

# WORKS OF JOHN YEGG

## A Daring Burglar Who Attained Fame In His Line.

### HIS NAME A POLICE LEGACY.

It is now applied to the most dangerous Criminals With Whom the Officers of the Law Have to Contend. Nitroglycerin In Safe Bursting.

In the expressive slang that permeates police circles throughout the country, a "yegg" is one of the dangerous criminal class.

The question is often asked, "What is a yegg, and how did the expression originate?" An answer to the latter part of the query will lead to an elucidation of the first.

Some years ago, when the United States government was experimenting with high explosives, wishing to secure some death dealing and destructive shell that would cause more damage than any before manufactured, some one suggested that nitroglycerin be tried. Up to that time this most powerful of explosives had not been utilized in this way.

The government experts went to work, and the results of their experiments were from time to time published broadcast through the community. At last they succeeded in making a shell in which nitroglycerin was the chief component part and which made all former ones sink into insignificance.

In a town in the middle west at the time there lived a man named John Yegg. In his earlier days he had been one of the most expert electricians as well as all round experienced mechanics in the country. Later, through drink and bad associates, he had descended to a life of crime, his principal art being that of safe blowing.

He was attracted by the published accounts of the experiments with nitroglycerin. The thought struck him. Why could not this be used in blowing safes?

The method at that time was to drill a hole in the safe to be wrecked, fill this with powder or dynamite and then touch the fuse. This method, however, required considerable time to pull off "a job" and was noisy and dangerous.

Yegg went to work on the nitroglycerin method. He tried it, and it was a complete success. Furthermore, after he had performed job after job he had the police of the country baffled. They did not know how the work was done. Yegg instructed others in the art, and soon from one end of the country to the other safes were being wrecked, but by what manner no one knew.

Yegg's method was to take some of the explosive which he and those with him called "soup"—and, by the way, this term is still extant—and pour it in the crack of the safe near the hinges of the door. The small aperture was then covered with soap to hold the explosive in place. The fuse was applied, and with the explosion off went the doors, slick and clean. The entire job took but a few minutes. It remained for a young Pinkerton detective to solve the matter on a safe that was blown in Coldwater, Mich., where a bank was wrecked and many thousands of dollars secured.

The crime was traced to Yegg and some of his companions, and they were found guilty and sent to prison. Thereafter those who employed the nitroglycerin instead of the older methods were called "yeggmen" or "yeggs."

This was the beginning of the term, but since that time the application of it has grown greatly. Today a "yegg," viewed from whatever aspect, is the most dangerous criminal with whom the police of the country have to deal. He is one who rides the country over on freight trains, working through the south in the winter and migrating to more exhilarating climes during the summer. He will beg when he is hungry and will steal and commit murder when he sees an opportunity of benefiting himself.

Today there are thousands of "yeggs" scattered throughout the country. Most of them belong to some certain band, each one of which has a leader. He is the king. It is his duty to enlist recruits. To him also is shipped all the loot, and he in turn converts it into money and places the amount to the credit of the member sending it in. For this the king receives a commission.

Most of the "yegg" gangs carry what is known as a "kitten" with them. The "kitten" is a boy, young man or cripple, whose duty it is to visit houses and places of business, apparently begging food or selling shoestrings, lead pencils, etc., and who then reports to the king "the lay of the land" so that when the time comes for pulling off the job all are familiar with the premises. The "kittens" are often runaway boys and later become "yeggs" themselves, destined to follow a life of crime and degradation.—Pittsburg Gazette-Times.

#### Nautical Information.

"By the way, captain," said the sweet young thing on the second day out, with a smiling attempt to be chummy, "where does Mother Carey feed her chickens?"

"In the trough of the sea, young woman," replied the captain of the ocean liner, with solemn dignity.—Chicago Tribune.

A good head and industrious hand are worth gold in any land.—Dutch Proverb.

### HE SOUGHT DEATH.

The Unfortunate Napoleon III. at the Battle of Sedan.

Sarah Bernhardt mentions in her memoirs that Napoleon III. had two horses shot under him at Sedan. Some having thrown doubt on her statement and denied that the emperor was ever in personal danger at the time, Baron Verily, son of the late colonel of the Cent Gardes, gives what he affirms to be the authentic account of the unhappy sovereign's persistent attempts to court death when he saw that defeat was unavoidable. On Sept. 1, 1870, at 6 o'clock in the morning, Marshal MacMahon, returning wounded to Sedan, met the emperor riding out to Bazailles. Napoleon III. realized that the situation was desperate. He rode slowly out, depressed and thoughtful, under a hail of shot. During an hour he inspected the positions. Bullets rained on his escort. Captain d'Hendecourt was killed a few feet away from the emperor. The latter, deliberately seeking death, alighted, ordered his escort to remain behind an embankment and walked up to a cemetery on a height, where he stayed for another hour, exposed to fire. He mounted again and rode to another part of the field. General de Courson and Captain de Trecesson were dangerously wounded by his side, but not a bullet hit him. The emperor at last seemed to despair of meeting his death as he sought it and rode back to Sedan at noon. In the town itself shells fell thick, and while the emperor was riding with his escort up the Grand Rue one burst just in front of him, wounded one of the Cent Gardes and killed the horses of two aids-de-camp. Napoleon III. looked on stolidly, understanding, perhaps, that it was not his fate to die in action. The story that he had two horses killed under him is, therefore, not correct. But there is no doubt that the unfortunate emperor, beaten and ill, a pathetic and tragic figure, did deliberately seek death on the field to escape the disgrace of Sedan which he foresaw.—Paris Letter.

### A SERPENT STORY.

Terrifying Experience With a Deadly Lancehead.

The Paris Eclair tells a blood curdling serpent story, the scene of which was the island of Martinique and the dramatic personae Sergeant Legrand and Private Durand and the snake a deadly lancehead.

The soldier had been punished with a night in the cells for some trivial offense, but as the night was very hot the sergeant had left the door open. In the morning at 5 o'clock Legrand went to wake his prisoner and, to his horror, beheld a lancehead snake coiled up and fast asleep on the man's breast.

The sergeant did not lose his presence of mind. He stole noiselessly away, ran to the guard room and, followed by all the men on duty, returned to the cell with a bowl of milk and a tin whistle. Placing the bowl of milk at the entrance to the cell, the sergeant began to play the "Blue Danube." It is needless to remark that the weakness of the lancehead is milk and music. The serpent, which was a six foot specimen, awoke, glided from the soldier's body toward the bowl, but it had no sooner buried its head in its beloved drink than ten cudgels descended on it with terrific force, killing it outright.

The soldier Durand, who was in a swoon, was taken to hospital, where he lay for many days on the verge of madness. He finally recovered and related his horrible experience—how he had awoke in the middle of the night as the serpent was coiling itself on his bare breast and how he had lain there in an agony for hours, not daring to move a muscle.

Durand was sent back to France as soon as he had sufficiently recovered. The only trace of his terrible experience, adds the Eclair, is that his hair is now snow white.

#### Love's Young Dream.

Another case of the bad boy rudely interrupting love's young dream. A Maltese girl and her Romeo sat in close proximity on the couch in the drawing room lost to the world. They were brought back from Eden by her little brother, who, like many of his kind, makes it a practice to butt in at the wrong time. He walked into the room, planted himself in front of the young man and asked:

"Was you ever tied to a fish line?" "I certainly was not," was the reply. "Well," responded the boy, "I heard pa tell ma last night that you'd make a good sinker."—Maudie Gossip.

#### As to Quotations.

How many persons can unhesitatingly name the source of the familiar quotations? Many a man goes through life without reading a single play of Shakespeare, but probably no English speaking man goes through life without quoting him. If he sneers at "a woman's reason," he quotes Shakespeare; if he refers to "a trick worth two of that," he quotes Shakespeare again.

"Goldsmith's 'She Stoops to Conquer' is not a popular work, but one line of it—"ASK me no questions, and I will tell you no lies"—is known and used by everybody.

#### Made Him a Songster.

Mr. Stubb (in astonishment)—Gracious, Maria! That tramp has been singing in the back yard for the last hour. Mrs. Stubb—Yes, John, it is all my fault. Mr. Stubb—Your fault? Mrs. Stubb—Indeed it is. I thought I was giving him a dish of boiled oatmeal, and instead of that I boiled up the bird seed by mistake.—Chicago News.

Wisdom is knowledge, sound judgment and good conduct running together in harness and keeping step.

#### Stones and Glass Houses.

The origin of the saying, "Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones," is as follows: At the time of the union of England and Scotland London was inundated with Scotchmen, and the London roughs used to go about at night breaking their windows. Buckingham being considered the chief instigator of the mischief, a party of Scotchmen smashed the windows of the duke's mansion, known as the Glass House. The court favorite appealed to the king, who replied, "Steenle, Steenle, those who live in glass houses should be careful how they fling stones!"—New York American.

#### Mathematics at Oxford.

There is an interesting story which shows the disposition of Oxford toward mathematics. A venerable don who had bought half a dozen books at 3s. 6d. each requested the bookseller to give him a piece of paper for the purpose of arriving at the amount. He then wrote down 3s. 6d. six times, one under the other, and was slowly adding them up when the shopman ventured to point out the shorter method of multiplying one 3s. 6d. by 6. "Dear me!" exclaimed the don, "Really, that is most ingenious, most ingenious!"—London Globe.

#### Anticipating Him.

Night after night the exceedingly quiet and backward youth had called on a neighboring farmer's daughter, sitting perfectly mute beside her while she did all the entertaining. This night, however, the youth, wishing for a glass of water, suddenly surprised her by blurting out, "Say, Sal, will you?" "Don't exert yourself, Reuben," she interrupted, "I understand. Yes, have you brought the ring?"—Bohemian Magazine.

#### The Toast of an Irishman.

Michael Meyers, Shoemaker, wrote "Wanderings in Ireland." An old Irishman read a fragment of it that related to the reader's neighborhood. He asked the name of the author. "Mr. Shoemaker, is it?" he commented. "A nice gentleman, I'll be bail. 'Tis a fine country he chose to travel in too. May the heavens be his bed for choosing it, and may every hair in his honor's head be a mold candle to light his soul to glory!"

#### Logical Conclusion.

First Burglar—Hark! I hear some one talking. Second Burglar—What's he saying? First Burglar—That he never will bet on another horse as long as he lives. Second Burglar—Let's get out of this. No money here. He's lost every cent.—London Tit-Bits.

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U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon,  
July 15, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Ida V. Gray, one of the heirs and for the heirs of Mary Howard, deceased, of Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon, who on ——— made Homestead Entry No. 9022, serial No. 0191, for SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Sec. 3, and SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Section 2, Township 5 South, Range 23 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. P. Williams, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Heppner, Oregon, on the 31st day of August, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses:  
Walter Davis, James Reid, Paul Webb and Martin Reid, all of Heppner, Oregon.  
July 23 Aug 27 C. W. MOORE, Register.

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Notice is hereby given that Franklin D. Cox, of Heppner, Oregon, who, on July 27, 1908, made Timber Application No. 4974, for SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Section 8, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> section 7, township 4 N, range 28 E. W. M., has filed notice of intention to make final timber proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. P. Williams, U. S. Commissioner, at his office, at Heppner, Oregon, on the 12th day of October, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses:  
Benjamin R. Patterson, George Amen, John S. Jones and Late Penland, all of Heppner, Oregon.  
July 30 Oct 1 F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.

#### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior,  
U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon,  
July 13, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Rose Buckalay, of Heppner, Oregon, who, on July 7th, 1908, made Timber Application No. 6132, for E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Section 21, Township 4 N, Range 28, E. W. M., has filed notice of intention to make final Timber and Stone proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. P. Williams, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Heppner, Oregon, on the 29th day of September, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses:  
Newton S. Whetstone, Guy Boyer, Willard H. Herrin and Frank Whetstone all of Heppner Oregon.  
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United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon,  
July 28, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved June 27, 1906, Public—No. 263, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 14th day of September next, at this office, the following tract of land, to-wit:

NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Sec. 22, and W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Sec. 23 T<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> W. M.

Any persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the day above designated for sale.

C. W. MOORE, Register.  
LOUIS H. ARNESEN, Receiver.

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