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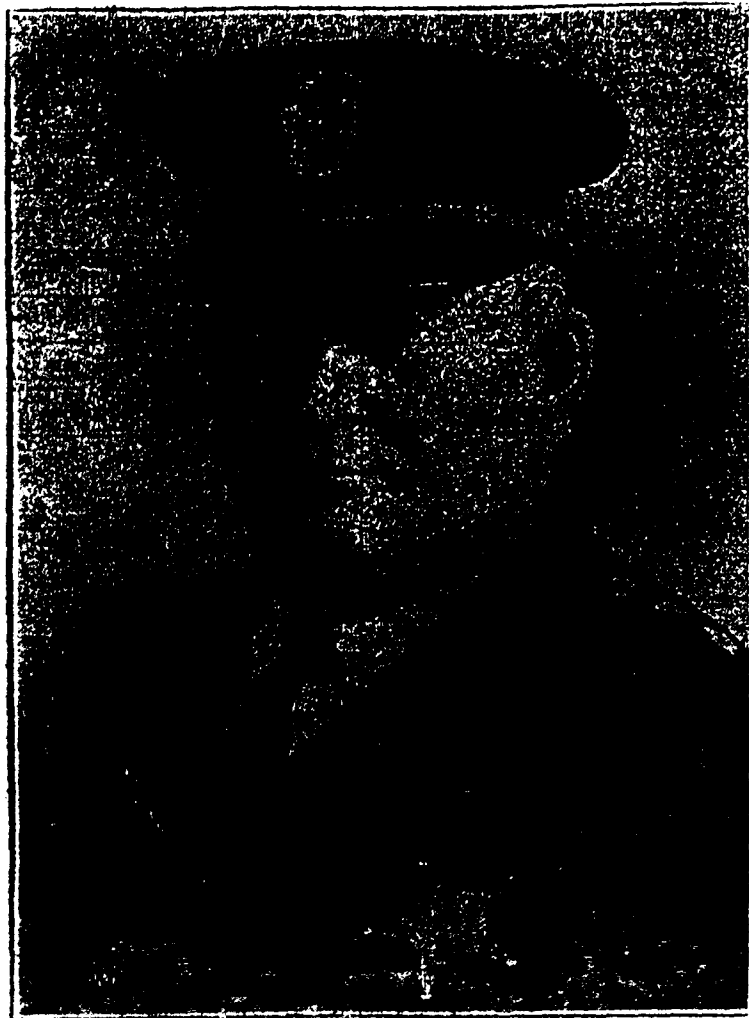
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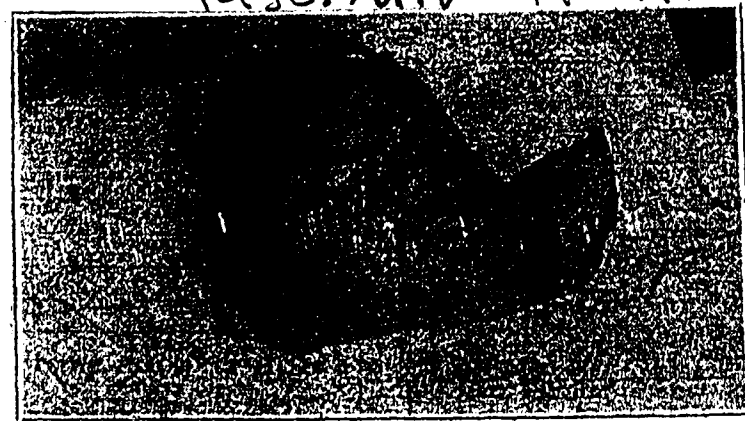
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BAILIFF IS SHOT DOWN IN CULTISTS' MELEE.

Philip Brankin Jr., bailiff in Judge Edelman's court, across hallway, who rushed into Judge Scheffler's court during rioting and fell wounded as shots were fired.

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CULTISTS RIOT IN COURT; ONE DEATH, 41 HURT

43 of Order Held by Police.

(Pictures on Back Page.)

A quarrel between two women on a street car ten days ago developed yesterday into a man sized riot in a courtroom on the ninth floor of the police headquarters building at 1121 South State street.

In the mêlée a police captain died, a bailiff was seriously wounded, two members of a colored cult were shot, and 38 others—twelve policemen, six bailiffs and twenty cultists—were cut or bruised. Last night 43 of the colored cultists were under arrest, with a possibility that some of them may be charged with the police captain's murder.

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Veteran Police Captain a Victim.

The captain was Joseph Palczynski, 73 years old, a veteran of nearly 50 years' service in the Chicago police department. He died of a heart attack brought on by the excitement and the assault of several cultists.

The wounded bailiff is Philip Brankin Jr., 28 years old, 8610 West 64th street. He was shot in the chest. At St. Luke's hospital last night physicians said it might be necessary to resort to a blood transfusion to save his life.

Wild Scene in Courtroom.

It was in the Woman's court, presided over by Municipal Judge Edward S. Scheffler, that the rioting occurred. Roused to an almost fanatical frenzy by a chain of small incidents that ordinarily would have passed unnoticed in a crowded courtroom, the cultists, their red, crescent marked fezzes askew, stormed through the room with wild shouts.

Cries of "Freedom and justice!" and "Onward, brother, onward!" mingled with the refrain of "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?" sung by a woman of the cult in the throes of religious fervor.

One hundred and fifty policemen and bailiffs, summoned from all parts of the building by a riot alarm, finally quelled the uprising after a half hour of swinging clubs and pistol butts.

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Check out The names They Had
IN 1935 King-Sha ALLAH-Sha

Police Consider Charges.

The death of Capt. Palczynski led Chief of Detectives John L. Sullivan and Assistant State's Attorney Martin Ward to consider placing charges of murder or manslaughter against several of the cultists, all of whom are members of the "Allah Temple of Islam" at 3743 South State street.

Should the investigation, which was incomplete last night, disclose that the followers of the "temple" entered the courtroom prepared to incite trouble, the charge would be murder, Ward declared.

If the mêlée was an accident, caused by the emotional state of the cultists, as seemed probable, Mr. Ward said manslaughter charges might be made against those found to have taken part in the attack on Capt. Palczynski.

Moorish Business Explained.

Among the 43 prisoners were King Sha, 38 years old, 3242 South State street, and Allah Sha, 18 years old, 2556 Warren boulevard, the two wounded cultists. Their "Moorish" names puzzled the police until King Sha disclosed that the prophet of their order, W. D. Fard, or Fard Mohammed, or Elijah Mohammed, had christened them thus last spring.

A police search for Prophet Fard was started but he could not be found last night. He was described as one "born in the holy city of Mecca in 1877," who came to America on July 4, 1930.

The cultists admitted that most of them were clients of the Illinois Emergency Relief commission. King Sha, who appeared to be a minor prophet, said he received \$27 a month.

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in relief grocery orders and the commission paid \$20 a month for his steam heated flat. The fezzes and robes, which the cultists also wore, apparently were rented.

Story of the Riot.

Questioning of the many witnesses and participants in the riot finally developed the story of what led up to it.

The cultists had entered court with the avowed intention to "stand by their sister." The "sister" is Mrs. Rosetta Hassan, 3342 South State street. On Feb. 24 while riding on a street car with her husband, Zack Hassan, and their 3 year old son, Zack Jr., Mrs. Hassan became embroiled in a quarrel with Mrs. Athanasia Christopoulos, 1414 Monroe street, whose young son also accompanied her.

Mrs. Christopoulos alleged that her glasses were broken in the quarrel and sought a warrant against Mrs. Hassan.

The custom of the Municipal court is for a welfare worker to hear the charges first and determine whether

43 Members of Order Held by Police.

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there is probable ground for issuance of a warrant. Miss Rosemary Griffin, 6459 Kenwood avenue, the welfare worker, summoned all the parties to her office, adjoining the Woman's court, yesterday morning.

Previously, however, the Hassans had laid their troubles before the cult leaders. The cultists agreed, it was learned, that in accordance with their vow of unity they must go to court and stand by their "sister" so that "justice and freedom and truth" would be served.

Accompanied by fifty or sixty of the cultists the Hassans went to court. Miss Griffin interviewed the Hassans

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and the complaining witness in her office and ruled that no warrant should be issued. Apparently satisfied with the result, the Hassans returned to the courtroom.

Cultists Rise and March.

Hassan smiled assurance to his supporters. At a signal from one of their number the entire band rose with military precision (such military procedure is a part of their ritual) and started marching to the rear of the courtroom.

Meanwhile Judge Scheffler was hearing charges against ten colored women in another case. He instructed Bailiff George Wilson, 3528 North Whipple street, to take the women to a detention room which opens off the rear of the courtroom, and continued their cases.

The two groups—the cultists and

the ten women—became intermingled. Bailiff Wilson tried to sort out his charges. In the rear of the room were John Coyle, 65 years old, assistant superintendent of municipal court bailiffs for the police building, and Deputy Bailiff Theodore Mazola.

Woman Threatens Bailiff.

They told the Hassan group that their proper exit was near the front of the courtroom and attempted to turn them back. Several persons started pushing. The bailiffs called for order. An excited cultist woman shouted at Mazola: "Take off your glasses and I'll whip you."

In half a minute the riot had started. Coyle and Mazola were knocked down and kicked. Policemen standing in the courtroom rushed to their aid. The cultists seized chairs and began swinging them.

**Cult Fights Police in Court;
Captain Dies; Bailiff Shot;
Knives Flash Amid Screams**

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(King-Sha) An (ALLAH-Sha) got Shot IN The Court Room

Capt. Palczynski, who had been sitting next to Judge Scheffler, started toward the melee. Detective Harry Scholz grabbed his arm and urged him not to get into it. Instead, the captain pushed into the crowd in an effort to restore order.

Captain Falls to Floor.

King Sha, it was charged, shoved him and Capt. Palczynski fell to the floor. Other witnesses reported seeing several Negroes pummel the fallen man, but no marks of violence were found when he was carried into the judges chambers. A physician was summoned and pronounced him dead.

Meanwhile, Bailiff Brankin had rushed from the courtroom of Judge Leon Edelman across the hall. In company with the growing force of

policemen and bailiffs he dashed into the fight.

Several shots were heard and Brankin fell wounded. Later King Sha was found to have been shot in the right shoulder and Allah Sha in the left foot.

Hunt in Vain for Weapons.

Chief of Detectives Sullivan and other investigators were unable to determine who fired the shots which wounded Brankin and the two Shaks.

No weapon of any kind was found in a search of the 43 prisoners. Nor could police find a gun or a knife on the courtroom floor. Because several witnesses told of seeing bailiffs and policemen with drawn revolvers, Chief Sullivan said that this morning he would question all the law enforcing

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officers involved to learn if any of them fired shots.

Thirty of the 43 prisoners also will face contempt of court accusations this morning at 10 o'clock before Judge Sheffler. The judge began a contempt hearing after the riot, but adjourned it until today.

Cult Organization Described.

The "Allah Temple of Islam," which propounds the theory that all blacks are Moors and not Negroes, is a secret organization of national proportions, investigation disclosed. The original "prophet," one Noble Drew Ali, who began his career as a New Jersey expressman, appears to have left Chicago, which once was his headquarters, the police said.

The Chicago temple, which is said to be an offshoot of Drew's original group, holds meetings in its South State street headquarters on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday nights. A com-

plete system of military procedure, apparently drafted almost word for word from the army manual, governs the conduct of the members.

Members of another branch of Noble Drew Ali's cult following engaged in a pitched battle with the Chicago police on Sept. 16, 1929. Two policemen and a leader of the cult were killed.

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SEARCH CULTISTS AS THEY ENTER COURT.

Sergts. George Larson (left) and Harry Scholz "frisking" Ollie Brooks as he entered Woman's court for hearing yesterday which resulted in jail sentence for cultists.

(TRIBUNE Photo.)

Capt. Palczynski a Chicago Policeman for Fifty Years

Capt. Joseph Palczynski, who died suddenly during the riot in the Women's court in the police headquarters building yesterday, was 73 years old and would have completed fifty years' service as a Chicago policeman on July 24. He is survived by his widow, Tillie; five children, six grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p. m. Friday in the family residence at 1025 North Sacramento boulevard. Burial will be in Oak Ridge cemetery.

Born in Poland, Capt. Palczynski was brought to the United States in 1865. He came to Chicago when he was 10 years old and joined the police department in 1885.

Made a Captain in 1925.

He became a sergeant in 1893 and a lieutenant in 1895. Then the police force was placed under civil service and he was reduced to the rank of patrolman. He regained the title of lieutenant on March 14, 1908, and on Oct. 5, 1925, was made captain and as-

signed to command the Racine avenue district.

Capt. Palczynski remained at the Racine avenue station until 1927, when he was transferred to the office of the first deputy commissioner. Three years later he was returned to Racine avenue. In 1933 he was transferred to the detective bureau, where he served until his death.

One of Capt. Palczynski's sons, Edward, is a patrolman in the Albany Park district. He served with his father at Racine avenue for several years.

Solves Gold Coast Burglaries.

Chief among the numerous cases solved by Capt. Palczynski were those of Adam Prochowski, the "gold coast burglar," and the murder of Mrs. Agnes Middleton, who was killed in her apartment in April, 1916.

Prochowski, who confessed 150 burglaries of homes of wealthy Chicagoans, was arrested by Capt. Palczynski in 1916 and confessed.

The murder of Mrs. Middleton remained a mystery until Capt. Palczynski, who was assigned to the case, arrested Edgar Hettinger, 19 years old, and got a confession. Hettinger was sentenced to life in prison.

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40 Cultists Sentenced to Jail for Court Riot

Jail sentences were imposed today by Judge Edward S. Scheffler of the Women's court against twenty-three women and seventeen men, all members of a cult of Negro "Moslems," for participating in yesterday's riot in the courtroom.

The women were sentenced to thirty days in jail each, but the men, many of them husbands of those whose red fezzes today were supplanted by bandages for minor wounds received in the fracas, were not so fortunate. They were each given terms of six months for contempt of court.

Assistant State's Attorneys Martin Ward and Charles McNamara announced that they would file complaints against the cultists on charges of conspiracy to obstruct justice and conspiracy to incite a riot.

In the turbulent scene that took place in the courtroom yesterday, Police Capt. Joseph Palczynski died of a heart attack following an attack upon him, three persons were shot, and many of the participants, including officers, received lesser injuries.

Murder Charge Possible

There was still the possibility of murder or manslaughter charges being preferred in connection with the death of Capt. Palczynski, a veteran who had served on the police force for many years.

Palczynski, who died this morning, was one of the members of the cult who was in the courtroom yesterday.

lier's courtroom.

Mrs. Florence Raghman, 52 years old, 1725 Fulton street, and two other women and two men refused to leave the corridor when ordered to do so by Policemen Edward Mulcahy and Albert O'Neil. Mrs. Raghman's husband was one of the crowd seized yesterday.

"We want our freedom," the five shouted in unison. "Liberty and rights."

They were forced into an elevator and booked at the central station on charges of disorderly conduct.

Searched for Bomb.

Before she was bundled into the elevator the Raghman woman cried: "I'd like to throw a bomb in that courtroom."

She was searched, but no bombs or other weapons were found.

Police took a letter from one of the other prisoners, Alonzo Jarmon, 3977 Vernon avenue, addressed to a sister in North Carolina. It read in part:

"This is the end of the white man's civilization. His time is up. There is a nation going to take the

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white man off the planet earth and I will tell you more in my next letter."

Lenzi Najieb, a lanky Negro of 58, who is suspected of having struck Capt. Palczynski, admitted that he had struck a policeman, "an oldish man," but refused to identify a photograph of the dead police captain as the man he struck.

Sophie Hassan, another of the participants, was asked by Assistant State's Attorney Ward if the cult did not believe the white race should be destroyed.

"Well," she drawled, "you all know your time is up."

She explained that their belief is that the white race is to live but

6,000 years and that the 6,000 years have just about expired.

"Did you see any of your brothers swing chairs?" asked Mr. Ward.

"Yes, sir," she said, "and some of your brothers, too."

The participants, most of whom testified that they had been provoked to trouble by being shoved about by bailiffs, refused to take the Christian oath and took this one instead: "I will declare to my father, Allah, that I will tell the truth."

Search for Gun.

Police are searching for the gun which fired the bullet seriously wounding Bailiff Philip Brankin and injuring two of the "Moslems."

Chief of Detectives John L. Sullivan admitted that none of the cultists were found to have been carrying revolvers when the rioting subsided yesterday and the critical condition of Bailiff Brankin prevented physicians in St. Luke's hospital from removing the bullet from his left lung for ballistics tests.

Chief Sullivan said he was "satis-

fied that the shot was fired by one of the rioters."

After hearing William Palczynski, son of the dead police captain, testify that his father was in good mental and physical condition yesterday, Deputy Coroner Louis J. Nadherny this afternoon continued the inquest into his death until March 22.

PALCZYNSKI FUNERAL TO BE HELD FRIDAY

Funeral services for Capt. Joseph Palczynski, veteran of nearly a half century on the Chicago police department, who died yesterday during the riot in Women's court, will be held at 1:30 p. m. Friday, at the family home, 1025 North Sacramento boulevard. Burial will be in Oak Ridge cemetery.

Surviving him are the widow, Tillie, with whom he celebrated his golden wedding anniversary in 1933; five children, six grandchildren and a great-grandchild. One son, Edward, a patrolman in the Albany Park district, had served with his father at the Racine avenue station.

40 Cultists Sent to Jail for Fatal Court Rioting

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COLORED CULTISTS ARE HELD FOR INQUIRY AFTER COURT RIOT SCENE.
Left to right: Lennie Ali, Lennel Cushman, Georgia Jordan, Anna Belle Pasha, Hattie Majie,
Mary Gold, and Mary Ali, who are among the 43 women and men arrested and facing possible
murder charges.

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