

Petrosino Case

The Strange Murder in Palermo, Sicily, Which Has Become an International Incident—A Martyr to Duty.

and the Black Hand

The Career of Petrosino and His Brave Work in Crushing Out Criminal Societies. His Detective Skill.

THE murder of Joseph Petrosino, the noted New York detective, at Palermo, Italy, by members of an oath bound criminal band has risen to the proportions of an international incident. Lieutenant Petrosino was at the head of the branch of the New York police depart-

either by the men who followed him or by assassins who had been delegated for the purpose in Palermo. They have learned that members of the so called Black Hand in this country kept in close touch with the movements of Petrosino and his men of the secret service in spite of the efforts of the police to keep their movements secret.



THE LATE JOSEPH PETROSINO.

ment organized to crush out the Black Hand order and other Italian societies which have resorted to crime and bloodshed in the furtherance of their vicious schemes. He had done more than any other one man in the country to stamp out these pernicious orders and had in consequence earned their bitter hatred. He died a martyr to his faithfulness in the performance of a very dangerous duty, for his life was in constant jeopardy. Threats against him were matters of almost daily occurrence, attempts to assassinate him had been made often before the one which succeeded, and he had grown to regard such incidents as a mere part of his ordinary routine. With splendid courage he stuck to his task, never shrinking from the execution of a plan because it involved unusual danger to himself. Now that he is dead the authorities in New York and Washington have determined to carry forward the work in which he was engaged with more energy than ever and avenge his death by bringing to an end, if possible, the outrages which have so excited the public and which have aroused so much indignation. In this work the Italian government is co-operating, and the Italian ambassador to the United States, Baron Mayor des Planches, is giving his earnest attention to the fulfillment of the policy. It is hoped to remove the stain placed upon the name of Italy by the unworthy sons whose acts have brought so much sorrow and suffering to many homes and communities.

The American ambassador at Rome, Lloyd S. Griscom, is also giving his earnest attention in bringing the murderers of Petrosino to justice.

Lieutenant Petrosino was born in Italy in 1860, but was a naturalized American. He was, therefore, entitled to the protection of the American government, and his case is one which would naturally and rightly receive attention from the federal authorities even were they not already much interested in the work which he had undertaken to discharge when violent death overtook him, for he had gone to Italy in furtherance of the execution of a plan to keep members of criminal Italian societies from coming to America. That had been deter-

mined upon by the New York police department as the best method of permanent suppression of the outrages traced to such societies. He had been at work in various parts of Italy for several weeks in constant consultation with officials of various Italian cities. It is now believed by the New York police officials that Petrosino was followed from this country when he started for Italy and was shot down

by either by the men who followed him or by assassins who had been delegated for the purpose in Palermo. They have learned that members of the so called Black Hand in this country kept in close touch with the movements of Petrosino and his men of the secret service in spite of the efforts of the police to keep their movements secret. That Petrosino was marked for an assassin's bullet long before he left this country is generally believed by his former associates in the police department. He, more than any other man, was responsible for the deportation of about sixty Italian criminals during the last year.

Petrosino was educated chiefly in the schools of New York city. He was discovered by former Inspector Byrnes and put in line for advancement in the detective service. He was a man of versatile tastes and attainments, and his accomplishments as a detective entitled him in the opinion of many to rank with Sherlock Holmes, Detective Gryce and the Vidocqs and Lecogs and other heroes of the detective variety of romance. He was very fond of Italian opera and was himself a skillful performer on the violin. His widow, a woman of much culture, was Miss Adeline Saulina and is a daughter of a leading member of the Italian colony in New York, Vincenzo Saulina.

Six months before the assassination of President McKinley, in 1901, Petrosino sent word to Washington that there was a plot afoot to kill the president. The detective had obtained this information while he was in Paterson, N. J., investigating the anarchist colony there at the time it was discovered that the plot which resulted in the assassination of King Humbert had been developed in that city.

A case comparatively recent which well illustrates how skillfully Petrosino could pick up a criminal trail and



BARON MAJOR DES PLANCHES.

how tirelessly he could follow it was that of a homicide committed in Van Cortlandt park, New York. On the morning of Aug. 18, 1905, the body of a man was found there. It had thirty-six stab wounds. There was no clew to the identity of the victim. The surgeons held it was an Italian who had been a man of culture. Petrosino told them the murdered man had been a laborer and that he had probably been a native of southern Italy. It looked like a particularly difficult case to unravel, but Petrosino discovered in examining that part of the park near where the body had been found a small scrap of soiled paper lying in a clump of bushes. It had been trampled repeatedly by those who had gone over the ground ahead of him, and it was so begrimed that the little writing on it was deciphered with difficulty.

The detective finally made out the name "Sabbato Gizzio" and the address "Box 239, Lambertville, N. J." Though there was nothing to indicate any connection between the crime and the scrap of paper save that the name was that of an Italian, Petrosino went straight to Lambertville. There he learned that Gizzio was working on the Pennsylvania railroad at Stockton, several miles away.

When he had found his man Gizzio admitted that he had written the name on the paper. He said he had given it to his friend Antonio Trostelo, who had gone to New York on the last pay day with \$400 or \$500. Gizzio, who was brought back to New York by the detective, identified the body of the dead man as that of Trostelo and told the police he had heard that Trostelo had left Lambertville with Antonio Strollo, another of the gang of railroad laborers. He also remembered that when Strollo returned he had a wounded hand.

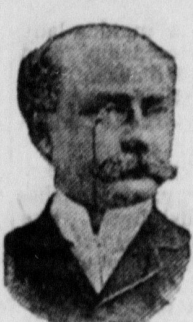
Hurrying back to Lambertville, Petrosino while at the railroad station saw a man approaching on a bicycle who was an Italian and who carried one hand bandaged. Petrosino questioned the bicycle rider and was soon convinced he was the very man he was after. He brought Strollo back to New York and confronted him with the body in the morgue. The murderer broke down and confessed the crime.

Famous Folk

The "Father of the House," Who Swore In Speaker Joseph G. Cannon—The Man Who Won Ethel Barrymore.

In the Limelight

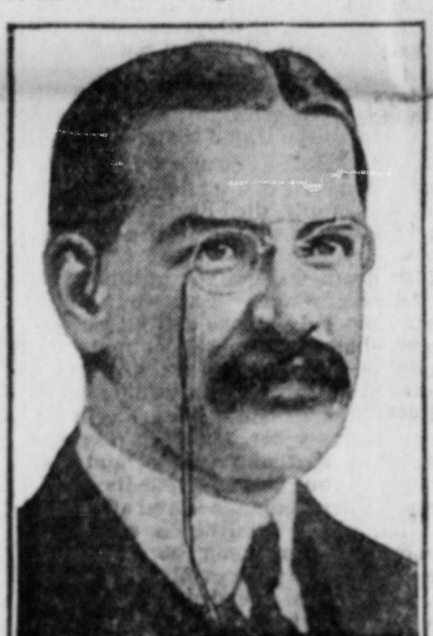
The Strange Case of John Armstrong Chaloner and the Latest Incident in His Tragic Life—The Taft Filipino Bed.



H. H. BINGHAM.

THE congressman from the First district of Pennsylvania, Henry Harrison Bingham, who figured in the proceedings connected with the recent exciting speakership contest in Washington, is called the "father of the house," owing to his service in that body dating back to an earlier period than that of any other member. It was in accordance with immemorial custom that it fell to him in this capacity to administer the oath to Mr. Cannon when the latter was chosen again to preside over the deliberations of the lower branch of congress. Mr. Bingham is not so very aged a legislator, having been born in Philadelphia in December, 1841, and having therefore not yet celebrated his sixty-eighth birthday, but his political career began early, and he was first chosen to congress nearly thirty years ago and has served continuously since. Representative Bingham is a graduate of Jefferson college, is a lawyer and is a veteran of the Union army, in which he served with much distinction, rising to brigadier general's rank and receiving a medal of honor from congress for distinguished gallantry on the field of battle.

Congressman John Joseph Fitzgerald of New York, whose refusal to follow the lead of Minority Leader Clark in the movement of the insurgent Republicans and Democrats to amend the rules of the house of representatives has excited so much discussion, is a resident of Brooklyn borough and an ally in politics of the Brooklyn Democratic leader, Patrick H. McCarren. The amendment to the rules which he offered and which was adopted after a bitter contest has been the subject of considerable controversy among his party associates. Mr. Fitzgerald was born in Brooklyn in 1872 and educated in the schools of the present borough and at Manhattan college. He studied law



CONGRESSMAN JOHN J. FITZGERALD.

at the New York Law school and was admitted to the bar at the age of twenty-one, during the same year receiving from the regents of the state of New York the degree of bachelor of laws cum laude. He was a delegate to the national Democratic convention in Kansas City in 1900 and is now serving his fifth term in congress.

Russell Griswold Colt, the lucky man who won the hand of the fair Ethel Barrymore, is a son of Colonel Samuel Pomeroy Colt of Bristol, R. I., president of the United States Rubber company and of the Industrial company of Providence, R. I. The elder Colt is reputed to be several times a millionaire. Though she married into a very wealthy family, Miss Barrymore will not retire from the stage at present. She will continue appearing in "Lady Frederick," in which she has made another decided hit. It is about thirteen years since Miss Barrymore first made her appearance on the stage in the company of her uncle, John Drew. She has in the interval acquired a host of admirers. Her husband is twenty-six years old and popular in the club circles of New York and New England. He met John Barrymore, Ethel's brother, while a student at Yale several years ago. The two men met afterward in London, and Jack Barrymore introduced young Colt to Ethel, who was at that time playing abroad. He was afterward constant in his attentions to Miss Barrymore. Mr. Colt was in the employ of the United States Rubber company for a time.

Miss Barrymore is a daughter of the late Maurice Barrymore and Georgiana Drew Barrymore, both very popular on the stage in their day, and the present Mrs. Colt is herself one of the most popular members of the dramatic profession.

It was a desperate battle which John Armstrong Chaloner, member of the famous Astor family, fought with a powerful Englishman, a pensioner on his bounty, resulting in the death of the latter. The tragedy is one more



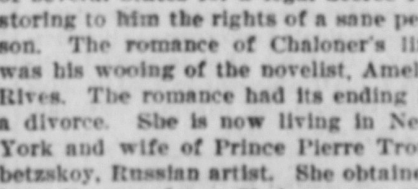
PHOTOS COURTESY WILSON FARRETT. JOHN O. CHALONER AND HIS VIRGINIA HOME, MERRITT MILLS.

strange event in the life of a man whose career has been filled with extraordinary happenings. He changed his name from Chanler to Chaloner because of enmity to his relatives, who had incarcerated him in retreats for the insane. He is a great-grandson of the original John Jacob Astor, a brother of Colonel William Astor Chanler of African exploration fame and of Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler, former lieutenant governor of the state of New York.

The encounter in which Gillard was killed occurred at the Chaloner home, Merritt Mills, near Charlottesville, Va. Gillard's home was about two miles distant, and he had been a recipient of Mr. Chaloner's charity. It was notorious in the community that he habitually maltreated his wife, and she had fled to the Chaloner home for protection after a particularly violent outbreak on the part of the husband. Gillard followed his wife to Merritt Mills, and Chaloner entered his dining room to find him beating Mrs. Gillard with a pair of tongs. The woman's assailant was raining savage blows on her head and would have had her life within a moment or two. Chaloner interfered with the result that in a struggle over the possession of a revolver a shot was discharged, the bullet piercing Gillard's heart. A coroner's jury of substantial farmers wholly absolved Chaloner from all blame in the tragedy. The people of the section are unanimous in praising Chaloner for his courage in unhesitatingly entering an unequal combat to protect a woman, mother of seven children and poor to destitution. The big family of children witnessed the death of their father.

Mr. Chaloner's strange career is blended with romance, love, madness, intense hatred of kinsmen and a probably unparalleled battle in the courts of several states for a legal decree restoring to him the rights of a sane person. The romance of Chaloner's life was his wooing of the novelist, Amelle Rives. The romance had its ending in a divorce. She is now living in New York and wife of Prince Pierre Troubetzkoy, Russian artist. She obtained her divorce from Chaloner on the ground of incompatibility of temper.

The ornate carved bedstead given President Taft by Filipino admirers and recently installed in the White House for his use is a splendid specimen of artistic handiwork. The carving represents an infinite amount of patient toil by skillful hands and is valued by the distinguished owner for the affection which the gift signifies.



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April 10th—Haines, Miles, Penn. Greig and Potter Townships.
April 11th—Harris, Ferguson, College, Half Moon and Patton Townships.
April 12th—Walker, Marion, Liberty, Howard and Carlin Townships.
April 13th—Hoggs, Snow Shoe, Burnside, Union and Huston Townships.
April 14th—Taylor, Worth and Rush Townships.

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