

TEXAS BAD MAN AND HIS GUN GIRL SLAIN BY POSSE

Drive Into Ambuscade at 85 Miles an Hour.

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Gibbsland, La., May 23.—[Special.]—Clyde Barrow, public enemy No. 1 of the southwest, and his cigar smoking gun moll, Bonnie Parker, died today with their boots on and guns in their hands. A posse of Texas rangers were in at the death.

The final act in the eight year splurge of this bloody criminal was staged on the paved highway near this little town, 50 miles east of Shreveport. Barrow and Bonnie were shot in a gray automobile speeding 85 miles an hour while they were reaching for their weapons, and died in the piled up wreckage of their car. The car plunged into an embankment, and the possemen sieved it with bullets before they closed in.

Car a Traveling Arsenal.

They found Bonnie with a machine gun in her lap, her head slumped upon her knees, and Barrow behind the steering wheel, a sawed-off shotgun in his hand. In the car they found three army rifles, another sawed-off shotgun, a dozen pistols and enough ammunition for a siege. Barrow and Bonnie were prepared to shoot it out as they had done many times.

Frank Hamer, former captain of the Texas rangers, who has clung to Barrow's trail for years, arranged the ambush into which Barrow plunged at the topmost speed of an eight cylinder car. He was assisted by three rangers and Sheriff Henderson Jordon of Bienville parish and a strong posse.

Barrow's trail was picked up this morning by Hamer in Bassier parish, where the criminal has relatives living. The rangers chased him to Bienville parish, joined forces with the sheriff, got ahead of Barrow, and laid the trap.

When the gray car speeded into sight several of the posse advanced to the highway and signaled to stop. Barrow stepped on the gas and the car sprang forward.

Ambush Is Successful.

A withering fire came from both sides of the highway as the ambushed possemen went into action. The car careened on the pavement, then plunged from the road and crashed into an embankment.

A few bursts into the wreckage and the Texas rangers again had got their man—and woman.

It is reported here that the tip-off on Barrow's whereabouts came from the father of a convict who recently escaped from a Texas penitentiary. The father lives in Louisiana and hopes to win clemency for his son by putting the southwest's ace criminal on the spot.

Barrow is charged with the death of 12 men.

He first broke into the police news in 1926 when he was arrested in Dallas, Tex., for stealing an automobile. He was still a small bore crook up to 1930 when he was sentenced to the Texas penitentiary for 14 years for burglary and theft. While serving time he deliberately slashed his foot with an ax to escape heavy work, and in 1932 a soft hearted governor paroled him.

Last January he led a raid upon the Texas state prison farm and liberated a pal, Raymond Hamilton.

Since then he and Bonnie Parker spread blood over a dozen states. They lived by sticking up banks and business houses.



DIES IN AMBUSH.

Bonnie Parker, cigar smoking gun moll, killed as she fled with Barrow.

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OUTLAW IS SLAIN.

Clyde Barrow, western desperado, slain in Louisiana by officers and posse.

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