

# THE MILLIONAIRE TERROR.

Extraordinary Caprices of Josiah J. White, Imprisoned on Civil Action.

IN A BROOKLYN, N. Y. JAIL.

Devotes His Life to Making Things Unpleasant for Fellow-Prisoners and the Guards.

First He Failed to Tell the Truth and Then He Wouldn't Turn Over Certain Money to the Public Administrator—Sent to Jail on Contempt Proceedings—He Escapes and Is Recaptured—Now He Acts Like a Maniac.

"Hetty Green in trousers." This is one of the epithets flung at the millionaire and former broker, Josiah J. White. He is the terror of Raymond street jail, Brooklyn.

Fifty-nine years ago he was born in Connecticut, at Portland, they say. Although a Yankee by birth, he has lived in a brown stone palace on Brooklyn Heights for twenty-five years. The wealthiest and most distinguished have been his neighbors—Henry Ward Beecher, Dr. Lyman Abbot, Congressman Simeon B. Chittenden and others.

A man well housed in a well constructed, well cemented jail is supposed to be "caged" and harmless. This case breaks all rules and precedents. It is because White is there at all that the warden and keepers want to get out of the business and flee the country.

Lawyers are likewise at their wits' end—the most eminent devising means to make the rich law evader disgorge, while the more quiet practitioners hope and pray they may escape him altogether.



What has the man done? Imitated another wealthy man of history—one Ananias. He kept back—so it is alleged—the amount of wealth at his command and thus deceived the tax gatherers.

It was told in the papers how that, as guardian for his son Frederick and administrator of his wife's estate, he evaded the law and the payment of the full tax by declaring the amount of the personal property to be only \$150,000, the amount it is claimed the stocks and securities alone are worth.

It is a curious story from the beginning. Years ago, when White wanted to marry Miss Trowbridge, a rich girl in the state of Connecticut, she fancied he had at least one eye fixed on her money. To convince her, he signed a paper, renouncing forever all claims to her wealth. Later they moved into the brown stone house at No. 136 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn. His friends claim that he was a gifted, brilliant man, and made a fortune. Others say it was his wife's money alone that figured in business and society.

Three children were born to them. Frederick, the surviving son, is about fourteen years old, a loyal lad, of genial disposition, who is said to be fond of his father and a household pet. He is a very fat boy, weighing nearly two hundred pounds. When the mother died, a few years ago, her property went to this son. His father was both guardian and administrator by law. Legal investigation showed that the \$30,000 personal property, as scheduled by the father, was worth \$150,000. Then the Long Island Loan and Trust Company was made guardian of the boy, and at once began proceedings to compel the father to render a full accounting to the court. After a series of long and repeated delays, trivial and extraordinary, the Court removed him as administrator of the estate, and Public Administrator W. B. Davenport became his successor.

Thus the wealthy father was deprived of all legal control of his son and his estate. Still, neither lawyers nor detectives could discover the whereabouts of the missing \$120,000 worth of securities. He refused to turn over a book or a dollar to the administrator. Then the rich man was committed to jail and then his deviltry began. Since that hour life behind the bars has not been worth living. Not only prisoners, but jailers and detectives, judges and lawyers have regretted the day they tackled former Broker White.

Said the head keeper at the jail yesterday: "In all my twenty-five years' experience I have never seen his like. He is a terror. The prisoners can't sleep because of his wild antics. The moment the men begin falling off to rest he sets up a howl that would demoralize Bedlam. It's pure fiendishness. He is as sane as I am. He is the meanest white man in America. The other day he made a slung shot of a towel with a big wet scrubbing brush twisted up in one end of it. With it he tried to brain the prisoners

as they came along the passageway. At any moment during the night he is liable to yell 'Murder! Help! Help! They are killing me!' at the top of his voice. The whole prison and neighbors for a block around are awake before he can be made to shut up. He spends hours inventing new schemes for annoying us and disturbing the prisoners, until they want him thrown out or killed."

When he lowered himself from a gable window down sixty feet to the pavement recently and escaped to Connecticut, he put his new address on his will, which was left behind. No secret was made of his destination, because he would be out of the jurisdiction of the Brooklyn authorities. And if an attempt were made to extradite him he would be able to defend himself successfully in the Connecticut courts. But the Brooklyn sheriff and posse found him, snatched on the iron and carried him off bodily, and before he could say, "Help me, Grover Cleveland!" he found himself in the night express, booked for Brooklyn.

When again in Raymond street jail he was the maddest man in forty states. For once all his plans had failed. His palace home, overlooking proud New York and the bay from the Heights, did him no good. The very thought of his wealth, his friends and his Connecticut resources but aggravated his fury. He shouted, screamed and howled until the prison was like a Roman menagerie on fast day.

Between his paroxysms he wrote letters and summoned lawyers. Sooner or later they were denounced and dismissed.

## FEEDING THE WORLD.

America's Remarkable Food Exportation as Shown by Recent Official Reports.

The record of the most remarkable year in our export trade has been completed by the bureau of statistics so far as relates to the exportation of wheat, corn and other breadstuffs, pork, beef and other provisions, cotton, and mineral oils. These articles form a large percentage of the total exports aside from the manufactures. The figures show in most cases a large increase in quantity and value of the articles exported, though in some cases, notably mineral oil and cotton, the export price per unit has averaged less during the year than in the preceding year.

The cotton exported during the year increased from 3,103,754,949 pounds to 3,341,332,800 pounds, while the total value last year was \$230,890,971 and for the year just ended 239,907,472.

The exportation of mineral oil increased from 973,514,946 gallons, to 1,022,210,379 gallons, yet the total value in the year just ended was only \$55,171,000 against \$62,635,037 in the preceding year.

In provisions, including beef, pork and dairy products the value of the exportations was greater than last year, being \$154,454,074, against \$137,138,054 last year.

In wheat, corn, oats and rye the increase in both quantities and values was strongly marked. The exportation of wheat for the year (four included), amounted to 215,171,961 bushels, which exceeded the exportation of any preceding year except that of 1892 which amounted to 225,065,812 bushels. The value of the wheat and flour exported during the year amounted to \$212,891,629, a sum only surpassed in 1880 and 1892, the total in 1880 being \$225,879,502, and that of 1892 being \$236,761,416.

In corn the exports for the year exceeded both in quantity and value those of any preceding year, the number of bushels (including corn meal) being 209,859,102 bushels, valued at \$75,269,067. The largest exportation of corn in any preceding year was 178,817,417 bushels in 1897, valued at \$54,989,213, while in no year prior to 1897 did the quantity of corn exported ever reach half of the year just ended.

In oats, oat meal and rye, the exportation also greatly increased, the total in each case for the year just ended being about double that of the preceding year. The value of the exports of oats and oat meal in the fiscal year 1898 was \$22,339,752 against \$9,827,547 in the previous year. The value of rye exported was \$8,795,829, against \$3,667,505 in the previous year.

Total value of breadstuffs exported \$324,706,060, against \$197,857,219 in the previous fiscal year.

## Pennsylvania's Forest Policy.

Another important step forward in the established forest policy of the state of Pennsylvania was taken by the Governor when he recently appointed the Forest Reservation Commission under the Act of 1897. He named as members of this commission Prof. J. T. Rothrock, the State Forestry Commissioner; Major I. B. Brown, Deputy Secretary of Internal Affairs; Dr. George G. Groff, President of the State Board of Health, and Albert Lewis, of Bear Creek, Luzerne county. Another member is yet to be chosen under the act. He must be a lawyer and conveyancer, and it is understood the Governor has selected a man for the place.

The commission will fix and report on three state forest reservations of 40,000 acres, each at the headwaters of the three chief waters, the Delaware, Susquehanna and Ohio. The act provides that the land selected shall have no agricultural or mineral value, and the condemnation proceedings will be similar to those pursued in securing Valley Park, Park.

The reservations must have some woodland and be at least 800 feet above sea level.

## HOW FELT HATS ARE MADE.

Thousands of Men, Women and Boys Employed in the Industry.

One of the leading industries of this country is the manufacture of hats. At the present time fur-felt hats are made in eleven states—namely, Connecticut, Indiana, Illinois, Maryland, Maine, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island, says the New York Commercial. There are in all more than 200 manufacturing plants producing hats for men's, boys', women's and children's wear, composed of the fur of the rabbit, beaver, nutria and other animals. The industry employs upward of 25,000 men, women and boys, and the approximate value of the output is said to be \$20,000,000 annually. Speaking of men's hats and their manufacture, a representative of one of the largest firms in this city said:

"Felt hats include the popular derby and the various other styles of soft hats, all of which are made from animal furs, the natural coats of the coney, hare, nutria, muskrat and beaver. To manipulate the skins of these animals so as to properly prepare the fur for felting purposes is an expert chemical operation; in fact, a trade in itself, entirely distinct from that of hat-making, and is carried on by 'hatters' fur-cutters in London, the world's great center for that work. The art of the hat maker includes a knowledge of the particular fur or combination of furs for making a given quality of hats. The proportioning of the different furs requires the utmost exactness. The quality of product having been decided upon, the fur is then cleaned and separated from stray hairs and all unfeatable substances. This initial process is accomplished by a windy machine called 'the devil.'"

"The next process, 'forming,' consists of distributing by means of air currents a light coating of fur upon the outer surface of a revolving perpendicular cone, perforated with small holes. When fur covers one cone sufficient for one hat, it is wrapped in wet cloths and given a brief hot bath, then stripped from the cone, and, after the 'stopping' process of adding a little fur to weak spots, is wrapped with other cloths inside a woolen cloth to 'harden' it for handling. By a process called 'gizing,' which consists of repeated immersions in hot water, together with rolling and unrolling, folding and unfolding, the cone-shaped mass is reduced to one-third its original size. It is wonderful how each fiber will twist and intertwine, basket-fashion, with the other, until the product is a closely woven mass.

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### A Horse That Snores.

Snoring men are as plentiful as whiskey in Kentucky; they are nearly as numerous as women with cold feet. However, while these two evils are predominant with the human race, yet it is indeed seldom that a member of the animal kingdom becomes afflicted with the snoring habit. There is just one case of the kind known to exist, in Kansas City, Kan., and while there is no question about the existence of this one case the afflicted animal contracted the habit from man.

Prince, the oldest horse on the Kansas City, Kan., Fire Department, has the snoring habit, and he's got it bad. All of the "laddies" at Fire Headquarters have good records as snorers, but Prince can allow them all a bad cold and then beat them out, pulled up. Snoring Prince, or the prince snorer, is the horse driven by Assistant Chief William McConnell. He generally mimes away at his food until after 12 o'clock each night, providing there are no alarms.

At about this hour he lies down in his stall and in a few minutes his eyes close and soon thereafter the snoring begins. The noise produced by the sleeping horse is similar to that of a snoring man. Before it became known that Prince actually snored several of the firemen, who take turn about watching at night, were accused of going to sleep on duty. The only foundation for the accusation was the snoring. In order to prove their innocence it became necessary for them to peach on Prince.

### How Ibsen Looks.

Ibsen, the Norwegian dramatist, is an extraordinary looking man. Almost a dwarf in height, the upper part of the body is immense, compared with his lower limbs. He has a huge head, covered with bushy white hair, and his keen blue eyes glare at his interlocutor with a piercing glance.

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