

### Alleged Crook In Pittsburgh, An Ardent Lover

**Former Sing Sing Convict  
Charged With Robbery of  
Many of Pittsburgh's Best  
Homes Holds Reception.**

Pittsburgh, Jan. 1.—Joseph Walters aged 29, former Sing Sing convict, now in the custody of the police here, charged with a score or more of robberies in the exclusive homes of Pittsburgh is one of the most remarkable criminals that ever came before the police of this city.

He is an accomplished burglar, the police say.

He is a lovely man, the women declare.

Before his arrest a week ago he was a desperate burglar by night and apparently a man of wealth about town by day.

**Was Ardent Lover.**

In his spare moments he was an ardent lover—and several women, including one of considerable social position in a nearby town, fell for him.

Walters, the police say and the evidence shows, could make love as well as he could ransack a mansion.

Walters, according to the police, was the master mind of a crook syndicate. Walters did the burglarizing and his confederates in Detroit and Cleveland disposed of the loot. Two other men have been arrested. The society woman who fell for his blandishments is proved her innocence and was subsequently released.

**Woman Given Presents.**

She has received jewelry as presents but did not know it was stolen. She admitted a flirtation with Walters and even entertaining him at her home. The whole story came out when she was arrested. Her husband forgave her when she was freed.

But getting back to Walters. After his capture he received much publicity. He admitted all his crimes and gave the details. Many of his victims came to police headquarters and recognized him. He didn't deny it and laughed with them as he discussed his robberies with them.

**Holds Jail Reception.**

The climax came one day when he held a public reception at police headquarters for all his former victims. It was well advertised. Women trooped into Captain of Detectives Clyde Edburn's offices. It was a big affair.

More than 100 men and women came to the reception. Some came as victims and others out of curiosity. From morning until night there was a stream of men and women anxious to see the celebrated "Jimmy Man."

**Tells of Disposal.**

Some wanted to know where their stolen goods had been sold or disposed of. Walters frankly told them. He didn't hesitate to answer all questions fully and frankly. He had a smile for everybody.

The detectives were surprised at the remarkable memory displayed by the man and how he remembered little incidents in various robberies. He told of funny incidents during his robberies and he laughed when he told how when caught red handed he bluffed frightened women and escaped.

**Said Victim Snored.**

When William Hare, of 900 Federal street, called to see Walters, the latter looked the visitor over carefully and inquired if he was the man who snored so loud when he entered the house. Hare denied snoring.

"Well you sure snored and I worked fast fearing you would wake up," said Walters.

In talking to Mrs. J. D. Ayers, of Maryland avenue, Walters stated that he didn't like her silverware or furs and took only jewelry.

"Did you sell those Klondike bonds?" another woman asked. "Well, if you did, it was more than I ever could do."

Walters smiled and told her he had thrown them away.

Thousands of dollars worth of loot was recovered from Walters' room and also from his confederates in Cleveland. Much of the property has been identified and restored to its owners.

**Woman's Mission to Stop War  
In Future, She Declares**

London, Jan. 1.—"The special mission of women in public life is to make war impossible in the future," said Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, who has just returned from a visit to the United States, where she spoke on behalf of the Women's International league.

"As non-combatants," she added, "we are in the best possible position. We are not so liable to be called cowards, and we can say what we think about war. It is essential that we should say it so clearly that the governments of all countries will have to listen. We must bring about universal disarmament."

**Brief City News**

**Fifty Dollars For Name**—A prize of \$50 is offered for the best name for a grocery, meat market, bakery and delicatessen establishment to be opened about March 1 at 1814 to 1818 Farman street.

**Watch Party**—A watch party was held New Year's eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Blackett. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fulmer, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Grover, Miss Evelyn Grover and Miss May Blackett.

**History Completed**—The "History of the 89th Division" has been completed and is being mailed to advance subscribers, according to an announcement from headquarters of the War society of the 89th division in Denver.

**Series of Lectures**—Dr. H. B. Alexander of the philosophical department of the University of Nebraska will begin a series of 15 lectures beginning January 17 at 4 in the afternoon and 8 in the evening in the council chamber of the city hall, under the auspices of the Omaha school forum, Jeanette McDonald, chairman of the educational committee of the forum, announces.

**Novel Lesson**—George Barker, artist and teacher of drawing at the Y. M. C. A., will present a novel feature before his drawing class tomorrow evening. J. Laurie Wallace, the artist, will paint a portrait from a model before the eyes of the pupils. Mr. Wallace has just returned from Minneapolis where, during the last summer, he was connected with the University of Minnesota faculty.

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A comparison of Thompson-Belden qualities and prices (with any others you wish) will show the wisdom and economy of purchasing here.

Common sense will tell you that quality and prices are the only things worthy of your consideration.

You can depend, safely, upon these statements which are brought forward in the January Sale at Thompson-Belden's.

**The January Clearance  
.. of all ..**

**Thompson-Belden  
Apparel**

This sale, which women who desire dependable merchandise for lower prices anticipate, begins Monday.

**Coats, Suits, Dresses,  
Blouses, Skirts,  
Petticoats and Negligees**

Every garments in stock is reduced and every one is from our season's stock. No special purchases of inferior merchandise are to be found in a Thompson-Belden sale.

**The Economies Merit  
Your Attention**

All sales final. A small charge for alterations.



**January Sale of Silks**

Values that will surely interest you are offered in this unusual sale of silks. The purchase of quality at a saving is the only true economy. Thompson-Belden silks have that quality which promises long service and enduring fashion.

**\$6 Charmeuse, \$2.98 a Yard**  
A full range of attractive shades—brown, navy, taupe, copenhagen and black—in a charmeuse that will not wear rough, forty inches wide.

**\$3.50 Crepe de Chine, \$1.95**  
Heavy, washable crepe de chine, in pink, flesh and ivory, forty inches wide, sale price, \$1.95 a yard.

**Belding's Satin de Chine, \$2.95 a Yard**  
An unusual quality for wear, thirty-six inches wide.

**\$12 Chiffon Velvet, \$7.95**  
An erect pile velvet for coats and suits, a superior wearing quality, forty inches wide.

**\$5 Pussy Willow for \$3.50 a Yard**  
Plain and novelties, forty-inch.

**\$5 Chiffon Velvet for \$2.95**  
Pure dye chiffon taffeta in navy, brown and black, thirty-six inch.

**\$3 Safin Duchesse for \$1.98**  
Black satin, a good heavy quality, beautifully finished, thirty-six inches wide, for the very low price of \$1.98 a yard.

**\$4 Shirting Silks, \$2.25**  
Heavy wash shirting silks, thirty-three inches wide.

**\$5 Haskell's Satin, \$2.95**  
Black satin Duchesse, a soft, durable satin of good wearing quality, thirty-six inches wide.

**Lingerie Silks Are Very Greatly Reduced**  
Our entire selection of fine lingerie silks is offered for very much lower prices.

**Fine Woolen Coatings  
Have Much Lower Prices**

Every fashionable coating from this season's assortment is on sale tomorrow. No exceptions have been made and the price quoted will interest women who value quality.

**Coatings That Were \$6 to \$8.50 a Yard  
In the January Sale, \$2.98 to \$4.49**

**Reductions on Other Woolens**  
Dress fabrics and suitings in desirable weaves and colors have new prices.

**\$3 Wool Poptins Are \$1.98**  
A very fine weight for dresses in a good range of colors, forty-two inches wide, \$1.98 a yard.

**\$10 Wool Plaids for \$4.95**  
Splendid shades—for skirts or one-piece frocks, fifty-four inches wide.

**January Clearance of  
All Velvet Hats  
for \$1.00**

Only a limited number remain, so early shopping is advised. Splendid values—all of them.

Milinery—Fourth Floor

**\$2.50 Sheets,  
\$1.85**

The genuine "Superior" seamless sheets (72x99 inches), made of a fine grade of sheeting.

Second Floor

**Bleached Pillow  
Slips for 29c**

Made of good sheeting in two sizes, 42x36 and 45x36.

Second Floor

**\$7.50 Wool Nap  
Blankets, \$5 a Pr.**

Double bed size, in tan and gray. A splendid value.

Second Floor

**Women's Union  
Suits, \$1 and \$1.25**

Fine cotton suits, in an ankle length, round neck and sleeveless style—splendid values.

Second Floor

## Our January Sale of Linens is of Particular Importance This Year

The following statements, which are indisputable, show why a real linen sale is worthy of patronage:

One—Chaos still reigns in those European countries which supply 75% of the world's flax.

Two—Manufacturers are paying abnormal prices for Irish and Scotch flax—the supply being entirely inadequate for the world's requirements.

Three—Labor and living conditions in the linen manufacturing centers of Scotland and Ireland are still unsettled.

**As to How This Sale is Possible**

Ten cases of beautiful linens have been removed from the bonded warehouse and are included in this January Sale.

We did not purchase these as a speculation—they were bought to insure our supply. Their cost to you will be less than manufacturers can sell them for today.

And as for quality—they represent the best of Scotch and Irish linens, among them—Richardson Sons and Owden's "Model Village Damask" and John S. Brown's celebrated Shamrock Linens.

**John S. Brown's Irish  
Linen Cloths and Napkins**

\$25.00 Table Cloths (2x2 yds.) \$20.00  
\$30.00 Table Cloths (2x2½ yds.) \$25.00  
\$35.00 Table Cloths (2x3 yds.) \$30.00  
\$30.00 Table Cloths (2¼x2¼ yds.) \$25.00  
\$35.00 Table Cloths (2¼x2½ yds.) \$30.00  
\$30.00 Napkins (22-inch) \$25.00 a dozen  
\$45.00 Napkins (27-inch) \$35.00 a dozen

**Fine Linen Table Cloths  
With Napkins to Match**

\$22.75 Table Cloths (2x2 yds.) \$17.50  
\$25.00 Table Cloths (2x2½ yds.) \$20.00  
\$30.00 Table Cloths (2x3 yds.) \$25.00  
\$35.00 Table Cloths (2x3½ yds.) \$30.00  
\$25.00 Napkins (22-inch) \$18.75 a dozen  
\$27.50 Napkins (24-inch) \$20.00 a dozen

**Table Cloths and Napkins  
in Matched Patterns**

\$16.75 Cloths (2x2 yds.) \$12.89  
\$20.00 Cloths (2x2½ yds.) \$15.00  
\$25.00 Cloths (2x2 yds.) \$18.89  
\$30.00 Cloths (2x2½ yds.) \$23.00  
\$33.00 Cloths (2x3 yds.) \$25.00  
\$35.00 Cloths (2x3½ yds.) \$30.00  
\$30.00 Cloths (2¼x2¼ yds.) \$23.00.

\$18.00 Napkins (22-inch) \$15.00 a dozen  
\$25.00 Napkins (22-inch) \$20.00 a dozen  
\$30.00 Napkins (25-inch) \$25.00 a dozen

**Very Fine Irish Cloths  
With Napkins to Match**

\$25.00 Cloths (2x2 yds.) \$20.00  
\$30.00 Cloths (2x2½ yds.) \$25.00  
\$35.00 Cloths (2x3 yds.) \$30.00  
\$25.00 Napkins (22-inch) \$20.00 a dozen  
\$30.00 Napkins (25-inch) \$25.00 a dozen

**Cloth and Napkin Prices  
You'll Find Very Interesting**

\$15.00 Cloths (2x2 yds.) \$11.89  
\$17.50 Cloths (2x2½ yds.) \$13.89  
\$15.00 Napkins (22-inch) \$11.89 a dozen  
\$20.00 Cloths (2x2 yds.) \$14.89  
\$23.00 Cloths (2x2½ yds.) \$17.50  
\$25.00 Cloths (2x3 yds.) \$20.00  
\$20.00 Napkins (22-inch) \$14.89 a dozen

**Towels and Wash Cloths  
Lowest Prices Tomorrow**

**Colored Border  
Turkish Towels**  
1.00 qualities, 75c  
1.50 qualities, 1.00  
1.75 qualities, 1.25  
2.00 qualities, 1.25

**Huck Towels**  
20c qualities, 12½c  
30c qualities, 19c  
50c qualities, 29c  
50c H. S. qualities, 39c  
65c qualities, 50c

**Turkish Towels**  
30c qualities, 19c  
65c qualities, 35c  
85c qualities, 59c

**Wash Cloths**  
10c Cloths for 7c  
15c Cloths for 10c  
20c Turkinit, 12½c

15c Dish Cloths, 10c  
15c Scrub Cloths, 10c

**Heavy Linen Crashes  
From Scotland and Ireland**

50c Unbleached, 39c  
55c Bleached, 45c  
75c Bleached, 50c

85c Bleached, 69c  
95c Bleached, 75c

**All Linen Glass Toweling**

(In Checked Patterns) 65c quality, 59c  
60c quality, 45c 95c extra heavy, 75c

**All Union Suits Are Less  
The Men's Shop**

Winter, medium and light weights—athletic styles are also included—regular sizes and stouts. Superior, Sterling, Winsted, Lewis, B. V. D. and Mansco makes.

\$2.50 Suits, \$1.65  
\$3.00 Suits, \$2.15  
\$3.50 Suits, \$2.45  
\$4.00 Suits, \$2.95

\$5.00 Suits, \$3.85  
\$6.50 Suits, \$4.95  
\$7.50 Suits, \$5.65  
\$8.50 Suits, \$6.35

To the Left as You Enter

**All Decorative Linens**

**Have Much Lower Prices**

\$15.00 Madeira Napkins, \$10.00 a dozen  
\$20.00 Madeira Napkins, \$15.00 a dozen  
\$15.00 Madeira Luncheon Sets, \$10.00  
\$20.00 Madeira Cloths for \$15.00  
\$25.00 Madeira Cloths for \$18.75  
\$35.00 Mosaic Napkins, \$25.00 a dozen  
\$25.00 Mosaic Napkins, \$18.75 a dozen  
\$20.00 Mosaic Napkins, \$15.00 a dozen

**Exceptional  
Linen Values**

—50c Madeira Doilies (6-inch for 25c

—\$15 Hemstitched Mosaic Napkins for \$10 a dozen

—\$1.50 Lace Trimmed Scarfs for only 95c

**Cluny Lace  
Pieces Less**

Center pieces, scarfs, luncheon cloths and doilies.

**\$3.50 Filet Lace Table  
Cloth (72-inch), \$2.00**

Other real Italian filet pieces at the greatest savings.

**All of Our White Goods  
Reduced This January**

**Longcloth**

A fine soft finish quality—by the bolt and by the yard (36 inches wide). 65c quality, 45c yard 75c quality, 55c yard 85c quality, 65c yard

**Shadow Striped  
Phantom Cloth**  
\$1 quality  
for 75c a yard.

**Nainsooks**

Sheer, soft Japanese nainsooks by the yard and bolt. 75c quality, 50c yard 85c quality, 65c yard \$1.00 quality, 75c yard

Flaxons, dimities, plain voiles, piques, batiste, crepes and poplins, all at special prices.

**Hemstitched  
All Linen  
Huck Towels**

\$1.50 Linen Huck, \$1.25  
\$2.25 Linen Huck, \$1.75  
\$2.50 Linen Huck, \$2.00  
\$2.75 Linen Huck, \$2.25

**\$1.25 Embroidered  
White Voiles**  
75c a yard.

**The Bedspread Sale  
Offers Attractive Savings**

**Marseilles  
Bed Spreads**

(Double Size)  
Hemmed  
\$ 8.75 Spreads, \$ 6.89  
\$10.00 Spreads, \$ 7.50  
\$15.00 Spreads, \$12.00

**Marseilles  
Bed Spreads**

(Double Size)  
Scalloped with Cut  
Corners  
\$10.00 Spreads, \$ 7.50  
\$12.75 Spreads, \$10.00  
\$17.50 Spreads, \$13.75

**Ripplette Spreads**  
\$3.75 quality, \$2.75  
(Size 72x90)  
\$5.00 quality, \$3.75  
(Size 90x100)

**Marseilles  
Bed Spreads**  
A double bed size spread with sham to match.  
\$15.00 Sets for \$12.00

**Twelve Fine SAVINGS**

—Heavy Linen Sheeting \$5.50 (72-inch) \$4 a yd.  
\$7.50 (90-inch) \$5.89 a yd.

—40c Linen Weft Crash, 29c a yard.  
—40c Hemmed Tea Towels, 29c.

—Plain H. S. Linen Luncheon Napkins.  
\$10 (14-inch) \$7.89 a doz.

—\$1.00 Linen Huck Guest Towels, 75c.  
—\$1.00 H. S. Linen Weft Huck Towels, 75c.  
—35c Striped Glass Toweling, 19c a yd.  
—30c Hemmed Glass Towels for 19c.

—Sheer White Handkerchief Linen.  
\$3 (36-inch) \$2.50 a yd.  
\$3.25 (36-inch) \$2.75 a yd.

**A Sale of Sorosis Shoes  
for \$9.85**

¶ A black kid boot with welt sole and leather heel.

¶ A good looking beaver brown boot with welt sole, Louis heel.

¶ Black kid shoes with welt soles.

¶ Black cloth top shoes with military heels.

In addition you may find among the odds lots very fine values for attractive clearance prices.