



Two Local Men Engage In Fatal Duel Last Evening

Gun Fight Staged After Duelists Had Agreed In Writing To Settle Differences According To Their Own Accepted Code

Many shots were exchanged before pre-arranged affair was ended by the fatal wounding of one of the principals and serious wounding of the other.

Spectators Watched the Pair Shoot It Out

Deadly duel was staged on the garbage dumping grounds just beyond North Eighth street on road to Delano.

A Duel To The Death!

Mahanoy City became the locale of a fatal gun duel, the parallel of which might be found in the fiction of the genius Poe, when Savo Raicevich, a native of Yugo-Slavia, was fatally injured by a fellow-countryman, Risto Brankovich, in the affray staged on the community dumping grounds on the north side of the highway leading from North Eighth St. to Delano, several hundred yards east of the old shirt factory site, last evening shortly after six o'clock.

The result of a quarrel which transpired between the two men earlier in the afternoon, the duel was witnessed by possibly ten or twelve town residents who were loitering or picking coal in the vicinity. Originally brought to this section by a rock contractor to work in the mines, several years ago, the men lived in a frame dwelling constructed at that time near the highway south of Primrose colliery, an operation of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company.

With the conclusion of the contract jobs the men remained working in the local mines maintaining their habitation at Primrose.

Whether the men had serious quarrels in past months is not a certainty, but is highly probable, as the tragic event of yesterday was brought about by a dispute over working time, which developed into a heated exchange of uncompromising sentiments.

Raicevich, who worked yesterday, was accosted by Brankovich, who had not, upon his return to the dwelling. The argument over the working schedule commenced immediately and aroused the ire of both men, the quarrel assuming more serious aspects within brief moments, it is alleged.

Finally, by mutual agreement, a pact was composed by Brankovich and signed by both men to the effect that they would meet at the dumping grounds near the road to Genle on at six o'clock and there settle their difficulties once and for all.

With plenty of ammunition, both men, armed each with a .38 calibre revolver, arrived at the designated scene at the stipulated time.

Suddenly the coal pickers and pedestrians in the vicinity were startled by a fusillade of shots, the men having suddenly darted behind debris, stones, or brush for shelter and commenced firing intensely at each other.

Prior to the shooting, a hand to hand tussle is said to have been indulged in by the combatants, each of whom received head injuries from being struck by the butt ends of the guns.

Always at close quarters, the firing continued, round after round being expelled from the guns with great rapidity. Darting through the brush Raicevich fell, his head battered by shot, near the creek which flows through the dump. Brankovich, wounded to a lesser extent, fell some distance away.

In the meantime, several of the witnesses ran to the office of Chief Burgess William Llewellyn and notified him of the shooting affray. Communication was also made with Chief of Police A. P. McLaughlin. (Continued on Page 9)

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The Duel Pact

March 26, 1931. Mahanoy City, Pa.

Risto Evo Brankovich hereby hands the bullet (challenges) and he calls him to duel, Savo G. Raicevich, six P. M., finger to finger, on the bridge between Pleasant Hill and Primrose. No one knows of this duel (challenge) on the part of Risto Brankovich.

Signed by my hand: RISTO BRANKOVICH. I, Savo Raicevich accept the challenge. I take the bullet from Risto Brankovich. I am ready for it.

RISTO BRANKOVICH. SAVO RAICEVICH.

McGraw Fails To Identify Man In Malloy Case

Shamokin, Pa., March 25. (UP)—Jack McGraw, Lost Creek, Pa., changed his mind as to the positive identification of Felix "Man of War" Boccaccio today as one of the five men who participated in the fatal shooting of John Malloy, McGraw's companion on March 2.

McGraw who previously positively identified Boccaccio at Camden, N. J. and again here, today said that because of the darkness at the time of the shooting he was not certain that the suspect was among the occupants of the automobile from which came the bullets which fatally wounded Malloy.

Boccaccio was arraigned today on the less serious charge of holding up the hotel of Samuel Henninger, Gowen City, and of wounding Henninger when he resisted the holdup attempt.

The prisoner was brought here from Sunbury where he had been held in the Northumberland county jail since his extradition from Camden where he was captured by New Jersey Police.

Attorney Fred Moser, his counsel, asked for bail but was referred to the county court on his plea. Boccaccio was held on the Henninger charges and was returned to jail, while further investigation of the Malloy shooting was planned.

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A RAIL MUSEUM IS ESTABLISHED PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, March 27. (UP)—The early days of railroading will be revived when a museum of transportation relics is completed in Philadelphia.

Collection of the relics was commenced by the Pennsylvania Railroad in an effort to preserve the romance and the color of the pioneer days of transportation.

So rapidly has the collection grown that railroad officials have been unable to classify the material.

The first items to reach Philadelphia were a few old-time annual passes, followed by a half dozen metal baggage checks, then more passes, a link pin used in coupling cars, yellowed receipts and musty record books and photographs of early modes of travel.

"Old Pioneer," an engine built in Boston in 1851 for the Cumberland Valley Railroad, now a part of the Pennsylvania system, and used in regular service until 1890, has been resurrected from the Meadow Shops at Jersey City and will be placed in the museum.

From Harrisburg came pieces of steel rail, manufactured in England in 1871, and used in sections of the old Pennsylvania system. The rail weighs only 46 pounds to the yard, while today's heavy duty main line rails weigh 130 pounds a yard. The desk, chairs and clock used by the late E. H. Harriman, when he commenced his railroad career on what is now the Elmira Division of the Pennsylvania system, have been contributed by old time railroaders from Elmira, N. Y.

Stone blocks on which the first rails were laid when the Philadelphia & Columbia Railroad was built in 1832 have been offered. A complete section of this old track has been reproduced on the grass in front of (Continued on Page Nine)

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Grakle Wins The Irish Sweeps; Poor Italian Made Millionaire; Buffalo Man Wins \$886,360

By TOM CREEDON (United Press Staff Correspondent) Aintree, Liverpool, March 27. (UP)—C. R. Taylor's Grakle, an outsider, won the Grand National today from a field of 43. Only twelve finished. Mrs. M. J. Gemmill's Gregalach, 1929 winner, was second and Lady Glenapp's Annadale was third. Mrs. Victor Emanuel's Rhytice finished fourth, the first of the American-owned entrants to finish. Grakle was 100 to 6 in the betting. Gregalach was 25 to 1 and Annadale 100 to 1.

Mrs. Chester Beatty's Swift Rowland, another American owned horse, was killed when he fell into Beecher's Brook on the second round. His jockey was uninjured. M. D. Blair's Ballyhanwood, another American-owned horse, finished fifth. Shaun Gollin, last year's winner, was sixth. Gangesia, owned by R. K. Mellon, brother of the Secretary of the Treasury, was seventh, and Blair's Great Span eighth. Mulloray's Belle was ninth, Starbox tenth, Royal Arch II eleventh and Harewood last.

Federal Dry Agents Raid Garage Here; Make 8 Arrests

Federal prohibition agents, reported to be working out of Washington, D. C. this morning raided a garage on West Vine Street where they seized a quantity of beer, two trucks, and placed eight men under arrest.

The raid, staged about eleven o'clock, was almost simultaneous with a like raid in Shenandoah. Reports indicated nothing was seized in Shenandoah.

The dry squad composed of seven men, came suddenly and dramatically on the garage and in a minimum amount of time, the raid had taken place. Witnesses said the dry men pushed in the large, double door of the garage by bumping an automobile against the framework. It is said, too, the agents walked coolly through an open rear door of the garage and there made their arrests and seizures.

Nine men were said to be at work when the raid took place, and of these, eight were held in custody. One made an escape by darting up an alleyway near the place, and the agents, faced with losing the beer, their prisoners or the delivery trucks could not follow.

Novelty 27x54 Axminster Rugs Special Patterns, \$1.89. At Henry Fox's Fire And Water Sale 127 W. Centre St., Mahanoy City m27-1t

CARD OF THANKS

The undersigned desire to thank all who extended sympathies during their recent sorrow caused by the illness and death of their mother, Mrs. Mary Davis. Especially are the neighbors, friends, donors of flowers and automobiles and the choir of Faith Episcopal church, extended the appreciation of HER CHILDREN. m27-1t

SPECIAL VICTOR OFFER

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LEFT HER HOME HUSBAND AND SIX CHILDREN

An unhappy story was revealed yesterday, when Constable Harry Schatzlein, investigating the circumstances surrounding the desertion of her husband and six children by a local woman, discovered that a neighbor's daughter had disappeared on the same date.

Details attending the disappearance of both of the young women were gleaned from information given the investigating authorities by members of their families and neighbors.

The woman who left her husband and children, the eldest of whom is nine years of age, is Mrs. Frank Malusky of Malowski, 24, of 433 East South street. Married at the age of sixteen, the years following resulted in a disturbed, and during recent months, an unhappy existence.

The family was visited with misfortune during the early winter months, the husband being injured under a fall of coal inside at North Mahanoy colliery, which necessitated his being confined to the Ashland State Hospital for several weeks.

Upon his return from the hospital and during his convalescence, the quarrels between the pair are said to have continued, neighbors alleging that the woman was locked from her home for long periods, being compelled to sleep in cellar entries, while the husband claimed unfaithfulness on the part of his wife during the same weeks.

Then came the early morning of March 5, the woman disappearing from her home and allegedly taking with her the sum of one hundred and thirty dollars which the couple had saved.

Further investigations brought to light that the woman had been housed several times at the residence of a neighbor, John Minalda, and inquiries made among members of that household disclosed the fact that Minalda's nineteen year old daughter, Anna, had disappeared on the same date.

In the girl's case however, neither money nor clothing was taken. Whether the young women departed from their homes as companions or (Continued on Page Nine)

Two Lenten Oratorios Here Next Week

Great interest is being manifested by music lovers hereabouts in the forthcoming presentations of two of the most popular Lenten oratorios, namely, the "Seven Last Words," by Dubois and "Olivet To Calvary," by Maunder. The former will be given by St. Paul's Reformed Church choir Thursday evening next and the latter by First Methodist Episcopal choir Tuesday evening next. Both choirs have been augmented by well known local talent and a rare musical treat will be afforded those who will avail themselves the opportunity of hearing this sublime music.

FOOT TROUBLES?

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Officers From Several States Put In Claim For Fred Burke, "Most Dangerous Criminal"

SLAYERS OF TWO STATE TROOPERS ARE CAPTURED

McAlester, Okla., March 27. (UP)—Stanley Chero, 20, and William Schermetzer, 21, Broughton, Va., today awaited extradition to New York to face charges of killing State Trooper John E. Fry, whom police said they confessed shooting when he arrested them after they had robbed a store.

Officers said the youths would be sent east as soon as Chero recovered from a wound received when he was shot in the leg by Patrolman John Walden.

A request from Canton, Ohio, that Chero and Schermetzer be extradited there on a charge of stealing an automobile was disregarded in favor of the more serious charge in New York.

Authorities said the youths made separate confessions of shooting Fry and committing a long series of crimes as they hurried west because "things were too hot back east."

The youths were arrested after their gasoline supply ran out on a country road near here. They had only four cents. Residents of the community became suspicious and called Officer Walden.

Chero attempted to escape as he neared the police station. Walden's bullet broke his leg. Physicians said he would recover.

Police said the two confessed they became criminals after losing their jobs in a coal mine near Pittsburgh. They said they started with minor holdups.

It was after they had robbed a store and had their car filled with stolen merchandise that Sergeant Frey and Trooper Edward Uplik arrested them, the youths confessed. According to the confession, Chero shot Fry and he and Schermetzer overpowered Uplik.

They then took the officers' automobile and drove to Scranton, Pa., where they stole another car. From there they went to Albany, thence to Buffalo and to Canton, where they stole the car in which they came to Oklahoma.

Two guns were found in the car. The discovery that one of them had been taken from the troopers in New York led to the confessions.

Liberal Contributions For Poor At Vic Matinee

The largest amount of consumable contributions yet received at any charity matinee, was given to the United Charities Association, yesterday afternoon, following the benefit motion picture show held at the Victoria Theatre.

More largely attended than any past charity matinee, the entire auditorium was filled by a capacity attendance of children who brought articles of food of all descriptions to aid the work of the United Charities.

The members of the distributing committee were kept busy removing the donations from the foyer of the theatre to the relief headquarters on East Centre Street, during the entire presentation.

The magnificent generosity of the theatre company officials, and the fine co-operation given by Manager Keeny, are deeply appreciated by the United Charities, who have undertaken the stupendous task of caring for the needy families of Mahanoy City and vicinity.

The work of caring for the needy of this area is one that deserves the fullest support of the entire community. Your assistance is solicited in efficiently caring for the needy of town and environs. Any donation will be greatly appreciated.

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St. Joseph, Mo., March 27. (UP)—An almost countrywide fight for custody of Fred Burke, Chicago gangster whom officers term "the most dangerous criminal alive," centered today in this North Missouri town near which he was captured without the firing of a shot.

Officers from several of the 18 states in which Burke is wanted on charges ranging from robbery to murdering men in a bunch, were hurrying here to battle for the privilege of trying him first.

Missouri authorities were besieged with requests from throughout the middle west for extradition papers on the gangster charged with killing a score of men and spreading depredation over half the country.

Burke was held incommunicado in the county jail. He maintained a stubborn, silent attitude. "I'm not talking until I see my attorney," was his surly response to all queries. He announced he would fight extradition.

Chicago officers were among the first to ask for Burke. They believe he operated the machine gun which mowed down seven George "Bugs" Moran gangsters in the Valentine Day massacre of 1929.

City and county officers surrounded the home of Barney Potter, father of Burke's wife, and captured Burke while he slept yesterday. One move for a revolver was forestalled. He put up no further resistance. He admitted his identity, police said.

Rewards aggregating \$101,000 have been offered for his arrest. Major crimes with which Burke is charged includes:

Slaying of a St. Joseph, Mich., policeman who was shot when he put his foot on the running board of a man's car to question him regarding a minor traffic accident.

The machine gun killing of two men in Detroit. Robbery of the Merchants Trust Company at Patterson, N. J. Killing of a policeman at Toledo, O.

Shooting of a Louisville, Ky., bank cashier during a holdup. Bank robberies in Wisconsin in which \$350,000 was taken. The murder of one woman, wounding of another and of the sheriff in a Columbia City, Ind., bank robbery.

A. J. Bielby, St. Joseph, Mo., attorney today prepared to defend Burke and it was expected additional counsel would be employed during the day. Burke has been known as an ally of Sacrifice Al Capone and it was considered certain he would not want for legal support.

Burke served a two-year sentence for forgery in the Missouri state penitentiary in 1921-22. He started his "career" in St. Louis as a member of the Eagan Rats Gang.

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