

2 Policemen Slain in Dillinger Hunt

Gang in Auto Fires Machine Gun Fusillade

Two policemen of East Chicago, Ind., were shot to death with machine guns late last night when they sought to question several desperadoes in an automobile in the old Gary macadam road in the southeast section of town. Neither had a fighting chance.

It is believed that the two detectives were victims of John Dillinger, Indiana outlaw, or members of his criminal gang. The wantonness of the murders indicated that possibility, Indiana authorities said. Moreover, a man resembling Dillinger was seen in Indianapolis a few hours earlier, and it was possible, if the Indianapolis reports were correct, that the policemen had encountered him and his followers en route to Chicago.

Victims of Shooting.

The slain East Chicago policemen were:

Martin O'Brien, 44 years old, 4106 Indianapolis avenue, married and father of three children, a member of the police force for 14 years.

Lloyd Mulvihill, 28 years old, 4858 Homerlee avenue, married and father of six children, a member of the force for five years.

They were the second and third East Chicago policemen slain since the first of the year in suspected encounters with the Dillinger mob. The first victim was William P. O'Malley. He was shot to death with machine gun bullets on Jan. 15 when he and a squad tried to trap Dillinger and other hoodlums in a robbery of the First National bank of East Chicago. Policeman Mulvihill, who was O'Malley's partner, participated in that fight.

Little is known of the shooting which cost the lives of O'Brien and Mulvihill. Circumstantial evidence indicates what happened, however.

On Alert for Dillinger.

The two men, known as an expert detective team, left the East Chicago police station in a squad car at 11:10 o'clock last night. Their car was plainly marked with the insignia of the police department. Both men wore civilian clothes, however.

Their standing orders included instructions to be on the alert for Dillinger and his men, for East Chicago authorities always had felt that the hoodlums would, if possible, return to the areas they knew, and the East Chicago area was one of them. In addition to the standing orders O'Brien and Mulvihill were aware of the Indianapolis incident occurring yesterday. In that case a motorist collided with another car bearing Ohio license plates, which contained a man resembling Dillinger.

One section of the patrol of Mulvihill and O'Brien included the more or less barren region along the old Gary road, which runs east and west in the southeast part of East Chicago and is marked by swamps and several industrial plants. This area, it was later conceded by police, could afford numerous hideouts for the Dillinger mob.

Four Men in Auto Seen.

Apparently O'Brien and Mulvihill started out on the old Gary road immediately after leaving the police station at 11:10. In any event they were dead 15 minutes later. What happened is deduced to some extent from the story told by a plant watchman, whose name is being withheld. He said that he passed the Gary road shortly after

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Gang Fires Machine Gun Volley from Auto.

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11 o'clock and saw a large sedan at the side of the highway. In it, he said, were four men. He returned at 11:25. The large sedan and the four men were gone. In the middle of the road stood the police car. In the police car were the bodies of O'Brien and Mulvihill.

Apparently the two detectives saw the sedan while traveling east in Gary road. The sedan, it is known, was facing west. Mulvihill, at the wheel, stopped the squad car beside the suspected car. Then, it is believed, he identified himself and O'Brien as policemen, although the insignia on their own automobile was enough warning to the suspects.

Before either O'Brien or Mulvihill could move from the front seat they were riddled with machine gun bullets. Each man was shot eight or nine times in the head and neck and killed instantly. Only one bullet was wasted. That passed through a corner of their windshield. Their guns lay beside them on the seat. They hadn't had time to touch them.

Speed Westward After Killing.

The gunmen after killing the policemen sped west in Gary road. At 11:35, 10 minutes after the slain policemen were found by the unnamed watchman, a large sedan was seen speeding through Whiting, bound for Chicago. There were no witnesses to the killing, and whether this car was the killers' could not be determined. The nearest person to qualify as a possible witness was a workman who had heard the shooting from a distance.

"The men who killed O'Brien and Mulvihill were desperate," said Police Chief Nicholas Makar of East Chicago after a preliminary inquiry. "They couldn't afford to be seen even by a policeman.

"I believe that it was either Dillinger or some of his outfit. The fact they didn't give my men a chance suggests that. Then again Dillinger, Homer Van Meter, and John Hamilton, two of his men, know this section. As a matter of fact, only men who know this section would be foolhardy enough to be out on these little used roads, for a stranger would easily get lost. The area could afford Dillinger a hideout because it is so sparsely settled."

Chicago Police on Lookout.

News of the double murder was flashed to Chicago and other cities and communities in the East Chicago area and all police squads were assigned to the search. Three squads from the Homewood station of the Cook county highway police hurriedly assembled and put a close patrol on all roads. In Chicago Capt. John Stege, head of the special Dillinger detail, mobilized several extra squads to be on the lookout.

The search, however, will be concentrated at daylight in and around East Chicago. Because of Chief Makar's belief that the desolate area in the vicinity of the killing could afford effective shelters for the Dillinger mob or other gang, that area will be thoroughly searched by heavily armed squads today.

Gunmen Raid Hospital, Obtain \$50 in Holdup

Three men, two of them armed with guns, entered the office of the Women and Children's hospital, 1606 Maypole avenue, shortly before midnight last night and took \$50 from the cash drawer. Mrs. Laura Kehm, who was on duty in the office at the time, and Efell Little, colored porter, were forced to lie down on the floor while two of the bandits rifled the drawer. The third kept watch at the front door.