

# PAID SLUGGERS KILL FOR LABOR UNIONS

## CONFESSIONS OF WORKERS' LEADER AND MURDER GANG UN-EARTH PLOT.

### WORKINGS OF DEADLY "SYSTEM."

Gilhooley, "King" of Band, Operating in Chicago During Teamsters' Strike, Raves When Guilt Is Discovered—Author of Many Dastardly Crimes.

Regular Scale of Prices Set by Organizations for Murderers and Assaults of Nonunionists, Gauged as to Results—Five Gangs Known to Police of Great Metropolis.

Chicago.—"That's the man who killed my husband." With these words Mrs. Charles L. Carlstrom, widow of a murdered nonunionist, in this city identified Charles Gilhooley, self-confessed "king of sluggers" and set in motion legal machinery which has unearthed the fact that Chicago is the home of an organized band of thugs, who, operating upon a scale of prices in the pay of certain labor unions, are engaged in the pursuit of killing, if possible, and maiming, when fatal results cannot be attained, union men refusing to lay down their tools and nonunion men who persist in working, despite the entreaties of the labor organizations.

**Method of the "System."**  
No question now exists here regarding the methods which suit of the labor unions, whose men quit work in the great teamsters' strike, employed in their endeavor to win out. When Gilhooley confessed his part in the conspiracy there was some question as to the real truth in the matter, many believing that the man, who has a long criminal record, might have boasted; but before the avowal of Gilhooley's part in the plot came the confession of Charles J. Casey, business agent of the wagon makers' union, No. 4, telling the whole history of the "system," and branding the teamsters' strike, in connection with which the deeds were committed, as a blot of the blackest character, in the history of labor organizations.

The "system," which few found it possible to escape, was this: A list of men to be "disposed of," was furnished the slugging in command; the names, beginning with the first on the death roll, were handed out to the assistants, who shadowed the victims until opportunity was given them to carry out their dastardly work. A single blow often sufficed to lay men cold in death, in which case, the next name was looked up and the game continued. In all, 14 men are known to have been fatally injured, four are already dead, and numberless cases of maiming have been reported. Eight men are in the toils of the law as directly implicated in the plan, and their guilt is declared to be a matter of absolute certainty, because of the confession of the two leading lights, Casey and Gilhooley. The eight, with bits of their history are:

**CHARLES GILHOOLEY**—All-round bad man, possessor of long criminal record, deserter from United States army, alleged thief, ex-bridewell habitue.  
**EDWARD FEELEY**—Cheap thief and bad man. Companion of "King" Gilhooley in his unwholesome adventures.  
**MARK LOONEY**—Petty thief and possessor of long police record. Second assistant of Gilhooley. Less daring than Gilhooley or Feeley.

**CHARLES CASEY**—Business agent of carriage and wagon makers' union, confessed instigator of slugging system.  
**HENRY J. NEUMAN**—Financial secretary of carriage and wagon makers'

When Gilhooley learned of Casey's confession he was wild with rage. He tore against his cell, banging his handcuffs against the wall and vowed to take the life of the business agent, if opportunity ever presented itself. "You —," he roared, "if you had kept your mouth shut they would never have known anything about it. You would never have been able to prove anything against us. You are a lot of soft-headed idiots and this talk of yours will land you as well as me, you —." Another round of curses completed Gilhooley's sentiments on the matter, and he was led away, still vowing he would have Casey's life.

To the unions engaged in these nefarious plots the murdering bands are

the facts were brought to light. Time and again the press hinted at paid murders, but public sentiment deposed the idea. Now, however, the confession of both parties to the scandal forms a connecting link which no evidence or testimony can break, and no doubt exists as to the origin of the nefarious crimes which were seemingly committed wantonly.

**Men May Hang.**  
"What is to be the result of the exposure?" has been asked. That is an interesting question, in that the laws of the state of Illinois may hold every member of the union responsible for the crimes, and it must be remembered that the punishment for manslaughter is death. To the casual observer the public is not visibly affected, for the simple



known as "wrecking crews," and in a playful spirit the cash required to carry on the business is charged to "educational purposes," as pointed out in Casey's statement.

Gilhooley's confession was easy to extract from him. At first he was sullen, refusing to talk, but a flattering word as to his prowess brought his professional pride to the surface, and with it his part in the crimes. Carlstrom, the last victim of Gilhooley's hand, gave his three assailants a hard tussle, and the attorney remarked: "I guess he gave you a pretty hard fight for your \$15, didn't he?" "I should say he did—he could fight some," were the words that escaped the big fellow's lips before he realized the trap. When he comprehended, he broke forth in a paroxysm of rage.

**Gilhooley Is Defiant.**  
"Well, what are you going to do about it?" thundered Gilhooley, his eyes rolling and the perspiration appearing upon his brow. "What are you going to do about it? Manslaughter's the most you can make of it. I can prove it was self-defense—the guy hit me a wallop before I could get in my work. You watch me, you black-hearted cowards with your stool pigeons—why, I'll bring 17 witnesses to every one of yours to prove it was self-defense. You can't scare me—I've been in this business too long, and if I had it to do over again, I'd do the job up just about the same way."

reason that slugging is nothing new here. The idea must not be gained that every union in this city has employed men in murderous missions, for such is not the case. Many have stuck rigidly to the straight and narrow path in their fight with the employing class, allowing nothing but persuasion to enter into the surrounding conditions of the strike.

**Will Benefit Honest Unionists.**  
One benefit of the exposure, one in which the unions will gain, is pointed out by Louis A. Heile, a prominent labor attorney. He says: "I believe that the arrest and confessions of these men will have a great influence upon the labor situation in this city. The rank and file of the labor organizations have been kept in almost total ignorance of the manner in which strikes are conducted. I know that the great majority of the members of the Carriage and Wagon Workers' union—in fact, nearly all of the members who are not on the executive board—knew nothing of what was going on, and were as much surprised as the general public when they read of the revelation which followed the arrest of these men."

**Unionists Disprove Slugging.**  
"I know that this is the view that the majority of the unionists in the city will take of the matter. I had occasion to discuss the present investigation with four union men, one of whom is a bricklayer, another a plumber and another a street car man. They told me they were glad that the men who committed a murder had been apprehended, and hoped they would be punished."

"The sooner we get rid of the kind of fellows who are paying these sluggers the better it is for us," said one of them to me. "If we had cut them out before we could never have a strike like the teamsters' walkout in Chicago."

"We mean to prosecute the investigation which we have begun vigorously, and as long as there is anything further to do. The Carriage and Wagon Manufacturers' association is, of course, interested in the prosecution of the men who have been slugging the employees of its members. We are not going to stop there. However, we want to know all about what the officers of other unions have been doing in the matter of employing men to slug honest workmen. I believe that by doing so we can put a stop to the acts of violence which have disgraced not only the labor unions but the city."

**Gives Praise to Lavin.**  
"I also want to say that I believe Inspector Lavin and his detectives cannot be complimented too highly for the work that they have done in this case. I believe they have performed one of the cleverest pieces of detective work in the history of the Chicago police department. They began without so much as a clue to the identity of the assailants of Carlstrom, and they continued their work until they have disclosed the manner in which strikes seem to be conducted in Chicago."

"We have all known for a long time in a general way that the men who attacked nonunion men and who sometimes killed them were not always members of the unions on a strike. It remained for Inspector Lavin and his men to get definite proof of the truth. This has never been done before. I believe that not alone in Chicago, but in other cities, it has been found impossible heretofore to get at the inside workings of the unions."



union, declared to have disbursed cash to meet slugging bills.  
**GEORGE MILLER**—Member of union executive committee, declared to have paid cash for carrying on "system."  
**FRANK NOVAK**—Member executive committee, assisted in appropriating cash for "system."  
**JOHN HEIDEN**—Member union executive committee, assisted in appropriating cash for "system."

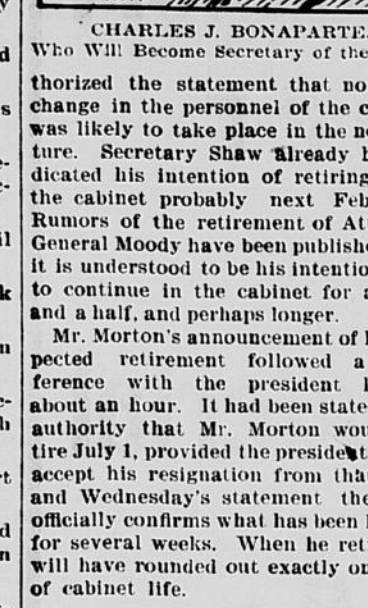
**Scale of Prices.**  
The trio engaged in the real acts of slugging, Gilhooley, Feeley and Looney, received but \$15 each for their murders, but better prices than these are in existence for those who would take advantage of them. A scale of prices developed by police authorities to have been in existence for more than two years and used in nearly every strike launched in this city during that time, follows:  
For murder, \$100 to \$500.  
Serious knockout, \$25 to \$100.  
Leg or arm broken, \$25 to \$50.

### FLICKERTAIL NUGGETS.

**Enderlin**—The recent fire was the first severe conflagration in this city.  
**One of the new LaMoore county towns** will be named Judd.  
**Sherwood**—Some nice stone houses have been erected near here.  
**Bismarck**—The contract has been let for an addition to the St. Alex's hospital.  
**Oakes**—A steam digger is doing the excavating for the water mains.  
**Bismarck**—North Dakota has nearly 4,000 public schools.  
**Bowden**—This town and Goodrich are to be connected by telephone.  
**Ryder**—This place expects to have railroad connection by fall.  
**Ryder**—Some tough stole booze and slipped.  
**Towner**—A brickyard may be established at this place.  
**Carrington**—A blind pigger in jail here picked the lock and escaped.  
**Dickinson**—Wool prices around here are ranging from 22 to 23 cents per pound.  
**Howells**—There was a "breaking bee" here for the Methodist church.  
**Rugby**—Fifteen of our citizens will donate \$100 each for the new hospital.  
**Devils Lake**—The Keith creamery plant will be removed to this place.  
**Rugby**—Cattle rustlers caused trouble in Pierce county.  
**Linton**—Work on an opera house has been started.  
**Edgeley**—This town will have cement sidewalks in the business section.  
**Lisbon**—There are four rural mail routes out of here.  
**Minot**—The Union National bank has opened its doors.  
**Jameson**—A beaver was seen in the river near here.  
**Dunseith**—The plan to have an electric line into Dunseith to connect with the Soo does not seem to be possible.  
**Craty**—The school was closed a short time on account of scarlet fever.  
**Hankinson**—A citizen committed suicide rather than be operated upon for appendicitis.  
**Minot**—Our people are still worrying over a water supply and may put in a filter system.  
**Ashley**—Logan and McIntosh counties are co-operating to secure new settlers.  
**Dunseith**—The growth of this city was handicapped this year by the failure of the Great Northern to build in to the town.  
**Enderlin**—Cashier Blair, of the First National, will start a bank on the new Soo extension.  
**New Rockford**—The race track will be put in shape for some good sport this summer.  
**Washburn**—There was a strike among the stevedores for shorter hours and more pay.  
**Rugby**—Charles Christianson accidentally shot his foot while attempting to exterminate a gopher.  
**Enderlin**—The Soo is to erect a nice depot on the site of the one recently destroyed by fire.  
**Fessenden**—New lock boxes have been put in the postoffice.  
**Hankinson**—A citizen lost his pocketbook containing \$700 in drafts and \$100 in cash. He got the drafts back, but the cash was missing.  
**Coal Harbor**—It is claimed this town will be moved four miles east, to be on the line of the extension of the Soo.  
**Hope**—Alex Sanders was leading a horse, which fell on him, causing a bad fracture of the leg.  
**Fessenden**—Frank Ketham was held on a charge of "murdering" a shepherd dog that had driven his cattle off a neighbor's property.  
**Jameson**—By command of Brig. Gen. Carr, a list has recently been published, announcing the athletic records of the soldiers in the department of Dakota for the past year.  
**Norwich**—There was a plowing bee near here to assist in putting in the crop of a farmer, who had been unfortunate in health.  
**Page**—A new town is to be started in Barnes county about twelve miles west of here. It will be along the proposed line of the electric road.  
**Mandan**—Taxidermist J. D. Allen received last week for mounting a two-headed calf, a two-headed lamb, and a lamb with six legs, all products of North Dakota.  
**Dickinson**—An employe of a cattle-dipping tank in the western part of the state fell head foremost into the tank. A cattle inspector looked him over and said he would o. k. the fellow for shipment to the terminal market.  
**Hamilton**—A man died here from the effects of eating wheat treated with formaldehyde. He was engaged in seeding, and whenever he had occasion to open the feed box he would take out a handful of wheat to chew. He was taken ill, and died in the course of a few days.  
**Jameson**—Neighbors in the vicinity of Robertson farm, have helped Frankie Robertson, aged 16, whose father died suddenly a short time ago, to put in his crop. With their assistance the boy has been able to finish his plowing and seed the entire farm.  
**Litchville**—The neighbors of Chas. Berg, gathered from afar and near and plowed his farm in splendid shape, while the owner was in a hospital at Spring Valley getting well from a broken leg.  
**Page**—Aug. Jungnitsch, of Cornell township, lost twelve head of horses by his barn being burned.

### CHANGE IN CABINET.

**Charles J. Bonaparte to Succeed Paul Morton as Secretary of the Navy.**  
Washington, June 1.—President Roosevelt on Wednesday authorized the announcement that Charles J. Bonaparte, of Baltimore, Md., would be appointed secretary of the navy to succeed Paul Morton, who earlier in the day, stated he would retire July 1 to go to New York to take charge of the plans for the construction of the subway system for operation in connection with the surface lines. The president also authorized the statement that no other change in the personnel of the cabinet was likely to take place in the near future. Secretary Shaw already has indicated his intention of retiring from the cabinet probably next February. Rumors of the retirement of Attorney General Moody have been published, but it is understood to be his intention now to continue in the cabinet for a year and a half, and perhaps longer.  
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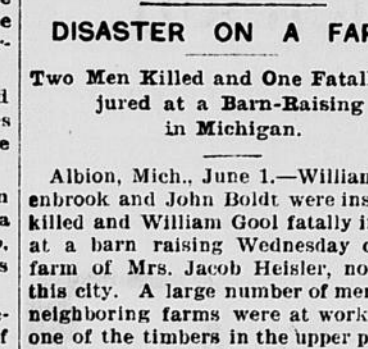
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### WINS GREAT RACE.

**American Yacht Atlantic Distances All Competitors in Sail Across Ocean.**  
The Lizard, England, May 20.—The American three-masted schooner yacht Atlantic, owned by Wilson Marshall, New York Yacht club, is winner of the Kaiser's cup. The Atlantic passed Wolf rock with every stitch of sail set. Her spinnaker was rigged to starboard.



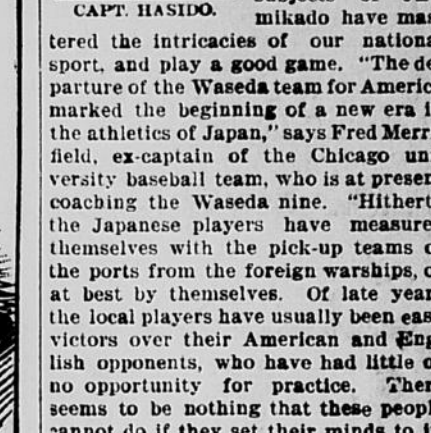
**SCHOONER YACHT ATLANTIC.**  
(Winner of Ocean Race for Kaiser's Cup.)  
and the American ensign was at her peak. Shortly afterwards the wind dropped and the spinnaker was taken in. Capt. Barr was hailed by the correspondents' boat. He said the Atlantic had made an average speed of ten and a half knots since leaving Sandy Hook.  
Capt. Barr and Wilson Marshall, the owner of the Atlantic, agreed that they had made a splendid passage, without a single mishap, only experiencing one strong gale, through which the boat rode admirably. The record sail for one day was 341 knots, which Mr. Marshall believes beats anything hitherto achieved. This was made May 24.

### DISASTER ON A FARM.

**Two Men Killed and One Fatally Injured at a Barn-Raising in Michigan.**  
Albion, Mich., June 1.—William Rosbrook and John Boldt were instantly killed and William Gool fatally injured at a barn raising Wednesday on the farm of Mrs. Jacob Heister, north of this city. A large number of men from neighboring farms were at work when one of the timbers in the upper portion of the frame work gave way, and heavy beams, joists and rafters fell upon the workmen. Besides the three named a score of others were injured.

### SPORTS AND ATHLETICS

A baseball team composed entirely of Japanese is now touring this country. The team is made up of students of the Waseda University of Tokyo, and they expect to play many of the leading college nines in this country before their return. From all accounts the little subjects of the mikado have mastered the intricacies of our national sport, and play a good game. "The departure of the Waseda team for America marked the beginning of a new era in the athletics of Japan," says Fred Merrifield, ex-captain of the Chicago university baseball team, who is at present coaching the Waseda nine. "Hitherto the Japanese players have measured themselves with the pick-up teams of the ports from the foreign warships, or at best by themselves. Of late years the local players have usually been easy victors over their American and English opponents, who have had little or no opportunity for practice. There seems to be nothing that these people cannot do if they set their minds to it. The Japanese students ordinarily wear white uniforms in their play, with blue socks or 'tabi' for footwear. No doubt such dress is much cooler in the hot weather, but there is a corresponding loss of speed and quickness of start, which spikes would at once make possible. Nor does the player feel at all backward about exposing his shins and calves to the sun and crowd, for it is the custom in this stockless land to leave a brief space between the tabi and the loose robes. The native baseballs are a trifle smaller than our own, and do not keep their shape and hardness as well. The American balls, bats, etc., are not strangers, however, to these children of progress. All this apparatus may not be understood at once, but it is here and is used until it is mastered. Perhaps the breast protector will not hold air and is considered worthless. But when once that little screw at the side is understood no further questions are asked, and the rubber is always in good order. One day I was coaching a new pitcher on 'drops,' 'placing,' etc., and was acting as batter to help his eye. At a suitable stage in the process I turned to instruct the catcher on some point or other. The point was understood, and we were about to resume our positions, when zip! came the ball past my ear, and caught the unfortunate catcher square on the cheekbone. Two more points are illustrated: the catcher scarcely moved a muscle and never a sound came from his lips; he quietly walked away to bathe his swollen face. That is a bit of Japanese stoicism, for we all know how a straight ball stings. Again, the pitcher had been working so hard to master that new finger movement and 'locate' his batter that he all but did the opposite to his fellow player. That is Japanese persistence and eagerness, just a bit of it. There is another good point in the Japanese style of playing. They may not be good hitters yet and may not know much about curves, but they listen to the umpire and know how to accept decisions without a question, and the financial question has nothing to do with the matter, either. I have seen ball after ball skim the batter's eyes and 'strike' from the umpire would not affect his temperament in the least. The pitcher might put several telling drops over the outer corner, and if the slow-eyed umpire said 'Ball!' it remained without a murmur, although one acquainted with the situation knew of the disappointment suppressed because the game was in the balance, and these drops should have saved it. Give the Japanese a little more training in the fine points of the game, and I prophesy he will hit your curves, field, and slide with the zest, and make his share of the fun. And then, after bowing politely to the umpire, he will go home and teach his younger brother to do still better at the great game of baseball." Hasudo is captain of the Waseda team.



**Too Many Spoons.**  
"Young man," said the old beau to the clerk in the lawyer's office, handing him a roll of bills to satisfy the damages in the breach-of-promise suit. "Let this be a example of table manners for you."  
"Table manners for me? How so, Mr. Gaybird?"  
"If I hadn't spooned too much, I wouldn't have had to fork over any money." Judge.

**Two Men Killed and One Fatally Injured at a Barn-Raising in Michigan.**  
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**Memorial Day.**  
Chicago, May 31.—Dispatches received tell of the almost universal observance of Memorial day, with usual ceremonies of parades, addresses and decoration of graves, throughout the country.

**Place for Newspaper Man.**  
Washington, May 31.—Maj. John M. Carson, the well-known newspaper correspondent, has accepted the position of chief of the bureau of manufactures of the department of commerce and labor tendered him by the president some days ago.

**Work of the Supreme Court.**  
Washington, June 1.—During the term of the supreme court of the United States which closed last Monday, 400 cases were docketed and 402 cases were disposed of. When the court adjourned there were still 280 cases on the docket.

**Vesuvius More Restive.**  
Naples, May 29.—Mount Vesuvius has entered a new phase of activity. Explosions are heard ten miles distant from the volcano, while burning stones thrown 1,000 feet above the crater produce magnificent spectacles, especially at night.

**Two Asphyxiated.**  
St. Louis City, Ia., May 27.—Fred Scott and A. J. Meyer, stockmen of San Antonio, Tex., were found dead in bed at the People's hotel Friday. Death was due to asphyxiation. The men were on their way to Madison, S. D.

**FINANCIAL FINDINGS.**  
During March 50 national banks were organized with \$2,190,000 capital. The Bank of Paris bank changed, three per cent, has not been changed since May, 1900. This is the oldest rate of the chief European cities, with the exception of the Bank of Lisbon's, 5 1/2 per cent, established in January, 1899.  
Since March 24, when the national banking act was so amended as to permit the organization of national banks with a minimum capital of \$25,000 instead of \$50,000, 2,411 banks, with \$129,835,300 capital have been organized.