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BANDIT SHOT, PALS JAILED

Westfield Officer Shoots One as He Finds Gang At Work.

BULLET IN LEG

Three Others Rounded Up at Homes, One of Them at Rahway

Special to the Journal.

WESTFIELD, Feb. 2.—One man was shot and three others captured early to-day following a burglary of a gasoline station in North avenue, when Patrolman Frederick Gill surprised the men at work on a safe. Singlehanded, he routed the robbers, dropping Gus Iannacone, of 121 Cacciola place, in his tracks with a shot above the right knee, as the men dashed away. Police rounded up the gang within a few hours.

Those arrested were: James DeLong, of 19 East Milton avenue, Rahway, William Reilly, of 831 Grandview avenue, Westfield, and Alexander Stevens, of 348 East South avenue, Westfield. Iannacone was taken to Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield, in the town ambulance, in a serious condition.

Patrolman Gill was covering his beat in North avenue at 2:45 o'clock this morning when he heard a muffled hammering. He stopped and listened. The sound he said seemed at first to be coming from the Central Railroad tracks but in a few moments he discovered that it came from the interior of the gasoline station.

Without considering his safety, Gill drew his gun and went to the station. Just as he arrived four men broke from the building and ran. He fired five shots at them as they scampered away into the darkness, and succeeded in dropping one of them. With only one shot left in his revolver, he approached the figure in the street. Seeing that the man was badly hurt, he picked him up and carried him to a police telegraph box, where he rang up headquarters for assistance. Gill's bullet had expanded after entering the man's leg, and he was bleeding freely.

Sergeant Edward Miller, who was on desk duty at the time, dispatched a taxi from the Schoonover stand, located near

WOUNDS ONE BURGLAR FOUND BREAKING SAFE



PATROLMAN FREDERICK GILL.

Westfield policeman closed in on gang single handed, shooting one in knee, three others being captured at homes within few hours.

JERSEY OFFICER SHOOTS THIEF

Gas Station Burglary Is Foiled; Three Taken, One Escapes.

WESTFIELD, Feb. 2 (AP).—One man was shot, two others locked up, and the arrest of a fourth is imminent, as the result of interruption today by a policeman of a burglary of a gasoline station.

Gus Innacone of 121 Cacciola place was dropped by a shot as he ran. He is in Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield, under police guard.

The others arrested were James DeLong of 19 East Milton avenue, Rahway, and Alexander Stevens of 348 East South avenue, Westfield. Innacone, shot above the right knee, is in a serious condition.

Patrolman Frederick Gill, who shot him, carried the man 300 yards to a police box. Stevens was taken later to his home and DeLong was arrested by Rahway police.

the scene of the burglary, and notified Chief of Police John C. Rosecrans and Captain Edward Nelson, who arrived on the scene within a few minutes. Gill was sent in the ambulance to the hospital with the man he shot. Within an hour Chief Rosecrans had obtained a full statement from Iannacone, who gave the names of his accomplices. Iannacone's statement coincided with information furnished by Patrolman Schreiber, who had seen the four together at 1:30 o'clock.

Captain Nelson, assisted by Patrolmen Morton, Nead, Schreiber, Montross and Burke, set out to locate the three men. Rahway police were notified, and were waiting to arrest DeLong when he returned to his home. He was married five months ago and was employed at another oil station in Westfield. He offered no resistance.

Alexander Stevens, the next to be arrested, came to the door of his home partly dressed. He denied all knowledge of the affair, and informed the police that he always slept in his clothes, and was not arrested until 8 o'clock. He wife told police that he had not been home all night when they inquired for him at about 5 o'clock. He was arrested by Patrolman Gebler, who had been detailed by Chief of Police Rosecrans to watch the house. De Long was brought to Westfield from Rahway by Captain Nelson, Patrolmen Gill and Montross shortly after 6:30 o'clock in the police scout car. He admitted participation in the burglary, the police say.

According to Chief Rosecrans and Captain Nelson, a back window was broken above the catch by the burglars. Two large hammers and a heavy screwdriver had been used on the safe, which was set in a wall. One combination disc had been knocked off and the other was damaged. A set of wrenches was found near the safe.

The police have expressed the opinion that two men worked inside and two "look-out" men, posted outside, warned the safe-crackers of Patrolman Gill's approach. Otherwise, they say, the men could not have broken and run with such suddenness when Gill walked up to investigate. The quartet has been under police observation for some time. Gus Iannacone has a record, the police say.

Iannacone's father, Joseph, shot his son, Michael, in a drunken brawl after a party here in 1926, and was sent to State's prison at Trenton, where he died.

DeLong, charged just before Christmas with theft of rings and money from the home of Dr. Hathaway, where he was employed as a painter, was free only because of the doctor's disinclination to prosecute, according to Captain Nelson, who aided the young man in an alleged effort to get a fresh start. Reilly's father is a highly respected meat-cutter, at present in bed as the result of the loss of three fingers a few days ago in a meat cutting machine. Stevens is known to be an associate of the others. A fifth man, seen at various times with the gang, was questioned and released.

Chief Rosecrans highly praised Patrolman Gill's courage in routing the gang when discussing the burglary. Gill is a comparatively new member of the force. He finished a year of probation only a few months ago. He is popular with other members of the department, and plays baseball for the police team. He is married, and lives in Franklin avenue.

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