

## CRUSADER OUT TO SMASH ALL VICE IN 'PHILLY'

District Attorney Defies Police and Gang Ring to Clean Up City.

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PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 10.—Philadelphia today entered the fourth week of a spectacular crime investigation with the feeling that a fearless district attorney will succeed in his task which Brigadier General Smedley Butler tried hard to accomplish two years ago.

Failure of police to cooperate prevented Butler from achieving his aims, but it will not block the present vice crusader, District Attorney John Monaghan, for, although Monaghan openly is charging police with laxity, he has the experience of eleven years' service as Common Pleas judge to help him overcome legal obstacles and the satisfaction of being able to direct the prosecuting machinery of a huge county as he chooses.

In addition, Monaghan has the loyal cooperation of Federal Prohibition Administrator Samuel C. Wynne, former special county investigator under Monaghan for years. With such assistance, Monaghan feels certain of success, even though the police department fails to turn over a single tip.

### Defective Captain Out

Although no indictments have been returned, Monaghan has forced Mayor Harry Mackey to suspend Detective Captain Charles Beckman. The grand jury on Saturday reported that officer "not fit to hold any office under the municipal Government."

"The naming of Capt. Beckman merely is the start," Monaghan said today. "We have been at this three weeks and we are only commencing there will be those higher than Beckman."

"As far as I am concerned, if the investigation requires, I am going to call before the grand jury every one of Philadelphia's 5,000 policemen, from the safety director down to the patrolmen, to get to the bottom of crime conditions."

Reports, which Monaghan is seeking evidence to confirm, directly link up a former high city official, numerous influential politicians and scores of policemen with bootleg liquor gangs, who have been flooding Philadelphia, with whisky and beer for years.

The former city official, now said to be on the verge of collapse, is reported to have received \$200,000 as a bribe for protecting gangsters from arrest.

### Machine Guns Sold

Heads of the various bootleg rings are all said to be Philadelphians, but they are accused of hiring out-of-town gunmen to guard trucks engaged in transporting liquor with orders to "shoot down" any one who attempted to stop them.

So far Philadelphia has been immune from any of the machine gun murders which have terrorized Chicago, but many such weapons have been sold here, according to information gathered by Monaghan.

Edward S. Goldberg, proprietor of the Military Sales Co., has confessed to the grand jury that he sold scores of machine guns and bullet-proof vests. He named "Boo Boo" Hoff, reputed millionaire bootlegger, as the purchaser of three of the machine guns and seven of the vests.

Hoff, who until the current inquiry was known to the public only as a fight promoter, has been called before the grand jury nine times, but Monaghan refused to divulge the nature of his testimony.

## Shot to Death



## MURDER CHARGE IS FILED AFTER CITY SLAYING

Two Versions Are Told of Sunday Killing on De Loss St.

Porter Jordan, 24, of 1414 De Loss St., faces murder charges today. Police have a signed confession in which he admits fatally shooting Bert "Shorty" Harris, 45, of 1209 De Loss St., Sunday night.

The shooting occurred on De Loss St., accounts of the affair differs, one version coming from the Harris family and the other from the Jordans.

Ray Krunkum, 1501 Churchland Ave., brother-in-law of Jordan, was arrested on vagrancy charges.

According to Mrs. Ida Harris, widow of the man who was killed, Jordan and Krunkum had assaulted her Sunday afternoon. That, she says, was the cause of the quarrel that led to the shooting.

### Bullet in Heart

The Jordans allege the woman was drunk and babbling.

An autopsy made by Dr. O. H. Bakemeier, deputy coroner, revealed that the .32-caliber bullet fired by Jordan had lodged in Harris' heart. It also disclosed that Harris had been drinking.

In his confession Jordan says that Harris came to the home of his father, Calvin Jordan, 1346 DeLoss St., and quarreled with him. He was there at the bedside of his dying mother, he said. They argued out in the street and Harris started to attack him with a knife. He drew his gun and fired. He thought he hit Harris in the arm, he said. He ran down an alley.

A knife was found alongside Harris' body. Jordan says he later surrendered to police at the home of his father.

Woman Charges Attack

Mrs. Harris repeated the attack story today and said that it occurred at her home, while her husband was away. She denied drinking.

Mrs. Eliza Feder, 1350 DeLoss St., mother of Harris, says that she saw the shooting from her porch and that her son died in her arms. He never owned a knife like the one found, she said.

Besides the widow and mother, Harris is survived by a step-father, Nicholas Feder, 1350 DeLoss St., and a brother, Albert Harris, who lives in Mississippi.

Jordan is married and has two children.

## PROBE DEATH SHOT

Woman Dies After Shooting, Claimed Accidental.

Former Cabinet Member Writes to Candidate.

The people can cross party lines whenever it is necessary to clean up a situation that has become intolerable," William B. Wilson, secretary of labor in President Wilson's cabinet, and for many years secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, wrote in a letter today to Louis Ludlow, Democratic congressional candidate for the South I have visited—Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee and now Virginia—organization for the campaign has just begun. All of the leaders are in their accustomed places and confident of success."

## THIEVES GET LITTLE LOOT OVER WEEK-END

Rug, Tires and Tools Stolen in Two Burglaries.

Burglars and thefts were comparatively few over the week-end and the total loot reported to police was small.

When Max Bryant moved from 1042 E. New York St., to 748 S. Mount St., he said a rug was stolen from the Mount St. house.

Burglars took a tire and tools valued at \$36 from the garage of H. C. Bear, 1077 Oliver Ave.

Samuel Chotz, 1142 English Ave., found his Ford touring car, which had been stolen, reared and threw the actress to the roof.

Licenses plates were stolen from the cars of Esta Dady, 2235 W. Morris St. and Lewis Roll, 215 Hanson Ave.

## DAILEY, STUMP START WEEK'S TALK TOUR

Governor Nominee Speaks Tonight at LaPorte

Actress at First Feared Hurt Seriously.

By United Press

PARIS, Sept. 10.—Improvement was reported today in the condition of Pola Negri, American film star who was injured in a fall from a horse Saturday.

The accident occurred at a cross road in the Bals De Boulogne.

The film star and her husband, Prince Mdivani, were riding when a motor car appeared suddenly. Pola Negri's horse, became frightened, reared and threw the actress to the roadway.

She was unconscious and for a time it was feared she had internal injuries, but it was learned today she was not in a serious condition.

## INJURED RACER BETTER

Louis Schneider's Injuries Are Reported Not Serious.

Condition of Louis Schneider, 27, local race driver, injured in a Minneapolis State fair race Saturday, was improved today, according to relatives here.

Schneider was believed critically injured when his car plunged through the fence, but later information from his nurse was that no bones were broken and he had rested comfortably.

He was badly shaken and has some minor lacerations, it was said. Schneider drove in the local Memorial day race last year. His brother, Fritz Schneider, left Sunday for Minneapolis, to see the injured racer.

## DOG BITES BOY ON LIP

Two stitches were required to close a wound in the lower lip of Jack Jenkins, 12, son of J. W. Jenkins, 3212 N. Capitol Ave., who was bitten by a dog owned by Mrs. Oscar Coulon of 3240 N. Capitol Ave., late Saturday.

Mrs. Coulon was ordered by police to pen the dog for ten days.

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