

GROCER HELD UP, BOUND, ROBBED BY ARMED THUGS

**Forced to Witness Cool
Rifling of Till and Stock
on Church Street**

JEWEL BANDITS CAUGHT?

**Detectives Arrest Nephew of
Isaac Menovitch and
Another**

Samuel Himmelstein, grocer, of 483 Church street, and his messenger boy, Samuel White, were forced by armed robbers into the rear of the store at seven o'clock last night, bound hand and foot with cord used for wrapping heavy parcels, and then allowed to watch while the unwelcome visitors opened the cash register and took the contents. The robbers got about \$50. Then they supplied their simple needs from the stock and made their escape.

Himmelstein was preparing to close the store for the night when, he said, two men entered. They walked over to the counter, and, as the merchant stepped forward to serve them one of the robbers pointed an automatic revolver over the counter. The delivery boy, Samuel White, 29 Oxford street, was ordered to stand alongside Mr. Himmelstein.

Marched Back and Bound.

The other gunman pulled several feet of cord from above the counter, and, marching the two victims to the rear of the store, tightly bound their hands behind their backs.

The cash drawer was then rifled, and in leaving the store both men helped themselves to a nickel-plated watch and several boxes of cigars and cigarettes. Both men were about six feet in height, appeared to be about forty years of age, were roughly dressed, and wore peak caps. The robbers had not left the store many minutes before Himmelstein released himself and ran to the telephone to call the police.

Bandit Suspects Arrested.

Alex. Menovitch, 177 Queen street east, and Louis Gentle, Brunswick avenue, were arrested yesterday by Detectives Hill, Hutchinson, Taylor and Wickett on charges of robbery. The two young men are alleged to be members of the gang of auto bandits who attempted to rob the jewelry store of Isaac Menovitch, 962 Queen street west, last Monday night. Alex. Menovitch is a nephew of the owner of the store where the robbery was attempted.

The robbers were frightened away, and, following a chase by citizens and the police, one of the gang, Ben Rubinoff, Defoe street, was arrested Monday night as he was jumping from a car said to have been used in the travels of the accused. Detectives claim Alex. Menovitch planned the robbery, as, in their opinion, he was acquainted with the way in which money and jewelry was kept by his uncle. It is believed Gentle was the driver of the automobile.

Prisoner Escapes From Hospital.

Philip Martin, a prisoner from the Jail Farm, escaped from the General Hospital last night. Martin was brought from the farm to the hospital to undergo an operation. At 6.15 last night he got out of bed, and, stealing an overcoat and hat, walked unnoticed from the hospital. Martin was serving a six months' sentence for escaping from custody while serving a term for theft.