

YOUNG BANDIT SLAIN; ONE IS HURT IN FIGHT

Third Captured Following Running Battle With Sacramento Police.

STEALING GASOLINE

Detective, Clad in Pajamas, Commandeers Car and Gives Chase—Boy Is Wounded.

(Associated Press Local Wire.)

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 23.—One youthful robber was killed, a second wounded and a third taken into custody here early this morning by Detective George Horstmyer following a running battle through the lower end of town. Horstmyer, who was off duty, saw the trio draining gasoline from the machine of a neighbor, and clad only in his pajamas and an overcoat, gave chase, commandeering a passing automobile.

The dead: Harold Wilson, 19, of Westwood.

The wounded: Daniel O'Shea, 25 years old, of Aurora, Ill.

Douglas Young, the third member of the ring when taken into custody, told detectives that they had stolen the gasoline so that they could drive to Wilson's home in Westwood, 150 miles north of here, according to police reports. Police were unable to definitely state whether any of the trio were wanted by the authorities elsewhere.

Horstmyer declared that he observed the trio place a can under the machine of a neighbor and disappear. When the bandits returned to take the gasoline he ordered them to surrender. The trio fled and Horstmyer opened fire, slaying one of the ring and wounding a second member. When Wilson was fatally shot, Young jumped into the driver's seat and started to drive away. Horstmyer then commandeered a passing machine and chased the robbers to the waterfront district where their machine was forced into the curb. O'Shea was taken to the emergency hospital, where his wound was said not to be serious. Young is being held for investigation.

Cook with gas.

HEROIC FIGURE OF WORLD WAR DEATH VICTIM

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of almost all the nations of the civilized world anxiously inquired about his condition. Ambassador Phillips of the United States was a frequent caller at the hospital. Once he brought the cardinal flowers from Secretary of State Kellogg.

When the sudden turn for the worse came the cardinal fully realized that his end was near. "My stomach has failed me; there is nothing more the doctors can do," the prelate said to a priest at the bedside. The holy sacrament was administered. This prompted the cardinal to say:

"When my health was good, I always said I wished to receive the last sacrament, not when I was compelled to receive it, but when I could still receive it, and I feel a little better now."

Artificial nourishment was resorted to during the final days of the prelate's illness, but this method served its purpose poorly. During his illness on January 16, the cardinal left his bed over the protests of his physicians and conferred with churchmen concerning the Belgian flood situation. Also he was deeply interested in the prospect of a union of the Roman and Anglican churches, a movement in which he was the prime mover, and held numerous conferences on the subject in the sick chamber.

Special masses for the illustrious dead will be celebrated throughout Belgium and France tomorrow to mark the cardinal's passing.

Already there is talk of erecting a monument to the "resurrection of the war-time soul of Belgium" by popular subscription. The funeral probably will be an affair of state with King Albert and Crown Prince Leopold among the mourners.

Desire Mercier, Cardinal of Malines, Prince of the Church and "Apostle of Peace," was one of the most striking figures brought prominently before the world by the most ruthless war of all times.

Little known outside of Vatican circles or beyond the borders of Belgium prior to 1914, this modest, unassuming prelate was as famous before the world on Armistice Day as were the royal heads of belligerent states or the illustrious generals who led the Allied armies to victory.

The role played by Cardinal Mercier was one of the outstanding features of the World War. Although hailed as the "Apostle of Peace" throughout the civilized world, he demonstrated early in the great struggle that he also was a fighter of the first magnitude when convinced that his cause was imbued with righteousness.

by the mighty German advance. Cutting short the formalities which usually attend the departure of a high church dignitary from the Vatican, he hastened back to Brussels, waved aside preliminaries and precedent, exhorted his people to resist the invasion with all the strength and determination at their command; denounced the Germans from pulpit and palace, and from then on continued as one of the most formidable and dangerous thorns in the side of enemy military authorities who were endeavoring to shape the destinies of conquered Belgium to the best advantage of victorious Berlin.

On countless occasions his courageous attitude in defying the invaders evoked admiration throughout the world. His devotion to the subjected populace throughout the five most frightful years in Belgian history never faltered for the briefest moment, even under pressure of threats and coercion, bespeaking violence and death to himself. Baron von Bissing, the German Governor General of Belgium, who ruled over the little Kingdom with an iron hand, was forced in the end to acknowledge that his master had been met in this mild-mannered disciple of a cause which made up in glory and devotion what the fortunes of war had decreed it should lack in the power of cannon and sword.

The famous Pastoral Letter of December, 1914, prepared by Cardinal Mercier and read in every Catholic church in Belgium, has been called one of the most daring indictments of the German invasion ever written. The letter went forth to printer and priest despite every precaution the German authorities could take to suppress it. Spies by the score watched day and night over the prelate and his staff, for the invaders were aware that a letter containing condemnations of the most violent nature was to be read from every Catholic church in the land on New Year's Day, 1915. They were determined to forestall it at all costs, but the letter was read despite their efforts and the wrath of the powerful von Bissing was heaped upon Cardinal Mercier for his defiance. Under orders from the General's office, he was kept a prisoner in his home for two weeks while von Bissing was bringing pressure to force his submission. A mere verbal admission that the prelate had no intention of exciting or alarming the population by the pastoral letter would have satisfied the Governor General. It was said, but no such admission was secured from Cardinal Mercier.

Another pastoral letter, sent out at the beginning of Lent in 1916, again brought persecution from von Bissing. "The conviction of our final victory is more deeply anchored in my soul than ever," the letter said in part. "We will win, do not ever doubt it, but we have not reached the end of our sufferings. Prepare your plans, place your batteries, coordinate your movements. Remember man proposes but God disposes."

Von Bissing flew into a towering rage when he read the letter, which he avowed was "an invocation of the Cardinal to God for the extermination of the German armies."

Purple with indignation and on the verge of an apopleptic attack, he threw his helmet on the floor, trampled and kicked it into an unrecognizable mass, then sent every orderly in his headquarters for Baron von der Lancken and Count Harrach, his advisors. Cardinal Mercier must retract, he told them. They must secure an apology to Germany, and all the resources of the German Empire were at their disposal to get it. Still no apology ever came from Malines.

A little village not far from Waterloo-Briane d'Alleud—was the birthplace of Cardinal Mercier in 1851. The family was a distinguished religious one, several other members having received high honors from the Catholic church.

Believing that he was destined for a career other than secular, the future Cardinal prepared for the medical profession, and upon his graduation from college studied surgery under Professor Charcot at Paris. Inborn love of the priesthood, however, soon caused him to abandon his medical studies and seek seclusion in a seminary, where he prepared himself to take the cloth.

Before he was referred to as "the Great Cardinal," the Abbe Mercier was known to Belgians as "the tall priest," as he stood well over six feet in height. His mental endowments proved to be on a par with his physical appearance, hence it was not long before he attracted the attention of influential persons in the hierarchy of the church. Eventually, when it was decided to create an institute of philosophy in connection with the University of Louvain, Pope Leo the Young Abbe Mercier and had him named as the director of the organization.

Great surprise was occasioned later, however, when it was noted that the prelate's teachings were in direct opposition to doctrines of the more conservative element in the Holy See. He taught that Catholic dogma "did not constitute an ideal which it was forbidden to attempt to surpass, or a frontier defining the activities and limits of the mind."

Summoned to Rome by his advisers, then constituting a majority in the College of Cardinals, he argued his case so convincingly that Pope Leo decided the controversy in his favor and soon afterward appointed him Bishop of Malines. He was made a Cardinal in 1907 by Pope Pius X and then dropped from sight, so far as the world at large was concerned, until the Germans entered Belgium in 1914.

Modest, humble, seeking no personal honors, the prelate of Belgium spent the declining years of his life as he had spent the years before the war—visiting his priests and congregations, discussing their troubles, consoling them in sorrow, and preaching to them humility in success.

Following the war, in September, 1919, Cardinal Mercier paid a visit to the United States. As his ship

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POLISH COLONY, LONG LOST, FOUND BY A NATURALIST

(Associated Press Local Wire.)

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 23.—The discovery of a lost Polish colony of nearly 1,000 inhabitants of the Valley of the Doce river, in the state of Espirito Santo is reported by the Polish naturalist Stanislaus Pryjmski, who has just returned here. The colony has been lost since 1873.

M. Pryjmski said he found the Poles grouped in complete isolation. They still were talking the Polish language. The original settlers are dead and their children and grand children have no knowledge of their relatives in the mother country.

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WALKER WINNER OVER LILLARD ON FOUL PUNCH

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ed to produce the slightest semblance of a fight. In an attempt to force the pair to fight, the crowd demanded an extra round and Referee Kepper ordered the pair to renew the "terrific" engagement. Zachary indicated his willingness to continue by remaining in the ring, but Stratton preferred the seclusion of the dressing room and the other man was declared the victor.

A. P. OPERATOR DIES.

(Associated Press Local Wire.)

FRESNO, Cal., Jan. 23.—Carroll Edelen, 24, Associated Press telegrapher stationed here, died suddenly today following a stroke. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Josie Edelen and three children, a sister and two brothers, Adlai and Robert Edelen of Huntington, W. Va.

Edelen worked his "trick" as usual yesterday. His last story was taken at 3:55 p. m. five minutes before "thirty," a Brussels dispatch that Cardinal Mercier would not live through the night. Edelen died eight hours later.

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