

Gorman Gives New Version of Townsend Shooting

SLAIN MAN IS ACCUSED OF HOLD-UP PLAN

Assailant Of Former Patrolman Held Without Bail For Trial

GIVES FORMAL STORY

Roy Gorman, 28, self-confessed assailant of George Townsend, former Birmingham patrolman, is bound over to circuit court today and held in the Oakland County Jail, Pontiac, without bail following his examination before Justice Henry W. Harstede in Municipal Court, Pontiac. His defence in the shooting is that Townsend was attempting to force him to commit a hold up.

It is expected the defence, in circuit court, will be based on a story told to Patrolman Joseph McGregor by Gorman on Oct. 7, when he failed to mention the reason for shooting he previously gave—that Townsend had attempted to force him to accompany him to a blind pig.

Needed Money, Claim

He now declares Townsend said he was desperate for money and insisted the two rob an alleged gambling house near Coolidge highway and the Eight Mile road. The murder was committed Sept. 18 and Townsend died a week later in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac.

The complete text of his statement to McGregor follows:

Q. What did you shoot Townsend for?

A. I didn't shoot him. I will tell you all about it. I was at the gas station and George asked me to go to a barbeque and get a cup of coffee with him and we went. He didn't drink the coffee after we went, so I got something and we went back to the gas station.

He went inside, then he came over to the car, handed me a gun, and said, "Put that in your pocket." I said, "What is that?" and he said, "Put it in your pocket," and he said, "I'll tell you later." Then he went back and waited on some people who wanted gas. Then he came over, got in the car, and we drove over on Main street and stopped in front of a house and he wanted me to go in and have a drink. I asked him what kind of stuff it was and he said good.

Here Gorman told how Townsend went into the house and "brought out a bottle, saying that some friends had left it for him at the gasoline station. According to Gorman's statement, both men emptied the bottle.

Continuing his story, Gorman said: "We drove down Lincoln avenue and then down Woodward, I asked him where he was going and he said to Coolidge highway and Eight Mile road. I said that I didn't want to go and he said, 'I have money and I'm going to get it and are you going to help me or not?' What do you think I gave you that for?"

Tells of Quarrel

"I asked him if he was crazy or drunk and tried to get him to go back. He said that they were on him, and that he had borrowed money from every bank in Birmingham and his furniture mortgaged in two places and if they caught up to him it was just for bad."

"I asked him what he was going to do and he said, 'You know all about it, I was at the gas station on Monday night, don't you? Well, we are going after that, some of it anyway.'

"I tried to talk to him and

D. Muir, O. D.
164 WEST MAPLE AVENUE
offers a complete service in
OPTOMETRY
Scientific Eye Examination
Repair Department
Repairing and duplication of broken lenses
Phone 1422
EVENINGS BY APPOINTMENT

IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

Looks Like Nearly Every Club in Major League Will Have New Pilot For 1930 Baseball Campaign

BY PHILIP MARTIN

FINNEY costs the head that wears the crown might be stated just as truthfully today with regard to managerial departments of major league baseball as in the day of feudal rulers centuries ago. Unless the baseball manager of today can produce a winning team he is fired outright, without the likelihood of a revolution.

Today we had three men who managed major league teams in the 1929 season without jobs. They resigned after protracted negotiations it simply were "canned." Two others lost jobs with one team but, fortunately, or unfortunately, was selected to pilot another club during the 1930 campaign. A sixth up there one job, voluntarily.

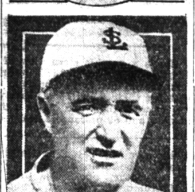
Tommy Loman, who's manager of an admittedly weaker aggregation.

Leslie Blackburne, Chicago White Sox pilot, who was forever keeping his eyes on the dexterous fist of the great Art Shires, had boy friend Loman, who's manager of the Sox next year. They won't let him. Donie Bush, who was given walking papers from the Pittsburgh Pirates, will attempt to dominate the Chicagoans and tame the Bad Boy.

Jack Hendricks isn't welcome in the clubhouse of the Cincinnati Reds any more. Thus far he hasn't a job.

Bill Carrigan held the reins of the Boston Red Sox for four years but couldn't drive them out of the dark depths of the American League basement. He won't be back. The new manager has not been announced.

Many felt that Dan Howley's success in developing the St. Louis Browns from a second division club to a bustling front-ranking outfit should warrant his retention at the helm. Owner Phil Ball thought



Donie Bush, top, is the new manager of the Chicago White Sox. He will try to tame bad boy Shires. Below, Dan Howley, who takes the helm in 1930 at Cincinnati. Bill McKechnie made the switch

from the St. Louis Cardinals to the Boston Braves—why, nobody knows, Bill said he wanted a four-year contract instead of a one-year term. Boston offered it. New Bill Killefer, Cardinal coach, has been promoted to the managerial post in St. Louis.

Some say Uncle Wilbert Robinson will never start another season as manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers. It isn't a new story. Still, maybe he won't.

NO, Connie Mack isn't going to resign as manager of the World's Champion Philadelphia Athletics. He made a statement to reporters just after the final game of the series in which he definitely nixed the rumor that he would retire and turn over the outfit to Eddie Collins, his right hand man. "This game has a great hold on me," the ancient manager of baseball said. "I can't retire now. I hope to greet you all here again next year."

"**SOME** day, I hope, but certainly not in 1930," declared Babe Ruth and those who inwardly had been harboring the feeling that the King of Swat would step into the shoes of the late Miller Huggins as manager of the New York Yankees, were forced to swallow their feelings and look about for another prospective pilot.

The Babe will play right field for the Yankees, he states. He hopes to be a player for a few seasons yet. He doesn't care to cut short his playing career to assume the worries of a manager.

There'll come a time, though, when the Babe will welcome the opportunity to manage the Yanks. He wants to do wise the New Yorkers what Miller Huggins did with them.

Hold make a good manager—maybe.

pleaded with him to forget anything like that and I would let him have the money when I got mine."

Gorman here referred to the fact, supposedly due him in a civil suit, in which he used a garage for injuria received when a door fell on him last winter.

He then told of an argument that ensued, insisting that he tried to get out of the car by pulling the emergency brake as they drove on Fourteen Mile road. He said Townsend's prop, stuck in the fender when he insisted that he would tell Birmingham police of Townsend's proposed stick-up.

"Townsend tried to choke me, said I was a dirty rat, yellow, and that I wasn't going back alive to squeal on him to friends. We had a scuffle and the car ran off the road into the ditch. I heard two shots. I don't know if I shot him or not, or if he shot himself. It was while we were scuffling."

Gorman said at the time of his arrest, immediately following the shooting, that he obtained the gun from an unknown man in Pontiac and that he merely happened to have it with him the night he met Townsend. The accused is a former roommate in the Townsend home.

Doctors Testify

Three physicians testified during the man's examination.

Dr. George F. Raynolds told of performing a post mortem on Townsend for the recovery of two bullets. Testimony as to the

wounds Townsend received in the shooting and beating and of treatment given for pneumonia which followed was given by Drs. J. Cornors and C. E. Lawler.

The story of how Townsend was found on the Southfield road was told by Charles Callahan, special investigator for the Bell Telephone company, who gave the injured man first aid and notified Birmingham police of the shooting.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

(Concluded From Page 2, Part 5)

Boiler Corp., boiler repair, \$52.84; Lowe & Carroll, physical training, \$2.37; Hawthorne Electrical Co., marital training, \$28.30; Johnson-Evans Co., supplies, \$90.13; Wagenvoel & Co., library books, \$145.40; North Central Association, miscellaneous, \$5.00; Arthur Hoy, coal, \$52.10; Grand Trunk Railway System, coal, \$158.34; Michigan Teachers Retirement Fund, \$255.00.

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Carried.

DEER HUNTERS TO WEAR RED BUTTONS THIS FALL

(Special to The Eccentric)

Lansing, Oct. 23.—Flaming red buttons will grace the caps of deer hunters in Michigan woods next month. The 1929 resident and non-resident deer licenses now being shipped from the Department of Conservation offices at Lansing to the county clerks through the state.

Each license is accompanied by a button; red for residents and green for non-residents. The department is distributing 70,000 resident and 2,500 non-resident licenses.

Little Chats About Your Health

No. 40

Athletics and Heart Strain

A number of heart specialists were recently questioned regarding the effects of strenuous athletics on the hearts of growing boys and girls and while the replies varied regarding certain angles of the subject all advised that no boy or girl be permitted to enter such contests until a careful physical examination established whether or not any abnormality of the heart exists.

It was stated that infectious disorders sometimes affect the heart without the knowledge or suspicion of parents or any one else.

If your boy or girl is planning to take up strenuous athletic exercises have a good physician make a careful physical examination before any damage is done.

Always get the physician's advice regarding heart matters. Let us fill your prescriptions.



CRIME "PROF"

Chief of Police August Vollmer, above, of Berkeley, Calif., has been appointed by University of Chicago officials to fill the first university "chair of police administration" ever established in this country. Chief Vollmer enjoys world-wide renown for his scientific methods of crime prevention and detection. He will teach his methods to prospective police experts.

"For that they served His world"



NOT by luck, not by accident were Thomas A. Edison's inventions successful. His experiment was the logical outgrowth of previous observations. His method depended but little upon theory.

Having satisfied himself that there was a market for a certain invention—like the electric light—he would exhaust the literature on all allied subjects before beginning his experiments. A gas expert once said that Mr. Edison knew more about gas lighting than any other man living. When he had begun his research, he and his assistants tried everything that showed any promise. If an experiment failed, he learned why, then went about eliminating defects. His fifty-thousand storage battery experiments are illustrative of his method.

As a boy, Edison had an insatiable appetite for books, and in this trait he was encouraged by his mother, with whose help he read—before the age of twelve—"Gibbons' 'Druids and Fall of the Roman Empire'" and other historical and scientific works of equally lofty content. His father also stimulated these literary tastes by paying him a small sum for each book mastered. He even attempted to read every book in the Detroit Public Library, and had progressed through several long shelves of volumes before he was discovered and guided into more profitable channels.

In his baggage-car laboratory and another in the basement of his home, he acquired such vast knowledge in practical chemistry that today he has few peers in this science.

Mr. Edison was very fond of telling and hearing stories, and always appreciated a joke, one of his early associates relates. "I remember one that he liked to get off on us once in a while. Our lighting plant was in duplicate, and about 12:30 or 1:00 o'clock in the morning, a change would be made from one plant to the other, involving a gradual extinction of the electric lights and their slowly coming up to candle power again, the whole change requiring probably about thirty seconds. Sometimes, at



This is the last of a series of historical memoirs published by The Detroit Edison Company in honor of

THOMAS ALVA EDISON

celebrating his influence on the development of the Electric Light and Power Industry.

SAVE WITH SAFETY
AT REXALL

The Rexall Store

Next to Your Dentist

Family Size
50 cents

Visit your dentist twice a year: use Kleeno Dental Creme twice daily and you may feel easier. Without your teeth will radiate gleaming whiteness and a musical soundness. Sold only at Rexall Stores.

SHAIN'S
726 Rexall Store
West Maple Avenue
Birmingham, Mich.

CLOTHES
thoroughly washed and returned to you as new.

DR. MARQUIS IS SPEAKER
Birmingham

CHINESE HAND LAUNDRY
24-HOUR SERVICE
Thorough Washing
275 East Maple Ave.

ONLY \$3.50

You need pay only the price of an ordinary vacuum cleaner to get the extraordinary Hoover, with the cleaning principle—Positive Agitation—which removes more dirt per minute than any other cleaner!

Easy terms! Pay only \$6.25 down; your Hoover will be delivered immediately. The balance you pay in small monthly amounts. Liberal allowance for your old cleaner.

Try it free! Telephone for a free trial or home demonstration of the Hoover. No obligation.

The HOOVER
It BEATS... as it Sweeps as it Cleans

Hawthorne Electric Co.
Authorized Hoover Service By
Factory Trained Man
West Maple Avenue Phone 299

WILSON DRUG CO.
112 SOUTH WOODWARD
BIRMINGHAM, MICH.
PHONE 35
PRESCRIPTION SERVICE