

# Unmasked Bandit Blasts Life From Store Manager

SEATTLE, Dec. 14 (AP)—A sawed-off shotgun in the hands of an unmasked bandit blasted the life from Manager C. A. Stockberger, 47, of a downtown shoe store during the evening rush hour yesterday and police combed the city today in search for the killer and his accomplice in the holdup attempt.

Captain of Detectives K. O. Anderson said the pair strode into the store at 4:30 p. m., one shouting "this is a stickup" and the other crowding Stockberger into a corner. The manager started to raise his hands, was ordered to lower them, and was shot as he complied, Anderson

said. The killer yelled "Let's go" and the men fled. They got no look.

Stockberger's widow, Irene, and their three-year-old daughter, Linda, survive.

Anderson said descriptions by witnesses prompted police to intensify their hunt for two men already wanted on warrants charging armed robbery and jailbreak. One he identified as "Rocky" Hurley, alias Harris, who escaped Dec. 7 from the city-county hospital after he was wounded following a holdup. The other he said was Clarence J. Peltzer, who crawled to freedom through a hole in the attic of the city jail Nov. 29.

The store's clerks and two or three customers witnessed the shooting, the detective said. A crowd gathered quickly and it was not known whether the pair got away in a nearby car or escaped by mingling with the throng.

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# Shooting Fray Ruled Murder

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Black, a mill operator, and Perry, who did logging for the mill, climaxed an argument over money earlier this week with a fist fight, witnesses told Hull. Black told Perry yesterday he would settle the account at his trailer house near the logger's home, the coroner said.

The shooting, as reconstructed by the coroner: two blasts from a 12-gauge shotgun struck Perry as he entered the trailer—the first in the hand and the second in the chest. After reloading the gun, Black took it outside, leaned over the barrel, and tripped the trigger with a stick.

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Officials of the American-Hawaiian Steamship company, the agents, said the vessels had been repaired and ready to sail since Monday. They hoped seamen and stewards would arrive from San Francisco to enable the Falcon, which carries 3314 passengers, to leave tonight or tomorrow.

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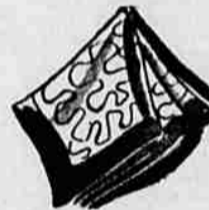
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