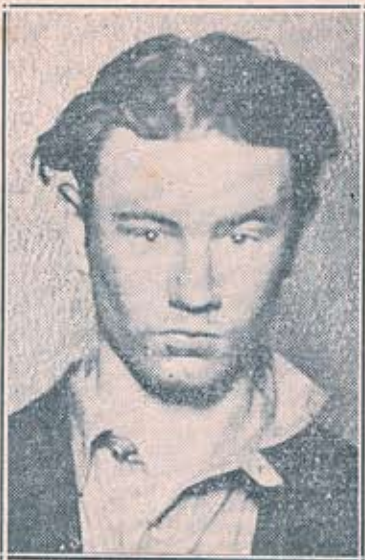


CAPTURED AT WESTFIELD.



WILLIAM REILLY.



JAMES DeLONG.



—By Joe ALEX

Three of four alleged burglars arrested after Patrolman Gill wounds fourth member attempting to break open safe in gasoline station.

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Three Held Without Bail for Grand Jury.

FOURTH IN HOSPITAL AT PLAINFIELD.

Special to the Journal.

WESTFIELD, Feb. 3.—Pleas of guilty on charges of burglarious entry were made in Police Court last night before Recorder A. C. Nash by three of the four men captured at a gasoline station yesterday morning by Patrolman Frederick Gill. They were held without bail and were taken to the jail at Elizabeth this morning.

The men who were arraigned were: James DeLong, of 18 East Milton avenue, Rahway; William Reilly, of 831 Grandview avenue, Westfield, and Alexander Stevens, of 348 East South avenue, Westfield. Gus Iannacone, of 121 Cacciola place, who was dropped in his tracks by the patrolman's bullet, may have to stay in the hospital several days.

The burglars were surprised at work on the safe by Patrolman Gill at 2:45 o'clock yesterday morning. His attention had been attracted to the gas station by sounds of hammering. Single-handed, he routed the robber, who broke from the building and scampered into the darkness as he approached. He fired five shots at the men as they fled and succeeded in dropping Iannacone in the street.

Patrolman Gill was the recipient of a great deal of praise last night from fellow members of the police force and attorneys and witnesses in lesser cases. Commissioner Horace H. MacCowan expressed his appreciation of Gill's courage, which, he said, was a credit to the department.

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burglars, alone, is highly commendable," the commissioner stated. "I consider it one of the bravest acts performed by any member of this department, which is a good one, and composed of first-class men."

The commissioner, seconded by Chief of Police John C. Rosecrans, pointed out the fact that Gill had absolutely no knowledge of what might be before him when he went to the building and routed the burglars. The men might have shot him as he approached for all he knew. The commissioner appeared elated at the outcome of the affair. He said that he knew he could rely on the men of the department, from the chief to the newest recruit, and that he knew that they were all personally brave.

Too much emphasis has been placed in the past, in discussion of the police force, he said, upon the splendid communication system, of metropolitan proportions, by means of which rapid action can be taken, and too little upon the character of the men who are always ready.

Many friends of the trio, and the man in the hospital, crowded the Police Court last night to hear Recorder Nash take their pleas of guilty and inform the three who were arraigned that they would be held without bail for action by the Grand Jury.

Not only was the court room crowded but many of those who could not obtain admittance stood upon the running-boards of automobiles parked on the south side of the court room and pressed their faces against the window panes. Several of those outside were women.

Many enquiries were made as to the condition of Iannacone, who was said to be resting as well as could be expected. The bullet in his leg had been located, it was said, by means of the X-ray, but it had not been removed.

BULLET HALTS ROBBER

Three Other Suspects in Elizabeth, N. J., Safe Job Caught

Surprising four yeggs, who attempted to open a safe in a gasoline station to open a safe in a gasoline station man Frederick Gill fired on them as they dashed from the place, wounding one in the leg. Picking up the wounded man, Gill had him taken to Muhlenberg Hospital in Plainfield, where he said he was Gus Iannacone of Westfield.

Less than an hour after Iannacone was questioned in the hospital by police, they arrested his three alleged confederates who described themselves as James DeLong of Rahway, William Reilly and Alexander Stephens, both of Westfield.

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