

BANDIT SHOT DEAD, DETECTIVE DYING

Policeman Also Wounded When
Robber Is Surprised in Brook-
lyn Cigar Store.

HUNDREDS WITNESS CHASE

Second Hold-Up Man Escapes
After His Companion Is
Killed by Patrolman.

A cigar store bandit was shot to death and a detective was mortally wounded in a pistol battle at 10:30 o'clock last night near Flatbush Avenue and Fulton Street, one of the busiest spots in Brooklyn. A confederate of the man who was killed escaped with \$75 from the cash register and \$2.19 from the pockets of the clerk.

The exchange of shots came just a few minutes before the theatres were emptying and the rattle of automatics, coupled with the shouts and the jatoe of clubs as a dozen policemen joined in the pursuit drew a crowd that grew to thousands and had to be fought back by police reserves from several stations.

The dead man was identified by fingerprint records from Manhattan Headquarters as William Rogers, 26 years old, who lived in Harlem. The police withheld his address, hoping to pick up his confederate in the neighborhood. The police said Rogers had a criminal record which included one term in a reformatory for grand larceny and another for using drugs, a suspended sentence for using drugs and another arrest for that offense, the sentence of which was not shown.

A letter found in the dead man's pocket signed "Rose," read:

"Dear Smitty:

"Meet me tonight at Third Avenue and 126th Street. Very important."

The detective who was mortally wounded was Barney Grattano of the Butler Street station. The man who escaped was about 28 years old and flashily dressed. The police got a good description of him from the clerk and a swarm of detectives pressed a hunt for him.

Patrolman Interrupts Holdup.

It was the alertness of Patrolman Martin Stapleton of the Poplar Street station that resulted in police intervention while the hold-up was in progress. Stapleton was passing the United Cigar Store at 583 Fulton Street, close to Flatbush Avenue, when he noticed that there was no clerk behind the counter.

Pausing at the open doorway, Stapleton said to flashily-dressed youth standing there:

"Where's the clerk?"

For answer the youth drew pistol, pointed it at the policeman and backed toward the curb.

Stapleton lunged for him and the youth fired and fled diagonally across the street toward Hanover Place.

Stapleton drew his own pistol, fired at the fleeing man and raced after him.

Detective Grattano was lounging at the Hanover Place corner. As the fugitive passed, Grattano lunged for him, missed his tackle and sprawled on the pavement. He was up in a second his own weapon drawn.

The youth turned just long enough to fire at him, then fled on. By then Grattano was in action, his pistol sending bullet after bullet toward the fleeing man.

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drawing close together, all were firing when Grattano dropped with a bullet in his chest.

A bullet struck Stapleton's cap, denting the ornament and sending the cap flying from his head. A bullet from Stapleton's pistol whizzed over the fugitive's shoulder and shattered the window of the Lane Bryant store in Hanover Place. The flying plate glass fell about the runner's feet, but he kept on a yard or two while Stapleton posed himself to take aim.

The next shot caught the bandit lookout full in the breast as he twisted in his stride to aim once more. He pitched over dead.

Patrolmen White and Connolly of Traffic B, off duty, arrived in time to see Grattano fall. They bent over him and he whispered that he was a detective and badly hurt. They lifted him, put him into the first automobile they saw and rushed him to Brooklyn Hospital. There is was feared that he could not recover.

In the midst of the excitement incident to the chase the robber, who had been inside the cigar store when the policeman first became suspicious, ran out, pistol in hand and boldly started in pursuit of the policeman who was trying to capture his lookout.

He, too, joined in the firing, but when the first fugitive fell he darted across the street out of the direct line of pursuit and disappeared in the crowd that was gathering fast.

Albert Weiss, the cigar clerk, emerged from the back room as soon as the robber ran out. He told the first policeman to reach him that the lookout and the elder man had walked in and while the one had taken a position at the door the other had walked up to the counter, displayed a pistol and quietly ordered him to back into the rear room.

The bandit joined him there, rifled his pockets of all the money he had, and came out to empty the cash register almost at the instant when Stapleton came along and accosted the lookout.

When the fray was all over, and Stapleton had gone to the station house to make his report, he discovered to his surprise that he had been shot in the left forearm. In the excitement he had been unconscious of the slight injury.

Grattano lives with his wife and two children at 6,714 Nineteenth Avenue, Brooklyn. He formerly was attached to the Italian Squad in Manhattan and has had a long police career.

DENIED BAIL, FACES A MURDER CHARGE

Caught in Brooklyn Hold-Up,
Prisoner Will Be Accused
in Detective's Death.

TO BE ARRAIGNED TODAY

Police Say He Admits Being at
Scene of Killing, but That
He Did No Shooting.

David Burke, 28 years old, of 337 West Eighty-fifth Street, Manhattan, accused of being a companion of the holdup man who on the night of May 19 last fatally shot Detective Bernard Grottano, was held without bail yesterday by Magistrate O'Neill in Fifth Avenue Court, Brooklyn. He will be arraigned for a hearing tomorrow on charges of murder and robbery.

The robbery charge is the result of a holdup by two men in the jewelry store of Louis Mandelsohn, at 540 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, Saturday, in which the robbers got \$8,000 worth of jewelry. In the pursuit by Patrolman Clarence Farley, of the Fifth Avenue police station, the robber running with a bag containing the jewelry, dropped the bag. The jewelry was recovered. Burke was caught after an exchange of shots. An automobile in which the robbers had driven to the store was recovered by the police.

Detective John Fox, who made the murder complaint, said that Burke had admitted being with Raymond Beetha, a hold-up man, just before Detective Grottano was shot. Beetha was shot to death by a policeman in the chase after Beetha and another man had been caught robbing a United Cigar store at Flatbush Avenue and Fulton Street, Brooklyn.

"We came to Brooklyn from Manhattan that night," Detective Fox quoted Burke as saying. "We got off the subway at Nevins Street. We'd made up our minds to stick up somebody and when we saw the cigar store, Beetha suggested we hold it up.

"We decided that Beetha was to tie

up the clerk in the back room. We went into the store and Beetha took the clerk into the rear. While I was behind the counter I saw a cop coming in and I walked out. I crossed the street. I left Beetha in the store. I didn't do any shooting, but went up the elevated stairs and took a train. I was walking up the stairs when I heard the shots. I got on a train and rode four or five stations, then I transferred to the subway and went to Manhattan. The next day I read in the papers that a detective had been killed, and that's all I know about it."

Albert Weiss, the cigar store clerk, corroborated the prisoner's story that Burke had left the store before the shooting.

FILTERED RAYS AID BABIES.

Hospital Uses Artificial Light Machines in Treatment of Children.

Lack of proper sunlight stimulants corresponding to "vitamines" in food is an important contributing cause of the usual Winter and early Spring increase of children's diseases, according to studies just completed at the New York Nursery and Child's Hospital, 161 West Sixty-first Street. As a result, two specially designed artificial light generating machines have been installed in the children's wards.

Children suffering from rickets, certain types of convulsions, malnutrition and various forms of tuberculosis have been much benefited by the use of carefully filtered rays. These also have had a noticeably tonic effect on babies. Physicians explained that in the late Fall and Winter children are necessarily kept indoors a great part of the time and become "light starved." During this season even the sun's rays often do not contain adequate stimulants for children who may have been weakened by too rapid growth.

The physicians stress the fact that the mere generation of ultra-violet rays does not make artificial sunlight, and that only selected rays administered under specially prepared conditions will produce the desired effect. Sun parlors and violet light machines, it is stated, are equally ineffective, because the needed light rays cannot pass through glass.

Held for Running Down Boy.

Louis Rich of 631 Jefferson Place, the Bronx, whose truck ran down and seriously injured 8-year-old Sidney Katz of 3,621 Third Avenue, the Bronx, on Saturday night, was held yesterday in \$2,000 by Magistrate James M. Barrett in Morrisania Court for examination Wednesday on a charge of felonious assault.