

GANGSTERS SEE JOHNNY SPANISH HELD AS SLAYER

Thug Leader Caught After Chase Since Last August for Killing Girl.

OTHER CRIMES CHARGED

Is Suspected of Shooting Young Woman and His Rival for Her Affections.

Johnny Spanish, insolently tall and with the angry glare of a cornered rat in his eyes, stood up in General Sessions to-day and heard himself accused of murder.

Johnny Spanish, son of an Italian father and a Spanish mother, looked the personification of the informal police description of him: "A sneak and a coward, who never shot a man who was armed or singly robbed a man under 40 years of age; who wouldn't dare show his face on Tenth avenue for fear somebody born in the United States would take his gun away and jam it down his throat."

None the less, the police believe Johnny Spanish guilty of at least three murders and uncounted robberies.

Captain of a Gang.

The charge for which Johnny Spanish was indicted and arrested is the murder of Sadie Rothen of No. 23 Forsyth street last August. He was a captain of ruffians—the most notorious, reckless and wicked since the days of Monk Eastman, Paul Kelly and Yack-Yack Brady.

At the head of his particular band of thugs he was leading a revolver charge on the crew of Hyman Benjamin, a lesser leader. One of the shots struck Sadie Rothen as she was fleeing into her home. The police believe that the bolt was from the gun of Johnny Spanish.

At any rate he ran away and the detectives hunted for him for many months in many cities in vain. After he had gone some of his followers, who would not have dared talk were he in town, began to tell things.

Beatrice Kaplan was found dying on a lonely road near Masspeth last summer. She had long been a friend of Johnny Spanish. She had gone to Masspeth with him to attend a frolic of a band of Brownville toughs. She lived long enough to murmur that Johnny had nothing to do with the shooting and was not in sight at the time. The police at the time got hold of the name of "Kid Dropper," a nickname he had earned for his prowess in "dropping" his victims and foes with knife, gun and slingshot.

Killed in Vengeance. But Kid Dropper was not to be found for a week. Then he was found dead. He had been shot. There was no trace of the man who had shot him. The police assumed that he had been killed in vengeance for the death of Beatrice Kaplan.

From the gossip they picked up after Johnny Spanish went away they now believe differently. Kid Dropper was Johnny Spanish's rival for the earnings (and incidentally the affections) of Beatrice. Johnny Spanish suspected them. And as his former followers put it: "They both got theirs."

Four Central Office detectives were put to work a week ago on an underworld rumor that Johnny Spanish was back from his Western hiding place and was living "under cover" in Brooklyn. They were Glidden, Bloom, Driver and Caputo, none of them men known to him by sight, though they had studied his evil features until they knew him well. They found him.

Didn't Fight Long. And as he was stepping from a Graham avenue car at Grand and Columbia avenues, Masspeth, they crowded around him, just as he and his companions had frequently crowded around a man from whom they meant to steal a pocketbook, and closed in on him. He fought only for a minute.

"Oh, well," he said relaxing when he looked them over, "if there's four of you, it's no use."

"Have you got a gun, Johnny?" asked Glidden.

"Naw," he sneered. "Do you think I'd take a pinch as easy as this if I had a gun? I'd croaked one or two of you and croak myself too."

When he was arraigned in General Sessions and Clerk Cowing read the indictment charging him with murder, the pale scar which runs up from the left side of his mouth across his cheek and ends in a crinkly hole turned purple for a minute. There was no other sign of feeling. He drew a request for time in which to get counsel, which was allowed.

Girl Will Get Lawyer. "I'm going to tend to a girl I know who will get the right swell mouth beat (lawyer) for me," he said. "Only it won't be Abe Levy. He's the guy that got Benjamin let out for the killing of the same girl and was the cause of this being put on me. She's a wise girl."

In the affidavit accompanying Johnny Spanish's indictment it is stated that he received money while he was in hiding from "Dopey Al," doorkeeper of Webster Hall, a place of tough dances, and from "Mickey Cohen," an east side girl who hangs about Sixth avenue and Twenty-eighth street.

The rumor "Johnny Spanish is back," the detectives said, started when a saloon in Norfolk street was raided by three young ruffians last Saturday night. They furnished revolvers and took \$50 from the till and escaped. Sam Greenberg, who was arrested with Johnny Spanish, is being investigated in respect of this hold-up.

They have already the word of four

Daughter of Ambassador Reid And Son-in-Law Who Sailed To-Day



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ADVANCE GUARD FOR CORONATION OFF IN LUSITANIA

Ambassador Reid and Party Return to England—Klaw Off to See Frohman.

The first cabin of the Lusitania, which sailed to-day, was crowded with seagoers who plan to attend the coronation of King George V. Ambassador Whitelaw Reid, Mrs. Reid and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Ward, were among the voyagers.

After midday trading came almost to a standstill. The afternoon lethargy was intensified by an almost total cessation of business. The only activity worthy of note developed in Missouri Pacific, which displayed weakness. From a morning high price of \$2 3/4, the stock slowly reacted down to \$2 1/4.

The weakness in Missouri Pacific had a depressing effect on the list, and in the final hour the list dragged to about the lowest of the day at the close. Losses were unimportant at the finish.

The Closing Prices. Today's higher, lower and last prices of stocks and of the market compared with yesterday's final figures are as follows:

Table with columns: Stock Name, Higher, Lower, Last, Change. Lists various stocks like Amal. Copper, Am. Gas & Elec., etc.

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MOTHER'S LETTER REVEALS DIVORCE PLOT IN COURT

She Appeals to Judge to Save Son From Marriage With Complainant.

CASE IS THROWN OUT.

Young Architect Admits He Intended to Make Mrs. Fish His Wife.

The so-called "bargain day" divorce court was thrown into a turmoil to-day during the trial of a suit brought by Mrs. Sarah Fish, a stoutly built young woman with blonde hair, against her husband, Woolf Fish.

Justice Giegerich, presiding, had received a letter from the mother of Mrs. Fish's chief witness, in which complaint was made that there was collusion in the case. As soon as the letter was shown, H. O. Patterson, counsel for Mrs. Fish, asked to withdraw, and there was the liveliest commotion among all the persons interested. Justice Giegerich would not permit the lawyer to withdraw, but entertained a motion to dismiss the complaint.

Here is the letter that caused all the rumpus:

Says Her Boy is the Dupe. Honorable Judge Giegerich—I understand the divorce case commenced by Sarah Fish against her husband will be before you, Honorable Judge, to-day. I am the mother of Louis A. Sheinart, who is the witness for her, and she only wants to get the divorce to marry my boy, which was all fixed up between her and her husband. My boy is very young and these people have done this, and are driving him crazy to marry her, who has already got lots of things from him when she was yet living with her husband.

Do not break a mother's heart by allowing such a trick. I could write a whole lot more how they tricked my boy, and my heart bleeds when I think of it. But I don't think they will be able to trick you, Honorable Judge.

I have spoken to my boy about this and argued with him, but it was all no good, as he said he could not help it, and was going to marry her. And he has even left me and his home and goes with this woman. Please do what you can for a broken-hearted mother. May God bless you. His devoted mother, Mrs. F. SHEINART.

Son Confronted With Letter. It was not until Sheinart was called to the stand that the letter was brought out. Justice Giegerich permitted the young man, who said he was an architect and lived at No. 146 Bryant ave-

The Magistrates," said Mr. Klaw, "will not punish them for insulting our patrons, and without our special policemen we are helpless."

Cear Minister Safe. PEKING, March 22.—The rumors current in St. Petersburg and elsewhere in the effect that Korostovets, the Russian Minister to China, had been murdered in this city are unfounded. M. Korostovets is enjoying good health.

GANG LEADER CAUGHT AFTER LONG PURSUIT.



Then turning to Sheinart he said: "Young man, you have read your poor mother's letter. Now my advice to you is to think well before you take another step in this matter."

Sheinart left the stand and joined Mrs. Fish. They walked from the courtroom together. Lawyer Patterson went his way without speaking to his client.

The Fishes were married several years ago and have two children. The children are with Mrs. Fish.

The evidence adduced to-day showed that Sheinart had engineered Mrs. Fish's whole case. After "getting the evi-

dence" for her against Fish, he (Sheinart) induced a friend, Nathan H. Brandt, to serve the summons and complaint on Fish. Brandt is a builder and has worked with Sheinart.

"If I had known this thing was all fixed up," said Brandt after the case had been dismissed, "they never would have made a fool of me."

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