

# Storekeeper Shoots Bandit Trying Hold-Up

## Brooklyn Candy Store Proprietor Answers Robber's Demand for \$10 With Bullets; In Serious Condition

John Wilson, thirty-four years old, of 288 Chauncey Street, Brooklyn, walked into the candy shop of Samuel Gordon, 331 Berry Street, Brooklyn, at 9 o'clock yesterday afternoon and demanded \$10.

Gordon gazed at him calmly and said "No." Thereupon Wilson mounted the counter, jerked out a revolver and demanded "the money you got," he yelled, leveling the revolver at Gordon, "or I'll take your life!"

The candy shop proprietor made a move as if to open the cash drawer, but instead reached beneath the counter, seized his own revolver and fired twice at the intruder. One of the bullets passed through Wilson's neck, burying itself in the wall. He toppled off the counter, unconscious. He was rushed to the Williamsburg Hospital, where it was said his condition is critical.

Gordon was arrested on a technical charge of felonious assault, but was released when it was learned he has a permit to carry a pistol. He was instructed to report to the Bedford Avenue police station if Wilson died.

Charge of felonious assault and attempted robbery was entered against Wilson.

Platinum valued at \$1,500 was stolen last Friday night from a safe in the laboratory of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, it was learned yesterday.

The laboratory building is located near the center of the yard. A big hole was bored in the door of the safe with an oxyacetylene burner. The thieves experienced no trouble in inserting their hands through this hole and lifting out the platinum.

Detectives have aided the naval authorities in an investigation of the robbery, but so far, it was stated, no clues have been obtained. The theft was discovered by workers at the laboratory and it was immediately reported to Rear Admiral John D. McDonald, commandant of the yard, who started an investigation. All laboratory workers were questioned. The belief was expressed by detectives yesterday that it might possibly have been an inside job.

Since the robbery was discovered an armed guard has been stationed day and night at the paymaster's office.

Silk shirts valued at \$25,000 and numerous bolts of silk were stolen from the Breslin Shirt Company, 684 Broadway, when the company's storerooms were entered last Friday night. Details of the robbery became known yesterday.

Thieves entered the building at 684 Broadway from the roof. The first ransacked the offices of R. Goldberg, on the top floor, and carried off a dollar in small change and a chewing gum machine. They reached the storeroom of the shirt company by cutting their way through the ceiling.

When they had selected the choicest pieces from the company's ample stock the thieves bundled up their loot, climbed through the hole in the ceiling and left the building through a rear entrance on the ninth floor.

It was learned yesterday that the burglars who looted the shop of Morris Rosenblatt, at 122 Bleeker Street, Saturday night, and carried off \$5,000 in woolen goods, used tools stolen from the bakery shop of Joseph Steenbecke, at 321 West Twenty-first Street.

The woolen goods were later found in the yard of the Bleeker Street Lumber Company under a pile of canvas wagon covers.

# De Cordova Murder Laid To Jealousy

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as they walked to him. He said this attracted his attention, as it was not customary for members of the fashionable colony to notice workmen.

Main continued down the road and met James F. Brown, a farmer, who was driving a wagon in the opposite direction. Only about ten minutes elapsed between the time that Main passed Mrs. De Cordova and the time that Brown reached the scene. Both men took the double shooting had taken place. Both Brown and Main are uncertain whether they heard shots.

No Sign of Struggle

A any rate, Brown said he had no apprehension when he approached the scene. He saw Mrs. De Cordova lying in the road. His first impression was that she was asleep, since she was stretched out on a grass plot bordering on the road. He next saw Geissler twitching as he leaned over the rail fence. On making an examination, Brown discovered that Mrs. De Cordova had been shot twice near the heart.

She evidently had been shot at close range, as the first shot was within an eighth of an inch of the second. Geissler had shot himself in the temple. Although he lived until 5 o'clock this morning, he never regained consciousness.

No evidence was found that Mrs. De Cordova had struggled to defend herself.

Mr. De Cordova, on moving the body of his wife to-day, expressed a desire that no autopsy be held. Coroner Brown accordingly recorded the tragedy as a murder and suicide. He said he would hold an inquest to-morrow.

Mr. De Cordova, on leaving for New York, would say only: "I have a statement to say now. I may make a statement later."

The only statement from the De Cordova family came indirectly from Mr. Bauchle, who said:

"When Mr. De Cordova first heard of the tragedy at his home in New York he believed that his wife and her chauffeur had been killed in an automobile accident. He came here to take back both bodies, but on learning of the truth he determined to have nothing to do with the body of the murderer. It was Mr. De Cordova's idea that Geissler was a religious fanatic."

"Geissler never made any threats, but always was respectful and obedient to Mrs. De Cordova. I have been told that he was seen practicing with a revolver, but of course I know nothing about it."

"The theory of the family is that Mrs. De Cordova and the chauffeur drove off the main road to pick some flowers. The chauffeur was accustomed to gather flowers for her."

Mrs. Geissler telephoned to the morgue here to-day that she probably would arrive to-morrow to make funeral arrangements for her husband.

One theory which Prosecutor Hewitt said had been suggested to him, but which was unsupported by evidence, was that both Mrs. De Cordova and Geissler had been murdered by some person unknown. It was pointed out that robbery could not have been a motive, because on Mrs. De Cordova's body was found a pearl necklace with a diamond pendant and \$50 in cash, which she took when she started for the ride.

Companions of Geissler at the Griswold Hotel told Coroner Brown that Geissler possessed a strange personal-

# Geissler and His Wife Quarreled Over Picture Of Another Woman

Bernard B. Geissler, the chauffeur who murdered Mrs. Arthur de Cordova and then killed himself, quarreled with Anna Geissler, his wife, about the last of June, over the picture of another woman that she found in his pocket, according to Mrs. Rebecca Higgins, superintendent of the apartment house where they lived, at 201 West Eighty-fourth Street.

Mrs. Higgins said yesterday that Geissler told her that and showed bad scratches on his face.

Others in the building say they heard Mrs. Geissler upbraiding her husband and shouted their resentment at the disturbance. Geissler left next day and did not return. He was going anyhow with the De Cordova family to their summer quarters, but need not have gone so soon, Mrs. Higgins believes. She understands that he and Mrs. Geissler had not been on good terms since then, although Mrs. Geissler reports a brief note from him last Sunday.

Yesterday Mrs. Geissler's sister Julia called at 201 West Eighty-fourth Street and took the widow of the chauffeur to her mother and sister Helen, now living in Van Nest. An insurance man who called yesterday informed Mrs. Higgins that Geissler was heavily insured.

Mrs. Geissler has been employed in a real estate office on Seventy-second Street. For three days she has had a roommate, a Mrs. Evelyn Pallette, who came through a mutual friend, a Miss Edlitz, living in an apartment under them.

They said they had never heard Mrs. Geissler discuss her husband. All of Geissler's acquaintances give him a fine character.

For three years the De Cordova cars have been kept on the second floor of the D. F. D. Garage, at Seventy-seventh Street and Amsterdam Avenue. Thomas Murphy, of 353 Amsterdam Avenue, who runs the elevator, said of Geissler:

"He came about every morning during the last two years, except in the summer, to take the car out and carry it to the garage. He was very polite. He went after him again in the afternoon."

"Geissler was one of the best drivers and mechanics and one of the hardest on his car in the garage. I never knew him to drink or to bring any women here. I never saw his wife around here."

"I've known Geissler about ten years and he has always been a good fellow," said William Dawson, of 2332 Broadway, connected with another garage. "He used to take his wife to the movies about five times a week, and I always thought they were regular pals."

Stephen D. Hayden, president of the Packard Auto Renting and Service Company, said that Geissler was in his employ from May, 1912, to March, 1915, and that he appeared to be a good man. He had also driven for John Collins, of

1491 Broadway; for a garage at 620 Eighth Avenue and for the International Garage, in Fortieth Street.

Cyril de Cordova, of 25 Broad Street, had gone to Stonington to aid his brother, Arthur de Cordova, Mrs. de Cordova, his wife, said at the Hotel Plaza. Earlier he remarked that he had known the chauffeur for five years and that he had the family's full confidence. Members of his brother's family knew that Mrs. de Cordova had gone motorizing with Geissler, he added.

Cyril de Cordova was at Grand Central Station yesterday to receive the body of Mrs. de Cordova. The funeral probably will take place from the house at 251 West Eighty-ninth Street, which has been closed since the family went to Connecticut.

Mrs. de Cordova was Florence Mabel Williams, daughter of Alfred Williams, retired wholesale glove dealer, of Germantown, Pa., a founder of the Radnor Hunt Club and long identified with the Union League Club, Philadelphia.

O'Connor E. de Cordova, of 243 West 102d Street, vice-president of the New York Consolidated Exchange, member of the board of governors and a broker, with offices at 45 Beaver Street, is a cousin of Arthur de Cordova, but said he was not acquainted with Mrs. de Cordova and knew nothing of the circumstances.

Mrs. de Cordova had been married twenty-two years and was forty-two years old. She had lived nine years at the Eighty-ninth Street address.

**Selects Canadian Cabinet**

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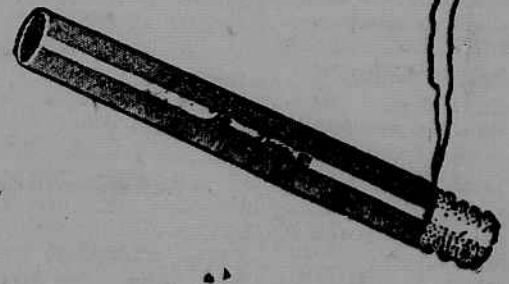
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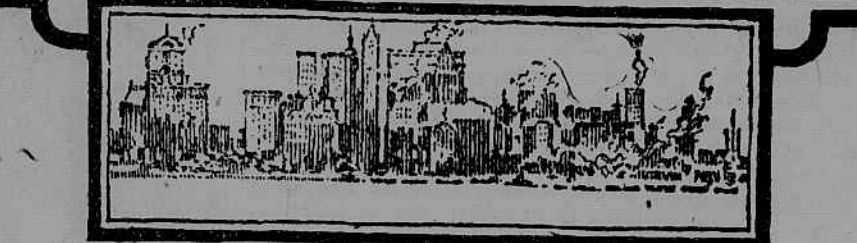
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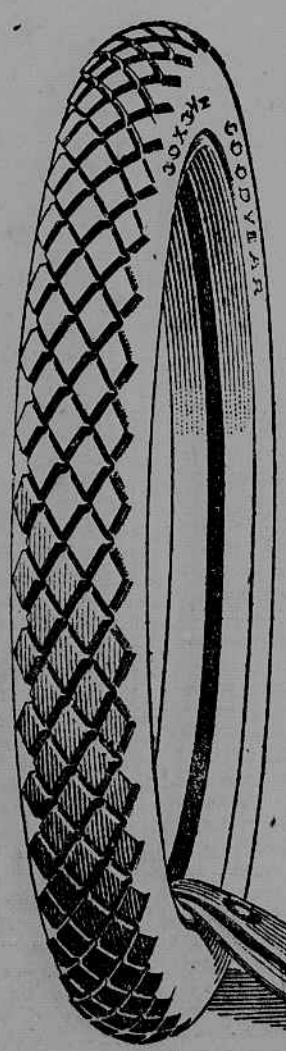
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