

INTERNATIONAL CROOK KILLED

"Liverpool Jack" Dies Alone
in Tenement Room

A Criminal Fifty Years—No-
torious on Two Continents
—Policeman Dies Fighting
Gang.

New York, July 26.—Patrolman Arthur Lowe, shot four times just before dawn yesterday in a single-handed pistol battle with four safe breakers in South Brooklyn, died at 10:15 o'clock last night in a Methodist Episcopal Hospital.

Lowe, an aviation veteran of the world war and a patrolman of gallant record, struggled bravely to the end, aided by all that surgeons and nurses could do for him, but the four bullets which had killed through his body proved too much for him.

And before he went Lowe had the satisfaction of knowing that as a result of the shots he fired in the dark yards behind H. L. Heberlein's warehouse in Brooklyn, one of the most notorious of crooks had preceded him.

When Lowe, summoned by Mrs. Marie Kennedy of 233 Eighth street, who was awakened by her crying baby and saw two men sealing her back fence into the warehouse, had fought his fight with the pair and two who vaulted back over the fence to aid them, there was nothing but a trail of blood to tell that he had not fought wholly in vain.

All day long police waited, certain that at least one gunshot case would show up somewhere. They were right. Yesterday afternoon John Walsh, known to criminologists of two continents as "Liverpool Jack," left this life, down near the Navy Yard, four miles from where the pistol fight had taken place.

A Criminal Fifty Years.

Just as soon after that as they could the police got word to Lowe that a man had been accounted for, that he was a man who had preyed for fifty years on the law-abiding citizen and America, as his chosen hunting grounds, a man whose business was safe cracking, whose list of aliases was so long that it was impossible to write them, and who, at the very moment when, twice wounded, he had dropped his burglar tools and fled with his pals, was badly wanted in Trenton.

Lowe died with all the consolation his family and his religion could give him. He was buried with police honors, a hero who gave his life in the doing of his duty.

The other man slunk away from the fight, hid himself in a tenement room, staunching his own wounds as best he might with tissue paper, refused the aid of either doctor or priest, drove away his sister with fear and anger. His body was taken to the Kings County morgue for an autopsy.

Uniformed men and detectives, set to hunt upon the capture of a band that had shown itself desperate and dangerous in the early morning encounter, got their first real start on the case when a telephone message came to Brooklyn from Mrs. Rose Ryan, wife of a truck driver, asking that an ambulance be sent to her home at 42 Carlton avenue, as a man had been shot.

Detectives hustled in the wake of the ambulance from Cumberland Street Hospital. They got there just as Dr. Gerber was straightening up from a brief examination of a shriveled form on the bed to shake his head and say that the man was dead.

Even death, as the detectives bent over, could not conceal that the man who lay there among tumbled bedclothes, rendered from wounds ill-stanching, was an ex-convict. Aged hard, worn, they might have mistaken him for some bedridden mendicant but for that evil grin, that shifty look that still wore and the palid that comes only of long years of forced housing.

Liverpool Jack—At Last.

A close scrutiny, and one exclaimed: "Liverpool Jack!" The detectives took the weeping Mrs. Ryan to the station house, and there before they released her as quite innocent of any knowledge of the associates even of the unregenerate brother who made his occasional home with her, they got the story. It was a story told by the woman with no consciousness of its dramatic picturing of one who had fought the world all his life, and who, in the end, refusing all comforts and all company, had chosen to die alone.

It was just breaking day when Mrs. Ryan heard her brother come reeling into the tenement, grope his way down the dim hall and enter his room. She never suspected anything worse than drink was wrong with him until about 10 o'clock she heard groans. She went in to find a pain-wracked figure tossing on the bed, while the life fluid oozed slowly from a wound in the chest and another in the right arm.

"What's happened?" gasped Mrs. Ryan.

"Fight with cop. He shot, I shot," Walsh mumbled.

"I'll get an ambulance doctor," slowly, painfully, the falling man worked himself almost upright. Pointing a shaking, shrunken finger at his sister, he said:

"If you go out of this room to get a doctor I'll jump out the window."

A glance into the baleful eyes that bored into hers told Mrs. Ryan he meant it, so she promised not to get the ambulance.

"But a priest, pool fellow," she said:

"The voice that had quavered in its protest against the doctor was steady and hard as, syllable by syllable, Walsh got out:

"Do and I kill you."

Wounds Cruelly Dressed.

The sister gave a gesture of surrender and the injured man, fumbling under his pillow, produced a bottle of raw iodine. "Four this in 'em," he ordered.

Tears flowed from his eyes, and the clenched mouth trembled as Mrs. Ryan doused the open wounds. When the brown liquid had soaked down into the tissue paper Walsh had managed to crane into his hurls, he sank back exhausted, using his last bit of strength to wave his sister from the room.

For hours after that Mr. Ryan sat in her parlor and prayed, or tiptoed to the door of the soundless room, afraid to stay out, afraid to go in. Each time she would wring her hands and go back to repair to her chair by the window,

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waiting, waiting for the summons she believed must come.

It never came. At three o'clock in the afternoon, able to hear it no longer, she gently opened the door and went softly to the bedside. There was no need for her quiet then. Liverpool Jack was dead.

Captain John J. McCloskey was notified by the Glasgow avenger of their find in the tenement. He went to the station to share in questioning Mrs. Ryan. He got nothing from that, but as soon as his own look before the dead man was taken to the Kings County morgue, had satisfied him that the man really was the notorious Walsh he ordered word conveyed to the Methodist Episcopal Hospital.

It was cheering to Lowe, but surgeons said last night that even with the stimulus he hardly could pull through. He had been hit four times instead of twice, as had appeared at first. One bullet had lodged in the groin, another had penetrated the right side above the hip and had punctured the intestines, and two others had passed through his body.

Career of Liverpool Jack.

When the examination of Mrs. Ryan was done and the messengers were on their way to the hospital, McCloskey went back to his own office and produced from the files this tabloid record of the career of Liverpool Jack:—
Oct. 9, 1878, as John Warren, sentenced to Sing Sing prison from Manhattan, for burglary.

June 1883, as John Welsh, sentenced to prison for five years in Manchester, England, for receiving stolen goods.

April 5, 1893, as John Wogan, sentenced at Poughkeepsie to one year in jail for burglary.

March 3, 1895, as John Wesley, sentenced in St. Louis to six months in jail for having burglar's tools.

March, 1896, as John Walden, sentenced in Baltimore to ten years for attempted burglary.

Aug. 15, 1905, as James Wren, sentenced in South London, England, to seven months for attempted burglary.

—1906, as John Walker, sentenced in London, England, to five years for larceny.

—1911, as John Walsh, sentenced in Jersey City to three years in the State Prison at Trenton for burglary, and being a fugitive from justice.

—1914, as John Walker, sentenced at Trenton to one year for burglary.

Captain McCloskey said that Walsh was born somewhere in the Cherry Hill section of Manhattan, and that many years he had roamed the old Fourth and Seventh wards.

Walsh in all his aliases never forgot the W with which his real name started, an idiosyncrasy which he refused to give up even when at times it seemed to make things comparatively simple for the police. In his own safe-blowing line he was an expert and an associate of experts, an associate, indeed, of more than two generations of them, as the professional lives of such go.

So far as is known, he had no near relatives except the sister who, he drove away yesterday morning that he might die alone.

SCHOOL FOR CRIME.

"Liverpool Jack" Was Mentor of Gang of Youths.

(Special to The Gazette.)
New York, July 23.—Detectives delving tonight into the shadowy activities of the late "Liverpool Jack" Walsh, who ended an international career of crime on Saturday when he died alone, stanching the wounds of four police bullets with tissue paper, were working on the theory that the sixty-five-year-old safe-breaker was the mentor and leader of a band of young burglars.

When Policeman Arthur Lowe, war veteran, fought four thieves in the darkness preceding Saturday's dawn, in a yard in South Brooklyn, he received four wounds which caused his death. Before he died in the Methodist Episcopal Hospital he learned that "Liverpool Jack," one of the four yeggs who escaped, had died from his bullets.

That left three of the band to be accounted for, and spurred on by Lowe's death, detectives were determined to bring them in. But, up to late tonight, no arrests had been made. Checking up, however, the records of Walsh's aliases, they found that the crook had one cardinal rule which he never violated—whether he was cracking a safe below New York's "Merline"—as some ritzy night club is called—box in England. That was, his rule must be the leader of every criminal enterprise in which he enlisted.

But, the detectives pointed out, Walsh came out of prison the last time an old man, he would have been sixty-six years old in a few months, and they were working on the conviction that in order to gratify his quick for leadership he would have to use young confederates. The police admitted, however, that they had no direct evidence that "Liverpool Jack" was running a school for crime, and refusing, in fact, to disclose the exact extent of their progress, the ground that to do so would handicap the hunt.

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