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Joliet, Ill, Jan. 19.

(UP) A gun battle, fought by three robbers and a police squad in a Joliet street today, ended with one robber probably fatally wounded, and another robber and a policeman less seriously wounded.

The third robber escaped. His two wounded companions were from Gary, Ind.

The battle climaxed a running exchange of shots as the police car pursued the robbers' automobile through west side streets.

The trio had robbed the R. E. Hall clothing store at Mendota, IL, eluded Mendota police, then speeded through Aurora with Aurora police firing volleys that failed to stop them.

The wounded:

"Pee Wee" Hybarger, said to be an ex-convict, married and the father of three children, 457 Harrison avenue, Gary. Body riddled with shotgun slugs and probably will die.

James Wagenhauser, 24, also of 457 Harrison avenue, Gary, shot behind left ear.

Policeman Michael Obstinik, shot in the left arm.

The wounded robbers were taken to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Police believe the bullet which wounded Policeman Obstinik was the one which had passed through Wagenhauser's neck, through a thischance of the shooting.

The robbers took 80 suits of clothing and considerable other merchandise from the Mendota store. The loot was recovered after the shooting here.
