

RIVAL NORTH END MOBS AT WAR; TWO KILLED

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sued at police headquarters for the arrest on sight of Frankie Wallace, alias Gustin, and Joseph Lombardo.

Wallace has long figured in criminal activities, police said. He was charged one with murder in Detroit. Lombardo has a long criminal record and was arrested as a suspect in the attempted murder of Guy Ferrell, alias "Kid Morgan," in the North End a year ago.

HIJACKING FEUD

Coffey, who was arrested by Special Officer Hazen Chalmers as he fled the building, admitted after a long grilling at the Hanover st. station that he had gone to Lombardo's headquarters with Frankie Wallace and Walsh.

Police said that the shooting was the result of a feud that started a week ago when the Gustin hijacked a \$50,000 load of liquor and hid it in the Nantasket summer home of a Harvard Medical School doctor.

This liquor was seized on a tip to the authorities, and the Gustin gang, police said, suspected the Lombardo henchmen of giving the tip.

A peace parley had been arranged, police said, but there was no peace.

Coffey told Capt. Anderson and Sweeney, Inspector Harry Pierce and Special Officer Mark Madden that he had met "Dodo" Walsh and Wallace in South Boston. They were in a car, which Walsh was driving, and they invited him in with them, he said.

He said they drove to the North End and Walsh parked the car in Parmenter st. They then went to 517 Hanover st., to the third floor, where Lombardo has conducted his pool and lounge operations.

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enter it after the shooting and then run away. Police believe this was Frank Wallace.

Whether Lombardo was present at the shooting Coffey did not say. The slayers of Walsh are believed to have escaped the building by running down a side stairs, and forcing a door onto an ally.

In all, seven guns were found by the police. This they said was in dispute of Coffey's belief that his companions were not armed and his statement that there were three or four in the Lombardo gang.

Atty. Joseph McDonough appeared to represent Coffey while he was being questioned.

The renewal of gang warfare was predicted several days ago by The Masked Reporter in the Boston Evening American. Police Commissioner Hittman also had a tip on it but was unable to verify the warning.

The shootings caused the greatest excitement the North End has known in many years. A crowd of 2000 jammed about the building in Hanover st., and police reserves were sent into the district from all stations.

Of the seven guns found, one

was on the Hanover st. sidewalk, two were in the back hallway which led to the avenue of escape, two in a sawdust pile in the basement, one in the back entry and one on the desk belonging to Atty. Julius Wilson.

Police expressed a fear that the shooting marked a renewal of open warfare between the Boston gangs and that more would follow in reprisal.

The police raid on the hijacked liquor, cause of the gang feud, occurred on the morning of Dec. 14 at the summer home of Dr. John Hapet Blake of Harvard.

At that time it was believed the liquor had just been landed from a boat but subsequent investigation showed it had been hijacked, presumably a short time after landing and while en route. Whether it was Lombardo's liquor or not, police said they did not know.

Even after the liquor was located, 250 cases of it were hijacked right under the noses of the Hull police while they worked in another part of Dr. Blake's home.

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Lombardo, who is being sought, was also arrested on an early attempt to kill Guy Ferrell. That was in October of 1928 when a boy bystander received the bullet meant for Ferrell.

Police headquarters was instructed to send photographs of Wallace to all stations.

A third suspect, arrested late today, gave the name of Antonia Fauci. He said he lived in Greenwood ave., Chelsea.

Walsh's Family Unaware of His Gang Activities

Richard Walsh, brother of Bernard ("Dodo") Walsh, one of the two men slain today in the North End, broke into tears when he learned of his brother's violent death.

Richard, who is 19, was tending his father's store in South Boston. The family which includes another brother, Leo, and the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Walsh, lives in Plummer pl.

"This will kill my mother," said Richard. "She was very fond of him. We didn't know anything about this gang stuff. I don't believe he was in any gang."

The tears were still trickling down his cheeks as he waited on customers who came in. He was at a loss how to break the news to his mother and said the police had called for information but had not told of Bernard's death.