

NO MERCY FOR PIOUS CRIMINAL

Judge Newburger Sentences Frank S. Bilditch, Confessed Embezzler, to Sing Sing for Eight Years and Six Months.

STOLE \$90,000 FROM HIS EMPLOYERS IN 18 YEARS.

Hundreds of Petitions for Clemency from Merchants, Clergymen and Others Had No Effect Upon the Court.

The faculty of endeavoring to secure clemency for a criminal from Judge Newburger because of the criminal's high standing in church circles was frustrated again to-day when Frank S. Bilditch was arraigned for sentence charged with embezzlement. Bilditch, whose home was at No. 55 Dean street, Brooklyn, was sentenced to a term of eight years and six months at hard labor in Sing Sing Prison.

He was for many years the manager of the American branch of the cutlery firm of S. & C. Wardlaw, of Sheffield, England. Bilditch was in John street. In Brooklyn he was a prominent church member and Sunday-school worker, a man renowned among his acquaintances for his austere habits and his apparent piety.

The Sheffield firm last March became convinced that there was something wrong with their New York office. Their confidence in Bilditch was absolute. They thought he was perhaps the victim of a dishonest employee, and made Mr. Wardlaw, of the firm, write that he was coming to New York to straighten things out.

Detested Books and Fled. He arrived on April 15, only to find that Bilditch had destroyed the books and disappeared. Bilditch remained away for five months, but the desire to see his family impelled him to conduct negotiations looking to his return and he came back and surrendered himself.

In the hope of obtaining clemency, Bilditch entered a plea of guilty a month ago, confessing that he had stolen \$90,000 in eighteen years. In the interval between his confession and to-day, the date set for his imposition of sentence, he busied himself with getting letters and petitions asking Judge Newburger to suspend sentence.

These letters and petitions, a bale of them, were handed up to the Court when Bilditch appeared for sentence to-day. They were from merchants, preachers, Sunday-school superintendents and men of affairs in the business world. One and all asked that Bilditch be allowed to go free under suspended sentence in view of the upright character of his life and the fact that he was a thief for eighteen years. Judge Newburger was angry.

No Ordinary Criminal. "I cannot conceive of the state of mind of the men who write me these letters and send me these petitions," he said. "They do not appear to realize my position. They forget that I owe a duty to the community. 'You,' he said to the prisoner, 'are no ordinary criminal. You had the advantages of birth, education and social position in the place where you lived. You posed as a Christian, when by your own confession and from evidence in my possession you were a persistent thief for eighteen years. 'You stole over \$90,000 from a firm that trusted you. I can see no reason why you are entitled to any special consideration. The sentence of the Court is that you be confined in Sing Sing for eight years and six months. 'Bilditch was utterly crushed by the sentence. He is fifty-five years of age.

ARMENIAN SLAYER IS IDENTIFIED.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—A formal verdict of murder and suicide was returned to-day as a result of the inquest on the bodies of the latest victims of the Armenian feud. The names of the two members of the Hentchak Society murdered here recently were both given as Erikman, while the name of the murderer and suicide is now said to be Dickran, alias Gorgie Yange. The police testified that the assassin's Christian name was Dickran, that he came from Turkey and that he had resided for some time at "Mildred's" (W. Mass.), probably Middlebury, Mass. His revolver, which was made in America, was quite new.

MANY NEW LAWS PROPOSED.

Sulzer Wants Amendments to Tilden and Cummings. WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—Several hundred bills were introduced in the House to-day. A statehood bill for New Mexico, introduced by Delegate Rodey, was the first. Representative Barthold (Mo.) presented a measure restoring the army cadets. A bill giving Congress the right to regulate trusts was introduced by Representative Palmer (Rep., Pa.). Representative Sibley (Rep., Pa.) introduced a bill to increase the pay of rural free-delivery carriers. Representative Green (W. Mass.) introduced a bill to induce favorable employment of American ships. Representative Sulzer (Dem., N. Y.) introduced bills providing a territorial form of government for Alaska and for the government by injunction; to elect Senators by popular vote; granting rebates on export duties to American ships; providing for an eight-hour day and for the erection of monuments to Samuel J. Tilden and Amos A. Cummings. Representative Shafer (Dem., Colo.) introduced a bill concerning the metric system of weights and measures.

LOW BACK AT HIS DESK.

Mayor Low returned to his desk at the City Hall to-day from his country home at Rye, where he had spent the days since his defeat on Nov. 3. "I will positively not discuss the recent election," he said. "I will make the Mayor. 'Will you outline your plans for the future?' asked a reporter. "I have no plans," he said. "When informed that his name is being mentioned for an Ambassadorship the Mayor said: 'I am not discussing anything that is personal. I shall devote myself to the business of the city until Jan. 1. That is all that is required of me.'

Men of Note Give Answers to the Famous Query: "How Old Is Ann?"

"Mary is twenty-four years old. She is twice as old as Ann was when Mary was as old as Ann is now. How old is Ann?"

While the whole world wonders "How old is Ann?" many prominent men of New York had an eqd of their struggles with the famous problem pronounced one month ago by The World. They have reached conclusions which should be of interest to all whose minds are vexed with the terrible question, "How Old is Ann?" To such puzzled puzzlers there may come rest and peace if they follow the suggestions on solving the Ann problem presented by the bright minds of these public men. Here are their answers to the question of the century, "How Old Is Ann?":

On the theory that a policeman can solve most problems and that the average citizen when in-doubt acts on the suggestion "go ask a policeman," the question "How Old Is Ann?" was put to several of the city's bluecoats.

POLICEMAN BERT GALLAGHER. Policeman Bert Gallagher, of the West One Hundredth street station—If I catch Ann playing around my beat I'll run her in. My family have been all worked up over this girl's age. They are losing sleep and wasting paper and pencils figuring out her impossible age. I have tried it in all the ways I was taught at school, and I have come to the conclusion that Ann won't tell how old she is. "My boy," continued the former Captain, "that is harder than hunting for evildoers in the Tenderloin. If I could figure out that problem I would be an inspector to-day instead of being on the retired list. Talk about Mark Twain's red-slip trip for a three-cent fare a-riding and a-riding in your head! That Mary Ann puzzle has been floating about in my brain for weeks, ever since The World sprung it. Ann is old enough to know better than not tell her age when she knows how much trouble her silence is causing. She ought to be ashamed."

POLICEMAN GEORGE SMITH. George Smith, policeman in the bridge squad—That's wrong to ask an old man like me that question. I have been so busy thinking out that problem that I have come near neglecting this crowd. I went to night school and am a good figure, but that has got me broke. DETECTIVE-SERGEANT PRICE. Detective-Sergeant Frank Price, of the Central Office—I can't do that problem like it should be done, but I have shadowed that Ann till I have a line on her age. I believe Ann has lived about eighteen years. I won't break any betting records that I am right, because women are deceitful about their ages and I may be wrong, but if Mary owns up to twenty-four I guess Ann would claim eighteen.

MUNICIPAL JUSTICE GEORGE F. ROESCH. "No member of the judiciary who must presently be dependent upon the votes of the brothers and husbands of the Marys and Anns is justified in giving an opinion on their ages for publication."

JUSTICE GIBBERICH. "The question is not properly before the Court, and I must decline to pass upon it."

JUSTICE TRUAX. "Ask the lady."

JOHN T. MEEHAN. "Ann was ninety years old. I know, because she and her brother shook hands with Lafayette on his visit to New York in 1824. Old Peter was the steward of the beary for forty years, and he was ninety-two when he died. Ann was three years younger. Peter was the oldest exempt fireman when he died, and Ann used to pride herself on keeping the moths out of his red fire shirt. He and Ann used to sell newspapers on the Vesey street corner in Jackson's first term. Why, Ann's street was named after Ann Rose, and we keep his name green in our humble way by calling 'her' Ann' in the beary."

"What? Oh, that World question about the girl who is twice as old as herself—I have no time to fuss with that. I thought you were talking about old Peter Rose's sister Ann."

panic CAUSED BY BIG FACTORY FIRE

Dwellers in Tenements at the Rear of the Herman Behr Building, Brooklyn, Throw Belongings Into the Street.

In a fire which destroyed most of the big sand-paper factory of Herman Behr, on Tiffany place, between Harrison and DeGrav streets, Brooklyn, to-day, 100 men were in panic, but all are believed to have escaped. The loss was about \$100,000.

The fire started on the ground floor of the five-story brick building which forms half of the factory. The rest consists of a six-story building. Men repairing electric wires had left a lighted candle near the doors, and this set fire to the structure.

The fire was discovered just as the men were leaving the place for lunch. The alarm was shouted throughout the building and all hands piled out. When on the street there was a report that two who had been in the building were not accounted for.

By the time the first fire engines arrived all of the five-story building was filled with flames, and two, three and four alarms were sent in in quick succession.

A Fireman Injured. In carrying a line of hose, fireman McCoskey, of Engine Company No. 108, fell and was seriously injured. He was hurried away to the Brooklyn Hospital.

Five men were on the top floor of a stable next door to the burned building. They did not seem to realize their danger, and the police under Roundman Boyle and Patrolman Woods, carried them to windows and dropped them to the street.

Back of the burning building in Hicks street are several tenements occupied by Italians. The residents of these old structures became panic-stricken when the flames were blown toward them by the winds, and most of them threw their possessions from the windows. All families moved west.

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SON FOUND HIS PARENTS DEAD

Kaufman Lang and His Wife Were on the Bed with Gas Flowing From the Tube when Boy Called Them.

When Kaufman Lang and his wife Emma did not appear for breakfast to-day at their home, No. 12 East One Hundred and Tenth street, their son Herman went to their room to call them. The door was unlocked and after knocking without getting a response he walked in.

There was an overpowering odor of gas and his father and mother were dead in bed. He opened the windows and gave the alarm. The physician who came in response to a call from the house said that Mr. Lang and his wife had been dead for several hours.

Mr. Lang was a retired cigar manufacturer, sixty-four years old. He had a wide acquaintance in Harlem and was prominent in various social organizations. His wife was sixty-five years of age. It is supposed that one of them in turning out the gas before retiring last night accidentally left a jet open.

The key of the gas jet that was found open was defective. It can be turned all the way round. The bedroom occupied by the couple is small, and it was not long after they went to sleep when it was full of gas.

DROPS DEAD NEAR HOME. James Ahearn, sixty-five years old, a ship carpenter, living at No. 380 Hamilton avenue, Brooklyn, dropped dead from heart disease within a few doors of his home this morning. Ahearn had just started to work and reached the corner, about 100 feet from his home, when he fell.

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SHOT DEAD WHILE CROWD LOOKED ON

Pittsburg Robbers Held People at Bay in Street, While They Killed Grocer and Plundered His Store.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 8.—Alexander Jankins, a grocer doing business on Wayne street, in the Lawrenceville district of this city, was shot and killed early to-day by three men who attempted to rob the store.

The hold-up happened about 6:30 o'clock and was witnessed by a number of persons, who were prevented from interfering by two of the men, who held them at bay at the point of revolvers. After the shooting the men escaped in the heavy fog without having secured any money.

MILK DEALERS FINED. More than Two Score Vendors Fined in Court. More than two score milk, fish and vegetable dealers were arraigned in the Court of Special Sessions to-day and fined for selling adulterated and impure foods.

Altogether more than \$1,000 was collected in fines, the Assistant Corporation Counsel insisting upon heavy fines being imposed. Most of the milk dealers fined were those doing business on the east side of the city. The highest fine was \$30 and the lowest \$10.

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FROHMAN IS SUING WEBER & FIELDS

Asks for an Injunction to Prevent Production of "The Sign of the Four," with Sherlock Holmes Character.

Justice Clarke, of the Supreme Court, on the application of A. H. Hummel, in behalf of Charles Frohman, signed an order to-day directing Weber & Fields and Walter Edwards to appear before him on Wednesday and show why they should not be forbidden to present the play "The Sign of the Four," in which Edwards appears in the character "Sherlock Holmes."

Mr. Frohman claims that the play now running at Weber & Fields' West End Theatre, Harlem, is an infringement of William Gillette's play, "Sherlock Holmes," in which he has an exclusive right.

In behalf of the Broadway dialecticians and Walter Edwards, J. M. Friedman insists that "The Sign of the Four" is a play by A. Conan Doyle, and has no resemblance to Gillette's play, and that the character "Sherlock Holmes" is only incidental.

Mr. Hummel told Justice Clarke that the Chicago courts had recently enjoined the use of the name or character of Sherlock Holmes in behalf of Mr. Frohman.

A fire started early to-day in the basement of the two-story brick building adjoining the New Star Theatre, at One Hundred and Seventh street and Lexington avenue. The building is stored with scenery of the theatre. The fire was put out after doing but little damage.

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