

BROADWAY GUNMEN KILL A DETECTIVE, WOUND 2 OTHERS

Two Open Fire Suddenly When
Policemen Accost Them
at 75th Street.

WOMAN PASSER-BY IS SHOT

Crowds Run to Cover as
Bullets Fly—Slain Man's
Comrade Critically Hurt.

Two detectives patrolling on Broadway were shot down about 11 o'clock last night by two men whom they sought to question at the southeast corner of Seventy-fifth Street. One of the detectives pitched across the curbing, killed instantly, and his comrade fell with a bullet wound near the heart. The gunmen escaped.

Just before the gunmen began firing on the detectives, a woman had stepped out of the Beacon Hotel. As she turned to dash back into the hotel a stray bullet struck her in the left leg. Hundreds of residents of the neighborhood and persons strolling on Broadway scattered in all directions when they heard the shooting.

The gunmen ran east on Seventy-fifth Street to Amsterdam Avenue, where their trail was lost.

The slain man was a veteran first-grade detective, James J. Garvey. He was shot through the heart. His companion was Detective Francis G. Gleason. Both were attached to the detective squad of the West Sixty-eighth Street station.

Second Victim Badly Wounded.

The first person to reach Gleason's side was Andrew Snyder of 3,920 Broadway, who was crossing Broadway at Seventy-fourth Street when he heard the shots. Snyder rushed to the scene and, as he bent over the prostrate Gleason, he said, the detective gasped:

"I've got five shots in me. I'm dying. Take me to the hospital."

Snyder hailed a passing car and the driver took Gleason to Roosevelt Hospital. There it was found that only one bullet had struck the detective, entering his chest just below the heart. His condition was considered critical and the police investigation of the shooting was hampered by his inability to talk.

Garvey and Gleason had been assigned to street patrol at 7:30 P. M. and their patrol covered a district where many minor robberies, hold-ups and loft thefts have been reported recently. According to the account of the shooting pieced together by the police, the detectives had shadowed the two men for about fifteen minutes, having picked up their trail several blocks south of Seventy-fifth Street on Broadway.

When the pair turned east at Seventy-fifth Street, Garvey and Gleason drew abreast and sought to question them. At that point one of the men, according to Assistant Chief Inspector Sullivan, turned and snarled:

"Don't draw your guns. If you do we are going to let you have it!"

The next instant one of the men drew a pistol and, without warning, fired pointblank at Garvey. The second man then produced a weapon and started shooting in the direction of Gleason. Neither of the detectives had time to return the fire.

Bullets ricocheted against buildings in Seventy-fifth Street and one shattered a plate glass window

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in a Whelan drug store in the Hotel Beacon, barely missing a counter-man before burying itself in a plaster wall.

The woman who was wounded was Mrs. Florence Goldstein, 35 years old, of 175 West Seventy-ninth Street. She was removed to Reconstruction Hospital.

Patrolman Michael Moy, also of the West Sixty-eighth Street station, said that he heard a series of shots while he was on duty at Seventy-fourth Street and Broadway. He at first believed the reports to be the backfiring of an automobile, but decided to investigate. Upon arriving at the scene he commandeered a taxicab and set out in pursuit of the slayers. According to Moy, they were last seen running at Columbus Avenue and Seventy-fourth Street by a passer-by.

S. D. Porte, the night manager of the drug store, said he believed about eight shots had been fired. As soon as he realized what was happening he telephoned police headquarters. An emergency squad, several radio cars and all patrolmen in the vicinity responded.

The investigation of the shooting was directed at the scene by Assistant Chief Inspector John J. Sullivan and Second Deputy Police Commissioner Harold L. Allen.

Later other high police officials, including First Deputy Commissioner Harold Fowler and Deputy Chief Inspector David J. McAuliffe, arrived and assisted in the investigation. Several witnesses were taken to the West Sixty-eighth Street station for questioning.

Garvey was 45 years old. He joined the police force on April 7, 1913, and became attached to the detective bureau on March 10, 1921. He leaves a wife and a 19-year-old daughter, with whom he lived at 2,940 Grand Concourse, the Bronx.

Gleason, who is 38, is a second-grade detective and joined the force in 1926. Since 1928 he has been a detective. He is unmarried and lives with his mother and a sister at 145 East Ninety-second Street.

CITY POLICE MOURN DETECTIVE GARVEY

O'Ryan and His Chief Aides
Attend Services for Victim
of Gunmen's Bullets.

475 OF FORCE IN CORTEGE

Glee Club Sings Requiem—
Relative Tells of Slain Man's
Premonition of Death.

Funeral services were held yesterday for Detective James J. Garvey, whose career of twenty-one years in the Police Department was ended by gunmen's bullets last Saturday night at Broadway and Seventy-fifth Street. There were no new developments in the search for the two men who killed Garvey and seriously wounded his partner, Detective Francis G. Gleason, who has not been told of Garvey's death.

At the funeral, Garvey's brother-in-law, Lieutenant John Becker, revealed that two months ago the detective had had a premonition of death and had said to his wife, "I don't think I'm going to be with you long." Detective Garvey also dreamed last Friday, the night before he was killed, that gunmen had fired at him and wounded him, according to Lieutenant Becker. Nevertheless, as he lay dying, Garvey spoke Christ's prayer, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do," the Rev. Joseph A. McCaffrey, police chaplain, said in his eulogy.

The detective had an inspector's funeral, which was viewed by about 10,000 persons. From the Concourse Funeral Home, 165 East Tremont Avenue, the cortege moved north on the Grand Concourse to the Roman Catholic Church of St. Philip Neri at 200th Street.

The police band headed the escort. Behind it followed 125 uniformed policemen and 350 detectives from all parts of the city, headed by Deputy Chief Inspectors Francis Kear and Henry Bruckman, and Inspector John P. Griffith, an uncle of Gleason. The six police chaplains were next in line, directly in front of the hearse. Commissioner John F. O'Ryan marched behind the hearse, accompanied by Deputy Commissioners Harold Allen, Harold Fowler, Martin Meany and John Leach; and Chief Inspector Lewis J. Valentine and Assistant Chief Inspector John J. Sullivan. Immediate relatives of the dead detective rode in three cars.

Six patrolmen carried the coffin into the church, where a requiem high mass was sung, with the Rev. John C. Mulcahy as celebrant, the Rev. Salvatore Celauro, deacon, and the Rev. Edward A. Pryor, sub-

deacon. The Police Glee Club sang the requiem of Pietro Yon and Patrolman Alphonse Weiss Jr., at the request of Mrs. Garvey, sang "Face to Face."

"The heads of the people of the city are bowed in grief for Detective Garvey," said Father McCaffrey in his eulogy. "His partner asks the same question of every visitor: 'How is Jim Garvey getting along?' No thought of self! I wish everybody could know the unselfishness and generosity of spirit, the bravery and courage of the men of the Police Department."

Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Westchester. Relatives at the funeral besides Lieutenant Becker were Detective Garvey's widow, Pauline; his daughter, Helen, and his mother, Elizabeth. His father, John, was sick in a hospital.

DETECTIVE KILLERS IDENTIFIED BY TEN

Witnesses of Broadway Crime
Pick Out Photos of Two Gun-
men in Rogues' Gallery.

BOTH NARCOTIC ADDICTS

Slain Man's Wounded Comrade
Describes Shooting—Wide
Hunt for Desperadoes.

The two men who shot and killed Detective James J. Garvey and seriously wounded his partner Francis G. Gleason at Seventy-fifth Street and Broadway on Saturday night were identified from photographs in the Rogues' Gallery by ten witnesses yesterday.

Immediately afterward the police teletype and radio carried descriptions of the gunmen to all departments of this and other States. Assistant Chief Inspector John J. Sullivan, in charge of the detective bureau, said the fugitives were narcotic addicts and "dangerous." The police descriptions are as follows:

"No. 1, about 25 years of age. Five feet seven inches tall. About 150 pounds. Large nostrils above end of nose. Sharp prominent features. Wore soft gray hat and no overcoat.

"No. 2, about 25 years old. Five feet eleven inches tall. About 150 pounds. Slim build. Unusually well dressed. Long pointed gray hat. Brown top coat, gray suit. Both men drug addicts."

Trace Slayers' Taxi Ride.

Detectives under Lieutenant Walter Harding, head of the precinct force of detectives at the West Sixty-eighth Street station, began to work early yesterday on a witness's story that the slayers had escaped on foot to Seventy-fourth Street and Columbus Avenue and there taken a Radio fleet cab, southbound on Columbus Avenue.

Checking the trip tickets of all the fleet drivers, the investigators

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DETECTIVES SHOT BY BROADWAY GUNMEN.
James J. Garvey,
Who Was Slain.

Francis G. Gleason,
Who Is Recovering.

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found a report listing the pick-up of two passengers on that corner precisely at the estimated time of the escape. The driver, whose name the police withheld, gave a description of his passengers that tallied with that given by other witnesses.

He said that he drove south for two blocks on Columbus Avenue, turned east in Seventy-second street, crossed Central Park West and entered the park. The cab then traveled south through Central Park, emerging at Fifty-ninth Street and proceeding south on Seventh Avenue. One of the men asked to get out between Fifty-eighth and Fifty-seventh Streets.

The cab stopped, both men alighted and one of them paid the fare. The pair then separated, according to the driver, one of them walking south on Seventh Avenue to Fifty-seventh Street, where he is thought to have disappeared into the B. M. T. subway. The second man walked north, turned west into Fifty-eighth Street and walked toward Broadway.

The taxicab driver, who said he was unaware of the shooting when he picked up the two men, was subjected to prolonged questioning and later brought to police headquarters for a tour of the rogues' gallery. The police did not make known the results of the trip.

100 Detectives in Search.

Inspector Sullivan took charge of the search in which more than 100 detectives, including members of the narcotic squad participated.

It was said that one of the gunmen came here recently from Chicago, where he has a long police record, and took part in several holdups here of trucks carrying silk and drugs. Inspector Sullivan accompanied by Inspector Francis Kear, in charge of the detectives in Manhattan; Deputy Inspector John M. P. Griffith, an uncle of Gleason, and other policemen went to Roosevelt Hospital yesterday morning.

Gleason was shot near the heart, but his condition was said to be "good" and he was permitted to talk. He said that he left the West Sixty-eighth Street station with Garvey early Saturday evening to tour their district. About 11 o'clock, when approaching the southeast corner of Seventy-first Street, they saw two men, who "looked suspicious to us, and we decided to question them."

"We thought we could do a better job if we followed the men down a side street rather than stop and question them on Broadway, where a crowd might collect," he continued. "The men walked east on Seventy-fifth Street to Amsterdam Avenue, down Amsterdam Avenue to Seventy-third Street, west on Seventy-third Street to Broadway,

and north to Seventy-fifth Street again.

"When the two turned east in Seventy-fifth Street we decided to close in on them. We walked over to them just as they reached an arc lamp above the Seventy-fifth Street entrance to the Beacon Theatre.

Shot Without Warning.

"Garvey advanced a step or two and tapped one of the men on the shoulder. He said 'Hey,' but before he could add anything else the two drew revolvers from under their coats and fired. The two turned and I got a good look at their faces. A second later I fell with a bullet in my chest. That's all I remember."

Gleason gave a good description of the two. His description tallied with the ones given by the detectives who rounded up the witnesses and questioned them at the West Sixty-eighth Street station and later at police headquarters.

It was said that one of the gunmen had been seen in the vicinity of Seventy-first Street and Amsterdam Avenue several times last week. He had been, it is alleged, in contact with a narcotic peddler. Members of the narcotic squad were in that vicinity all day trying to follow up this clue.

Shortly before last midnight Patrolman Michael Moy, who had been one of the first to arrive at the scene of the shooting and had given chase to the two slayers, arrested a man at Broadway and Seventy-first Street on charges of violating the Sullivan Law.

The man, who appeared to Moy to be a suspicious character, said he was John Agresta, 40 years old, a house painter, of 643 Vermont Street, Brooklyn. Moy said Agresta was carrying a fully loaded .25 calibre automatic pistol.

Detectives at the West Sixty-eighth Street station, where Agresta was locked up, questioned him at length but were forced finally to eliminate him as a suspect in the shooting of the night before. His description was said to differ widely from that of either of the two men sought and he apparently was able to give the police a satisfactory account of his actions.

Lieutenant Harding said the two detectives were unusually popular at the station house and were men of exceptional ability.

"We think we can find the pair who did the shooting; we hope we won't have to wait too long," he added.

Police officials pointed out yesterday that since the Summer of 1930 ten members of the Sixty-eighth Street station have been shot by criminals, five of them fatally. Besides Garvey and Gleason the list includes the following:

Killed.

Patrolman DOMINICK, shot during a hold-up at 228 West Sixty-third Street, July 28, 1933.

Detective GUIDO PASSAGNO, shot during a raid at 154 West Seventy-eighth Street, Oct. 19, 1931.

Patrolman GEORGE L. GERHARD, shot during a hold-up of a credit shop at 439 Amsterdam Av., Dec. 14, 1932.

Patrolman PETER COSTA, shot during a raid at 204 West Eighty-first Street, Nov. 25, 1933.

Wounded.

Detectives JAMES DE FARRARI and EDWARD WILLI, shot during the raid in which Passagno was killed.

Patrolmen LOUIS W. SCHMIDT and EUGENE REILLY, shot following the hold-up in which Gerhard was killed.

CONVICTED OF MURDER OF DETECTIVE IN 1934

***Sonsky, Found Guilty by Jury,
Faces Death Penalty***

A jury that deliberated less than an hour returned a conviction of murder in the first degree yesterday in General Sessions against Joseph Sonsky, 32-year-old convict on trial for slaying Detective James Garvey eight years ago at Seventy-fourth Street and Broadway.

Sonsky, now serving a sentence of thirty years to life in Great Meadows Prison in a case growing out of a hold-up in Garden Place, Brooklyn, in which Patrolman John Monaghan was killed, was remanded to the Tombs by Judge Jonah J. Goldstein for sentence on May 15. Under the verdict the death penalty is mandatory.

Evidence at the trial was that Sonsky and Norman Zepp, his companion who was wounded fatally four years ago when he attempted to escape from a train on which he was being brought to New York from Great Meadows, had been waiting at Broadway and Seventy-fourth Street to commit a gangster murder.

Zepp told the police before he died that he and Sonsky had been promised \$500 to kill one Hymie Halperin and were waiting for the victim to appear. Detective Garvey and Detective Frank Gleason crossed the street toward them and Zepp and Sonsky opened fire, killing Garvey and wounding Gleason.

Zepp's death-bed confession was not used at the trial, the prosecution replying instead on a statement by Sonsky.

Halperin, the intended victim who escaped, was shot and killed three years later in Brooklyn.

DETECTIVE'S SLAYER SENTENCED TO DEATH

Joseph Sonsky Convicted of 8-Year-Old Murder

Joseph Sonsky, 32 years old, was sentenced in General Sessions yesterday to die in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison for the slaying eight years ago of Detective James Garvey at Broadway and Seventy-fifth Street. Judge Jonah J. Goldstein imposed the sentence. Sonsky recently was convicted of first-degree murder.

The Court set the week of June 22 for his death, but this automatically will be stayed to permit mandatory appeal to the Court of Appeals.

Detective Frank Gleason, Garvey's partner, also was shot and seriously wounded by Sonsky and another gunman, Norman Zepp. However, Sonsky was not indicted until about two years ago. In the interim he was serving a thirty-year term in Great Meadows State prison.

Zepp confessed his part in the Garvey slaying while he was serving a long term in Sing Sing, but was shot and fatally wounded by detectives in a New York Central train when he tried to escape on a trip to Police Headquarters here.

Before pronouncing sentence Judge Goldstein read a report from Irving W. Halpern, head of the General Sessions Probation Bureau to the effect that Sonsky and Zepp had received a promise of \$500 from gangster leaders in Brooklyn to kill two other gunmen.

These gunmen had shot and blinded a gunman of the other gang. Sonsky and Zepp had been told they would find their prospective victims in a restaurant near the point where the two detectives saw them.

The men they sought had not yet appeared at the restaurant, the report went on, and Sonsky and Zepp had decided to hold up a few small stores when Detectives Garvey and Gleason accosted them.

SILEO, SONSKY GO TO CHAIR

**Bookmaker Is First Killer to Die
Under 2 Separate Convictions.**

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

OSSINING, N. Y., Jan. 14—The lives of two killers, Edmund Sileo, 28, and Joseph Sonsky, 32, were taken in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison tonight.

Sileo was convicted of slaying Orlando Rava and Peter D'Aula, who were shot on Aug. 3, 1940, in a tavern on Seventy-seventh Street near New Utrecht Avenue, Brooklyn. Sonsky was sentenced to die for the murder of Detective James Garvey, shot in a New York Street on April 21, 1934.

Sileo, a bookmaker, was the first person in the history of Sing Sing to pay the death penalty on two separate convictions in one trial. Judge Peter J. Brancato last Feb. 2 sentenced him twice to the electric chair.

Mario Sileo, Brooklyn attorney and brother of the condemned man, made an unsuccessful application to Judge Brancato yesterday for a new trial and today he was in Albany to seek executive clemency for his brother.

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