



# POLICEMAN SHOT, MAY DIE

## COUNCIL OPPOSES MAYOR AND SOLDIER-POLICEMEN

## MAYOR HAS 10 DAYS TO ACT IN EMERGENCY

## Solon Would Put July Fourth Bout Before Governor

Representative Robert C. Dunn, person reputed to be the champion prize fighter of the country, and another person who admitted serious

## REED ATTACKS WORLD LEAGUE AS WORLD FOE

Missouri Senator's Caustic Talk Brings Acrid Debate That Is Marked by Show of Increasing Bitterness.

## Hettie McCree is Going to See the Circus Tomorrow

BY FLORA WARD HINELINE.  
When the Hagenbeck-Wallace circus appears under the big top in Toledo tomorrow a frail little woman in a wheel chair, drawn close to the sawdust circle, will watch the show with longing and unutterable remembrances.  
She is Hettie McCree, one time famous bareback rider and tumbler with the Hagenbecks, who, since she was maimed for life in the wreck at Hammond, Ind., June 22, last, in which the entire circus train was in-

volved, has been confined to a circus horse, "Nick," she questioned. "He is in the barn. We love him far too well ever to part with him."  
When introduced to "Nick" he gave a knowing whinny and nosed up close in search of peppermints.  
The McCree's have a miniature circus ring in the big barn at the rear of the home. Here Nick puts in the long days dreaming of other scenes.  
In the winter season a sister of Mrs. McCree's, also a bareback rider, and her husband, spent several

## Volcanic Eruption Is Responsible for Many Casualties Thru Java

TOKIO, May 26.—Sixteen thousand persons were killed or injured in a volcanic eruption in Central Java on May 20. This information is contained in official advices from Batavia.

## QUIET PREVAILS AS PLANTS ARE OPENED MONDAY

## AUTO THIEVES ABANDON CAR MAKE ESCAPE

Patrolman William A. Bather Was on Way Home From Work When Assassin Opens Fire on Him.

## DEATH CAR IS FOUND

Bullet Thru Stomach Comes Out of Body Leaving Wound Which Probably Will Result Fatally.

Patrolman William A. Bather was shot and probably fatally wounded by one of three young men in a stolen automobile at the corner of Emerald and Field avenues at 11:30 Monday evening.  
He was rushed to St. Vincent's hospital where it was found that a 45-caliber steel-jacketed bullet, the kind used in an automatic pistol, had pierced his stomach. The bullet was found lodged in his coat.  
The exact manner in which the patrolman was shot is not known.

Was on Way Home.  
Bather was off duty at the time. He had made his last patrol at 11 o'clock after patrolling his district

between Summit and Bancroft, and was on his way home.

As he passed the saloon of Frank Lewinski, 988 Emerald, Lewinski was standing in the doorway and exchanged greetings with him. Lewinski turned to go back into his saloon, which ceased to operate Saturday night, when he heard three shots fired.

Running out he found Bather trying to rise in the street. The tail light of a fleeing automobile was seen going west on Emerald, but Lewinski was too excited to notice the car particularly.

Carrying Bather into his saloon he immediately notified police headquarters and the police ambulance, together with a squad of detectives and policemen, hurried to the scene.

Upon their arrival Bather muttered a sequence of an auto license, but was unable to say anything further before lapsing into unconsciousness.

A witness, whose name could not be ascertained, related the story of the shooting substantially as follows:  
Lived Nearby.

Bather had seen the approaching auto and ran into the street signaling for it to stop. Then was heard, "Throw up your hands," and "Go to hell," whereupon the shots were fired. Bather fell wounded and the autoists speeded away.

When Bather made his last call half an hour before, he was notified that the Ford car of William Fox, 43 Oliver street, had been reported stolen at 10:30. The number of this car is 315672.

The numbers gazed by Bather before losing consciousness were 315618 and 315688, the first four numbers corresponding with the first four of those of the Fox car.

After the shooting the stolen car was found abandoned on Emerald street less than a block away, making it apparent that Bather had recognized the Fox machine as the stolen car reported to him and was attempting to arrest the thieves when fired on.

Detectives immediately began a thorough search of the district in an effort to locate Bather's assailants.

Patrolman Bather has been a member of the police force for about two years. He is 29 years old, is married and lives at 660 Green street, only a block and a half from the scene of the shooting.



# OFFICER SHOT BY A SUSPECT

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## Bather Wounded When He Seeks Stolen Auto, and Is Near Death.

One of three alleged automobile thieves shot and perhaps fatally wounded Patrolman William A. Bather, 29, of 660 Green street, at Emerald and Field avenues, at 11:30 Monday night.

St. Vincent hospital surgeons do not hold out much hope for his recovery.

A 45-calibre automatic revolver bullet went through his stomach and came out of his back.

On his way home Monday night Bather was passing the saloon of Frank Lewinski, 968 Emerald avenue. He greeted the latter, who turned inside his establishment. The saloonkeeper says he heard several shots fired and upon running to the street saw the wounded patrolman lying on the pavement.

An eye-witness says that Bather stepped before a machine standing at the curb. One man was cranking it and two others were in the car.

"Wait a minute; I want to talk to you," Bather said, drawing his gun.

One of the men in the car opened fire before the officer had time to return, it is said. Bather fell to the pavement.

The three men escaped down the street, leaving the car standing.

Lewinski picked up the wounded policeman and carried him to his establishment, from where he notified the central station.

It is believed that Bather recognized the car as being one reported stolen shortly before. It belonged to William Fox, 43 Oliver street.

Bather has been on the force for two years. He is married.



# POLICEMAN SHOT BY THIEVES

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## Patrolman W. A. Bather Is Not Expected To Live

While fellow members of the Police Department continue to search for the assailants of Patrolman William A. Bather, 29, 660 Green-st, the patrolman is near death in St. Vincent's Hospital.

Patrolman Bather was shot thru the stomach by one of three young men in a stolen auto, which he attempted to halt at Field and Emerald avenues shortly before midnight on Monday. The patrolman lapsed into unconsciousness at once and was unable to give an account of the shooting.

### TRIED TO STOP AUTO.

It has been established, however, that Bather had been notified at 10:30 o'clock to be on the lookout for a Ford car, stolen from William Fox, 43 Oliver-st.

At 11 Bather made his last report from his beat on Cherry-st and started for his home. At Field and Emerald avenues, within a block and a half of his home, Bather saw the stolen car with three men in it, speeding west on Emerald-av and rushed into the street to halt it.

### THREE SHOTS FIRED.

Witnesses say that Bather signaled for the machine to stop. A shout of "Throw up your hands," followed and the retort, "Go to hell."

Three shots were then fired and the machine disappeared.

Frank Lowinski, proprietor of a saloon at 968 Emerald-av, who had greeted Bather when he passed and was standing in front of his place, was the first to reach the wounded patrolman.

He carried him into the saloon and notified the police. A police ambulance took Bather to St. Vincent's Hospital.

### MACHINE ABANDONED.

Detectives and patrolmen searched the neighborhood and discovered that the stolen Ford car, which Bather had attempted to stop, had been abandoned a short distance from the scene of the shooting. Bather was wounded by a steel-jacketed .45 caliber bullet.

The wounded patrolman has been a member of the police force for two years. He is married.

# THREE ARE HELD IN DEATH PROBE

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## Suspects Arrested After Fatal Shooting of Policeman.

Following the death Tuesday evening of Patrolman William A. Bather, shot by automobile thieves at Emerald and Field avenues Monday night, three suspects are being held by detectives.

John LeMay, 20; Roman Welka, 30, and Harry Sullivan, 20, of Detroit, were identified by the patrolman as he was dying, but because of his condition, little weight is attached to the identification. The suspects say they can establish an alibi.

They were arrested near Monroe Tuesday, after being found asleep in an automobile on a roadside.

Bather received a bullet in the abdomen after he attempted to question three occupants of an automobile as he was returning to his home at 660 Greene street. The shooting occurred two blocks from his home.

The policeman leaves a widow and three young children. Flags on all police stations have been placed at half mast. A uniformed escort will accompany the body to the cemetery.



# SUSPECTED MEN PROVE ALIBIS

Three young men, arrested near Monroe, Mich., on Tuesday by Sheriff Bairley and held in connection with the fatal wounding of Patrolman Bather on Monday night, proved alibis on Wednesday; when John Needham, proprietor of a saloon, 624 Monroe-st., appeared before police and stated that the prisoners were in his place at the time of the shooting.

The men described themselves as John Le May, 20, Roman Welka, 30, and Harry Sullivan, 20, all of Detroit. Police are continuing to hold them pending investigation.

Patrolman Bather died at St Vincent's Hospital on Tuesday night. He was shot thru the stomach, when he attempted to question three auto thieves at Field and Emerald avenues.

On Tuesday evening, when it became known that Bather was near death, Welka, Sullivan and Le May were taken before him. He was in a weakened condition and under the influence of an anesthetic and was unable to make a positive identification.

Bather lived at 660 Green-st. He left a wife and three small children.



# BURY BATHER ON SATURDAY

Services for Patrolman William A. Bather, fatally wounded on Monday night by auto shoves, will be held at his home, 660 Green-st., at 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. Police will attend the services, and a platoon of patrolmen under command of Captain Joseph Delehaunty will escort the body to Forest Cemetery.

Bather was 29 years old. He had been in the Police Department for two years. A wife and three small children survive him.