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Showers probable tonight and tomorrow; colder tonight.

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OFFICER SHOT IN GUN BATTLE IS NEAR DEATH

Burglar Suspect Makes His
Getaway; State Officers
on His Trail.

MOTORIST IS KIDNAPED

Welch in Serious Condition,
Say Doctors; Gunman
Heading South.

Suffering from a dangerous abdominal wound received in a gun duel with Ivan Coy, burglar suspect and moonshiner, late yesterday afternoon, Detective-Sergeant John Welch was in a critical condition in city hospital this afternoon.

Police hope in the capture of Coy were buoyed by the report from Martinsville that Coy had stolen a Ford truck from a garage there and escaped. Description of the truck was given and police have been sent to make a thorough search of southern Indiana.

On the theory that the desperado who engaged in the pistol duel with Detective Welch yesterday in front of 1515 Reisner street, probably was making for Arkansas, his home state, police under Lieutenant Donald Tooley were in Martinsville early today.

Coy escaped from the scene of the pistol battle by kidnapping a motorist, Ernest Ray, 23, 1545 Hiatt street. Mr. Ray afterward told police that Coy forced him to drive toward Martinsville, leaping from the car at Paragon, Ind., and running through a cornfield toward a dense woods.

Pursued Through Alley

The shooting occurred at Detective Welch pursued Coy through an alley heading west from 1515 Reisner street when the fugitive suddenly turned and fired point-blank, striking the detective in the body just above the left hip and in the right thigh.

Detective Welch fell in the alley, but with a supreme effort raised himself on his elbow and, steadyng his right hand, emptied his revolver after Coy, who fled down the alley.

Detective Sergeant Charles Russell, himself a victim of gunmen's bullets several years ago, chased Coy through the alley, but was outdistanced.

In front of 1545 Hiatt street Coy found Ray seated in his car. Mrs. Clara Ray was seated in the car with her husband. Mrs. Ray, an expectant mother, was forced out of the car at the point of the desperado's gun and suffered a severe nervous shock as a result of her experience.

With his pistol pressed into Ray's side the gunman forced him to drive him out of the city.

Has Police Record

Detective Welch was wounded when he and Detective Russell went to the Reisner street address, after they had received information that Coy, who was wanted for burglary, was connected with the looting of a North Salem general store, was hiding in the house.

Welch went to the front door of the house, while his partner went to the rear. Coy, from a window, saw Welch mounting the front steps and ran toward the back of the house. Welch started for the back and Coy, reversing his steps, dashed out of the front door and made for the alley, closely pursued by the detective.

Coy has a police record as a burglar and "bad man." He came to Indianapolis from Jonesboro, Ark. At one time he served a term in prison at Little Rock, Ark.

Detective Welch has been on the police force since 1910. He was promoted to detective sergeant during the administration of Chief Mike Morrissey.

THREE NEGROES DIE IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

Forfeit Life in Tennessee for Attacks on White Women.

By United Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 4.—Three Negroes died in the electric chair at state penitentiary today for attacks on white women.

One, Percy Smith, 20, confessed his crime to Dr. Pickens Johnson, penitentiary chaplain, just before going to the chair.

Jasper Graham, 29, and Frank Mays, 30, accused in another case, died maintaining innocence after being reidentified by the girl they were accused of assaulting.

GANGSTER IS CONVICTED

Chicago Thus Found Guilty in \$105,000 Mail Robbery.

By United Press

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 4.—Isaac Costner, Chicago gangster, today was found guilty of participation in the \$105,000 mail truck robbery here last November.

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GOVERNOR PRO TEM. TELLS PRESS HE FEELS SORRY FOR DILLINGER

The pro tem. governor of Indiana wishes that John Dillinger, arch desperado, would escape the arms of the law.

Richard Neff, 507 Buckingham drive, the Boy Scout who was chosen to rule as governor for an hour this morning, told newspapermen in a press conference that he "felt sorry for Dillinger." When the reporters pressed the question and referred to the killing of a policeman in East Chicago, leaving his widow, "Governor" Neff said, "Well, when a man is desperate, he'll shoot."

Governor Paul V. McNutt admitted to young Neff that the biggest worry for the governor was providing relief for the unemployed. Governor McNutt expressed his admiration for the Boy Scout movement, saying that he had been a scout commissioner himself.

Wallace O. Lee, local Boy Scout commissioner, introduced Mr. Neff to the Governor.

SCHOOL TEXTS CONTRACTS LET

Books Adopted for Five Years by State Board; Prices Lower.

School texts in reading, writing and arithmetic were adopted for the next five years by the state board to public instruction today. Prices were from 1 to 3 cents lower than the old prices.

Readoptions included primer, first reader, combined primer and second reader, awarded to Johnson Publishing Company, Richmond, Va.; third, fourth, fifth and sixth readers, Charles Scribner Sons, Chicago.

New contract for seventh and eighth grade readers was awarded to Houghton-Mifflin Company, Chicago; writing system to the Columbian Press, Bloomington, Ind., Governor McNutt's home town, and Henry Johnson, 22, Lyons.

Operations at the mine probably will be halted for a week, it was said, while the surface building, tipple, mine cage and wooden shaft are rebuilt.

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Pony Is Rescued

Prince, a black and white pony used to draw mine cars up the shaft, also was rescued. The pony had stood in the dense smoke for several hours before being tied to the improvised elevator and hauled to the deadly fumes.

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