

**This story was related to retired Officer George Shaughnessy
by a family member who told him the story at the Toledo Police Museum**

The story of Detective Stephen Quinn being shot might begin in the early hours of Friday 3 September, 1920 when Motor Cycle Officer Walter L. Kruse became suspicious of a touring car parked near 335 Vance St and seeing the four occupants enter the home, knocked to further investigate. Shortly after emerging from the home behind the men, according to witnesses, a gunfight ensued. Supposition was that the men had either just returned from some criminal endeavor or were planning something sinister when confronted by the Officer and to keep from being identified elected to silence him. The Officer was able to return fire on the suspects even though seriously wounded and a blood trail indicated at least one had been struck. The Officer was expected to die from his wounds but did survive and later retired under medical disability.

Subsequent investigation made Archie Dennison a person of interest and possible suspect in the Officers shooting and on Tuesday 14 September 1920, DET Quinn in company with other Detectives and uniformed Officer responded to 2220 Franklin Av on a tip that there was a Mob gathering there. At 9:30AM the duplex had been surrounded and four of the Detectives knocked at the front door where after entering, Dennison was confronted and told he was under arrest. Dennison reportedly produced a large semi-automatic handgun and was shot in the face by DET William Culver armed with a shotgun. Mortally wounded, Dennison ran through the hall where he came upon DET Quinn who had his back to Dennison when Dennison fired, striking him in the hip. Other Detectives again fired at Dennison killing him instantly. Dennison's associate, Cowboy Hill, attempted flight out a rear door while shooting wildly and was struck by some 15 shots from Detectives and Officers incurring 28 wounds but did survive. A third associate, John Forrest, and two females were also arrested in the house. Nitroglycerine, high-powered rifles and numerous semi-automatic pistols were also confiscated there.

The following day, Detectives went to a Dorr St garage after finding a receipt on Forrest where they found a bullet riddled car matching witnesses descriptions of that car involved in the Kruse attempted murder. Additionally Dennison had an untreated and older wound that Detectives believe was from the shots fired by Officer Kruse two weeks earlier.



HUSKY COLORED WENCH PUT UP STRONG FIGHT

**Lulu Rice Attacks Woman Who
"Peached" on Her and Then
Fought the Policeman.**

Lulu Rice, a husky, dusky damsel who lives at 1810 Canton street, gave some of the strong armed officers of the law a desperate battle yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock, but the arrival of reinforcements proved too much for the Amazon and she was compelled to capitulate.

It was about 2 o'clock that a report was received at headquarters of a cutting affray on Canton street and Detective Kruse hurried over to that locality to investigate. The detective learned that one colored woman had scratched another with a razor and a third colored

woman pointed out Lulu as being the one who had handled the razor.

Lulu strenuously denied the accusation and the charge so enraged her that she proceeded to lay hands upon the one who "peached" on her right in the presence of that powerful limb of the law, Detective Kruse. The latter attempted to separate the women, Lulu having embraced the other woman about the neck with both hands, almost choking the life out of her, but the officer found it no easy task. With the assistance of a couple of reporters he at last gained control of the infuriated woman and placed her under arrest on a charge of assault and battery.

When the wagon arrived with Dick Reilly and Officer Quinn another battle ensued and it was with no little difficulty that she was taken to the station.

"KING BEE" ARRESTED

Police Get Head of Gang of Pan Handlers.

HE LEVIED A TRIBUTE

AND LIVED OFF THE EARNINGS OF HIS "SUBJECTS."

He Is Sent to the Workhouse for Thirty Days and Fined Fifty Dollars and the Costs.

Detectives Daly and Kruso and Officers Kujawa and Quinn made several arrests yesterday for the purpose of cleaning out the "panhandlers"—men who make their living by begging, either by peddling shoostings, pencils, "slum" jewelry or begging cards or using diverse ways of exciting sympathy. Of the men arrested, Joseph Anderson, of Buffalo, is said to be the "king bee" of the gang. It is also claimed he made a practice of collecting a share of the earnings of his subjects.

In police court this morning he was sentenced to the workhouse for 30 days and fined \$50 and costs. Thomas Harvey, who also hails from Buffalo, was also sent over for 30 days, while Louis Howard, a 17-year-old youth from Cleveland, was released with a lecture. It is said that on the latter Anderson heaped indignities of a base and inhuman nature. A fake deaf and dumb beggar is also a member of Anderson's crowd, as are a few more the detectives know of but have not succeeded in rounding up.

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Superintendent of Carriers Says Cop Tipped Investigati

"You're being watched."

Laconically spoken, these words from a policeman, early Wednesday morning, directed to a night mail collector, frustrated the plan of United States postal authorities who were endeavoring to ascertain whether the postal employe was making the proper collections of mail.

The incident in question occurred shortly after 12:30 o'clock Wednesday morning near one of the postoffice substations. Superintendent Stillman Brown, of the city delivery service, says the collector was under surveillance and that the policeman tipped it off. As a result, it is said that there is a clash between federal and city authorities, which may result in a request from Postmaster Tucker for the indiscreet cop's dismissal.

Several reports have been received at the postoffice that the night collector has missed collections in a certain portion of the city. Always on the lookout for laxity in the performance of duty, and anxious to remedy imperfections in service, Postmaster Tucker ordered an investigation. This devolved on Superintendent Stillman Brown of the city delivery service, and in his endeavor to play Sherlock Holmes, Mr. Brown had a rather peculiar experience, barely escaping arrest at the hands of an officer.

About midnight, Brown went to the locality he wanted to investigate and prepared to watch the mail collector when he should make his appearance. While maneuvering for a suitable position where he should not be seen, Brown was accosted by Sergeant Flannigan, who demanded an explanation

of the former's actions. The postoffice superintendent took the officer into his confidence, explaining that he was there to see whether the mail was collected regularly and at the proper time, and Flannigan promised his support. The patrolman on the beat, too, was let into the secret, and after talking matters over, Brown told them he would return home.

As he started up the street, however, he heard the night collector's wagon, and changing his mind, concealed himself behind a tree, unknown to the officers. The sergeant stood in a doorway and the patrolman behind a telegraph pole. The collector jumped from his cart, opened the box, removed the letters to his sack, and then, as he was about to leave the box, the patrolman stepped to his side and whispered a few words. Brown says, putting the collector on his guard and advising him he was being watched, thus rendering useless the plans of the postoffice official. Farther up the street, Brown was concealing himself a second time, when another officer happened along and held him up. He was having difficulty in making clear to the patrolman why he was skulking around, when Sergeant Flannigan came up and identified him, and he was permitted to go.

In speaking of the matter, Postmaster Tucker said: "That fellow who tipped off Brown is a faithless cop, and I will place the matter before Chief Knapp for attention. I have asked the chief several times for assistance in matters like these, and I expect to get what I was promised."

Superintendent Brown vouches for the truth of the statement that the patrolman deliberately frustrated the scheme of the government to investigate its service.

Patrolmen Quinn and Haas are now detailed as detectives by order of Director Mooney in recognition of good work in connection with enforcing police regulations in the downtown district.

DRIVE GIRL FROM CITY

Addie Johnson, 24, was given until Thursday night to leave town by city detectives, Wednesday. The girl was arrested in J. W. McCormick's garden, Superior st., by Detectives Quinn and Haas. According to the police, a married man neglected his family for the girl.

FIND HOTEL BARS OPENS; WARN PROPRIETORS

The bar at the Boody house was found open and doing business at 12:30 Wednesday morning by Detectives Quinn and Haas. Fourteen customers were ordered out. The proprietor received his warning from the police department Wednesday.

The bar at the Wayne was found open ten minutes after midnight. There were no customers in. The employes were cleaning up. The proprietor escaped with a warning.

SEEK GAMBLERS IN A BASEMENT ROOM

An alleged gambling room in the basement at 335 St. Clair st. was raided by Detectives Quinn and Haas and Capt. Smith, Thursday night. A gaming table was confiscated. No arrests were made.

The detectives also visited the pool room of E. Smith, 1724 Canton st. They found 156 pennies and a pair of dice on a table.

In police court Friday morning Smith pleaded guilty as charged and was fined \$10.

'HOCKENBERGER' TO BE DECORATED WITH COP AGAIN

The notorious saloon on St. Clair st., near Adams, known as the Hockenberger, will again be under direct supervision of a policeman stationed at the door with instructions to pick up suspicious persons.

Detectives Quinn and Haas found the basement, formerly used as a drinking room, again open and several persons present, about 9:30 Thursday evening. The tables and chairs were removed at the time the place was under police surveillance before. Quinn and Haas report that the place is again furnished with chairs and tables.

Kennedy, one of the proprietors is reported by the detectives as preventing the entrance of the police, declaring the basement was his personal quarters and that he was entertaining friends. He insisted that the detectives should not trudge without giving notice.

The police department expressed intention of keeping a close watch on the place.

WAS AN EARLY BIRD AND WANTED TO HELP

When Richard Haven, 37, arrived at the police station bright and early Monday morning to give bail for Clara Meyers, arrested Sunday night during the police activities toward subduing late walkers, he found that the woman's bail was fixed at \$25. Also that he was one of the men that the police wanted for living at the woman's house at 548 Ontario st.

Haven was gently informed that he was under arrest and that his bail was fixed at \$100.

Detectives Quinn and Haas made seven arrests of women and their companions who were found on the streets Sunday night. In police court Monday all such cases were continued.

POLICE SNAP LID ON LATE WALKERS

Gladys Gibson, Elizabeth Hight, Isabell Smart and Idell Eaton were arrested by Detectives Quinn and Hans Wednesday night on a charge of loitering. These women are said by the police to be in the habit of frequenting the Palm garden on Superior st. The women were fined \$25 and costs each in police court Thursday morning.

Miss Hight told the police of the alleged illegal actions of the proprietress of a Huron st. apartment house.

This woman was called to the police station Thursday morning. She promised to discontinue the harboring of immoral women.

WANTS FOUR MORE COPS

Four additional detectives are desired by Director Mooney. He wishes to continue Detectives Quinn and Haas, on their work. Council committee will consider the request a week from Wednesday evening.



PINEST IN 1913. A group of Toledo police officers who were presented with honor medals May 24, 1913. Left to right, Detective Steve Quinn, Lieutenant Pat Sheehey, Captain Louis Tracy, Sergeant Frank Reilly, Patrolman William Culver, Patrolman William Carroll, Patrolman Fred Palicki, Patrolman Paul Fakehany and Patrolman Oscar Bruhl.



OFFICER SHOT DOWN BY DESPERADO GANG

PROBABLY FATAL WOUNDED

Gunmen Open Fire on Kruse When He Stops Them for Quiz as to Business.

ESCAPE IN TOURING CAR AFTER SHOOTING

Policeman, Injured, Fire Several Shots and May Have Hit one of Attackers.

Walter L. Kruse, motorcycle policeman, shot down by one of the desperadoes who accosted on Vance street near South Fifteenth street early Friday, was sinking rapidly in Toledo hospital at noon. His death is expected.

Chief Herbert and Inspector Delehanty have repeatedly questioned Mary Dunlap, a negro, from whose dwelling, at 335 Vance street, the gunmen emerged; but she denies knowing her visitors.

The supposition is that the desperadoes either were returning from or starting out on a foray and realizing that Kruse later would identify them as marauders, decided to silence him by death.

"It was a dirty trick," moaned the policeman before lapsing into unconsciousness. He mentioned a woman saying, "she knows who did it."

Charles Askin, 24, of Tenth street, whom Policeman Dunn interviewed an hour after the shooting, advised the Robert Fine Clothing Store, 100 Summit street, is held. His two pals escaped in an automobile.

The desperadoes gave Kruse an opportunity to defend himself. After three bullets had entered his chest, hand and leg, he managed to draw his own weapon and opened fire at the fugitive motorists. A trail of blood near the car leads detectives to believe at least one of the desperadoes was wounded.

Neighbors, aroused by a scene of shots, saw the flash of pistol flames and found Kruse lying near the Clover Leaf railway tracks.

Officer Was Suspicious.

Disconnected accounts of the patrolman's movements preceding the shooting disclose that Kruse had entered the dwelling of Mary Dunlap, 335 Vance street, to inquire into the ownership of the touring car parked nearby.

Detectives assert that three or four men who left the car on Vance street, also had gone into the Dunlap house and Kruse is said to have addressed one of them inside.

Their explanation didn't satisfy the policeman, it is believed, and he walked behind them to the spot where the car was parked. There, without warning, the strangers began their fusillade.

The attack was committed at 2:54 a. m. and soon after Desk Lieut Jennings at Central station had been notified over the telephone by a woman, every available policeman was hurried to the scene.

A blood-soaked cap and an automatic gun were found on the street.

Kruse Was a Soldier.

Kruse lives at 2309 Waterwork drive. He has been married less than two years and has a brother, Louis Kruse, who is a member of the detective bureau.

Walter served overseas in a field signal battalion under Capt. Roy Scofield, now police department secretary.

Chief Herbert regards Kruse as one of his most valuable men.

FOLLOW CLUE THAT LEADS TO WAUSEON

Police are trying to connect four men who shot down Walter Kruse, motorcycle policeman, with four men who were frightened away from the Wabash freight station at Wauseon two hours after Kruse was attacked.

Kruse was shot before 3 a. m. at Wauseon, according to reports.

Both quartets were in automobiles. The men were observed by a resident of Wauseon as they drove up to the station. Suspecting they were robbers he walked into the street. The autoists saw him, got back into their car, asking him the direction to Toledo.

He could not tell whether they were white or colored, the Wauseon authorities informed Toledo police.

ONE DEAD, DETECTIVE SHOT IN RAID ON CROOKS' L

Franklin Avenue Rendezvous of Gunmen



The four-family house at 2220 Franklin avenue, about which occurred the gun battle Tuesday morning between a score of detectives and three notorious criminals with long records, in which Detective Quinn was shot, Archie Dennison, noted gunman was shot to death and his companion, Cowboy Hill, was badly wounded as he attempted to make his escape.

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POLICE FIRE WHEN OUTLAW SHOW FIRE

Detective Quinn Seriously Wounded Two Suspects Are Shot and Man Pulls Trigger

VISIT TO SECLUDED FLAT FOLLOWS RENDEZVOUS

Men Wanted for Recent Notorious Are Discovered at Breakfast With Women.

When police with riot guns interrupted a breakfast and two women at breakfast in a secluded West day morning both forces opened fire and after one gunman was dead, another was dying and a seriously wounded.

The battle, overheard by scores of matrons on the quiet thoroughfare, was staged at 2220 Franklin avenue. The dead man was Archie Dennison, 30, no police have identified as the assailant of Wall cycle policeman, shot two weeks ago. Cowboy Hill, 33, wanted for bank and p various Ohio cities and towns, was wounded and Stephen Quinn, a city detective, was shot. The raiders captured the three other men band.

They are John Forrest, 41, a former convict; Mrs. Bille Calhoun, 23, of Detroit, and Viola Cochran, who was witness to the slaying recently of Leo Cousino by Mrs. Myrtle Hensley in a Jefferson avenue apartment.

The Cochran girl said she is only 15 years old, but detectives insist she has passed 20.

Nitroglycerine, other explosives, high powered rifles and 20 automatic pistols and rifles were found in the dwelling at the termination of the clash.

Gunmen's Rendezvous.

Police at 9:30 a. m. noted on a tip that "a mob of big league gunners" maintained a rendezvous on Franklin avenue four doors west of Bancroft street.

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CAR RIDDLED BY SHOT HELPS EXPOSE GANG

Machine Left in Garage by Survivor of Pistol Battle Clears Up Kruse Shooting.

POLICE SURE DENNISON AND HILL DID JOB

Bill on John Forrest Is Clue That Leads to Discovery of Bullet-Torn Auto.

Detective Inspector Delehanty on Wednesday discovered a bullet riddled touring car in a Dorr street garage where it had been stored by John Forrest, one of the survivors of the pistol battle Tuesday between police and bank robbers in the outlaw rendezvous at 2220 Franklin avenue.

This disclosure convinces officials that Archie Dennison, who was killed, and Cowboy Hill, who was wounded, were responsible for the wounding two weeks ago of Walter Kruse, a motorcycle policeman.

Forrest Gives Clue.

The automobile is of the same make and answers the description of the one used by suspects who exchanged shots with Kruse. Dennison, who will be buried in Detroit Friday, bears an old wound which police believe Kruse inflicted the night of the Vance street affray.

Forrest is locked in central station. A garage bill found on Forrest's person led Inspector Delehanty to the garage.

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Dennison was killed and Hill was seriously wounded when police raiders stormed the dwelling on Franklin avenue. Stephen Quinn, city detective, is recovering from a wound in the hip, but Hill at Mercy hospital is not out of danger.

John Forrest, a former convict; Mrs. Billie Calhoun and Viola Cochran were caught after a score of detectives invaded the west end dwelling.

Cowboy Guarded.

Fearing that Hill's pals might force their way into Mercy hospital and attempt to liberate the wounded prisoner, two policemen are guarding the institution.

William R. Rogers, sixth ward councilman, telephoned to Coroner Hartung late Tuesday and requested that Dennison's body be transferred from Leon & Scherer's morgue to Malone & Rafter's morgue. He said he was taking charge of the funeral arrangements because of philanthropic motives.

NORWALK KNOWS THEM

Special to The Blade.
Norwalk, Sept. 15.—Cowboy Hill, alleged bank robber wounded in Toledo by detectives on Tuesday, was a resident of Norwalk last winter and owns a house at 81 Woodlawn avenue. He is known here as J. T. Muzzio.

His wife, about four months ago, was sentenced to a reformatory for five years, after being found guilty of having burglar tools in her possession.

Archie Dennison who was killed with Muzzio was a frequent visitor

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POLICE VETERAN SERVICES WILL BE WEDNESDAY

SLEUTH DIES

Rites for Detective, Noted for Valor, To Be Held in St. Ann's Church

Services for City Detective Stephen Quinn, 56, of 1114 W. Bancroft street, who died Sunday, will be held in St. Ann's church Wednesday morning.

Quinn was stricken with an attack of pancreatitis Wednesday, and was taken to St. Vincent's hospital. His condition grew steadily worse and death occurred Sunday morning.

Quinn was one of the most picturesque characters in the Toledo police department, as well as one of the most competent detectives. He did not know the meaning of fear, and proved this when he took the lead in a raid on the famous Cowboy Hill den of bandits on Franklin avenue about seven years ago.

Quinn was shot in a hand-to-hand struggle with the noted bandit, Archie Dennison, and Quinn's life unquestionably was saved at that time by the fact that Detective James O'Reilly shot and killed Dennison.

Quinn took the lead in entering a house that everyone knew was filled with armed desperadoes, while many younger officers stood guard outside.

For his heroism, the detective was given the coveted job of all detectives, the beat that covers the downtown banks and hotels. He did this beat until stricken Wednesday morning.

Quinn and Inspector of Detectives Louis Haas formed the first vice squad on the Toledo police department under former Mayor Brand Whitlock. Success in this work brought promotions quickly. He was a member of the Toledo police department for more than 25 years. Quinn was born in County Leitrim, Ireland, in 1871. He came direct to Toledo from Ireland in 1893.

Besides a widow, the detective leaves two sons, John and Edwin Quinn; five daughters, Mrs. John Gaffney, Mrs. James O'Doherty of Lorain, Mrs. Joseph Grote and the Misses Agnes and Veronica Quinn. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Eagles and the Woodmen of the World. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery.



Stephen Quinn.

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tion remained critical to the end. The veteran police officer who had just passed his 25th year in the service had one narrow escape from death in line of duty.

Braved Battle In Raid

In the celebrated raid on the Franklin avenue apartment of Cowboy Hill and his bandit gang, Detective Quinn fearlessly entered the rooms where death lurked. Archie Dennison, a notorious bandit, who was given credit for shooting Motorcycle Patrolman Kruse sometime before, dashed out of a back room brandishing a pistol.

Quinn grappled with him after Dennison had shot the officer in the hip. Dennison pushed his gun against Quinn's side and was about to pull the trigger when Detective James O'Reilly rushed to his fellow officer's rescue and ended Dennison's life with a bullet through the head. Detective Quinn suffered for many weeks from his wound. His return brought the breaking of that famous detective partnership of Quinn and Haas.

Louis Haas and Steve Quinn were known as the "wrecking crew" because of their work on the original vice squad in a day when the tenderloin yielded sullenly to the commands and demands of the law.

Haas is now inspector of detectives. Quinn teamed it alone in recent years on his bank beat. He was successful in running down many who defrauded financial institutions through worthless checks and nefarious schemes for withdrawal of money.

Only recently when he got back from his vacation he told an acquaintance of a rather quiet summer on his beat but anticipated a lively autumn and winter, season he said that were always busiest among the bank defrauders.

It would be a mere flight of imagination to even estimate the thousands of miles Detective Quinn tramped on his rounds.

He was in the service in the old horse and buggy days when detectives and policemen had to match cunning and daring in horse drawn buckboards with the "whip up" boys of the underworld.

The dead detective's gift for remembering faces was a great help in his profession and enabled him along with other qualities to advance rapidly. He had a "photographic mind." The "mugs" he glimpsed remained in his memory to the woe of many a dodging crook.

Detective Quinn was born in County Leitrim, Ireland, January 11, 1871, and came direct from Ireland to Toledo 34 years ago. Besides his widow, Rose, he leaves these children, John and Edwin, and daughters, Mrs. John Gaffney, Mrs. James O'Doherty, Lorain; Mrs. Joseph Grote, Miss Agnes and Miss Veronica. There are also three brothers and five sisters.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Eagles and Woodmen of the World lodges.

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Death Claims 'Steve' Quinn, Noted Sleuth, At Age Of 56

Proved His Caliber In
Celebrated Raid On
Den Of Cowboy Hill
Gang Here In 1920.

Wounded, But Fought

Operation For Appendicitis
Ends In Death Of
Noted Detective; Funeral
Wednesday.

Death closed on a familiar and picturesque figure in police circles Sunday when Detective Stephen Quinn died in St. Vincent's hospital. The end came Sunday morning at 6:45 following an operation for appendicitis.

Services will be held Wednesday at 7:30 a. m. in the late residence, 1114 West Bancroft street, and at 8 o'clock in St. Ann's church. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery. A full police escort will attend.

Detective Quinn was 56. He had apparently been in good health, showing the invigorating benefits of a recent vacation spent in the open when he took up once more his downtown bank beat.

Last Wednesday afternoon he complained of feeling ill and was relieved of duty. He went to the hospital for an operation and his condi-

Detective Taken By Death



Detective Steve Quinn, veteran Toledo police officer, who died Sunday after a short illness following an operation for appendicitis.