

ANOTHER DAYLIGHT N. Y. STREET KILLING

Man Shot in Feud on Ground of East Side Gangs—Police Fight Bandits in Auto

TWO WOMEN ALSO CAUGHT

By the Associated Press
New York, Dec. 29.—One more daylight street murder today was added to New York's crime list, when a man identified as Salvatore Mauro was shot in the back. The slaying occurred on Chrystie street near Cherry, the old fighting ground of lower East Side gangs.

Jerome B. Chaffee and Harry Bitzberger, dishonorably discharged soldiers, were arrested yesterday afternoon at Broadway and Seventy-second street after a fight with detectives in an automobile in which revolvers and blackjacks figured. They are accused of complicity in the robbery of the First National Bank of Milltown, N. J., on the night of December 20.

Inspector John D. Coughlin, head of the detective division, announced last night that the two men have made statements concerning their part in the crime. Securities valued at \$18,000, being part of the \$50,000 loot in the bank robbery, have been recovered by the police.

Hundreds of persons were passing the St. Andrew Hotel, at the northwest corner of Broadway and Seventy-second street, when three detectives drew pistols and jumped into a touring car that contained two men besides the chauffeur and that stood at the Broadway curb. At the same time two other detectives leaped into a taxicab that stood just around the corner in front of the hotel entrance.

Two women who occupied the latter machine screamed, attracting the attention of persons in the street. The touring car in Broadway swayed as the passengers in it gave blow for blow in a rough-and-tumble fight with the police. The flourish of pistols was seen and then there was a series of thuds as the blackjacks of the detectives descended on the heads of the men in the machine. The chauffeur of the automobile sat as though spellbound.

The touring car and the taxi, with a detective standing on the running board

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of each, then started down Broadway, turned into West Sixty-eighth street and stopped in front of the station house. Three men and two women, the latter fashionably dressed, were marched into the station. Two of the men bore marks of the beating they had suffered in the fight with the detectives. Bitzberger, the larger of the two, held his hand over his right eye, which was closed completely, and his mouth was bleeding in three places.

Soon after the five persons were placed in a patrol wagon with two suitcases the women had been carrying and they were taken to police headquarters. There the story of who they were and the reason for the display of blackjacks and firearms at Broadway and Seventy-second street was made known. The third man was Chester J. Levine, who owns a taxicab and has been doing "hacking" along Broadway. The women, both of whom are young and attractive, were the wives of Chaffee and Bitzberger. In the suitcases the detectives found two fully loaded weapons, one an automatic and the other a .38 revolver. There also was a quantity of Canadian money.

Detectives explained that the two couples were about to leave the city when arrested. Bitzberger had been living at 238 West Seventy-third street, just west of Broadway, and he and Chaffee, so the latter told Inspector Coughlin, had agreed New York was getting too hot for them. They had decided to go to New Orleans, they told the detectives, but Pittsburgh later was named as their destination according to what they told Inspector Coughlin.

8 WOMEN GRAND JURORS

Atlantic County Matrons Chosen for January Term of Court
Atlantic City, Dec. 29.—Eight women were drawn today on the January grand jury at May's Landing. Five were included among the first twenty-three names, which will constitute the jury. A total of thirty-five names were drawn. Mrs. Kathryn A. Bader, wife of Mayor Edward L. Bader, was among the first to be chosen. Other women selected were: Mrs. Ethel Shoemaker, wife of Silas Shoemaker, treasurer of the Atlantic Safe Deposit and Trust Co., this city; Mrs. Alice L. Slape, wife of Counselor John C. Slape, this city; Mrs. Hanebe Bourgeois, wife of Counselor George A. Bourgeois, of Ventnor City; Mrs. Frances L. Gormley, undertaker, of this city; Mrs. Mary E. Westcott, wife of John S. Westcott, city solicitor of Ventnor City; Mrs. Mary C. Conley, Hampton; Mrs. Josephine Johnson, this city.

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Alpha Orionis Measured by New Invention of Prof. A. A. Michelson

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By the Associated Press
Chicago, Dec. 29.—Results of the first successful experiments on an astronomical device at the Mount Wilson, Calif., observatory revealing that certain remote stars in the firmament are many thousand times larger in size than astronomers had ever surmised, was discussed today by Professor A. A. Michelson, noted scientist of the University of Chicago, who perfected the device, before the American Physical Society, meeting here in conjunction with the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Under the direction of Professor Michelson, astronomical experts have just computed the diameter of Alpha Orionis, one of the stars in the constellation of Orion.

The orb is found to be 300,000,000 miles in diameter, approximately 300 times the sun's diameter. Its volume is 27,000,000 times as great as the sun. Professor Michelson, winner of the Nobel prize in physics thirteen years ago, is recognized as one of the foremost authorities in the world on the subject of light.

The device perfected by Professor Michelson and used in calculating the diameter of Alpha Orionis is briefly described as follows: The mirror of an eight-foot reflecting telescope is obscured by an opaque cap with two slits adjustable in width and distance apart. When the instrument is focused on a star, instead of an image of the star there appears a series of interference bands arranged at equal distances apart and parallel to the two slits. When the slits are properly adjusted a distance is finally attained be-

tween them at which the fringes disappear. The angle of the subtended star is obtained by a simple formula and when the angle and the distance of the star from the earth are known the diameter of the star can easily be determined.

The service was perfected last summer and taken to California by Professor Michelson and his secret was carefully guarded until today. The success of the device was telegraphed yesterday to the professor. The device is accurate to within 1/1000 of a second of longitude, or approximately the angle subtended by the head of a pin at a distance of 1000 miles.

Assistant Prosecutor Asserts Witnesses Did Not Tell Truth
Cleveland, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—Charges of "deliberate perjury" in the second degree murder trial of Judge William H. McGannon, charged with killing Harold C. Kagy, were made by Assistant County Prosecutor Green this morning during the first part of the state's final argument to the jury.

"There were three men present when Kagy was shot," Green said. "The defendant has denied he was there. None of us expected him to say he was there or that he fired the fatal shot. The defense attempted to show he was somewhere else at the time of the shooting. What is the truth? I am not going to gloss over words. Somebody is lying and it is not a matter of mistake in judgment—it is deliberate perjury."

W. H. Boyd, chief counsel for McGannon, will make the final argument for the defense. He will talk for three hours unless interrupted by the noon recess. County Prosecutor Roland Baskin will close for the state in two-and-a-half-hour argument. Judge Morris Bernon announced his charge to the jury would be brief. Judge McGannon was confident when he entered court. "The jury will vindicate me," he said.

Cyclone Sweeps Spanish Province
Oviedo, Spain, Dec. 29.—A cyclone has caused enormous damage in the province of Oviedo. Forty houses were destroyed in the hamlet of Sausa de Langreo. The potato, maize and chestnut crops are said to be destroyed.

OUSTED N. J. BOARD TRANSMITS REPORT

Registers Objection to Method of Valuing Property of Street Railways

URGE CAUTION FOR AUTOS

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger
Trenton, Dec. 29.—The annual report of the ousted State Board of Public Utility Commissioners, which has just reached Governor Edwards, referred to the increases in fares recently proposed by the Public Service Railway Co., and in this connection criticized the act passed by the Legislature of this year providing for the selection by the governor, state treasurer and state comptroller of a firm of engineers to value the property of street railways. The report stated that as the act required the board to accept the report of the engineers as to the value of the property in any rate proceeding, the board would be powerless to exercise any independent judgment as to the value; that "it cannot give consideration to the report built up during the investigations heretofore made by it; the estimates of value, exhibits and testimony submitted by experts employed by the board, the associated municipalities and the company. The board must accept the value of the property as set forth in the engineers' report as to the extent that the value of said property is a factor in fixing the rate."

The board recommended that the law be amended so it may exercise the right to give consideration to the report of the engineers and all other information properly before it which would be helpful in arriving at a determination of the value of the property.

Another recommendation was that a law be enacted requiring drivers of automobiles carrying passengers for hire to bring their vehicles to a full stop at railroad grade crossings before crossing them. The board stated that in co-operation with Motor Vehicle Commissioner Dill, suggestions were made in 1919 to the different municipalities that ordinances be adopted requiring such stops and that while some municipalities have adopted such ordinances the requirement is not universal and the opinion was expressed that it would be advisable for the Legislature to enact a law compelling such stops to be made. Referring to the reduction in the

heating standard for gas the board stated that standards lower than that in effect in New Jersey generally prevailed, and that the high cost of oil and the difficulty of obtaining it made advisable a reduction in the standard.

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\$4,824,681 FOR CONTROL

Fuel Administration Has Surplus of \$989,137, Says Report

Washington, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—The total cost of fuel control to the federal government during the war was \$4,824,681, according to the final report of the business manager of the fuel administration made public here today. This sum represents all expenditures, national and state, by the

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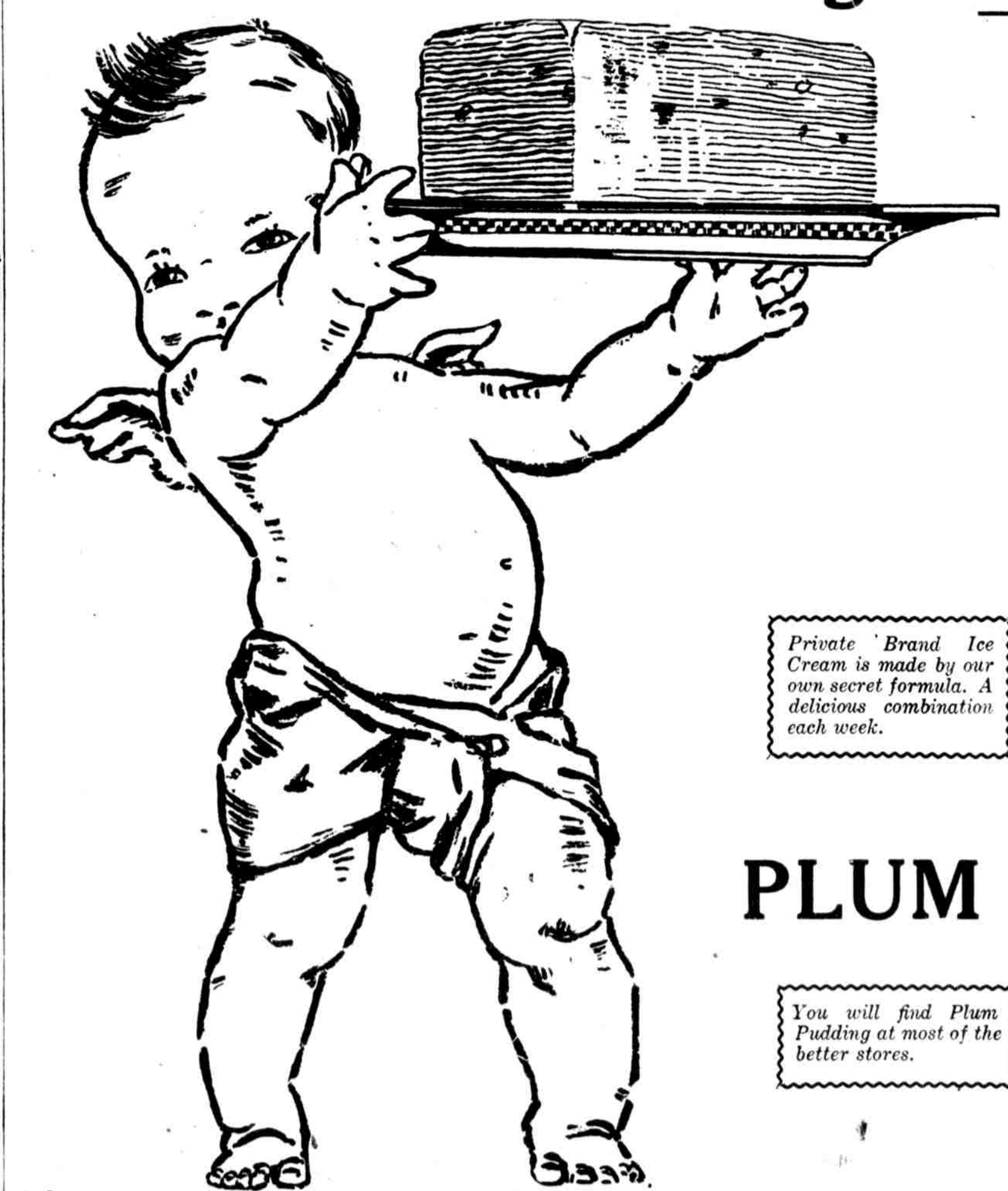
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