell Case.

Frank Weaver, John Maroney, and Patrick Dwyer, wanted as the three who were talking with Charles Stillwell just before he was shot, were all arrested yesterday. Detective Sergeant John O'Malley took them without resistance.

A stolen automobile believed to have been used by the bandits who murdered Tony De Brouse, also a bandit and thief, was recovered yesterday. It is a black seven passenger Hudson Super-six and had been deserted at De Koven and South Halsted streets.

In it were a number of empty cartridge shells. It tallies with the description of the murder car. Later in the day it was identified as the property of Mrs. G. A. Ducker, 203 Richards street, Joliet.

Continue Cherin Inquest.

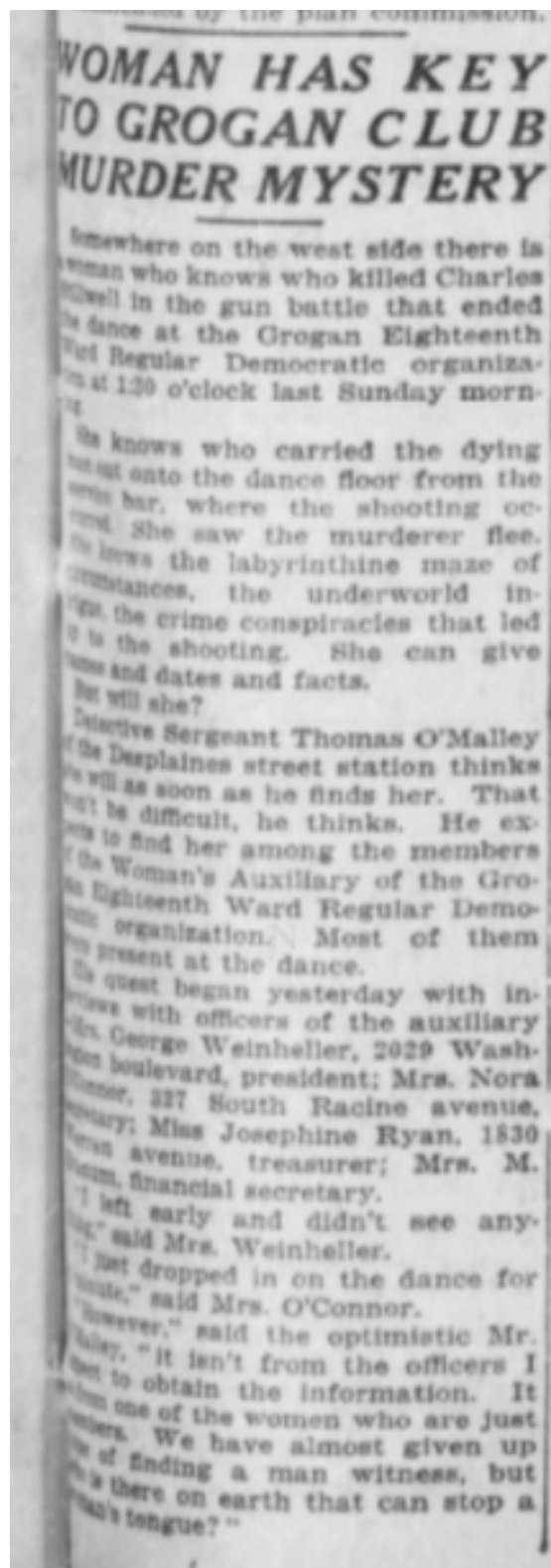
The inquest over the body of "Jimmy" Cherin, "the peacock of the underworld," was also continued yesterday.

The police seemed more inclined yesterday to accept the dying statement of Peter Badorff, 4626 South State street, that he was shot by holdup men rather than as the result of a gambler's war. The inquest over his body was set for Feb. 5.

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"Maroney" not mentioned, but
this is part of the effort to point
fingers.



BURGLAR BARES 'TRUST' BUSINESS IN STOLEN FURS

Brother and Sister Held as Head of \$500,000 Operation.

The existence of a "burglar's fur trust," with headquarters in Chicago and agencies all over the United States, which has cost Chicago furriers \$100,000 in the last two months, was disclosed yesterday through the confession of Bud Wilmott, 34 years old, 5426 South Wabash avenue, a Negro burglar.

The two alleged heads of the "trust" are now under arrest, their alleged operations having amounted to at least \$500,000 a year, according to an estimate made by Assistant State's Attorney John M. Lowery. The heads of the "trust," according to Wilmott's story, are Mrs. Amelia Englander, 4919 Glenwood avenue, owner of a pawnshop at 411 South Clark street, and her brother, Louis Cohen, a pawn broker at 423 South Clark street.

Both pawnbrokers indignantly denied that they were connected with thefts of furs. Attorney Stephen A. Malato threatened to seek their release on a writ of habeas corpus, and they were booked on charges of conspiracy.

Police Record to 1887.

Wilmott, whose police record as a criminal dates back to 1887, gave details of the workings of the "trust." Because of this information the police and Assistant State's Attorney Lowery now suspect that John Maroney, Frank Weaver, and Patrick Dwyer, under suspicion in connection with the murder of Charles Stillwell, an alleged fur thief, were in the employ of the "trust."

Wilmott told the assistant state's attorney that for the last twelve years he had been burglarizing fur stores while in the employ of the other two suspects, and was paid a lump sum, according to the value of the goods, in addition to a regular commission.

\$100,000 in Two Months.

L. C. Greenburg, 12 South Wabash avenue, secretary of the Associated Fur Industry of Chicago, went before the state's attorney for aid. He gave figures showing that in Chicago alone in the last two months more than \$100,000 worth of furs had been stolen.

Assistant State's Attorney Lowery was called in and instructed by Mr. Moyns to take up the investigation. The police were warned to watch fur stores, and this resulted Monday morning in the capture of Wilmott as he was tossing out bundles of furs from the shop of Michael Rubig, 115 East Garfield boulevard.

The police since his arrest have been seeking a motor truck which was driven away at their approach. This, according to Wilmott, was used to transport the stolen goods to one of several receiving stations, where the furs were packed and shipped out of town by express.

Wilmott finally named Mrs. Englander and Cohen as the heads of the "trust." They were arrested yesterday by Lieut. Michael Grady.

Prisoner's Confession.

In substance the negro gave the following statement to Assistant State's Attorney Lowery: "I have been a burglar and chief since 1887, but for the last dozen years have been stealing furs for Mrs. Englander and Cohen. They ship the goods to their agents, who dispose of them at bargain prices. They have a regular system, use automobile trucks, and employ several gangs of fur burglars. Most of the time they furnished me with the plan of the fur store to be broken into. I was to get my regular commission and \$500 for pulling the Rubig job.

"They furnished the plan and advised me to go to the basement and saw a hole through the floor so that no outsider would see me. At 5 o'clock in the morning the motor truck was to call and I was to toss the \$50,000 worth of furs into it. The cops were awake that night, so I got caught."

Gives List of Burglaries.

Wilmott gave the police a long list of burglaries which he asserted he and other fur burglars working for the alleged "trust" had committed in the last few months.

Among the fur stores burglarized in the last few months and the amounts taken are:

Herman Klugman, 1441 North Clark street, \$12,000.

T. Witzner, 2456 West Division street, \$4,000.

Louis Gamson, 4137 West Madison street, \$10,000.

Emil Witkowski, 2858 North Clark street, \$4,000.

Joseph Klein, 1167 South Michigan boulevard, \$1,000.

GROGAN QUIZZED BY HOYNE AID IN STILLWELL CASE

B. J. (Barney) Grogan, whose name has been connected with the Eighteenth ward regular Democratic club, where Charles (Chancellor) Stillwell was shot and killed on Jan. 18, was questioned at length last night by Assistant State's Attorney John Owen in the state's attorney's office. He and a number of other witnesses were called in following intimations that the police of the Desplaines street station were lukewarm in the search for Stillwell's slayer. A number of policemen connected with the case were questioned, including Lieut. Ira J. McDowell and Senior Detective Sergeant O'Malley.

The effort to free John Maroney, Frank Weaver, and Patrick Dwyer, suspects held in connection with the shooting, by a writ of habeas corpus, failed yesterday. The hearing of the writ was continued until tomorrow.

Detective Sergeants Lally and Mitchell of the state's attorney's office at St. Louis, Mo., arrived and positively identified Maroney as "John Flannigan," wanted in St. Louis for having escaped from the house of correction there last summer. They demanded he be turned over to them.

MRS. GROGAN SAW MURDER IN CLUB RUN BY HUSBAND

Mrs. Margaret Grogan, wife of Barney Grogan, west side politician, told Assistant State's Attorney John E. Owen last night she witnessed the murder of Charles Stillwell in the Grogan club, 1462 West Madison street, shortly after midnight Jan. 19.

"I saw a man draw a revolver and fire a shot," she said, "while I was seated at a table with friends, but I was so frightened that I fled into my husband's office."

Grogan was counting the receipts of the dance given that night. He heard the shot and reached the door of his office just as his wife did.

"Fifteen or so people were left in the hall," Mrs. Grogan said. "I don't know what became of them. When my husband and the friends helping him count the tickets left, only the dead man remained."

Mrs. Grogan said the slayer was about 35 years old, slim, 6 feet tall, and wore a dark suit and fedora and overcoat.

A formal charge of murder was placed last night against each of three suspects held in connection with the death of Stillwell. The men were booked on the charge at the request of the office of State's Attorney Hoyne. The men are:

Thomas Maroney, 31 years old, 1230 West Madison street, alias John Flanagan, of St. Louis.

Patrick Dwyer, 32 years old, 231 South Wood street, a storekeeper at the county hospital and secretary of the Eighteenth Ward Regular Democratic Organization club.

Frank Weaver, 45 years old, 42 Elizabeth street, precinct worker for B. J. [Barney] Grogan, founder of the club.

The three men were arrested two days after the murder.

THREE ESCAPE MURDER CHARGE.

Three men were discharged from a charge of murder in the Desplaines street court yesterday by Judge Charles McKinley, for lack of evidence. The men were Patrick Dwyer, 231 South Wood street; Thomas Maroney, 1230 West Madison street, and Frank Weaver, 42 North Elizabeth street. The three men were charged with complicity in the murder of Charles Stillwell, in the hall of Barney Grogan's Eighteenth Ward Regular Democratic club.

LABOR LEADER MURDERED BY 'FRIEND' IN AUTO

2nd Shooting May Connect With Slay- ing at Grogan's.

Two mysterious shootings set the police to work last night and early this morning. Both tragedies occurred in automobiles. In case No. 1, the victim died. In case No. 2, it is said the victim has no chance to live. Victim No. 1 is a labor union man. Victim No. 2 is believed by the police to be a jailbird mixed up in a gunman's war which led to a fatal shooting in Barney Grogan's Eighteenth Ward Democratic club last January. The police are investigating the possibility of a connection between the two crimes.

"Case No. 1" not clipped. Proceed to "Case No. 2, inside.

CASE NO. 2

Thomas Marooney of 1230 West Madison street, was found on a porch at 1842 West Monroe street at 1:20 o'clock this morning. He had been shot eight times. He was taken to the county hospital and physicians say he will die within a few hours.

Residents along Monroe street heard shouts and shots for several blocks, and, opening the windows of their flats, saw a black touring car speeding up the street without lights and without license plates. It is believed Ma-

rooney was shot while fighting the other occupants of the machine.

Parting Shot Fired?

A streak on the pavement forty feet long showed how the autoists had put on the brakes and locked the wheels so they could get rid of the victim in a hurry. They rushed the wounded man up onto the porch and a shot was heard just before they sped away, indicating they had fired a last bullet into his body just before they left him.

Fred Ordway of 1814 Monroe street said he saw the automobile speeding by with a man's feet hanging out of the tonneau.

Mrs. Helen Elliot of 1836 West Monroe street said the murder machine

was a black one with a white stripe around the body of the car. She was the first to call the police.

A letter was found by the police in Marooney's room addressed to him care of the county jail.

The police of the Warren avenue station believe Marooney was a victim of a gunman's war. It is believed he was arrested following the murder of Charles Stillwell in Barney Grogan's Eighteenth Ward Democratic club on West Madison street several months ago, but released. It is said Marooney was also known as Mulrooney.

When questioned by detectives Marrooney refused to talk further than to reiterate:

"Ask Pat Dwyer; perhaps he'll tell you."

He gave Dwyer's address as 230 South Wood street. Dwyer is a leader in Barney Grogan's club.

Recalls Eddie Fay's Murder.

Soon after the police set to work they leaned to the belief that here was another case of west side "underworld" warfare. A recent victim in the war is said to have been Edward Fahey, alias "Eddie Fay," world renowned safeblower, who was found dead in a west side alley.

In addition to Fay and Stillwell the west side "casualty list" contains the name of James "Jimmy" Cherin, the "bad boy of the west side," while the latest victim was "St. Louis, Shorty" Woefel, found dead in a vacant lot several weeks ago. In each of the shootings, with the exception of the Stillwell murder, the victims have been shot and thrown from an automobile.

Stillwell was shot during a dance at the Eighteenth ward regular Democratic headquarters. Later one Maroney, Frank Weaver, and Pat Dwyer were arrested and charged with the murder.

TWO MURDERS AND SHOOTING BAFFLE POLICE

Member of Grogan's Club Denies He Knows Who Shot Him 9 Times.

Seeking solution of three enigmatic cases—a labor feud murder, an underworld shooting, and the death of a loop restaurateur—the police yesterday made progress in but one case, that of the underworld.

Thomas Marooney, west side gangman and alleged burglar, shot nine times early Monday morning, talked for the first time last night at the county hospital. Physicians say he cannot recover. The shooting occurred in an automobile near 1842 West Monroe street. Marooney leaped from the car and was later found by the police.

Until last night he had declined to talk. He is a member of Barney Grogan's Eighteenth Ward Democratic club, where Charles Stillwell was found shot to death some weeks ago. Another member is Pat Dwyer of 230 South Wood street. Stillwell, Dwyer and Marooney are said to have quarreled recently over the division of \$10,000 worth of stolen furs.

Denies Knowing Assailants.

"I don't know who the men were," he told Capt. Thomas Cronin of the Warren avenue station. "I met them Sunday shortly before midnight. We had a few drinks out of a flask. We began quarreling. I don't know whether I was thrown out of the automobile or jumped out after the shooting. That's all I can say."

Capt. Cronin believes he is withholding information. While Marooney was semi-conscious he mentioned Pat Dwyer and said: "See him." Dwyer visited the hospital last night. He knew of no motive for the shooting and said that so far as he knew there was no "underworld war" on on the west side.

Marooney, he said, had spent most of Sunday evening at his (Dwyer's) home at 230 South Wood street. He was with a young woman, Dwyer said. He left about 11:30 o'clock. Dwyer remained at home. He knew nothing about the shooting, he said. Dwyer is secretary of the Grogan Eighteenth Ward Democratic club.

Article continues with other, irrelevant cases.

DEATH SEALS LIPS OF NOTORIOUS GANGSTER

By Associated Press Leased Wire.

Chicago, May 14.—Death today sealed the lips of Thomas Maroney, a notorious gangster, who was fired upon Sunday by a number of men in an automobile, nine of the bullets entering his body.

Maroney, a member of Barney Grogan's Eighteenth ward democratic club, was arrested recently in connection with the murder there of Charles (Chancellor) Stillwell, known as the spider man, but later dismissed.

Maroney steadfastly refused to divulge the names of his assailants, but just before he died he said: "Ask Pat Dwyer—maybe he'll know." Dwyer, secretary of the club, told the authorities he knew nothing of the shooting.

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FLANAGAN—At Chicago, Ill., on Tuesday May 14, 1919, Moses Flanagan Jr., beloved son of Moses Flanagan, brother of Ethel, Loretto, Joseph and Thomas Flanagan and Mrs. Thomas Barrett.

Funeral will take place from Arthur J. Donnelly's funeral parlors, Twenty-first and Wash streets, on Saturday, May 17, at 8:30 a. m. Interment in Calvary Cemetery. Motor. (c)

'MARONEY' DIES; ROUNDUP IS ON FOR HIS SLAYER

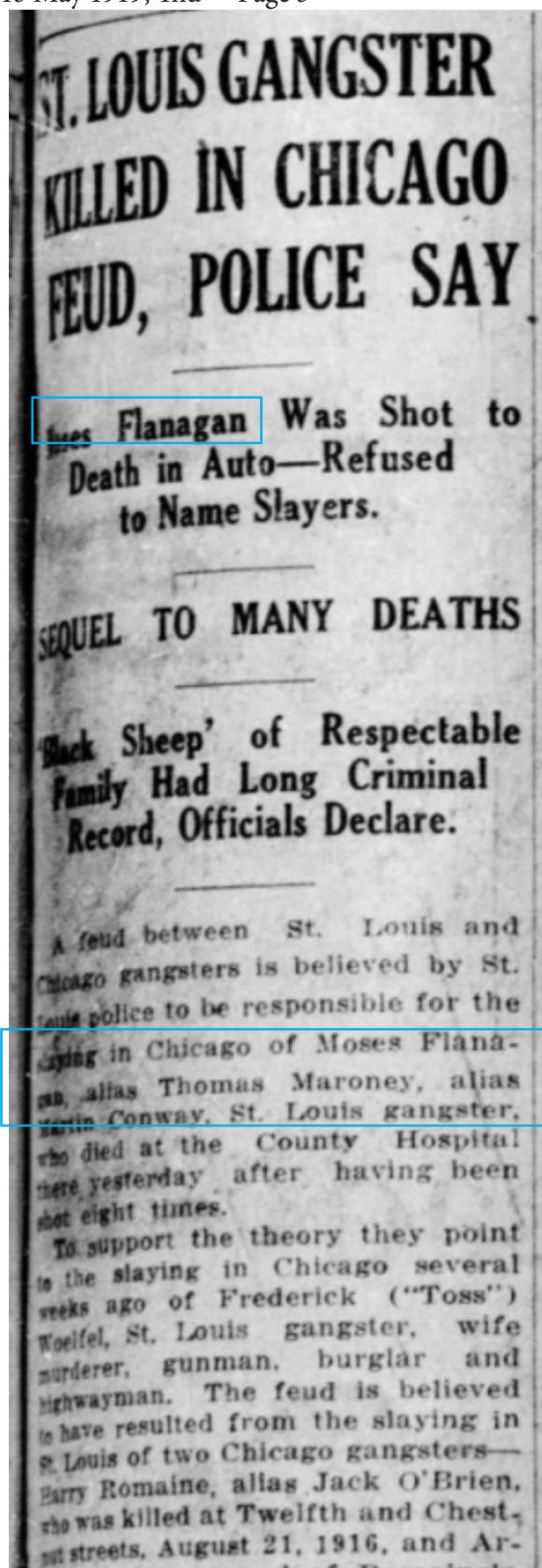
Moses Flanagan, alias Tom Maroney, who was shot nine times and thrown from an automobile near 1842 West Monroe street early Monday morning, died yesterday at 5 a. m. at the county hospital. His death added another mystery shooting to the record of members of Barney Grogan's Eighteenth Ward Democratic club.

Flanagan's death was followed by a roundup of west side persons who the police believe know the circumstances surrounding his shooting. The victim refused to give any clew. Before he died he said, "Ask Pat Dwyer; maybe he will tell."

Dwyer is secretary of the Grogan club. Police officers interviewed him at his home, 230 South Wood street. They found that Flanagan, with a young woman, had been a caller at Dwyer's home Sunday evening. The two left at 11:30, Dwyer asserted, and satisfied the police he was not in Flanagan's company when the shooting occurred.

Two women, Lillian Hand and Florence Dunn, were arrested when they appeared at the county hospital to see Flanagan. Both declared they had visited the hospital merely to see if the victim was "a yellow cab driver of the name of Maroney whom we knew." They were released after Mrs. Dwyer had failed to identify either as Flanagan's companion.

Police are investigating a theory Flanagan was shot in a quarrel arising over the division of \$10,000 worth of furs, stolen in St. Louis. Search is being made for the woman who accompanied Flanagan to Dwyer's home. Dwyer could not give her name with certainty, but believes it is Jennie Kraft.



thur Gineberg, a pal of Romaine's, who was shot and killed at Fifteenth street and Chouteau avenue in October of the same year. These murders never were solved.

The feeling of the Chicago gangsters against the St. Louis men also is thought to have been intensified by the slaying in January of Charles, alias "Chancellor" Stillwell, alias "The Spider," alias "Hoppy" an alleged gunman, who was shot and killed in Barney Grogan's Eighteenth Ward Democratic Club in Chicago. Flanagan was held as a suspect in this case. Stillwell formerly was a St. Louisan but had made his home in Chicago, and had many friends among the gang element, it is said.

Flanagan was shot while he was in an automobile last Sunday, then was thrown out, according to a Chicago dispatch. He refused to name his assailants. Police of that city, however, are searching for a woman known as "Jennie Kraft," who is said to have been with Flanagan just before he was shot.

Flanagan is said to be the "black sheep" of a respectable St. Louis family. They formerly resided at 5728 Garfield avenue, but police say they now live on St. Ferdinand avenue, near Vandeventer avenue.

His Bertillon record began on May 24, 1916, when he was arrested as a suspect in a burglary case. He was then 19 years old. He had been regarded as a tough youngster from the time he was 12 years old.

According to police, he began early to "pal" with Tom Rowe, a Dave Rowe, Harry, alias Cherries, Dunn, John Dunn, and others who while not always at odds with the Egan's Rats gang was distinct from it.

On April 7, 1918, Flanagan and Tom Rowe, now serving a penitentiary sentence, were caught at work in the safe in the saloon of Joseph Moehesky, 1301 Pine street. They were chased by policemen and several shots fired at them. Flanagan was caught at Fourteenth street and Washington avenue.

On May 26, he was sentenced to a year in the workhouse on a plea of guilty. He escaped November 27. By this time he had become a pal of Frank Anthonis ("The Boob") and Tony Ortell, safeblowers.

On December 21, 1918, Flanagan was arrested as a suspect in Chicago under the name of Maroney. By the time St. Louis police had identified him as Flanagan, the Chicago police had released him.

He was arrested in Chicago on January 12 as a suspect in the killing of Stillwell. After this, it developed that Flanagan was out on bond of \$3,000 on a burglary charge. The murder charge could not be fastened on Flanagan and he was released, without knowledge of St. Louis police, who wanted him.

During the 1916 gang warfare in St. Louis, Flanagan was under suspicion in several murders. He was believed to have been implicated in the murder of Frank, alias "Gutter"

Newman, who was shot and killed July 8, 1913.

Tom Rowe, with whom Flanagan associated at the time, had been held up by Newman and threatened with death in a club house run by Beverly Brown at 107½ North Twelfth street. "Cherries" Dunn and Flanagan happened in about that time and interfered, Dunn ordering Rowe to "beat up" Newman, which Rowe did.

Harry Romaine, alias Jack O'Brien, of Chicago, was shot and killed August 21, 1916. On September 19, "Cherries" Dunn was slain in the Typo Press Club, and in October, Edward, alias "Baldy" Schoenborn, was killed in Beverly Brown's saloon at Thirteenth and Chestnut streets. Late in October, Arthur Fineberg, Romaine's pal, was slain. In all these cases Flanagan was under suspicion.

ST. LOUIS GANGSTER SHOT 8 TIMES IN CHICAGO, DIES

**Moses Flanagan Hurlled From Auto
Kept Identity of Assailants
Secret.**

Moses Flanagan alias Thomas Maroney, a St. Louis gangster, died yesterday in the County Hospital at Chicago from bullet wounds inflicted Sunday night when he was shot eight times and hurled from an automobile, according to press dispatches from Chicago. He shielded the identity of his slayers by observing gang ethics and declaring he did not know who had shot him.

Flanagan, according to the St. Louis police records, was 22 years old and formerly lived at St. Ferdinand street and Vandeventer avenue. He escaped from the St. Louis workhouse Nov. 27, 1918, when serving a year for larceny growing out of an attempted safe robbery.

The St. Louis police believe that the slaying of Flanagan had some connection with the recent murder in Chicago of Fred (Toss) Woelfel, another St. Louis gangster. The two were friends, the police say.

Flanagan was arrested by the Chicago police Dec. 21, 1918, in connection with the theft of \$10,000 worth of furs. Shortly after his release on bond Charles Stillwell, an alleged Chicago gunman, was killed, and Flanagan was arrested on suspicion of knowing something about the affair. On April 5 Woelfel was shot and killed.

Police here say that they sought Woelfel and Flanagan following the killing of Frank (Gutter) Newman, another gangster, in front of a house at 3323 Lucas avenue, July 8, 1916, on the theory that the slaying of Newman was the outgrowth of another gang murder in which Woelfel and Flanagan were believed to have been involved.

Grogan Angry at Club Being Linked in Slaying

Barney Grogan was indignant yesterday when he returned to Chicago from his ranch in Wisconsin and read that the police had linked his Eighteenth Ward Democratic club with another murder mystery.

Moses Flanagan, alias Thomas Maroney, shot nine times and thrown from

an automobile near 1842 West Monroe street, was quoted in a dying statement, on May 14 as saying: "Ask Pat Dwyer; maybe he will tell." Dwyer was represented as secretary of the club. Flanagan had spent the evening at his house, 230 South Wood street.

"Dwyer never was secretary of the club," said Grogan; "he merely is a member. I never heard of Flanagan before. The constant linking of the club with crime is merely an attempt to cast discredit upon it for political purposes."

Cast of Characters

Numbers in [square brackets] refer to footnotes at

Chicago

James “Jimmy” Cherin

- “bad boy of the west side” [2]
- Shot and thrown from an automobile [2]
- 1919 Jan 21 found in bottom of auto with 3 bullets

Jennie CRAFT

- Visited Pat DWYER with MRF the night before he was shot. Police sought her for questioning.

Florence DUNN

- Visited MRF in hospital with Lillian HAND, but said just checking if he was a certain yellow taxi driver — claimed not to know.

Patrick “Pat” DWYER

- Storekeeper at county hospital (Commissary)
- Secretary/leader of Grogan’s Democratic Club. (May ‘19)
- 230 South Wood St.
- **MRF’s last words: “Ask Pat Dwyer.”**
- 1919 Jan 28 Arrested for STILLWELL’s murder (see below)
- 1925 Dec 21. Arrested for attempted safe robbery
- 1930. Suspect in theft of City vouchers. Referred to as “minor politician”

Edward “Eddie Fay” Fahey

- World renowned safeblower [2]
- Found dead in a westside alley (part of gang war pattern) [2]
- 1918 late... allied with STILLWELL, death paying for “some mysterious offense against the ‘ethics’ of their profession” [17]

Arthur FINEBERG

- Alias Friberg, Charles Williams
- New York gangster [5]
- Pal of Harry ROMANE/ROMANI
- 1916 Oct 20 Murdered in saloon on 1421 Chouteau at 15th, STL. Saloon owned by Clarence Owens [11].
- Two men drove up in a car, entered the saloon, fired 10 times, hitting Fineburg 8 times, and were gone in thirty seconds.
- Murder unsolved. MRF a suspect

Barney GROGAN.

- “Barney Grogan’s 18th Ward Democratic Club” 1466 West Madison (May 1919)
- Saloonkeeper, west side.
- Chicago Tribune, 18 May 1919, Sun, p 23: Indignant that Moses Flanagan murder associated with his bar.

Harry ROMAINE/ROMANI (1894-1917)

- Alias Jack O’Brien — prize-fighting name
- Pugilist and pickpocket [3]
- Apparently living in STL at time of death at 613 (?) North Leonard Av. [10]
- 1916 Aug 21 Age 23. Murdered on 107-1/2 North 12th at Chestnut in STL. In the Fifth Ward Democratic Club (Beverly Brown’s) on North 12th, 21 Aug 1916. [3]
- Police summoned by manager Ben GETZLER. Body found at top of stairs into club with Getzler’s gun (which he may have taken from Getzler’s coat pocket) and with another gun with discharged bullets. Two men had joined ROMANI, then a 3rd. Shots fired while Getzler out of the room. [10]
- MRF a suspect. But another report implicates Harry DUNN, Thomas QUIGLEY, and James GRADY. [9]
- Pal of Arthur FINEBERG

Charles “Chancellor” STILLWELL (-19 Jan 1919)

- Alias “The Spider,” “Hoppy”
- Chicago gunman. Born in STL
- Dec 1915 suspect in a “famous jewel robbery at the Art Institute,” not charged due to lack of evidence. Suggestion he became a stool pigeon might have led to his murder (Chic Trib 20 Jan 1919, p 1)
- “Stillwell’s Mob” — members of the west side thieves trust [Trib 1919 Jan 23]
- 1918 Dec. Murdered in Barney GROGAN’s 18th Ward Democratic Club during a dance.
- MRF, Frank WEAVER, Pat DWYER all picked up, arrested, and charged with murder. [2] MRF was released [1]
- preceded by murder of his ally “Eddie” FAY [17]
- 1919 Jan 21 Followed by retaliatory murders of “Jimmie” CHERIN (his ally), Tony Debrouse (Cleveland) [17]
- 1919 Jun 7 Followed by murder of his close friend Joe DOYLE (pickpocket, burglar and strong arm. [Decatur Herald])

St. Louis

Frank “the Boob” ANTHONIS

- MRF pal
- 1916 Dec 19 Murdered at Beverly Brown’s Crescent saloon. Shot in saloon, found dead a block away [15]

Beverly (Paul) Brown (male)

- Ward politician and saloonkeeper
- Operated Fifth Precinct Democratic (Lid) Club, 107 North 12th St. After hours membership club (murder site ROMANI; confrontation betw Gutter Newman and Cherries Dunn, where Dunn orders ROWE to beat up Newman; murder site of Cherries DUNN)
- Operated Crescent saloon and wine room at 1233 Chestnut St at 13th, a block from Municipal Courts Bldg (murder site SCHOENBORN a former bartender there; Frank ANTHONIS)
- 1917 Jan Lost Crescent Saloon license due to violent episodes [15]
- 1917 Jan 19 Fifth Precinct Club closed
- Operated saloon on Chouteau?
- 1926 Friend of and bondsman to the Cuckoo gang, one of 2 bootleg factions in STL [14]

Harry “Cherries” DUNN (1892-1916)

- MRF pal and known association with Egan’s Rats [1]
 - 2314 Dickson St. Killed at age 24. [13]
 - With MRF, ordered Thomas ROWE to beat up “Gutter” Newman (see below) [1]
 - 1916 Sept 19. Murdered in the Typo Press Club (see TROLL below). MRF a suspect.
 - Slain at 3 AM by 2 men In an automobile. Believed to have been a sequel to the killing of Harry “Young Jack O’Brien” ROMANI, a pugilist and pickpocket, in the Fifth Ward Democratic Club on North 12th, 21 Aug 1916. [3]
 - Had been a friend and ally of Harry ROMANI, but they fell out over a division of spoils. Theory that gunmen were brought in from Chicago. [12] 7 or 8 men took part in the shooting. Shot 6 times and bystander wounded. [13]
 - “My God, it’s an awful life.” Uttered to The Star reporter 3 days before death. [5]
- By early 1916, the Egan’s Rats went to war with the depleted Bottoms Gang. The main cause was disgruntled Egan gangster Harry “Cherries” Dunn, who was angry that Tom Egan did little to help his imprisoned brother John. Dunn shot and killed original Egan gang member William “Skippy” Rohan inside Tom Egan’s saloon on January 8, 1916. Tom’s brother Willie successfully argued to spare Dunn’s life. “Cherries” defected to the Bottoms Gang and instigated a full-blown war on August 21, 1916, when he killed Harry Romani, a semi-pro boxer and crook who was allied with the Egan gang.
- Willie Egan and four of his men confronted Cherries Dunn at the Typo Press Club on September 19, 1916. Walter Costello and Frank “Gutter” Newman shot and killed him. The war between the Egan and Bottoms gangs claimed almost a dozen lives, including both of Harry Dunn’s murderers.
- From <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egan%27s_Rats>

John “Pudgie” DUNN

- MRF pal and known association with Egan’s Rats [1]

Joe MOCHESKY

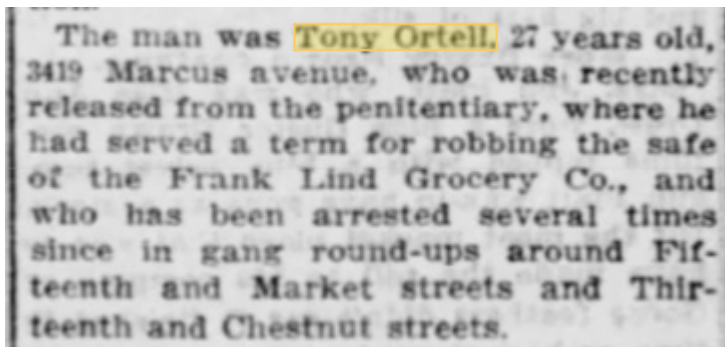
- 1907 Lost license for saloon at 1716 No. Broadway, selling beer to minors. An appeal based on “malicious prosecution” reversed the decision. [STL Post-Dispatch, 24 Apr 1907, p. 1]
- Saloon owner, 1301 Pine St
- 1918 Apr. Victim of safecracking by MRF and ROWE

Frank “Gutter” NEWMAN (- 1917)

- Bartender at Egan’s saloon [7]
- Held up Thomas ROWE and threatened him with death in a club house run by Beverly Brown at 107-1/2 North 12th St.(Fifth Precinct Dem Club) Interrupted by “Cherries” DUNN and MRF. Dunn ordered Rowe to beat him up, which he did [1]
- 1917 Jun 8 Murdered at 3323 Lucas Av, while cranking an automobile in front of Evelyn PALMER’s house. Four men in car; two got out; one did the shooting. PALMER (19 years old) took the blame for the shooting, was tried, but acquitted. Police claim to know murderer, who did it in revenge for Cherries DUNN’s murder. [5] [6] According to [6], the shooter had exited PALMER’s house with NEWMAN, crossed the street, shot, then jumped into the getaway car. In another account, the eye-witness thought the men in the car were NEWMAN’s friends, shooting at the house to avenge him. [8]
- MRF and Fred “Toss” WOELFEL suspects in murder

Tony ORTELL

- “Although it’s unknown just how [Fred ‘Killer’] Burke [future ‘most wanted’, son of Ma Barker] hooked up with the Rats, it’s possible that he was introduced to the gang by Tony Ortell. Born around 1884, Ortell was an alcoholic robber and safe-blower who pulled jobs with the Egan gang.” [18, p 106]
- 1916 Dec 30 Police chase, recent penitentiary release. STL Post Dispatch, p 2 [see clipping below]
- 1917 Mar. Arrested for possession of burglary tools. Ex-con. Associate of MRF
- 1918. Described as Fagin-like (because he ushered many young men into Egan’s gang [18, p 118]). Rejected by military due to prison record.
- 1918 Aug. “When he led a disastrous burglary attempt on the Baden Garage at Halls Ferry Road and Walter Avenue in the dead of night..., watchman Charles Hoffman surprised the crew and shot Ortell’s youthful partner, David Chippy Robinson, before Tony blew him away. Both robbers escaped but found themselves hunted by the police, and broke to boot.” [18, p 121]
- 1926 Oct, Detroit home invasion [18, p 234]
- 1927 Living in Detroit. Sought for murder of 2 old St Louis buddies
- 1930 Convicted to life in prison under habitual criminal law (4th felony). Arrested hundreds of times over his lifetime



The man was **Tony Ortell**, 27 years old, 3419 Marcus avenue, who was recently released from the penitentiary, where he had served a term for robbing the safe of the Frank Lind Grocery Co., and who has been arrested several times since in gang round-ups around Fifteenth and Market streets and Thirteenth and Chestnut streets.

Dave ROWE

- MRF pal and known association with Egan's Rats [1]
- 15 May 1920 Arrested upon leaving penitentiary as suspect in 1917 murder of Dutch Hess, who witnessed murder of Cherries Dunn in Typo Club. 8 Jun, reported dismissed.
- 27 Jul 1920. Shot through arm. Refuses to snitch. Possibly by Sullivan, bootlegger [Globe Democrat]
- 4232 Garfield, one of the "Heavenly Twins" [see Thomas Rowe] arrested along with **Joe Flanagan**, [18 Nov 1920, Globe Democrat]
- 8 Dec 1920, sentenced to a year for carrying a revolver (arrested in Aug)

omas ROWE (1890 -)

- 4432 Garfield Av
- 1918 Apr 8. Arrested for safecracking with MRF at Joe MOCHESKY's saloon
- 1919 May. Serving in penitentiary at time of MRF's murder [1]

Edward "Baldy" SCHOENBORN

- Bartender at Beverly Brown's saloon
- Friend of Cherries DUNN [5]
- Credited with killing John COTTY [5]
- 1916 Oct 5. Murdered in Beverly Brown's saloon, 13th & Chestnut. [5] Suspect: MRF

Charles "Cap" Troll

- Republican ward politician and bondsman [3]
- Owner of a string of "lid clubs," including Typo Press (alley betw 7th, 8th, and Chestnut St.), site of gang killings and hold-ups. Lid clubs were private all-night drinking and gambling (craps) establishments in defiance of Missouri's "lid law," restricting hours of liquor sales. Typo Press was the last remaining lid club in St. Louis. [3] Closed by police Jan 1917.

Fred "Toss" (or "St Louis Shorty") WOELFEL (-1919)

- 1913 Jun 26 Shot and killed wife, with four bullets in her back. Long history of arrests for violent crimes and subsequent discharges. [4] 10-yr jail sentence... when started?
- 1916 Jul 8. Suspected of murdering Frank "Gutter" NEWMAN with MRF
- 1918 Aug 23. Parole revoked, sent back to prison. Had been released to Father Dempsey in May 1917, but violated due to criminal associations [STL Star & Times, 23 Aug 1918, p 5]
- 1919 Apr 5. Murdered in Chicago, found dead in a vacant lot (shot and thrown from an automobile) [2] See also Chicago Tribute 9 Apr 1919, p 17

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