

Two Held for Murder as Detective Dies; Police Seek Pistol Used in Brooklyn Killing

Angered police trudged from hospital, to autopsy room, to courtroom yesterday determined to build up an air-tight case against two men arrested for the murder of Detective Joseph A. Miccio.

Charged with the murder of Detective Miccio, on Monday afternoon in the business section of Brooklyn, were Pedro Santoro, alias Joseph Palmer, 25 years old, of 1723 Lexington Avenue, and Vincent Sallami, 27, of 617 East 158th Street, the Bronx. The prisoners, who were on parole from Clinton Prison, Dannemora, N. Y., were also accused of felonious assault, robbery and violation of the Sullivan law. They were held without bail for examination next Tuesday.

A dramatic situation developed in Felony Court shortly before noon, as the prisoners were being led to the bar about two hours after Detective Miccio died.

Magistrate Abner C. Surpless delivered a brief eulogy of the 42-year-old detective, who had won decorations in World War I and had also been cited several times for bravery in the department. Then, for thirty seconds, there was silence. Then there was consider-

able throat-clearing among the policemen and detectives.

While this was going on dozens of policemen were retracing the two-mile route of Monday's running pistol battle and searching the tenement at 220 Myrtle Avenue, where Santoro was caught. Their object was a .38-caliber pistol, from which the fatal shot had been fired.

For while they had found a .45-caliber automatic pistol in the stolen car in which Sallami was seized, the autopsy showed that the fatal shot had been fired from a .38. There was another wound from a .45.

At the one-family Miccio home, at 2386 East Twenty-first Street, Sheephead Bay, the detective's four brothers and five sisters took care of the three children. Mrs. Miccio, who had been present when her husband died at Holy Family Hospital at 9:45 A. M., was confined to her bed.

Detective Miccio will receive an inspector's funeral, which will be conducted at his home on Saturday. A requiem mass will be said at St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church, Ocean and Jerome Avenues, Brooklyn, at 10 A. M.