

A CHRISTMAS ACROSTIC...

A HONESDALE HELD FOR MURDER

Murder Done Four Years Ago—Protected by Tammany Hall.

Peter Regan, better known as "Kid" Regan, brother of Police Lieutenant Martin Regan, was locked up in the Tombs, in New York, on Saturday without bail, to await trial on a charge of murder committed April 13, 1905, in a dive then located in the cellar of the building on the northwest corner of Thirty-first street and Broadway. This place was run by a man named Tobey, and it was an all-night resort frequented by dissolute women and men. Roy Walter Joyce was a bartender there, and was stabbed to death, and "Kid" Regan is the one who has been formally charged with the killing. In addition to being indicted for murder in the first degree, Regan is also indicted for assault in the first degree in stabbing Edward Weston in the same row.

Regan's indictment so long after Joyce was killed and how he was assisted by members of the police force make a remarkable story. That this attempt to defeat justice has not been successful is due solely to the work done by Assistant District Attorney James R. Ely.

A bench warrant was issued for Regan's arrest after the indictment was filed Thursday, and the warrant was handed over to Detective Norman Fitzsimmons of the District Attorney's staff and Lieut. William Boyle of Police Headquarters. It took them all night to locate Regan, for that young man was busy playing poker.

The disappearance of every one connected with the killing and the lying of those who were believed to have witnessed it flabbergasted investigators. It was openly charged that the police system was being used for his protection by friends of his brother, who was an old-time member of the force and very popular. William McAdoo was then Police Commissioner and did his best to locate the missing Regan, finally offering \$1,000 reward out of his own pocket.

Such evidence as was obtained at that time was submitted to the Grand Jury and Regan was indicted for manslaughter in the first degree. Assistant District Attorney Ely obtained this indictment, and when he found that Regan was evidently under the protection of the police system he resolved he would get him if he could.

It took time and outside detective work to accomplish anything, but such facts as Ely did get convinced him more than ever that Regan was being protected by the police. Mr. Ely consulted with General Bingham, Mr. McAdoo's successor, and got his permission to put the matter up to Inspector George McClusky. McClusky was told to get Regan and promised to do his best. He did not get him.

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