

GANGMAN SHOT DEAD IN STREET

Killing Takes Place in Crowded East Side Thoroughfare After Fight Which Starts in a Poolroom.

TWO GUNMEN ARRESTED

Run Down After Chase Over Tenement House Roof—Two Other Men Get Away—Echo of Rosenthal Case, Police Believe.

Another East Side gangman was shot and stabbed to death in the street while scores of persons looked on shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The murder took place in front of No. 26 Avenue B, between 2d and 3d streets.

Morris Reich, called "Mosche the Starker," a notorious pickpocket and strong arm man, who lived at No. 14½ St. Mark's Place, was the victim. David Wolk, a Russian, who gave his address as No. 162 Orchard street, and "Jack" Willis, who is said to have lived at No. 647 East 11th street, were arrested after an exciting chase and locked up in the Union Market station, in East Houston street, charged with the killing.

Rosenthal Case Echo, Say Police.

The police say that four men were implicated in the crime, and believe it to be an echo of the Rosenthal case.

According to the story of persons who saw the shooting, the men began to quarrel in an Avenue B poolroom.

After leaving the place they resumed their wrangling on the sidewalk. Suddenly Wolk sprang toward Reich, and drawing a knife stabbed him in the right breast. Then he backed away, and as his victim was attempting to get away he fired three shots after him, one of which lodged in his back and another in his left side, the third going wild. Reich staggered along about twenty feet further, where he fell dead in the gutter.

As soon as the shots were fired the assailant and the three other men who were in the quarrel started to run.

Patrolmen Sower and Mueller, of the 17th Precinct station, joined by a crowd of several hundred people, started in pursuit of the fleeing gunmen.

Wolk and Willis ran up Avenue B to 3d street, along 3d street to Avenue C and up Avenue C to 4th street. At this point they were headed off by Patrolmen Dineen and Haggerty and Detective Long.

Gunmen Caught After Chase.

Seeing that the way was blocked, Wolk dashed into a hallway of a building on 4th street, and Willis ran into a cellar. The latter was soon captured, but Wolk reached the top of the building and was taken only after a chase over the roof.

The other two men who were with Wolk and Willis at the time of the shooting and whose identity is not known to the police escaped.

Wolk, when taken to the police station, gave his age as twenty-three, and his occupation as a workman on human hair. The address, No. 164 Orchard street, where he said he lived, is thought, however, to be false. No one living at that number had any knowledge of the man. Willis gave his age as sixteen, and said he was a hallboy.

Although the latter appears to have gained little notoriety as a gangster prior to yesterday's shooting affair, Wolk had long had an unsavory reputation as a pickpocket and hold-up man.

The dead man was thirty years old and was known as one of the most troublesome characters to the forces of law and order on the East Side. He was a member of "Little Doggie's" gang.

Victim Was Hold-Up Man.

About two weeks ago he held up a policeman in West 63d street and relieved him of \$14. He was later apprehended and discharged on bail pending trial. It is also said that he was accustomed to go among the shopkeepers and pushcart men and compel them by threats to pay to him money, which he asserted was to go to the police for protection.

According to reports, this sort of piracy "got him in bad" with the police, and the members of the "Little Doggie" gang had to suffer for his high-handed acts.

One of the theories of the killing is that the gang members grew tired of the way he was injuring their common interests and decided to put him out of the way.

Another motive advanced for the crime is the belief on the part of "Little Doggie's" gang that Reich was aspiring to the leadership of the crooks and gunmen who formerly owed allegiance to "Jack" Zelig. Some authority is given to this theory by the fact that a memorandum was found among the dead man's effects in his room, at No. 402 East 10th street, which read:

Was Friend of "Jack" Zelig.

"Memorial fund for a tombstone of our late friend, 'Jack' Zelig, to be erected October 5, 1913." These subscriptions follow: "Isodor Fine, \$1; 'Jack' Bindle, \$1; William Young, 50 cents; 'Jack,' 50 cents; Harry Ehrlich, \$1; G. Tribler, 50 cents; 'Billy' Sherman, \$1; Herman Gelstel, \$1; Harry Repperson, \$1; A. Demark, \$1."

When Reich's body was taken to the police station several bills of large denomination were found in his clothes, and on his fingers were three diamond rings.