

COURT SHOWED HIM NO MERCY

COUNTERFEITER SENT UP FOR THREE YEARS.

Cisto Incognolio Failed to Impress Judge Archbald with His Protestations of Sorrow—He Ranks as One of the Cleverest Counterfeiters in the Country—Michael Urban Convicted of Making Nickels, and James Brock Found Guilty of Making Moulds in Jail.

Cisto Incognolio, an Italian counterfeiter whom the secret service officers say is one of the most skillful and dangerous in the country, pleaded guilty to making and passing counterfeit silver dollars in the United States district court yesterday afternoon and was sentenced to three years' imprisonment in the penitentiary after he had made a melodramatic plea for mercy.

Incognolio was represented by Attorney George Llewellyn, of Wilkes-Barre, who offered a plea of guilty on his behalf. United States Attorney McCarrell then called Secret Service Agent William P. Flynn to relate the circumstances attendant upon Incognolio's arrest. Flynn testified to having arrested the prisoner at Port Griffith on Aug. 27 last. On his person were found three counterfeit silver dollars and the house was twenty-five pounds of various metals such as black tin and antimony, an unused crucible, and various chemicals used in counterfeiting.

Incognolio confessed to him, he said, that about a month before he had made fifty dollars, of which the three found on his person were all that remained.

A Dangerous Man.

"This man," said he, "is capable of making the best counterfeit dollars I have ever seen and is a dangerous man to be left at liberty. He is one of the cleverest counterfeiters we have ever called upon to deal with. I arrested him in New York city three years ago for the same offense and he was then sentenced to spend three years at Sing Sing, a sentence which he has since served."

Incognolio's wife and two small children had in the meantime been brought inside the railing and when he was asked if he had anything to say he arose and pointed melodramatically at them. "I promise you before God, Judge," said he with a passionate flourish, "that if you let me go for the sake of my poor sick wife and children, I will never do a wrong thing again. I pray that I may be struck dead if I do. I spent three long years in prison and I no want to go back."

Then he launched forth in a wild harangue, explaining that the money found in his pocket had been dropped there by a malicious enemy of his just before the secret service officers arrived. He admitted that he told Flynn what the latter had testified he did, but said he was excited when he did so and didn't know what he was saying. He had made no money since he left prison, he said.

"Do you know this man," asked Attorney McCarrell, pointing to Charles Stouch, of Wilkes-Barre.

"I swear that I never saw him before. Never," never," said Incognolio as he posed theatrically with his right arm pointed heavenward.

Brought from Him.

Mr. Stouch took the stand and testified that he is employed as a clerk in the Pennsylvania Supply company's store in Wilkes-Barre. On Aug. 26 last Incognolio purchased a crucible and some block tin from him and asked where he could procure antimony. Mr. Stouch's suspicions were aroused, and he followed Incognolio and saw him joined by another man. The two then visited another store and purchased antimony.

Judge Archbald called Incognolio before him for sentence. He declared that his plea was not such a one as a judge bound to enforce the law could listen to.

"I am not a hard-hearted man, but I feel it to be my duty to sentence you," he said. "You will pay a fine of \$100, the costs of the case and will spend three years in the Eastern penitentiary."

Two other counterfeiting cases were disposed of during the afternoon. The first one tried was that against Michael Urban, of Glen Lyons, who was charged with making and circulating counterfeit nickels. Attorney Charles E. Daniels was assigned by court to defend the prisoner.

William T. Walsh, secret service agent, testified to having traced, after Urban's arrest, certain counterfeit coins made by the latter. He offered these inclosed in separate envelopes and they were accepted as evidence by the court.

John Nicholas, of Glen Lyons, in whose house Urban lived, testified to having seen the latter making the nickels. He said that Urban used a railroad nut with a hole just the size of a nickel. A good coin was placed inside this and hot lead poured on.

Another nickel was then placed on top of the whole, subjected to pressure, Urban gave him two of the coins to get beer from Charles Stensinsky, but the latter refused to accept them.

Stensinsky's Testimony.

Charles Stensinsky testified to having received the two coins from Nicholas and John Lustig, another saloonkeeper, testified to having received a counterfeit nickel from Urban himself. Mrs. Mary Luzok, who also lived in the house with Urban, said she saw him making nickels several times. She had previously stated to the officers who made the arrest that she had received the counterfeit nickels which had been passed as change, but she testified yesterday that she said this because she was afraid of Urban.

Mary Luzok, her seven-year-old daughter, swore that she had seen Urban making nickels and that he had sent her several times to buy beer with them. Batsie Maloni, a saloonkeeper, testified that he had received a bad nickel from

the girl and identified one offered by Mr. McCarrell as the coin in question. No defense was offered, and Judge Archbald, in charging the jury, declared that the only thing the jury had before it was the reliability of the testimony offered. If they believed this testimony they must convict. The jury was out about one hour and returned Urban guilty on both counts. He was sentenced by Judge Archbald to pay a fine of \$25, the costs of the case and to spend six months in the Luzerne county jail.

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James Brock, of this city, who made plaster-of-paris moulds for the manufacture of nickels while serving a term in the county jail recently, was placed on trial after Incognolio's case had been disposed of. Attorney P. F. Loughran was assigned to defend him and entered a plea of not guilty in his behalf.

Brock on Trial.

Mrs. Mary Brier, of 231 Beech street, testified that Brock formerly boarded with her, and that she found him in his room one night engaged in making nickels and pennies. He told her that he had obtained the metal he was using from the C.I.F. works, and that he was making the money so that he could get tobacco easily. She ordered him out of her house, and later caused his arrest on a charge of larceny. He was convicted and sentenced to a term in the county jail.

Moulds Found.

Warden McAndrew, of the county jail, testified to having discovered a number of plaster-of-paris moulds in Brock's possession while the latter was a prisoner at the jail. Brock was discharged on Sept. 15, he said. The moulds found on Brock were offered and accepted as evidence.

At this point Brock changed his plea from not guilty to guilty and made a statement to the effect that his only purpose in making the moulds was to show his fellow prisoners how the thing was done. He had no intention of using the moulds, he said.

Judge Archbald sentenced Brock to pay a fine of \$30 and the costs and to spend four months in the county jail, on the charge of making the moulds, and to pay \$1 and the costs and spend six months in the county jail, on the charge of making the counterfeit coins.

The grand jury made a return yesterday afternoon finding true bills against Harry Reynolds, alias Harry Love, and Harry Steckly, who are charged with working a green goods game to defraud innocent countrymen. The grand jury will take up the cases against the officers of the Correspondence Institute of America this morning.

The bankruptcy case of A. J. Kennedy, et al. and Bruce Cook, et al., against the Clark Summit Dairy and Condensing company, came to a sudden end yesterday morning, after having occupied the attention of court for a day and a half.

When the case first came up for trial a year ago the attorneys for the plaintiffs asked for a continuance until such time as they could bring certain witnesses on from New York and Philadelphia to prove insolvency. Attorney Cornelius Conneys, for the defense, said that in order to save time he would acknowledge insolvency on behalf of his clients. The case was later continued for other reasons.

The attention of court was yesterday called to this admission on the part of the defense, whereupon Mr. Conneys asked for permission to withdraw it. This privilege was accorded him by Judge Archbald. The attorneys for the plaintiff being unprepared for such a contingency, asked for a continuance and it was granted.

The funeral of the late Philip Baker took place yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock, from his late home on Main street. The remains were viewed by a great many of the friends of the deceased. Services were conducted in the Methodist Episcopal church, by the pastor, Dr. M. D. Fuller. In his sermon he paid a high tribute to the deceased. After services in the church the body was removed to Shady-side cemetery, where the last sad rites of the dead were observed. The flowers, which were numerous and beautiful were carried by Messrs. W. Parkes, Thomas Mellow, A. Hall, W. Cudlip and George Baker. The pallbearers were: Messrs. Thomas Pryn, M. Roberts, H. Smith, Thomas Henwood, William Cudlip and W. O. Hill.

Mrs. Morris Groufine, of Main street, left this morning for a visit with her parents in New York city.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Pynn entertained a number of little folks at her home on Tuesday, in honor of her daughter Bella's tenth birthday, and young Austin's seventh birthday. Those present were: Misses Sylvia, Caroline and Edna Blake, Helen Burdick, L. Roberts, Masters Elmer, George and Edgar Blake and Emerson Bennett, Miss Margaret L. Roche, the accomplished daughter of Michael Roche, was united in marriage to Nicholas J. Russell, of Mayfield, in the church of the Sacred Heart at noon yesterday. The bridal party left the bride's residence on Main street, shortly before noon and arrived at the church just as the church bell was tolling the Angelus. They were met at the altar by Rev. J. D. Dunn, pastor of the church, and marched up the main aisle to the beautiful strains of the processionary march from Lohengrin, played by Miss Sadie Timlin, the church organist. During the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Father Dunn, Miss Timlin played "Hearts and Flowers." Mendelssohn's wedding march was rendered as the party left the church.

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INDIA MAY SEND BRIGADE. Officers Expect Serious Trouble in Somaliland.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Simla, Oct. 22.—The military authorities now expect that a whole brigade of troops will be required to cope with the Somaliland difficulty. The regiments are preparing for eventualities. Four Maxim guns will accompany the troops sailing tomorrow.

Rome, Oct. 22.—Negotiations are proceeding with the object of obtaining Abyssinian military co-operation in Somaliland, similar to that of 1900, when Ras Makonnen invaded and devastated Ouhaden. The suggestion is that the Abyssinians should hem in the Mad Mullah's forces from the southward and the British attack them from the north.

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