

PRISONER USES DAGGER ON POLICEMAN

J. C. Brooks Stabs Lockup-Keeper Schneider and Sergt. Wagge.

J. C. Brooks made an attempt last night to escape from a cell in the West Chicago Avenue Station, and in the struggle which followed stabbed Lockup Keeper Frank Schneider and Sergt. John Wagge.

Brooks was arrested in the afternoon for drunkenness. Sergt. Wagge searched him, but found only a small knife in his pocket. At 7:30 o'clock Brooks complained of pains in his arm, and told Lockup Keeper Schneider he believed his arm was broken. The lockup keeper whistled up to Sergt. Wagge, who with Lieut. Steele went downstairs to investigate.

The cell door was opened and Brooks came out. Lieut. Steele was examining the prisoner's left arm when Sergt. Wagge noticed Brooks had a dagger in his right hand. He reached for the weapon, and Brooks stabbed him through the hand. The Sergeant sprang back, and at the same moment Brooks lunged at Schneider. The dagger would have pierced his heart had not Schneider thrown his arm up and received the blow there, the blade passing completely through the member.

Brooks was soon overpowered. The dagger has a blade six inches long.

Wagge and Schneider were taken to a doctor's office, where their wounds were dressed. Then they were taken home. Brooks was then booked for assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder.

WORKING ON DRAINAGE CANAL PROBLEM

Government Engineers Labor 'Way Into the Night—Data Not Satisfactory.

The United States Army civil engineers appointed by the Secretary of War to investigate the big drainage canal and its effect on lake levels have not finished their work. It may be necessary to make another trip over the canal. Extensive computations on which the report of the committee will be based are being made and the engineers worked nearly half of last night. They finally decided the work could not be finished before tonight or tomorrow.

Gen. O. M. Poe says the data at hand is far from satisfactory and intimated it may be necessary to ascertain the exact volume of the discharge of the St. Clair River before a satisfactory estimate could be made concerning the probable extent of the lowering of the lake levels by the opening of the canal. Until the data are more complete, he says, all estimates will be little more than conjecture and no reliable conclusion will be reached. He commends the report of the Drainage Board on the subject and says Mr. Johnson, one of the drainage engineers, has written the most able paper he has seen on the subject.

Colored Commandery Elects Officers.

Davenport, Ia., Aug. 15.—[Special.]—The thirteenth annual convolve of the Grand Commandery (colored) Knights Templar, Iowa-Illinois jurisdiction, closed this afternoon with the election of the following officers: Grand Commander, J. S. Murray, Springfield, Ill.; Deputy Grand Commander, H. Graham, Chicago; Grand Generalissimo, C. S. Stewart, Des Moines; Grand Captain, Gen. W. Donagan, Springfield; Protate, A. Horne, Chicago; Treasurer, B. S. Harris, Chicago; Recorder, G. C. Hinton, Springfield; Inspector, R. E. Moore, Chicago. Des Moines was chosen as the next place of meeting.