

CAMDEN YOUTH IS KILLED IN HOLDUP, THREE ARE JAILED

Shooting Is Aftermath of Talk About West- ern Gun Men

Karl Kellman, Returning From Church, Is Riddled and Dies in Hospital

Held up in a manner suggestive of the Wild West, Karl Kellmann, 18 years old, of 2919 High street, East Camden, was deliberately shot to death early yesterday morning as he was crossing the bridge at Twenty-seventh street by Frederick Coursey, known as Cowboy Pete, 21 years old, of 110 North Twenty-first street. Kellmann died in the Cooper Hospital from bullet wounds of the neck and chest within a couple of hours after his admission. Coursey, together with Linnaeus Staley, 21 years old, of 1819 Federal street, and Harry Duffield, 21 years old, of 407 North Forty-first street, were arrested by Detectives Moffett and Painter for alleged implication in the tragedy.

From an investigation made by Chief of Police Gravenor, the murder was one of cold blood and deliberation. The three young men had been drinking during the night, and as they sat on a curbatone at Twenty-first and Federal streets their talk drifted to holdups. It was finally agreed to emulate the example set by the gun men of the wild and woolly West.

One Backs Out

With this object in view the three started for the Twenty-seventh street bridge which spans the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad, the locality being dark and lonesome. On the way there Coursey stopped at his home and procured a .38-calibre revolver, together with a blackjack. Within a square of the bridge Staley backed out and hid in the grass, but Coursey and Duffield continued on their way.

When they reached the bridge a man crossed but they concluded to let him pass without molestation. Then young Kellmann made his appearance, and as he walked toward where Coursey and Duffield were standing, Coursey confronted him with the revolver, at the same time exclaiming:

"Hands up!"

Without waiting for Kellmann to comply, Coursey fired three shots, one going wild, another striking the victim in the left side of the neck and the other in the chest. Immediately after Coursey and Duffield ran away, leaving their victim lying on the sidewalk. Policeman Hurlock, attracted by the shots, found the wounded youth, carried him to the home of Lewis Sassee nearby and then had him temporarily treated until he could be taken to the hospital.

In the meanwhile a general alarm had been sent to the police and the red light system had the entire East Camden district aroused. It was through Thomas Sink, a towerman, that a clue was given which resulted in Detective Painter and Moffett going to the home of Duffield, whom they pulled out of bed. He at once told of his companions' participation, and they were quickly under arrest.

Boy's Exemplary Habits

That there was not the least excuse for the shooting of Kellmann was the declaration of Chief Gravenor. A boy of exemplary habits, a member of the Grace Presbyterian Sunday school, he had participated in a street carnival given by that church. Toward midnight he volunteered to escort Bertha and Bessie Shilling, of 815 North Thirty-fourth street, to their home. It was while he was returning that he met with his tragic fate at the hands of Coursey. His parents are prostrated.

Coursey and Duffield worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad. The former came from Texas, and because of that went under the sobriquet of "Cowboy Pete." According to police records he has never been in trouble before. Duffield was arrested some months ago for breaking into a saloon, but sentence was suspended on him. Staley is employed on a farm.