



Patrolmen Harry A. (Happy) Dowell at the left and Harold Mosburger at the right.

THE WEATHER Partly cloudy tonight and Friday, with probably occasional showers.

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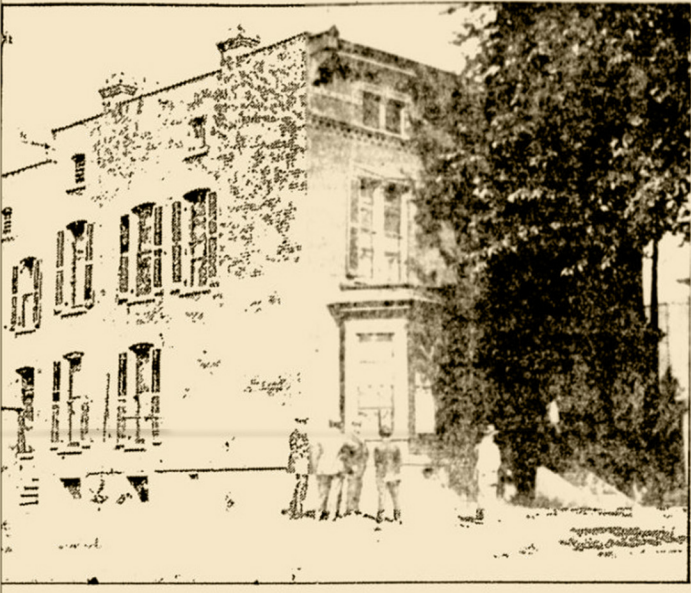
TOLEDO, THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1921.

MANIAC WHO KILLS TWO SLAIN WITH MACHINE GUN

Thrilling Scenes At Walnut-st Battle In Which Three Died

Patrolmen Shot To Death By Barricaded Man

Battle Is Staged On Walnut-st; Thousands Watch



Here is the house on Walnut-st in which John Kelly barricaded himself. He hid himself in the side of the house which is protected by the trees. He fired at the police thru slats on the west side of the building, similar to those shown in the picture.



This picture was taken by News-Bee Photographer Blouin under a hail of bullets. It shows Patrolman Dowell, killed by Kelly, stretched on the ground. A man who had been firing at Kelly is feeling of Dowell's heart.

Like a battle front in France, Walnut and Huron streets resounded by bursts of machine guns, the staccato bark of pistols and the crack of high-powered rifles on Thursday morning when the entire police and detective forces sought vengeance for the deaths of two of their comrades, Patrolmen Harry Dowell and Harold Mossburger.

The officers were shot down while trying to capture John Kelly, a waiter, who had barricaded himself in the attic of the home of Mrs. Nellie Key, 611 Walnut-st, where he was a roomer. Kelly was killed.

THOUSANDS SEE BATTLE. Five thousand people, oblivious to the danger of the ricocheting bullets, watched the battle. When the final bursts from the machine gun, planted in the attic of A. J. Schorbach, 612 Walnut-st, plowed their way across the street thru the trees and tore big holes thru the brick building, police put down a formaldehyde attack thru the roof.

Kelly made no response to last fire of the machine gun and the detectives and police rushed in his room, expecting at any minute to hear his revolver roar. They stumbled over the stairs and when they entered the room they found Kelly dead on his bed. He was hit twice, evidently by machine gun bullets.

STRETCHED ACROSS BED. Kelly was stretched across his bed with his gun in his left hand. It was completely loaded, as was the gun of Patrolman Mossburger, which Kelly had appropriated along with the ammunition of the dead policeman. This quelled the belief that Kelly had killed himself. When the cry, "They've got him" went up from the police on the outside, it was taken up by the thousands of spectators in the street. The people rushed forward, crying for the life of the man who had slain the two policemen.

If Kelly had been captured alive, it is doubtful whether police would have got him away from the scene of the shooting, so enraged were the people.

DRIVE BACK CROWD. With gun butts, the police beat back the crowd and led by Captain Jennings in civilian clothes, Kelly's body was carried out to the patrol wagon and taken away. Police received the first call from the house at 611 Walnut, about 1:30 p. m. on Thursday. Mrs. Key, owner of the place, is said to have tried to get Kelly to pay a board bill of something like \$75. When he refused she threatened to call the police.

Kelly, who is suspected of being a holdup man, said: "I'll kill any damn officer that comes after me."

MOSSBURGER IS SHOT. Mrs. Key, sent Allen Kelyan, 20, her son, a Toledo University student, to summon police. It was only a few minutes before Auto Patrolman Mossburger and Bikupski arrived from Lagrange Station three blocks away. They started for Kelly's room on the second floor. He saw them and drawing his revolver, he ran crouching up into the attic. Mossburger started after him. Kelly turned and shot twice. Mossburger fell back on the stairs, his weight almost knocking Bikupski down. Mossburger was shot thru the mouth and leg.

Bikupski ran to phone for help and some police began to arrive from all directions, armed with shotguns, rifles and pistols.

SURROUND HOUSE. Bikupski looked up toward the attic and a volley from Kelly's gun drove him back. The passage to the attic, dark and narrow, could easily be controlled by a man at the top. Officers saw that this way was a futile one. They surrounded the house.

Detectives searched other rooms in the house to see if the man had any confederates. Patrolman Howell, a traffic officer, stood just a front of the house armed with a shotgun. Other police and detectives were close by.

DOWELL FALLS. A sudden cry was a cry of "Look! A hand was thrust thru the window and a revolver spat. Dowell fell forward on the floor. He was shot in the heart. Other officers saw that this was a fatal one. They surrounded the house.

Detectives looked to the roof of the house. They kicked off a skylight and could see blood running from Mossburger's body. Only one foot of the dead officer was visible. When the detectives on the roof saw the blood, they started firing thru the skylight. Police, taking up their shotguns across the street behind

REPORTER RISKS LIFE ON ROOF

Drops Note To Tell Of Shooting Affray. By William Mack. News-Bee Police Court Reporter. Acting on the story that a uniformed patrolman had been shot dead in an upper room of the residence of Mrs. Nellie Key, at 611 Walnut-st, I started upstairs with Detective Al Hassenzahl.

Every room and closet on the second floor was visited and then we went up the narrow stairway to the third floor, which is sort of a sub-attic. Finding nothing here, we went up in the attic proper.

DOWELL FALLS. The attic is about four feet high and pitch dark. Crude partitions divide off this part of the house and a narrow passageway leads to a skylight. A four-foot ladder leads to the roof.

We got out onto the roof and found Detectives George Timmlay and John Hovey standing over the opening in the roof with drawn revolvers. Rod Lindzey, a batteryman, was on the roof, keeping the detectives posted on the activities on the street.

The building is covered with tar paper sprinkled with gravel. When John Kelly, the man in the attic, started shooting down into the street, killing Patrolman Dowell, a dozen officers on Walnut-st started firing into the attic ventilators.

PUFF THRU ROOF. Puffs of dust and flying pebbles gave us the first information that either the shots from the patrolmen were coming thru the roof, or the man in the attic below was shooting thru the roof in hope of hitting someone.

A dozen shots tore thru the roof, causing the four of us to run to the back of the roof and crouch. Hovey and Timmlay held some of the revolvers. Rod Lindzey, a batteryman, crawled down the attic opening on the east side of the house and rushed downstairs to stop the firing from the street.

You might hit some of the men on the roof. Stop fire, Hassenzahl yelled. The firing was stopped.

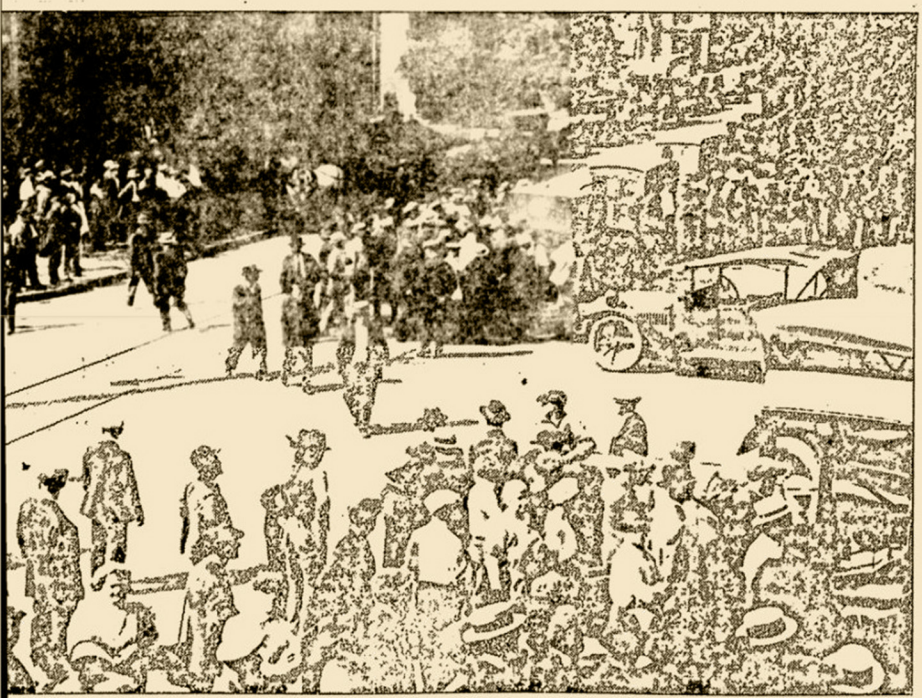
SEE BLOOD TRICKLE. Peering thru the airhole into the attic where Kelly was fortified, we could see a stream of blood trickling along the floor from Patrolman Mossburger's body. Mossburger's foot could be seen and any attempt to enter the attic would have meant a dead-end shot from the maniac concealed in the dark attic.

The bullets had been popping thru the roof all around us and one shot skinned over the roof ledge and struck a center wall chimney, breaking a brick to bits. It was impossible to get down from the roof at this time and while the detectives kept the manhole covered, we called to officers on the street to call the fire department, so we could escape down the fire ladders in the attic, dark and narrow, could easily be controlled by a man at the top. Officers saw that this way was a futile one. They surrounded the house.

WILLIAMS UNDER FIRE. We on the roof knew that Patrolman Mossburger was killed and I was anxious to have this news appear in the noon edition News-Bee. Across the street, Art Brunsell of The News-Bee was barricaded in a private dwelling. Marty Manley and Photographer George Blount had taken shelter after Patrolman Dowell was shot down a few feet from them and Elmer Williams could not be seen.

Finally I spotted Williams on Swan lane, along to Williams. I wrote a note that Patrolman Mossburger was dead in the attic and dropped it to the ground. An open target for the man, Williams ran to the ground and grabbed a telephone from a dead run. Williams ran to a telephone with the note and the news of Patrolman Mossburger's death appeared in the noon edition.

THROW IN FOAMLEBOMBS. From the roof we could see of Kelly started firing thru the skylight. Police, taking up their shotguns across the street behind



This photo shows part of the enormous crowd that gathered around the house in which Kelly had barricaded himself.

STREETS RIDDLED BY BULLETS; KELLY'S PIPE STILL WARM WHEN BODY IS TAKEN

A roar of police sirens and the rattle of several uniformed patrolmen at Mrs. Nellie Key's boarding house at 611-613 Walnut-st, drew a crowd of 3000 on Thursday morning. The reports of a fusillade from shotguns, pistols and revolvers from the house and the quarrel, John Kelly, a waiter, drew over 1000 in a few minutes later the noon edition News-Bee was on the downtown streets, carrying an account of the battle which started shortly before 1:30 p. m. on Thursday morning, and thousands of people left the downtown district for the scene of the shooting.

Autos blocked Walnut-st from Huron-st to Summit-st, and on the west from Erie-st to Ontario-st. Several machine guns that were deposited in front of the Key boarding house, contained bullet holes from Kelly's revolver. SEE COPPER'S SHOOT. Crowds from the downtown district poured north on Superior and Huron streets to the scene and at 11 o'clock it was estimated that close to 4000 people were gathered in the neighborhood.

It took color to the scene was furnished by officers, stripped of their blue coats, carrying shotguns and revolvers, and on Walnut-st a machine gun, manned by several extra service patrolmen, fired round after round of ammunition. At noon even after the battle was over, crowds surged north from the downtown district to look over the scene of the siege.

PHONES BUSY AS NEWS OF SHOOTING SPREADS. Telephone lines and newspapers were swamped with calls all thru Thursday morning by citizens inquiring about the Walnut-st shooting. Telephone operators at The News-Bee switchboard worked in shifts to take care of the calls.



Here is a picture of Patrolman Dowell, snatched by News-Bee Photographer Blouin, who was shot down. Dowell was killed and his heart was taken out.

REPRIEVE IS GRANTED Victim's Wife Is Prostrated

Mossburger's wife of 10 years was overcome with grief this morning when she learned that her husband had been killed. Mossburger was shot by his husband's partner in crime, a man who was arrested shortly after the shooting. The reprieve was issued by the Supreme Court this morning in a decision on the motion for a writ of habeas corpus on the part of the man who was shot.

Fund For Slain Men's Families

The raising of a public fund for the families of Patrolmen Dowell and Harold Mossburger by John Kelly on Thursday morning, will certainly fall in line with the plan of Mayor Schreiber and Senator Greenwaldt to set up a fund for the families of slain policemen. The fund will be raised for the families of those slain officers. That will follow surely, as it ought to follow.

## One Of Victims Of Maniac



Patrolman Mossburger, who was killed by John Kelley on Thursday.

### BISKUPSKI TELLS OF COMPANION'S DEATH

Motor Patrolman Biskupski, partner of Patrolman Mossburger, the officer killed by John Kelly in the Walnut-st rooming house, told a News Bee reporter how the shooting started.

"Mossburger and Mrs. Key's son, Allen, crawled out on the roof when they discovered that Kelly had barricaded the attic door," Biskupski said.

"My partner kicked out the attic skylight and lowered himself into the attic. A moment later I heard a shot and knew that Mossburger had been hit. I knew that Mossburger had not done the shooting, as we had no idea that Kelly would resist arrest.

"To have leaped thru that hole after Kelly would have been sheer foolishness, as I would have been entirely at his mercy. I ran downstairs and called for aid."

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Friday, with probably local  
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Friday.

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TOLEDO, FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1921.

# NAMES LEWIS AS ROBE Bombs and Shields For Police

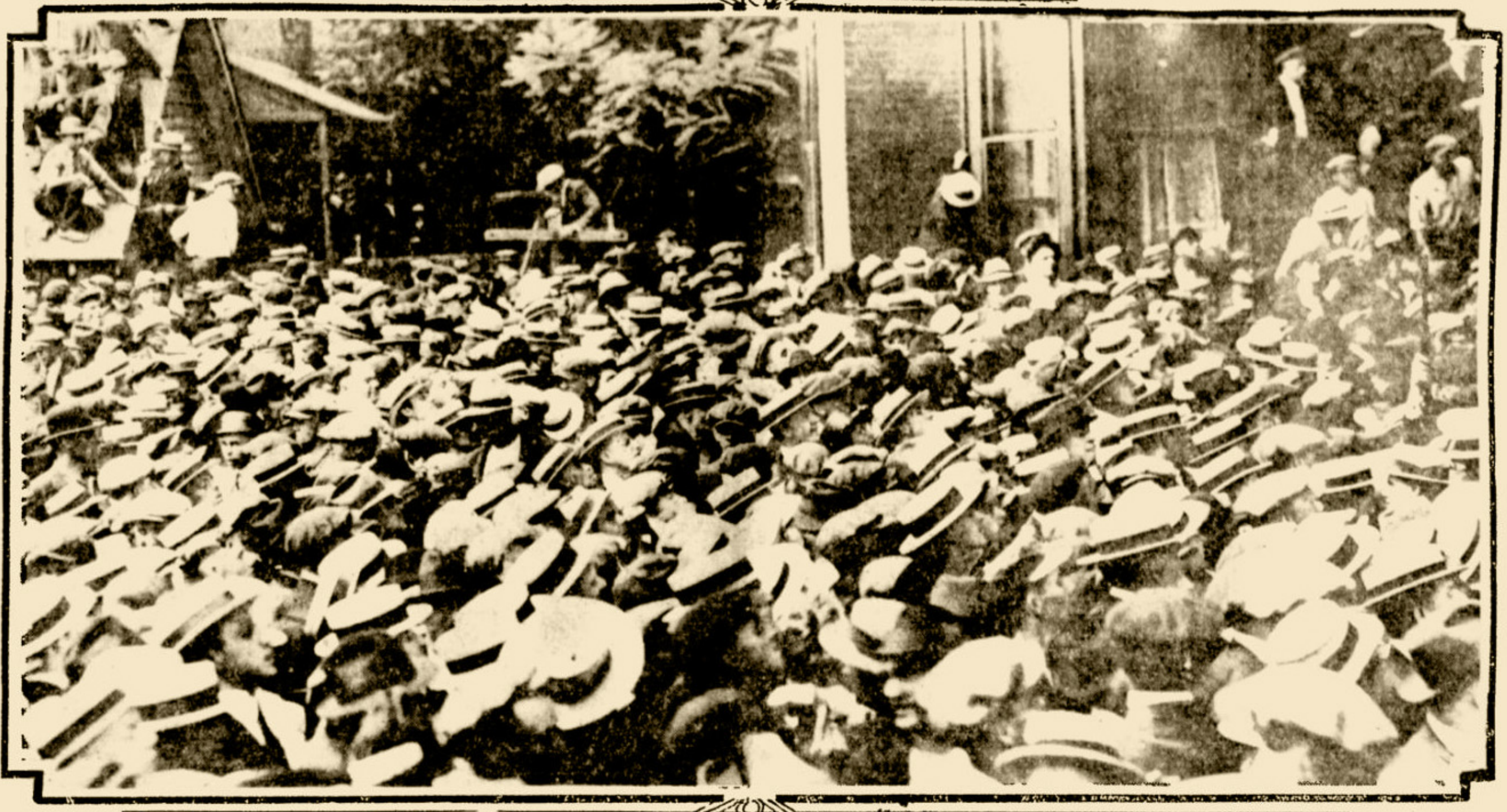
## DETECTION FOR OPS PLANNED

480 Shells In Room  
Of Maniac Kelley

## SET FOR SIEGE

## Ammunition In His Dresser

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Harry Dowell and Harold  
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E. Kelley, a maniac barricad-  
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and this gun, with another,  
held in readiness for such  
the police department had  
on Thursday.  
Chief Herbert said on Fri-  
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ndows and thru the skylight  
besieged Walnut-st residence,  
ave ended the siege in a few  
l. As it was Kelley kept the  
at bay for more than three  
before he killed himself.



Some idea of the crowd that gathered at the scene of the murder of two patrolmen on Walnut-st on Thursday may be gained from this picture. It shows part of the crowd that rushed forward as the body of James E. Kelley was taken from the house at 613 Walnut-st and placed in the police patrol. Photo by News-Bee Photographer Blount.

machine gun that subdued the  
and apparently inspired him  
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the possession of Chief Her-  
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rmazy. At that time the gov-  
l feared local pro-German up-  
and machine guns were given  
large police departments of  
ntry.

## MATTER A SECRET.

Herbert has kept the guns  
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ter a secret, fearing that  
lements might misinterpret  
purpose of the guns.  
machine gun will be kept for  
mergency as faced us on  
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erbert said on Friday  
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y were found lodged in the  
of the Cohen, Friedlander &  
Building, at Erie and Orange  
several blocks away.

## ED BY VETERAN.

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Patrolman Herbert O'Toole,  
ved as a machine gun pilot  
United States Aviation serv-  
ing the World War. O'Toole  
was a pilot in the govern-  
er mail service and has in  
er planes on exhibition flights  
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## AND GRENADES.

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will also be purchased.

## S VIEW SCENE.

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dead body of Kelley,  
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## 0 SHELLS.

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just such a siege as was  
on Thursday.  
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a rifle dresser. He had 10  
shells for a .45 revolver,  
ed the .45 caliber Colt single  
d style western gun, which  
ned in Kelley's left hand

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## WANTED SPIRITS TO KILL KABER

### That Is Charge Against Widow Made By 'Seeress'

CLEVELAND, June 10.—Mrs. Eva  
Catherine Kaber now is accused of  
trying to kill her husband by super-  
natural means, before he was stabbed  
to death in his bed at his home the  
night of July 18, 1919.  
The police have obtained a signed  
statement from Mrs. Mary J. Wade  
fortune teller, according to Police In-  
spector Sterling. The woman was  
examined by Inspector Sterling and  
others at the offices of County Prose-  
cutor Stanton.  
Inspector Sterling said that the  
information given by Mrs. Wade  
was important and particularly inter-  
esting for the light it throws on the  
ideas and beliefs of Mrs. Kaber.  
Mrs. Wade in her signed state-  
ment alleges that Mrs. Kaber came  
to her and said: "I have a little work  
that I want you to do for me and I  
hope you won't sa, no."  
Mrs. Wade said that she told Mrs.  
Kaber that she would do all she could  
for her, and asked what it was Mrs.  
Kaber wanted done.  
"What I want you to do, is to kill  
Dan Kaber, Mrs. Wade alleges Mrs.  
Kaber replied.  
The signed statement further says  
that Mrs. Kaber gave as her reason  
for wanting Kaber killed that she  
was in love with another man "with  
a lot of brains and money."  
Mrs. Wade says further in her  
statement that she told Mrs. Kaber  
that she had come to the wrong  
party and that she would have nothing  
to do with Mrs. Kabers propo-  
sition.

## ADMITS EMPLOYING ASSASSINS

CLEVELAND, June 10.—The  
Cleveland Press today carries a story  
quoting Police Chief Christensen of  
Lakewood as saying that Mrs. Eva  
Catherine Kaber last night admitted  
that she hired two men "to come out  
to the Kaber home and give Dan a  
good beating."  
The police chief is quoted as say-  
ing that Mrs. Kaber said that "she  
does not know who the men were  
who killed her husband."  
"She admits," the quoted state-  
ment continues, "that she was to  
pay a mid-wife taken at Sandusky  
by Cleveland police, \$100 to have  
them come out and beat up her hus-  
band. This she says however was  
never paid."  
The statement goes on to say that  
Miss McArdle, who also was grilled  
and who, Chief Christensen says,  
broke down contradicted her mother's  
statement to the extent of say-  
ing that the amount to be paid was  
\$3000.  
The suspects are on the way to  
Cleveland.

## SOME OIL IS USED; GHOST GONE

VEHICLE... For  
weeks a weird noise disturbe he  
perce of several citizens of Bent-  
ley's Corners. There was talk of  
ghosts and of a straggle wild animal.  
Then it was found that an  
old wind mill in the neighborhood  
needed oiling. Everything is ap-  
pare at Bentley's Corners now.

## RAISING FUND FOR PROBE PAROLES VICTIMS' FAMILIES OF PRISONERS

### WHERE TO SEND IT.

Subscriptions may be sent to The  
News-Bee, any of the other daily  
newspapers of Toledo, to Mayor  
Schreiber, Police Chief Herbert or  
Safety Director Greenhalgh. Public  
acknowledgment thru the press  
will be made by Greenhalgh.  
Greenhalgh said on Friday:  
"The three daily papers of this  
city have generously enlisted in the  
service of receiving contributions to  
this fund. The mayor, the police  
chief and myself will personally  
supervise its collection and distribu-  
tion. My office will act as a clearing  
house for all collections."  
Touching on the tragic death of  
the officers, and its result to those  
most vitally affected, Greenhalgh  
issued this statement:  
"TEST OF BRAVERY."  
"Two members of the Toledo police  
division were killed yesterday in the  
discharge of their duty. I went with  
the committee of trustees of the re-  
lief fund yesterday on their visits of  
help to the homes of the bereaved.  
We found a mother who could not  
realize what had happened to  
her boy, Harold Mosburger, but was  
fighting sincerely to be as brave as  
he was.  
"We found in a very attractive lit-  
tle home, new and not paid for, a  
very brave young woman. She was  
proud of her husband, Harry Dowell,  
and what he had done, but her loss  
of 'bravery' is going to be much  
harder and longer than his for she  
has three little children left to take  
care of, the eldest being 9.  
"We can do nothing more for these  
men but honor their memory, but we  
can do something to lighten the load  
on these little kiddies and these  
heart-broken women. And in doing  
this we can show best our apprecia-

## TRAINS DELAYED BY ARMY WORMS

ST. JOHNS, N. B., June 10.  
Army worms tens of thousands  
of them eating a wide swath  
thru the wooded country be-  
tween Frederickton Junction  
and Harvey, crossed the rail-  
way line here today and seri-  
ously disrupted train service.  
Driving wheels on locomo-  
tives spun around over the slip-  
piness, forcing to grip the  
rails and many trains were  
stalled in the infested area.  
Engines were doubled on all  
trains and steam was played  
on the rails before traffic was  
able to proceed very slowly.

## A PROUD DUTY.

For there wasn't a mother, a  
wife, or daughter of the members  
of the police division last night who  
didn't feel the old nervous strain  
come back, the same one from which  
they had suffered during the trying  
days of the winter. For it is partic-  
ularly unfortunate that after we had  
come thru the fights with the vio-  
lent, reckless and desperate criminal  
without the loss of a man, a mad-  
man should yesterday work such  
havoc.  
"One of the fine things that I have  
learned in coming into more intimate  
contact with the members of the Po-  
lice Division is the departmental in-  
stinct of courage. Never was there  
a finer illustration of it than yester-  
day.  
"These men sacrificed their lives  
and their families in the proud duty  
of preserving life and law in To-  
ledo in this city. Our citizens must  
show welcome an opportunity to  
show their appreciation of such man-  
hood and such sacrifices and help those  
who are now left alone to  
nobly but heavy burden."

## U. S. DRY CHIEF IS NAMED

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, June  
pointment of Major Roy  
Hillsboro, Ohio, as prohibi-  
tion commissioner was announced  
White House today.  
As editor of the Hillsboro  
in January, 1917, Hayn-  
Harding as the Republican  
candidate. From then on  
continued to boost Harding  
paper.  
Prohibitionists regard Ha-  
ultra dry. He is con-  
with the An action  
was county manager  
successful campaign  
ment in Methodist Church.  
He is a former school

## PROSECUTOR'S HOUSE IS BOMBED

By United Press  
NEW PHILADELPHIA  
10.—County authorities  
gotting the explosion of  
bomb under the porch  
of Russell C. Bower, Tu-  
prosecutor.  
The explosion occurred  
while Bower, Mrs. Bower  
and Bower's father were  
the house.  
A threatening letter  
by Bower several days  
ago that he would be killed  
of murdering Frank  
Manos was found guil-  
tenced to a term in the

## BRITISH COAL STRIKE BELIEVED NEAR END

By United Press  
LONDON June 10.—Settling  
of the British coal strike is ex-  
pected to result from a referendum  
of union executives today.  
The executive decided to submit  
the latest proposals of colliery own-  
ers to the miners for acceptance or  
rejection.

## Judge Killits Is Incensed; Calls In Officials

The paroling of federal prisoners  
from the Canton Workhouse with-  
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when commissioners of Stark and  
the superintendent of the Stark  
County Workhouse at Canton ap-  
pear before Judge Killits.  
The judge was incensed on Thurs-  
day afternoon during the course of  
the postoffice robbery trial when  
was informed that three prisoners  
had been sent to Canton as violators  
of the prohibition law were released  
many days before their terms were  
up without the court's knowledge.

## FAMILIES DISTRESSED.

Ralph Grove, who was sentenced  
on April 28 to five months in Can-  
ton, served only 30 days. Paul  
Lenke, who was given 60 days on  
April 21, served only 30 days, while  
Sam Walchak, who received four  
months, served only one week. He  
was sentenced on April 18.  
Judge Killits ordered the prisoners  
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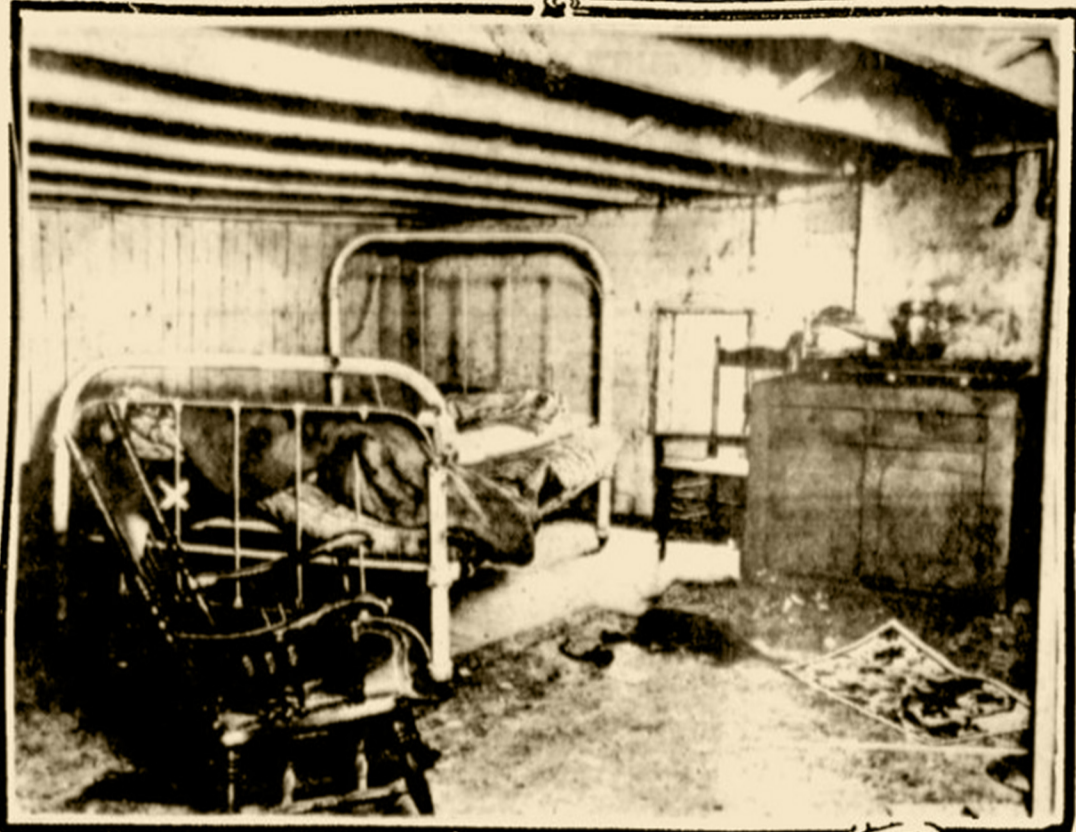
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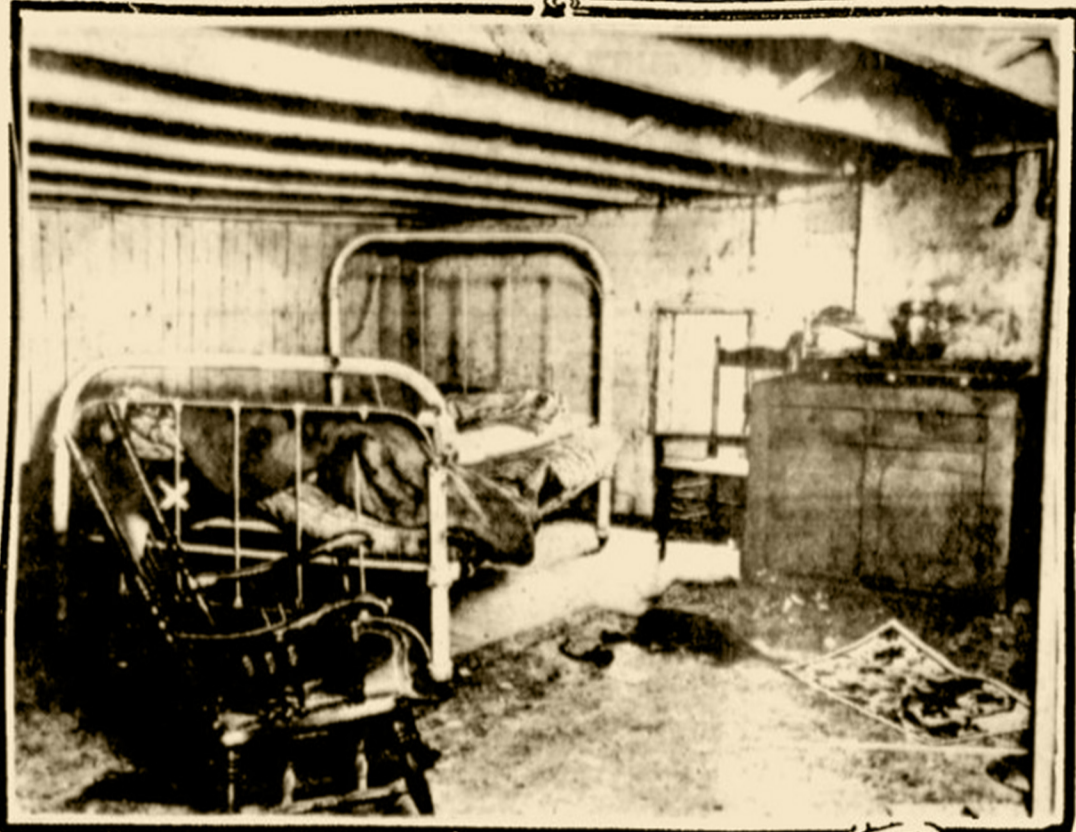
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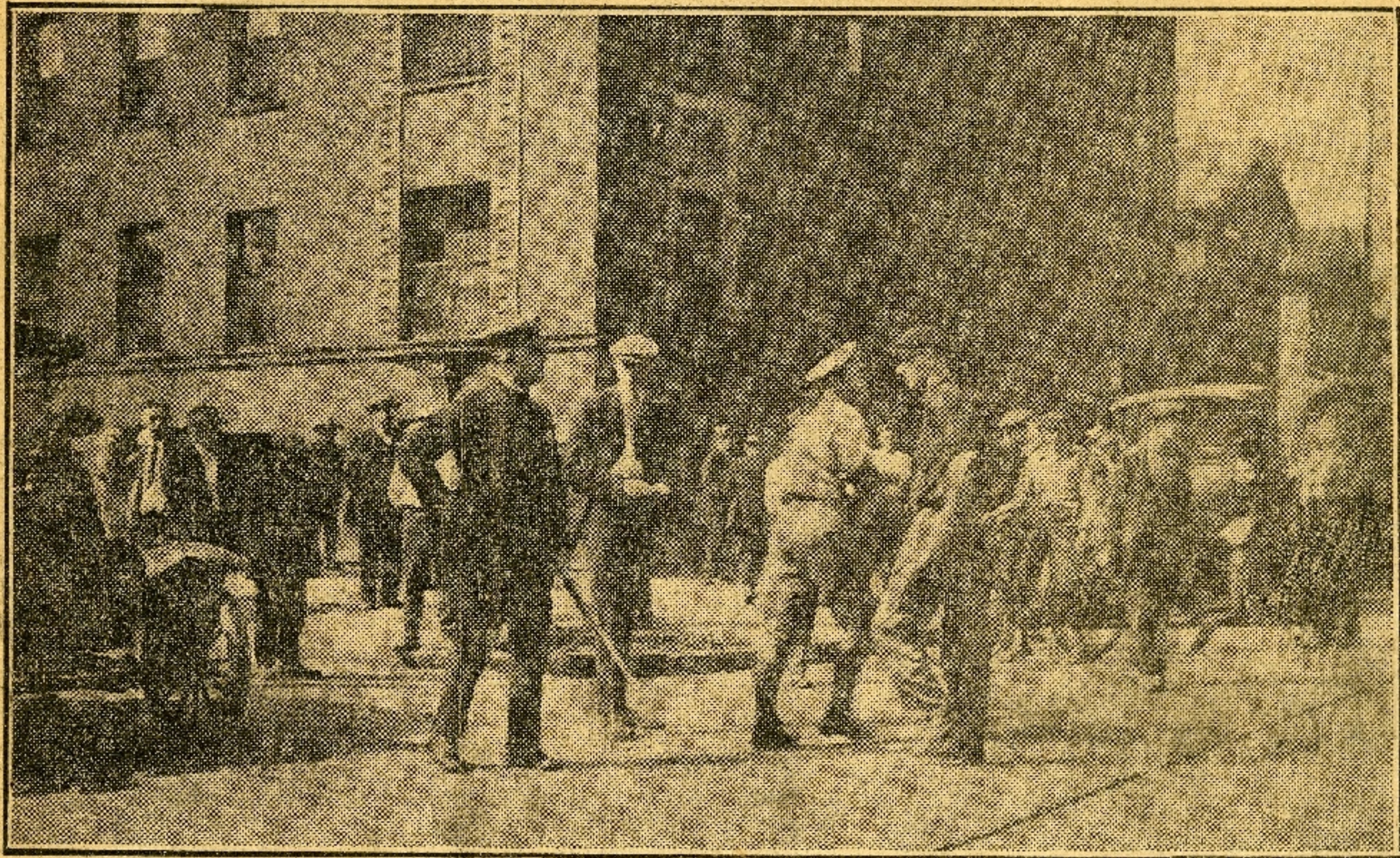
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"Is he dead? Have they got him?" was on every lip, as policemen in blue and khaki took sheltered positions and played their volleys into the attic.

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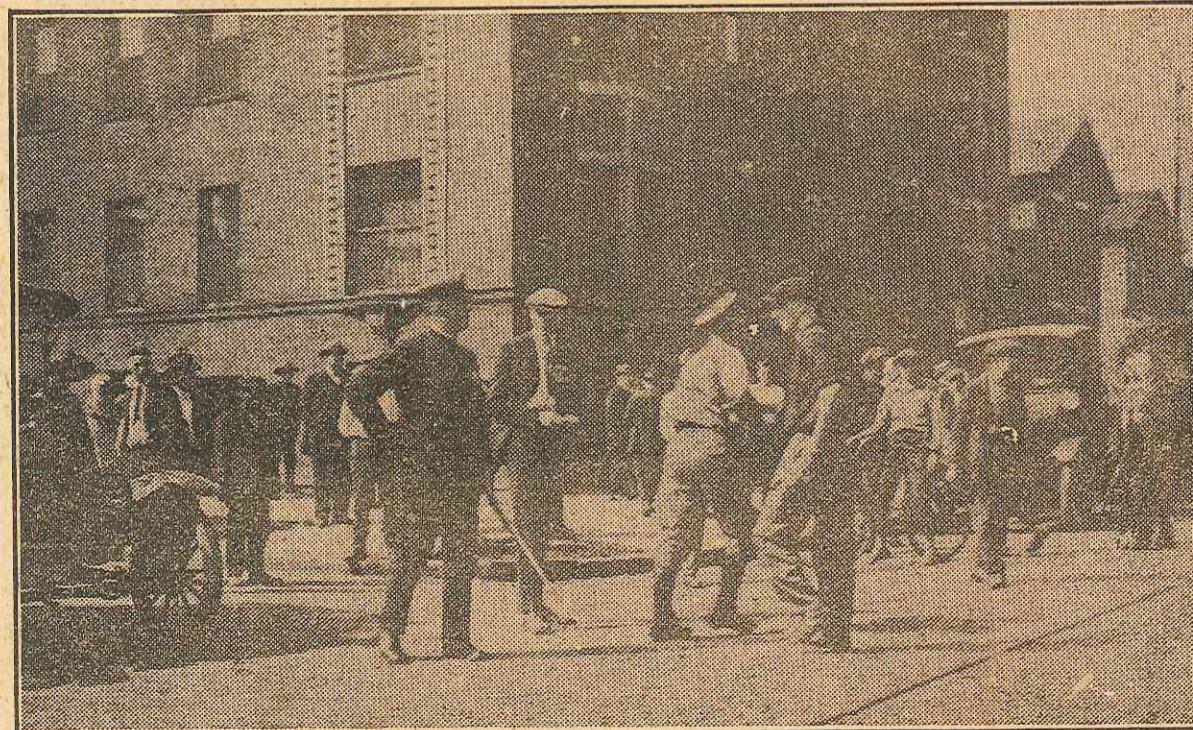
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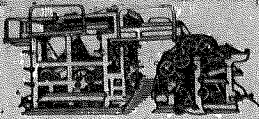
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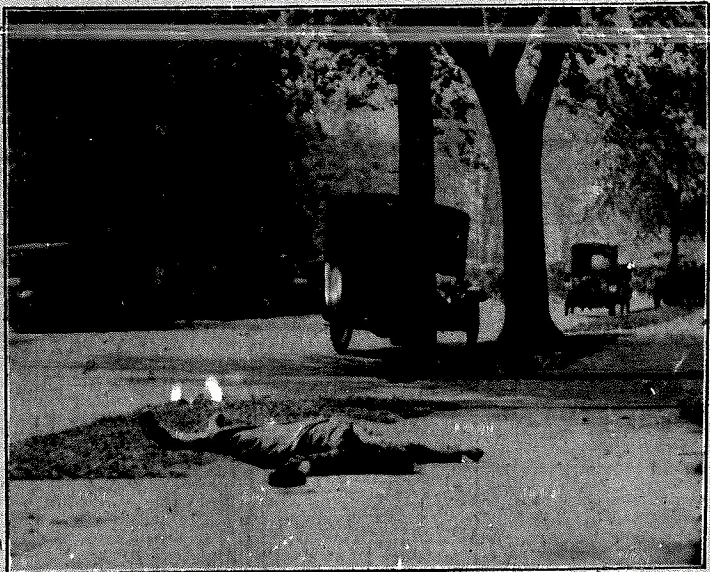
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It was a grim tragedy enacted in an amphitheater of humanity. The attitudes of the principals were lauded in the same measure of interest as were the murderous onslaughts of the lone beast who kept his adversaries at bay for hours. Criticism and applause, bravery and skepticism, perturbation and indifference, all swept through a seething mass of curious spectators with equal psychological effect.

The long established theory that curiosity is one's most responsive sense was borne out in the strictest degree. There were hundreds and hundreds of persons, of every color and creed, seemingly oblivious to dangers at hand, determined only to witness the inevitable apprehension of a criminal who took two lives in the hopeless effort to preserve his own.

Men of learning rubbed elbows with the hot pistol; master intellects changed theories with unprincipled neighbors. It was a conglomeration of the masses with a sole tent.

### Kelley a Strange Character.

Kelley was reported by the neighbors to have been a tragic character. He was suffering from tuberculosis and religious mania.

“They'll never take him alive. He had a trunkful of bullets,” said a terror-stricken neighbor.

It was the sight of two men, one of whom in the crowd that carried to the crowd the serious character of the encounter. The body lay on the back with arms outstretched, and there was a grim quietude about the corpse despite the thunder of the guns and shouts of excitement.

There it lay in full view with nobody daring to carry it to a sheltered spot. There was prolonged cheering when Inspector Delehaunty, behind his shield, rescued it with the help of Francis Bogatley, 20 Twelfth street, and William Fisher, 829 Huron street. They could not be restrained from darting forward to help, in spite of the peril to their lives.

After the tragic encounter was ended with the bearing away of Kelley's body, crowds continued to swarm to the spot, drawn by the most tragic episode in police annals of Toledo in many years. The madman's body was taken to the undertaking rooms of Abele & Abele.

**Mosburger New Patrolman.**  
Patrolman Mosburger had been on the police force since last December. He lived at 378 Forsythe street with his mother.

The news of the death of her son was broken to the mother by a reporter. She had received no inkling that the boy had even been engaged in a pistol battle.

She told the reporter that she and her son had lived on Superior street only a few doors from the scene of the shooting until recently.

“I know the place well,” she said. “I am glad he did not have to suffer.” was the only other comment she made. Detective William Carroll arrested Kelley in Toledo two years ago as a suspicion person. He is said to have had implements of the drug trade in his room. Kelley was released without sentence or fine.

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Police had difficulty in organizing their forces and clearing the house for the machine gun fire. The firing was delayed in the fear that some venturesome officers, who were exploring the place, might not be out by the time Chief Herbert gave the order to fire.

As Kelley continued firing and gave evidence that the fight would be one to a finish, the police sought every available means to drive him out. A hose was sent from a fire station, and all manner of shields, including large steel plates, were rushed to the scene. It was not until Chief Herbert saw that all other means would fail that he ordered the machine gunners to start their work. When they responded to the order, they kept up a steady din, shattering the front of the attic.

Police Chief Herbert also was slow in ordering the firing until he had definitely ascertained that Mosburger was dead. Officers who ventured into the hallway leading to the death chamber said there was no doubt that Mosburger “was gone.”

## DEATH CHAMBER TELLS MUTE TALE

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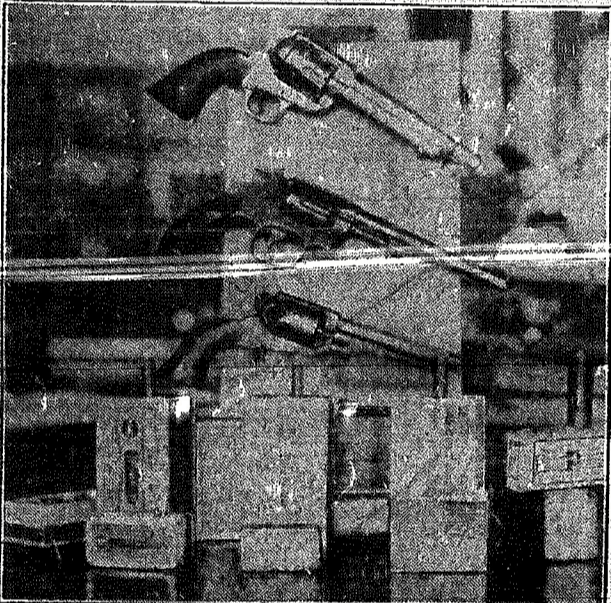
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## Here Is Man Who Killed Policemen



JAMES EDWARD KELLEY.



The three guns shown above were taken from the room of James Kelley following the fatal shooting affair of Thursday. Another gun which belonged to the maniac is now in the possession of Coroner Henzler.

The one at the top is an old-time .45-caliber western pistol, much like those supposed to have been used by the bandits of a few years back. It is a single action gun. It was found in Kelley's hip pocket.

Just below and in the center is a blue steel .38 special with which the barricaded man did most of the shooting.

Below is an old-fashioned muzzle loader. It has to be packed with a ball and powder while a percussion cap is used to fire it. Mosbrugger was killed with the .45 and Dowell with the .38 special. Below is the ammunition found in the room.

## REPORTER FACES FIRE FROM MANIAC'S LAIR BUT LUCK SAVES HIM

BY SPENCER HOLST.

I am alive today because James Kelley did not care whether he killed Inspector of Detectives Leutz or me. Inspector Leutz is alive for the same reason.

Kelley had no choice. And so in his maniacal mind he unloaded his revolver between us as we started across the lawn to where the body of Patrolman Harry Dowell had just dropped from a bullet from Kelley's gun.

Wednesday I had a good laugh at a moving picture in which a newspaper reporter was the central figure and was always getting himself into what I thought the most ridiculous dangers. Less than 24 hours later I was trapped with Inspector Leutz between the irresponsible guns of a lunatic and nearly 50 double-barreled sawed-off shotguns of policemen and detectives across the street.

I didn't laugh quite so heartily then as I had the night before at the movie. I will explain first how Inspector Leutz and I got into the primary trouble. We both arrived about the same time. We saw a score of police and detectives behind posts and trees with upfired revolvers prepared to shoot at some-

Saw Dowell Killed. Together we dashed across the street to 611 Walnut street, where we had seen two detectives moving cautiously about on the roof. As we reached the porch an officer explained a policeman had been killed by a lunatic and he had barricaded himself in the attic directly above the porch where we were standing.

We had just been there a moment when a bystander across the street yelled: "Why don't you send Patrolman Dowell up and put a red tag on him?" Dowell for many months had been assigned to checking up traffic violators on the downtown streets and placing red tags on cars violating parking regulations.

the police department and who had earned the nickname of "Happy." He was standing about 50 feet from us in direct line with the only attic window through which Kelley, the maniac, could shoot.

Dowell looked up at us and gave sort of a half smile. A moment later a shot came from the attic window and Happy dropped with the smile still there.

"He's not dead, I'm going after him," Inspector Leutz shouted to me. He started. I followed from the porch two feet behind him. We had proceeded about 10 feet directly under the attic window from which Kelley was shooting when the police guns opened fire at the window. The bullets passed over our heads.

Something, I don't know what it was, caused us to look up at the attic window where Kelly peered through. At this time Kelly changed his fire and directed it at Leutz and me. The bullets hit the ground between us.

How It Felt.

Neither of us could have stood there more than a moment, but in that time I had what I believe quite peculiar thoughts for a man under fire. First this thought flashed through my mind and these are the very words my mind used:

"This is a hell of a good story, but I guess I'll never write it." Then I said to myself: "I hope Bill Leutz doesn't get shot. It'll be tough on his wife."

Before I had time to think again we were driven back into the house by the fire directly from the police guns. My eyes fell on a phone in the hallway and I called The Blade. I tried to talk calmly to the operator. I heard her voice and I thought to myself: "There she is so sane and I can hear her voice so plainly while maybe I'm about to die. I just wonder if I will be killed."

## CASH POURS IN FOR FAMILIES OF PATROLMEN

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The formation of a new arm of the police department corresponding somewhat to the famous "homicide squad" of New York City, may come about as a result of the gun-battle on Walnut street Thursday, in the belief of many policemen.

Safety Director Greenhalgh said Friday that he had acquired a number of ideas along this line during his recent visit to New York City.

To Include Grenades

It has been suggested that the equipment of such a squad might include rifle grenades, gas bombs and machine guns. Its members, who might be drafted from among former service men in the department, would go through special training in making attacks on buildings in order to reduce the danger from the attackers shooting one another by mistake, such as was narrowly averted Thursday.

"The crazy man, Kelley, would have been finished in short order had we been able to shoot a rifle grenade or two through his window," Safety Director Greenhalgh said Friday.

Seizes Gas Bomb

He said that he is investigating a type of gas bomb that asphyxiates but does not kill. Such a one might also be used to advantage in the case of bank robberies. Everyone present at the bank would be overcome, but none would be seriously injured from the fumes the director explained.

The effectiveness of machine guns in raking possible hiding places of desperate men, was clearly apparent Thursday. An emergency gun crew led by Motorcycle Policeman Marty O'Toole, operated the gun to good effect. Danger to bystanders from the high-power bullets of this gun is great unless the piece is handled by an experienced man.

Plans Machine Gun Crew

A permanent machine gun crew would form an important part of this squad of attackers. During the last year, the local police and detectives have been called upon to make a half dozen assaults on barricaded gunmen, among which the capture of the Archibald Denison gang in the Franklin avenue flat, is the most remembered. These many instances emphasize the need for such a squad, some police believe.

## TO LOWER FLAGS DURING FUNERALS

Flags on the city, county and federal building and those on many business houses will be at half staff Saturday afternoon while the funeral corteges in different parts of the city carry to their graves two policemen who died in the line of duty Thursday.

A guard of honor was posted at the homes of both policemen Thursday night by Chief of Police Herbert.

The funeral of Harold Mosbrugger will be held in the home, 878 Forsythe street, at 1 P. M. Saturday and that of Harry Dowell from his residence, 1719 Oakwood avenue, at 3 P. M. Final arrangements will not be completed until late Friday.

City officials, including the mayor, safety director, chief of police and others, will attend the funerals.

Besides the platoons of police assigned to escort the processions other members of the department will attend, making these services among the most impressive ever held in the history of the department.

A platoon of police from the East Side station has been assigned to the Mosbrugger funeral and another from Central station to that of Dowell.

Toledo's generosity, touched by the slaying Thursday of Policemen Dowell and Mosbrugger, who were shot down by a maniac sheltered in his armored attic at 611 Walnut street, was manifested Friday when cash contributions for the victims' families began pouring into the offices of newspapers, the mayor, safety director and police chief.

While the families of the murdered policemen are in mourning, the body of James Kelley, maniac obsessed with the idea of hoarding firearms and ammunition and who ended his own life while police with rifles and a machine gun were storming his little fortress, is lying unclaimed in Abele's morgue on Cherry street.

Can't Locate Relatives.

Repeated telegrams to Kelley's sister, Julia, in Sapulpa, Okla., are unanswered. Thousands of curiosity seekers have thronged the neighborhood of the morgue, the doors of which were locked at midnight Thursday despite the presence of scores of men and women who were demanded admittance.

At 7 A. M. Friday, when the undertaker's assistants reopened the establishment, a group of bystanders was waiting there to view the body of the lunatic, who with 10 rounds of ammunition and four shooting pieces blazed away at the policemen surrounding the restaurant house of Mrs. Nellie Key on Walnut street.

Postcard salesmen were even selling photographic views of Policeman Harry Dowell lying on the thoroughfare in front of the scene of battle. Indignant persons telephoned to the police in protest against the sale of the pictures.

Public Funerals Planned.

Public funerals are being arranged for Dowell and Harold Mosbrugger. The bodies will be escorted to graves Saturday afternoon by platoons of uniformed patrolmen. All members of the police department who are off duty at the time also will attend the services.

A total of nearly \$1,000 has already been pledged by individuals and organizations for the slain policemen. Mosbrugger leaves his mother. She will not benefit from the police insurance fund as he was listed as unmarried.

Dowell leaves a wife and three small children. The family will have to carry the extra burden of payments on a home that the slain officer recently purchased.

Where to Send Aid.

The plan devised by Safety Director Greenhalgh, Mayor Schrieber and Chief Herbert, provides that contributions may be made either through the three newspapers or to the safety director, mayor or chief of police, who will administer the fund.

The first contribution to The Blade police fund was one of \$10, received Friday morning from H. H. Withers, Madison avenue tailor.

Checks should be made out to The Blade Dowell-Mosbrugger fund. Less than six hours after the shooting of the policemen, Director Greenhalgh received a \$100 contribution from Baumgardner & Co. He added to this another one of \$50 from himself.

The Toledo Blade lodge voted \$50 for the fund Thursday night.

Police Praised.

In a statement appealing for money for this fund, Director Greenhalgh paid a tribute not only to the slain policemen, but also to the courage of the department as exemplified by the men who were shot.

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plished during the so-called "crime wave" of last winter.

Mayor Schrieber said Friday morning that he endorsed the directors' statement in every particular.

The director's statement follows:

"Two members of the Toledo police division were killed yesterday in the discharge of their duty. I went with the committee of trustees of the relief fund yesterday on their visits of help to the homes of the bereaved. We found a mother who could not yet realize what had happened to her boy, Harold Mosbrugger, but was fighting sincerely to be as brave as he was.

"We found in a very attractive little home, new and not paid for, a very brave young woman. She was proud of her husband, Harry Dowell, and what he had done, but her test of bravery is going to be much harder and longer than his—for she has three little children left to take care of, the eldest being nine.

"We can do nothing more for these men, but honor their memory, but we can do something to lighten the load on these little kiddies and these heartbroken women. And in doing this we can show best our appreciation of bravery in the division of police. For there wasn't a mother, a wife or daughter of the members of the police division last night who didn't feel the old nervous strain come back, the same one from which they had suffered during the trying days of the winter. For it is particularly unfortunate that having come through the fights with the violent, reckless and desperate criminal without the loss of a man, a madman should yesterday work such havoc.

"One of the fine things that I have learned in coming into more intimate contact with the members of the police division, is the departmental instinct of courage. Never was there a finer illustration of it than yesterday.

"These men sacrificed themselves and their families in the proud duty of preserving life and law and order in this city. Our citizens must surely

welcome an opportunity to show their appreciation of such manhood and such sacrifices and help those who are now left alone to carry a noble but heavy burden."

Shells Are Found.

Discovery of 150 rounds of ammunition in the Walnut street death chamber was announced Friday by detectives.

Police picking over the dead lunatic's personal belongings also found numerous letters and catalogs from sporting goods dealers which showed that Kelley had been seeking prices on every description of rifle, revolver and firearms.

There also was a huge corn cutter, sharpened to a razor edge, in the attic bedroom which Kelley had converted into a fortress. This with a .38-caliber police special revolver, a Colt's .45 of the Jessie James type, an old-fashioned ball and powder pistol and a .32-caliber pistol comprised the weapons with which the madman evidently intended to engineer a war of his own.

Hundreds also visited Wilson's undertaking establishment on Adams street, where the body of Policeman Harry Dowell was taken. Mosbrugger was the first to lose his life. He favored Kelley's barricade at 611 Walnut street, but was shot down without warning.

Dowell, who had just alighted from a police machine in response to a call for police reserves, was a target for Kelley who aimed from an attic window.

Coroner Henzler has announced that the bullet which killed Kelley was self-inflicted. Wounds caused by the machine gun fired from an attic at 612 Walnut street were found in Kelley's left arm, left leg and abdomen. The bullet which entered the maniac's left breast and passed over his heart, however, was made by Kelley's own hand, Dr. Henzler said.

Mrs. Nellie Key, at whose home at 611 Walnut street Kelley lived, and where he was shot, said she had always felt sorry for him because he was out of work. She said that while he acted queerly at times she never feared him until he made threats when she tried to collect the rent.

"I had not received a cent from him since last October," she said.

Letters from relatives were found in Kelley's possession. It is understood he has a mother, sister and brother living in Oklahoma.

## Gave Their Lives in Battle

Harry Mosbrugger joined the police department last December.

Mosbrugger was substituting for Policeman G. A. Nagle on the Lagrange street station machine Thursday. He was regularly on a beat.

Mosbrugger, born March 11, 1897, was appointed to the police department Dec. 15, 1920.

He lived with his mother, Mrs. Charles Harre, at 878 Forsythe street.

Mosbrugger is listed on the police pension fund as a single man, which will deprive his mother of this benefit.

Mosbrugger was known to his friends on the force as a man of courage. Although he was only a new man, he gave promise of a future in the department.

His bravery was proved in the manner in which he led the way into the attic where the madman was known to be hiding.

Harry A. (Happy) Dowell, 33 years, had been a patrolman since March 1, 1918.

At first he was assigned to the downtown district to watch for traffic violations. In spite of the fact that he wielded the "red tickets" impartially, he made many friends even among those he had taken into the police court for parking and other violations. Later he was assigned to a police machine at No. 4 precinct station.

His wife and three little children, living at 1719 Oakwood avenue, survive him.

Dowell recently purchased a small home on the instant plan and the heavy debt is passed on to the pathetic family group that he leaves.

Dowell's family will receive about \$1,500 from the police insurance fund, and it is said he leaves a wife and three children.

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## Rescued Officer's Body



*William Fisher*



*Francis Bogateley*

Francis Bogateley, 20 Twelfth street, and William Fisher, 829 Huron street, were the principals in an act of heroism during the gun battle with James Kelley at 611 Walnut street, yesterday.

A rope had been attached to the feet of Officer Dowell, who had lain on the sidewalk for more than an hour. The intention was to drag the corpse by the feet across the street and out of the bullet-swept area.

These two young men sprang from the crowd and grasping the limp figure of the policeman, with the assistance of others who later came, they carried the dead policeman to safety.

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6-10-1921

# DEAD POLICEMEN FUND GROWING

## Many Givers Push Purse Past \$1,200 Mark.

Contributions to the Dowell-Mosbrugger fund were coming in plentifully to the local newspaper and the safety director's office Saturday. The \$1,200 mark was passed Saturday.

The money will be apportioned among the heirs of Patrolmen Dowell and Mosbrugger, who were slain by a madman during the Walnut street gun battle, Thursday. Mayor Schreiber, Safety Director Greenhalgh and Chief of Police Herbert will administer the funds.

The Blade fund was augmented by \$50 received Saturday. Contributors through The Blade were: Al E. Reuben, \$25; H. G. Hankry, \$10 and Otto Borchert, \$25.

These were the latest contributors through the safety director's office: Employees at the Dorr street car barns, \$15; E. D. Libbey, \$50; Mrs. Alice L. Walbridge, \$75; William S. Walbridge, \$50; J. D. Robinson, \$100.

Other contributions aggregate more than \$735, including \$500 given by the Elks' club. Gifts may be made through any of the three Toledo newspapers, the safety director's, mayor's or police chief's office.

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June 11, 1921

# POLICE TO BEAR BODIES TO GRAVE

## Patrolmen Mosbrugger and Dowell to Be Buried With Honors.

A double funeral cortege will proceed slowly along Bancroft street at 2:45 Saturday bearing the bodies of Patrolmen Dowell and Mosbrugger, who were killed in line of duty while attempting to capture a maniac on Walnut street Thursday.

The procession probably will be headed by automobiles containing city and police officials. This will be followed by motors carrying the families of the deceased, platoons of police and the hearses.

### Services at Homes.

Services will be held first at the homes of the slain men. Patrolman Dowell lived at 1719 Oakwood avenue and Mosbrugger at 878 Forsythe street.

The two funeral parties will then meet at Cherry and East Bancroft streets at 2:45 P. M. and proceed in a double line to Forest cemetery.

Brief services will be held at the graves.

Capt. Harry Jennings will have charge of the police platoon consisting of two sergeants and 24 men at the Mosbrugger home and Capt. Thomas O'Reilly will command the police at the Dowell residence.

### Police Pallbearers.

Rev. Edward R. Richards of the Grace English Lutheran church will officiate at the Mosbrugger funeral. The pallbearers will be: Patrolmen J. Kramer, C. Pheils, E. Rudes, C. Weymer, W. McGuire and C. Varnor. They are from the East Side station.

These will be the Dowell pallbearers: Patrolmen R. VanVorce, R. Donahue, G. Raymond, J. Armstrong, H. Buckley and S. Reaser. Rev. Mr. Reedy of the Church of God will officiate.

Services at the two homes will start about 2 P. M.



# SLAIN PATROLMAN'S FIANCEE PROUD THAT HE DIED AS HERO

"Well, he's gone now. I don't know what I'll do. Just make the best of it, I suppose."

Thus, dreading, is summed up the attitude toward life of Mary Mertz, who on June 20th was to have married Harold Mosbrugger, one of the two policemen killed by the maniac, James Kelley, last Thursday morning.

Miss Mertz is staying at the home of her late fiance at 878 Forsythe street with his mother and two aged grandmothers—a pathetic group. She had known Mosbrugger for two years and had been engaged to marry him since last September. While her father and sisters live in Bucyrus, O., she has been in Toledo for five years, working at the Libbey Glass plant. Recently her health became poor, and she went to live with the Mosbruggers, until she and Harold could be married.

"I was to have bought my wedding clothes this week," said the bride-to-be. Her eyes were dry of tears, as she talked, but there was a look in them of hopeless sadness that was more pathetic than tears.

"Harold had bought the clothes he was to be married in, and we already had some of our furniture," Miss Mertz continued. "We were to have lived here with his mother for a while. I shall stay here with her for a few weeks and then go to my father and sisters in Bucyrus for the rest of the Summer. In the Fall I may come back to Toledo and go to work again. I don't know. It's been a terrible shock and I haven't planned much yet. But I suppose I've just got to make the best of it.

"I was in the yard when a Blade

reporter came for Harold's picture and broke the news to his mother that he was killed. When I came in, she told me, O, it was terrible! I had watched him go away such a short time before in the uniform of which he was so proud. He was always polishing up his badge and keeping his uniform in perfect order. I used to tease him about it and tell him the other men didn't bother so much. His going right through that trapdoor, in an attempt to get Kelley, was just what we, who knew him best, would have expected of him. He was always like that—fearless and ready to rush right in. Yes—I'm mighty proud of his record and the memory of it will be a comfort to me. But it's hard! It's mighty hard to bear!"

Not even the sorrowful faces of the two white-haired grandmothers and that of the stricken mother were not so pitiful as was that of the dead patrolman's sweetheart, so soon to have been his bride, upon which the tragedy of devastated hope was so plainly written.

A dramatic episode occurred at the funeral, Saturday afternoon, when the ex-wife from whom Mosbrugger had just received a decree of divorce a week before, and who had come from Peterboro, Michigan, to attend the obsequies, fainted and had to be carried out into a neighboring yard.

The mother of the deceased patrolman has been receiving an outpouring of sympathy from all parts of the city. The following note is a sample:

"To the Mother of One of the City's Finest: I am writing this to let you know that you have my deepest sympathy in your recent bereavement. Your son died doing his duty, which you may be proud of. He will live long in the memory of Toledo people, for he died serving the city and defending other residents. With my heartfelt sympathy to you, the mother of one of the city's finest young men.—A TOLEDOAN."

# OFFICERS' FUND NOW \$1300

## Money To Be Given Families Of Slain Patrolmen

The fund being raised for the benefit of the families of Patrolmen Harry Dowell and Harold Mossbrugger, officers killed by a maniac, and whose burial took place on Saturday afternoon, continues to grow.

Something like \$1300 has been subscribed to the fund from various sources, altho as yet only about \$600 has passed into the hands of Safety Director Greenhalgh, whose office is acting as a clearing house for all subscriptions.

As the checks reach the office of the safety director, acknowledgment will be made. Checks may be mailed to any of the daily newspapers, to Safety Director Greenhalgh, to Mayor Schreiber or to Police Chief Herbert, and finally the fund for the families of the men who lost their lives will be distributed by Mayor Schreiber and Safety Director Greenhalgh.

Here is a list of the checks that have reached Safety Director Greenhalgh so far:

Baumgardner & Co., \$100; George P. Greenhalgh, \$50; Boys of the Dorr-St Car Barns, \$15; Edward D. Libbey, \$50; Mrs. Alice Walbridge, \$75; W. S. Walbridge, \$50; Joseph D. Robinson, \$100; Otto Borchert, \$25; H. G. Hankey, \$10; Al E. Reuben, \$25; Tracy, Chapman & Welles, \$100; Max Labowitz, \$3.

# DOUBLE FUNERAL FOR POLICEMEN

## City Will Honor Two Slain By Fanatic

Present police plans call for a double funeral procession for Motor Patrolmen Harry A. Dowell and Harold Mossbrugger, who were shot and killed by James Kelley on Walnut-st on Thursday morning.

Services for McDowell will be held in his residence, 1719 Oakwood-av. at 2 p. m. on Saturday and those for Mossbrugger will be held in his home, 878 Forsythe-st, at 1 p. m.

•It is planned to have the funeral processions meet at Cherry and Sherman streets where both sides of the street down Sherman-st to Forest Cemetery will be used. At each service there will be a platoon of 25 patrolmen commanded by two sergeants and a captain. Captain Harry Jennings and Captain Thomas O'Reilly will lead the platoons.

Police guards of honor were stationed at both homes on Friday. The flag on Central Police Station has been at half mast since the shooting and during the services flags on the City Hall building and other public buildings will be lowered to half mast. Mayor Schrober, Safety Director Greenhalgh, Police Chief Herbert and other officials will attend both services.

## Pay Last Tribute To Patrolmen Who Gave Their Lives While Serving City



Members of the police department, escorting the hearses carrying the bodies of Patrolmen Mossbrugger and Dowell.

Sorrow filled the hearts of hundreds of Toledoans on Saturday afternoon as they watched two funeral processions meet at Bancroft and Cherry streets at 3:20 p. m. and proceed in double file to Forest Cemetery, where the bodies of Motor Patrolmen Harry Dowell and Harold Mossbrugger were laid to rest.

Platoons of 25 officers each, under two sergeants and a police captain, attended the services. Safety Director Greenhalgh was at the Mossbrugger services at 878 Forsythe-st, and Chief of Police Herbert attended the Dowell services at 1719 Oakwood-av.

The Rev. Mr. Reedy of the Church of God presided at the services for Dowell and the Rev. Edward R. Richards of Grace English Lutheran Church officiated at the Mossbrugger home. Tribute was paid to the bravery of the men.

These patrolmen were pallbearers for Mossbrugger: J. Kramer, C. Phells, E. Rudes, C. Weymer, W. McQuire and C. Varnor; for Dowell, R. Van Vorco, Dowell's partner; R. Donahue, G. Raymond, J. Armstrong, H. Buckley and S. Heaser.

Patrolmen Dowell and Mossbrugger were killed last Thursday by James B. Kelley, who barricaded himself in an attic at 613 Walnut-st. Kelley killed himself.

# SEEK RELATIVES OF KELLEY

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## Man May Have Police Record In Detroit

James E. Kelley, who shot and killed two policemen before shooting himself to death in a barricaded attic on Walnut-st on Thursday morning, may have a police record.

Identification experts at Central Police Station were going thru their files late on Friday and found a man of the same name as Kelley, whose picture bore a striking resemblance to the dead man. The registered Kelley was arrested for a burglary in Detroit, 10 years ago.

Because of the length of time since the picture was taken, it is difficult to definitely connect the dead man with the Detroit job, but Bertillon men are continuing their check-up in the hope of obtaining an absolute identification of the Walnut-st murderer.

Word from relatives of Kelley is still being sought, but if nothing is heard by next Tuesday, burial services will be held.

Undertaker Joseph Abele, who has the body, declares he will see that Kelley is given a Christian burial if the body is not claimed. Abele knew Kelley years ago when the man was considered mentally deranged and obsessed with the desire to acquire firearms.

TNB 12-29-1921  
**SEVEN OFFICERS  
 GIVE LIVES**

Shot down by desperate gunmen and bandits while performing their duty, seven police officers in Toledo have made the great sacrifice in the last year. They are:

Jan. 17: Louis Schroeder and A. E. Long, New York Central detectives, shot by bandits while guarding ticket office receipts. Royce Richardson electrocuted, John Burke sentenced to die, Edward Foley, serving a life sentence, and Fred Seward committed suicide as a result of the crime.

June 9: Patrolmen Harry Dowell and Harold Mossbrugger, killed by James Kelley in a gun battle when he was barricaded in attic of 611 Walnut-st.

Aug. 1: Patrolman William H. Kress, slain by Arthur Harding, negro gunman on State-st, off Canton. Harding awaiting death in the electric chair

Dec. 1: Patrolman W. McGinnis, killed by two crooked still men, divisions of Indian av.

Dec. 23: Patrolman William A. Reed, of the vice-squad, killed by Arthur Binkley, wounded in a running gun battle on Canton-st.



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The Honorable William Moton  
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Dear Chief Moton:

It is my honor to inform you that the name of **Patrolman Harold M. Mosbrugger (EOW: 06/09/1921) of the Toledo, Ohio, P.D.** has been re-engraved on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. on panel 52 West, line 29. A picture of the panel is enclosed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-737-7136 or via email [carolie@nleomf.org](mailto:carolie@nleomf.org).

Sincerely,

CAROLIE HEYLIGER  
Memorial Programs Research Manager  
enclosure

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## DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OPERATIONS

August 4, 2014

Ms. Carolie Heyliger  
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Dear Ms. Heyliger:

Thank you for your commitment to police officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice, exemplified by your thorough investigation. You are correct in the spelling of our fallen officer as reported in your letter: Harold M. Mosbrugger.

When Harold and his partner, Harry "Happy" Dowell, were killed by James Kelley on June, 9, 1921, the newspapers initially reported the spelling of his name incorrectly as Harold Mosburger. Unfortunately, it was spelled several different ways after that, including the Mossburger version that was sent to you for inclusion on the wall.

We are very pleased with this opportunity to re-engrave Officer Mosbrugger's name and correct this long-standing error. Thank you for the deliberate manner in which you honor our fallen. If there is anything further I need to do to ensure this change is made, please advise me and I will make every attempt to accommodate.

Sincerely,

William H. Moton  
Chief of Police



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## HAROLD M MOSBRUGGER



Rank: Patrolman  
Panel: 52-W: 29  
Department: Toledo, Ohio, P.D.  
End of Watch: June 9, 1921  
Cause: Gunfire  
Age: 24  
Years of Service: 7 months

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Description: Patrolman Mosbrugger and Patrolman Harry Dowell were fatally shot while attempting to quell a landlord/tenant dispute. The barricaded suspect committed suicide after a two hour standoff with responding officers.

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