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Rival Hurls Brick and Then Escapes

New York, April 19.—(Special)—Race prejudice and that old American spirit that we must not come to the front, but remain in the background, demonstrated itself here Saturday night when 13-year-old Henry Clarke, 249 W. 122d St., was killed shortly after winning the 100-yard dash in the finals of an athletic meet staged by the board of education at the 168th St. armory.

Detectives are combing the city in an effort to find an unknown white youth who is said to have thrown the brick that killed Clarke.

Warned Not to Win

According to police, young Clarke told his schoolmates from P. S. 157, 116th St. and Lenox Ave., shortly before running the finals, that an unknown white boy had warned him not to win the event.

"I see you're entered in the 100-yard dash," witnesses say the white youth yelled to Clarke.

"Yes, I am," answered Clarke, according to witnesses.

"Well, if you win it watch out for

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me after the meet," threatened the white boy.

Undaunted, Clarke entered the race with a determination to break down that old spirit that we must remain in the background. Down the track he sped to victory. He beat out the white lad by a wide margin and was awarded a beautiful gold medal for his splendid performance.

Clarke went to the dressing room and was soon ready for home. As he emerged from the armory he met the white boy, who was many times larger than Clarke, and carried a brick in his hand. Before Clark could dodge, witnesses say, the white boy had hit him with the missile, striking the victim behind the ear. Clarke fell and his attacker ran off.

A Brilliant Student

Witnesses summoned Policeman Thomas Gilchrist, who found a group of schoolmates trying to revive Clarke, who lay in the gutter. An ambulance was called and the youth rushed to the Presbyterian hospital, where Dr. Brown pronounced him dead.

Young Clarke had a reputation in Harlem as a dancer. His teachers said he was one of the brightest lads in his class. Several months ago he was praised highly for his part in Jack Dempsey's "The Big Fight," a Broadway play, which featured Jack Dempsey.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at which time hundreds of teachers, students and Broadway stars paid their last respects to young Clarke.