

JANER IS GUILTY; GETS 21 YEARS

The Child Abductor's Brazen Boast Sends Chill of Horror Through Court

SPECTACLE WHICH AMAZES ALL

Joseph M. Janer, of Brooklyn, Convicted of Assault Upon Catherine Loerch, 12 Years Old, and Sentenced to Maryland Penitentiary.

Baltimore, March 17.—Joseph M. Janer, the rich Brooklyn man who last month abducted Catherine Loerch, a schoolgirl, eleven years old, by pretending to take her on an automobile ride near her home, was convicted and sentenced to twenty-one years imprisonment.

He had elected a trial by two judges instead of by jury, as this State's laws permit. Judges Burke and Duncan tried him, with his little victim sitting on the bench between them. After testimony that brought a storm of indignation against the man and then caused tears of pity in everyone's eyes for the little girl, it took them only ten minutes to find him guilty of an offense for which he might have been punished by death.

Immediately Joseph M. Janer was taken to Maryland Penitentiary, which is situated in this city, and for twenty-one years he will be kept there. In the event of his living through that period of confinement, he will be taken to Brooklyn and will be there tried for abducting the little Brooklyn girl.

Janer was tried on an even more serious charge in the stately old Court House at Towson, the seat of Baltimore County. He missed, by the breadth of a hair, being sent to the gallows, for it is generally understood that his lawyers agreed with the two judges that if his life was spared there would be no further fighting of the case in his behalf and that the motion for a new trial would be withdrawn.

It was a strangely dramatic scene in the old courthouse. Janer had conducted himself by his own testimony, convincing even his own lawyers that he was guilty of the crime charged against him. During his cross-examination he made himself the centre of attraction by a long harangue, in which he gave most of his time to a description of his enormous power in consuming alcohol. He boasted that he could drink more whiskey than any other human being, and declared in a high pitched voice:

"You can send the best and most famous of the physicians from Johns Hopkins University, and I will defy them to find any equal to me in drinking whiskey. For more than two and a half years I have drunk a gallon of whiskey a day, and it takes at least three-quarters of a gallon of whiskey to sober me up after I have been drunk."

Facing death, or at least the rest of his life in prison, the boast of the man sent a chill of horror and amazement over the spectators. Janer's wife, a patient woman, with her patience showing in her face, and her distress showing in her eyes, looked on as if she wished that the floor of the courtroom might open and engulf her. The little child victim of the confessed drunkard stared wonderingly out her.

PARIS GREEN IN MAPLE SYRUP

Timely Discovery of an Ohio Farmer Probably Saves Many Lives.

Wooster, Ohio, March 15.—A plot which might easily have cost the lives of scores of maple syrup and maple sugar eaters was foiled when George Gerstenslaher, a Congress township farmer, found paris green in a hundred paper buckets in his maple grove.

Gerstenslaher was early in his maple grove, and noted a greenish tint in several buckets. In a few he found a green powder, still undissolved, floating on the liquid which he intended boiling down into syrup. He intended to be made into maple sugar. Gerstenslaher manufactures maple products on an extensive scale. Investigation proved the greenish powder to be the deadly poison. Gerstenslaher followed a trail of boot prints in the soft earth of his grove and declared that he will swear out a warrant for a neighbor whom he accuses of plotting his ruin even at the cost of others' lives by "doping" his.

10,000 MEN TO HAVE MORE PAY

Wages of Puddlers and Others Advanced by Ohio Mill Owners.

Youngstown, Ohio, March 15.—The wages of puddlers were advanced 1-2 cents a ton by the terms of the monthly settlement between the mill operators and Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers in Pittsburg. The puddling rate now \$5.37 1-2. Finishers are to receive a 1 per cent. advance.

Grip Carrying Off Indians.

Winnipeg, March 17.—Seventy-two Indians are dying of grip at Fort Snovyan and more than 150 are now with the disease at the four posts in the Mackenzie River region of the Hudson Bay Company.

THREE TRAGEDIES DUE TO LOVE

Woman and Two Brothers Commit Suicide in Illinois—A Third Brother Is Frantic With Grief.

Granite City, Ill., March 17.—Miss Betty Sommers, loved by two brothers, committed suicide on March 3. John Nichols, the elder and favored suitor, whom she was to marry, ended his life two days later. Robert Nichols, who had nourished his passion in secret, that by his abnegation the brother and sweetheart might be happy, died by his own hand yesterday at his home in Madison. A third brother, George Nichols, is frantic with grief.

BURIED HER BABY ALIVE

Mill Girl Confesses Her Crime, West Chester, Pa., Police Say.

West Chester, Pa., March 16.—Caroline Brefort buried alive her newborn babe, Wednesday morning, the police say. Physicians who made an autopsy on the tiny body, which was exhumed in the yard of Miss Brefort's home, confirm the statement that the infant was alive when it was buried. The mother, twenty years of age, is a millhand at Phoenixville; there she is in the hospital, seriously ill from exposure, and under arrest. She feared she would die Friday, sent for a priest and confessed to him; but, of course, that did not lead to the accusation against her.

After questioning Miss Brefort today, the Chief of Police went to the home of Slobian Novak, a mill hand, and arrested him when he was at dinner with his wife and children.

MEDICAL ADVICE BY WIRELESS

Physician on Shore Prescribes for Injured Man on Steamer.

Eureka, Cal., March 15.—While the oil steamer Assunon was off this port the Humboldt wireless station received from her a message saying that one of the sailors had fallen from the rigging to the deck, sustaining injuries resulting in severe internal hemorrhages. Medical advice for the injured man was asked.

The wireless station at once communicated with the marine physician, Dr. Charles Falk, who prescribed treatment. The steamer remained hoisted until the directions of the physician had been received by wireless, when she proceeded on her way while the remedies, presumably, were applied.

DROPS DEAD IN CHURCH

Woman's End Came As Pastor Spoke of Life's Uncertainty.

Youngstown, Ohio, March 16.—"No one of you can tell at what hour death will come," said the pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Poland, near here, in opening his sermon. Hardly had he spoken the words when Mrs. Matilda Williams fell from her seat dead.

Death is said to have been caused by heart trouble. The morning service was brought to a close by a prayer by the pastor before Mrs. Williams's body was removed, and then the church was closed for the day.

LABOR LEADER GOES TO JAIL

Organizer McGee of the Moulders Sentenced After Two Appeals.

New Haven, Conn., March 15.—In the Common Pleas Court Frank J. McGee of Worcester, Mass., organizer for the National Moulders Union, was sentenced to one year in the New Haven jail and was taken there within an hour to begin his term.

McGee was convicted of intimidating workmen during a strike at the McLagan company foundry in September, 1907, and was then sentenced to a year in jail.

QUADRUPLETS BORN IN CUBA

President Gomez Congratulates Mother and Assists Family.

Havana, March 15.—The wife of a poor cigar maker of Havana, the mother of fourteen children, gave birth to quadruplets, two boys and two girls.

President Gomez sent his congratulations to the mother, as a woman deserving well of the republic, with substantial assistance.

SUFFRAGE DEFEAT IN IOWA

Equal and Limited Bills Are Voted Down in Senate.

Des Moines, March 15.—Equal suffrage met a decided defeat in the Senate by a vote of 37 to 11. The limited suffrage bill for women was also defeated by a vote of 36 to 12. This disposes of the movement for woman suffrage at this session.

Speaker of Texas House Quits. Austin, Tex., March 17.—In compliance with a resolution passed by a minority of its members, Speaker Kennedy of the Texas House of Representatives resigned. His resignation was accepted by a viva voce vote. John J. Marshall was then unanimously elected Speaker in his place.

Guatemala to Teach English. Mexico City, March 10.—Hereafter the English language will be taught in all the public schools of Guatemala.

PETROSINO SHOT DEAD IN ITALY

Best Known of New York's Italian Detectives Murdered

SENTENCED BY THE BLACK HAND

He Had Visited Nests of the Mafia and Marked Ringleaders—Was to Have Reported Plan to Keep Lawbreakers Out of This Country.

Rome, March 17.—Lieut. Joseph Petrosino of the New York police force was shot and killed at 9 o'clock p. m. in Palermo on the Piazza Marina. The Piazza is almost unlighted at night.

A sailor saw a man leaning against an iron railing with blood streaming from his mouth. He fell dead within a few minutes without speaking. The sailor saw two men sheltered in a neighboring house. These two men fled at the approach of the police.

Palermo, March 16.—Inquiries made here show that Detective Petrosino had been staying at the Hotel de France, in the Piazza Marina, since Feb. 28, where he was registered under the name of De Simone. A day or two after his arrival here he visited the Prefect of Police, who offered him a police guard, saying that he carried his life in his hands by thus visiting Italy.

Petrosino refused the offer, believing that a guard would hamper his movements. Similar warnings came to him from the American Consul, but they also proved unavailing.

"After escaping so many schemes of vengeance in New York," said Petrosino in declining the well-meant advice. "I should be able to defend myself in Palermo."

It is the custom of visitors to leave the Hotel de France every morning about 8 o'clock, returning at 9 in the evening after dining at the Cafe Crete in the Piazza Marina. When Petrosino left the Cafe Crete it was noticed that he was in company with two men who were engaged in an animated conversation. As they proceeded in the direction of the less frequented side of the gardens two shots were heard and Petrosino, shot in the back of the head, had just sufficient strength to draw his own revolver and, without aiming, fire a shot at the disappearing forms of his treacherous companions before he fell to the pavement dead.

The report of the shots brought crowds to the spot. Some police carliners elbowed their way through the throng and took charge of the body. The identity of the dead man was soon established, while papers in his pockets indicated the hazardous nature of the mission on which he had come to Sicily.

Not only was he endeavoring to track down certain individuals, but he was also charged with a compilation of the records of notorious Italian criminals to be used for reference by the New York police and by the United States immigration officials.

It was pathetic to find in one of the inside pockets of his coat picture postcards addressed to his wife in New York.

The body will be sent to New York as soon as the necessary formalities have been complied with.

The police believe the murderers were especially allotted to kill such a formidable enemy of the Mafia, and that Petrosino had been shadowed incessantly since the moment he sailed out of New York Harbor last January.

Petrosino had managed to collect while here much evidence of the criminality of a large number of Italians who have taken refuge in the United States, which would have given the American Government the power to deport them. In a number of cases he had traced murder to them.

Petrosino's Secret Mission.

New York, N. Y., March 15.—Petrosino was born on Oct. 23, 1860, in Italy, but came to this country when a small boy and received his education in the public schools here. On Oct. 23, 1883, he was appointed a patrolman and was assigned to the Tenderloin station. In July, 1895, he was made a detective and transferred to Headquarters, and four years later he was made a detective-sergeant. Then an act of the Legislature promoted him to the grade of lieutenant. He married two years ago and three months ago a baby girl was born.

After a vain attempt to persuade the Board of Aldermen to provide funds for a secret service similar to the effect underground organizations that are effectively employed in Europe, Commissioner Bingham prevailed upon private citizens early in the winter to contribute an ample fund for the purpose.

P. J. Kieran Indicted. Pittsburg, March 15.—Allegheny County grand jury returned true bills against P. J. Kieran, former head of the Fidelity Funding Company of New York, charging him with embezzlement and larceny by bailee.

New Ship Trust on Great Lakes. Detroit, March 15.—The Free Press announced the formation of a new vessel corporation which will buy 50 of the largest lumber carrying vessels on the Great Lakes.

COURT THROWS OUT CASE AGAINST STANDARD OIL

Judge Anderson in \$29,000,000 Rebate Suit Declares Government Has Not Proved Charges.

Chicago, Ill., March 17.—Judge A. B. Anderson wiped out the so-called \$29,000,000 Standard Oil case by instructing the jury to return a verdict of not guilty. Ten minutes later the verdict had been signed and made of record. Billed down to its simplest terms, the action of the Court was predicated on the opinion that the government was not making its evidence fit its allegations; in other words, that it had utterly failed to "make out a case."

Counsel for the government was plainly disheartened by the abrupt disposal of the case. The attorneys for the defence were delighted. The prosecution felt that the decision of Judge Anderson had upset plans for other prosecutions of a like nature and that it had struck a tender, if not a vital, spot in the Elkins law. Counsel for the oil company were pleased because, they said, "the decision cleared the defendant morally as well as technically." Supplementing this comment, John S. Miller, chief counsel for the defence volunteered this assurance:

"Now that this case is disposed of, I can say that the Standard Oil Company has not accepted rebates since the Elkins law went into effect."

It is said the decision will mean the saddling of many thousands of dollars additional expense annually on the railroads of the country in the compiling of more comprehensive schedules of tariffs.

Judge Anderson said he had no choice of any other ruling in the case under the circumstances. He had adhered to the decision of the Court of Appeals, he said. "Under the plain ruling of the higher court," said Judge Anderson, "a verdict of guilty on the evidence adduced would not be allowed to stand and it ought not to be returned. We have the charge, but the evidence does not prove the allegations. If you should have returned a verdict of guilty it would have been my duty to set it aside, and I would have done so instantly."

PRIEST SLAIN IN CHURCH FEUD

Housekeeper, Wounded Twice, Will Recover.

Newark, N. J., March 15.—As the result of a long and bitter contest over the money affairs of St. Stanislaus Polish Catholic Church of Newark, the most powerful organization of the Poles in New Jersey, the Rev. Father Erasmus Anson, priest of the parish, met death yesterday by a bullet fired by one of three assassins. All three shot at the priest, and he was twice wounded before the fatal shot ended his life.

In their flight, the assassins shot and seriously wounded the housekeeper of the parish house, where the murder took place. This woman, Antonina Sazycka, sought to prevent their escape and was herself twice shot.

The motive for the murder evidently was the determination to rid the parish of the priest on the part of a faction that resented the taking from their representatives the financial affairs of the congregation.

Two men, both ring leaders in the factional fight of the church, are held under suspicion. Eight others, one a New York student, were caught in the dragnet that was at once thrown out in the Polish settlement. Against them there is nothing of record, except their identification with the faction that opposed the dead priest.

Cholera Kills Civil Engineer. Washington, March 15.—The first death from cholera of an American in the Philippines for months was reported to the Bureau of Insular Affairs today, the victim being Joseph L. Larmour, a civil engineer, whose home was in Baltimore. Mr. Larmour, who died yesterday, was engaged in the construction of highways at Tuguegarao, Luzon. He had been in the Philippines only a short time.

Ex-State Treasurer \$70,000 Short.

Salt Lake, Utah, March 15.—James Christensen, former State Treasurer, who retired from office Jan. 1, is under arrest charged with being a defaulter to the amount of \$70,000. Christensen, it is said, had acknowledged that the money was used in speculations in Nevada mining ventures.

To Investigate Picture Trust.

Chicago, March 10.—At a meeting of the independent moving picture theatre owners to-night, it was announced that the moving picture industry and the film trust will be investigated by the Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

No Local Option for Pennsylvania.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 11.—The House of Representatives of the Pennsylvania Legislature defeated local option by a vote of 136 to 66. Local option was the chief issue in the campaign last fall when the Legislature was elected.

Lieutenant Dropped as a Deserter.

Washington, March 10.—First Lieut. Edward L. Rains, Twentieth Infantry, has been dropped from the roll of the Army for desertion.

North Carolina to 'Use the Chair.'

Raleigh, N. C., March 12.—The Legislature enacted a law requiring all persons convicted of capital offenses to be privately electrocuted in the State Penitentiary here.

BIG CAVE FOUND IN ADIRONDACKS

Explored for a Thousand Feet, Its Yawning Chasms Indicate Miles of Passages

IT RIVALS THE MAMMOTH CAVE

Captain E. R. Thomas, Old Time Woodsman, by Dropping Stones Sounds Pits of Enormous Depths—Mouth of the Cave 50 Feet Wide.

Saranac Lake, N. Y., March 17.—Seemingly as deep as the famous Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, and containing a succession of wonderful avenues, chambers and abysses, an enormous cavern has been discovered in one of the wildest portions of the Adirondacks by Captain E. R. Thomas, a woodsman of wide experience. Already it has been explored in several directions for a distance of approximately one thousand feet, and Captain Thomas is of the opinion that it would require miles of travel to investigate all of its subterranean passages.

An indication of the depth of some of the yawning chasms encountered the captain says that twenty seconds elapsed before stones dropped into the pits were heard to strike.

Apparently of volcanic origin, the cavern is situated in township No. 3, about two and one-half miles from Twin Pond station and three miles from Standish. The peak, which is about one thousand feet high, is down on the map as "W" mountain. The mouth of the cave is about fifty feet wide, and besides the main entrance there are four smaller ones.

With a ball of twine tied to a sapling to guide them back to the mouth, Captain Thomas and a companion went in about a thousand feet. The first room encountered was about fifty feet long, thirty feet wide and twenty feet high. The walls were covered with bats, which hovered in great clusters of fifty to two hundred. These bats seemed to have been made lethargic by the fumes of sulphur that surcharged the chill, damp air of the cavern.

A second room, forty feet long, twenty-five feet high and fifteen feet wide, was found, with outlets to still other rooms, all leading downward. The impression of the explorers was of a great chimney with innumerable tributaries as one proceeded into it. Captain Thomas had no means at hand of measuring the depth of the various pits encountered, but from the length of time it took missiles to strike bottom he thinks some of these pits must be as deep as the Mammoth Cave.

WAR IN LONDON DRY GOODS

Selfridge, Formerly of Chicago, Stirs Up the Retail Trade.

London, March 17.—The greatest commercial duel London has ever known has begun. Mr. Selfridge, formerly of Chicago, has opened what is probably the finest general store in the world and started with American methods to compete with well known English establishments.

His challenge has been accepted, and Harrods, his largest English competitor, has started rival attractions, among other things making use of the best known operatic artists and other talent to draw women to their house. Both places were crammed despite the bad weather, and London women are having the time of their lives.

Another noticeable effect of the struggle is the transformation of the newspapers. Local tradesmen never advertised in the American fashion, but now the papers are bulky with huge "ads" from many houses.

ETHEL BARRYMORE MARRIED

Actress Became the Bride of Russell Colt in Boston.

Boston, March 17.—Ethel Barrymore and Russell Griswold Colt, son of Samuel P. Colt, president of the United States Rubber Company, were married at 10 o'clock a. m. by the Rev. Father James J. Chittick, rector of the Church of the Most Precious Blood, in Hyde Park, twelve miles from Boston. The only witnesses were Roswell Colt, a brother of the bridegroom, and Jack Barrymore, brother of Miss Barrymore, who gave the bride away.

STANDARD OIL FINE \$20,000

Judge Hazel Denies Motion for New Trial in Rebating Case.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 17.—Judge Hazel, in the United States Court, denied the motion of the Standard Oil Company for a new trial and imposed a fine of \$20,000. The case hinged on the Standard Oil Company's accepting concessions from railroads in the shipments of oil from Olean, N. Y., to Rutland and other points in Vermont.

To Pray Three Days for Rain.

Saltillo, Mex., March 17.—The drought had been so severe in this region and the resultant suffering so great that Bishop Jose Maria Echeverria yesterday ordered prayers in all churches for three days for rain.

ELECT CANNON AGAIN; HOUSE RULES CHANGED

Power of Speaker and Rules Committee Curtailed—Organization's Status Little Modified.

Washington, March 17.—The House of Representatives chose Representative Joseph G. Cannon as its Speaker for the fourth consecutive time, thus conferring on him an honor given to only one other man in the history of that body, Andrew Stevenson, of Virginia, having served four terms as Speaker.

The fight on the rules, which has been waged with desperation during the last two months, terminated in a partial victory for the "insurgents." They succeeded in defeating a resolution to adopt the existing rules of the House, and forced the adoption of certain modifications which curtail the power of the Speaker and the Committee on Rules, and insure the consideration of bills favorably reported by committees.

While the "insurgents" were the victors in the contest, viewed as a whole the spoils of their victory are not great, and the regulars have many reasons for gratification at the result. They defeated a resolution taking away from the Speaker the power of appointing committees, which, had it passed, would have meant the gradual, but none the less certain, disintegration of the House organization.

Mr. Fitzgerald, Democrat, of New York, offered a resolution amending the rules so as to permit consideration of bills by unanimous consent without first getting the Speaker's "O. K." and insuring "calendar Wednesday" unless a two-thirds vote be cast against it and giving the minority increased opportunity to recommit bills. This was violently attacked by a majority of the Democrats, but was adopted by a vote of 211 yeas to 172 nays.

In addition to Fitzgerald, twenty-two Democratic bolters and one insurgent made this victory possible.

SUICIDE AFTER THREE MURDERS

Mail Carrier Forges Wife's Name to Mortgages on Their Home.

Flora, Ill., March 17.—Robert Strawser, 45 years old, a mail carrier on rural route No. 2, gave strychnine to his three children, 8, 5 and 2 years old, and swallowed the remaining poison himself. All are dead. Strawser had busied himself all afternoon writing letters, and sent his wife to milk the cows. When she returned the baby was in convulsions, and thinking she had swallowed a pin, the mother rushed to a neighbor for help. As she and the neighbor returned on the house Strawser, who had just swallowed a large quantity of the drug, fell dead, smashing out a window as he fell. The three children lived only a short time, the last one dying at 9 o'clock p. m.

Three letters were found, one addressed to Strawser's wife, one to the Coroner and another to G. W. Anderson, a neighbor, in which he gave as the reason for his act that he was tired of being persecuted by his creditors and did not wish his children to be left without a home.

Everything Strawser had was mortgaged, including his household goods, his wife's name being forged to the mortgages.

MORE STEEL WAGE CUTS

The Pennsylvania Company Announces a 10 Per Cent. Reduction.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 17.—The Pennsylvania Steel Company, one of the largest of the independent steel companies in the country, has announced a reduction in wages approximating 10 per cent., effective April 1.

Baltimore, March 17.—A general reduction in wages of 400 men at Sparrow's Point, amounting to 10 per cent., and affecting all divisions of the works of the Maryland Steel Company, will be put into effect on April 1, according to a high official of the company.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wholesale Prices of Farm Products Quoted for the Week.

WHEAT—No. 2, Red, \$1.22@1.23 1/2; No. 1, Northern Duluth, \$1.23 1/2. CORN—No. 1, 75@76 1/2 c. OATS—Mixed, 57 1/2@58 1/2 c. MILK—Per quart, 3 1/2 c. BUTTER—Western extra, 28 1/2@30c; State dairy, 19@24c. CHEESE—State full cream, 15 1/2@16 1/2 c. EGGS—State. Fair to choice, 22@22 1/2 c; do, western firsts, 19 1/2@20c. APPLES—Baldwin, per bbl., \$3.50@5.50; Russet, per bbl., \$2.50@4.00; Greenings, per bbl., \$3.50@6.00. SHEEP—Per 100 lbs., \$4.50@5.00. BEVES—City Dressed, 8@10c. CALVES—City Dressed, 9@15c. HOGS—Live, per 100 lbs., \$7.10. HAY—Prime, per 100 lbs., 85c. STRAW—Long Rye, per 100 lbs., \$1.05@1.10. LIVE POULTRY—Chickens, per lb., 13c.; Fowls, per lb., 20c.; Turkeys, per lb., 18c. DRESSED POULTRY—Turkeys, per lb., 16@23c.; Fowls, per lb., 12@16c.; Broilers, Phila., per lb., 18@24c. VEGETABLES—Potatoes, Jersey, per bbl., \$1.90@2.10. ONIONS—Conn., white, per bbl., \$3.00@5.00; State, red, per bag, \$1.25@1.75.