

## of Their Band, in His Refusal to Pay a Fine.

One hundred Anarchists at noon today in the Court of Special Sessions made a wild demonstration when William Sanger, thirty-seven years old, artist, architect and Anarchist, was convicted of disseminating obscene literature, and said that he would go to jail in preference to paying a fine of \$150. Men and women rose in their seats and shrieked, cursed and cheered. Hats were thrown into the air and

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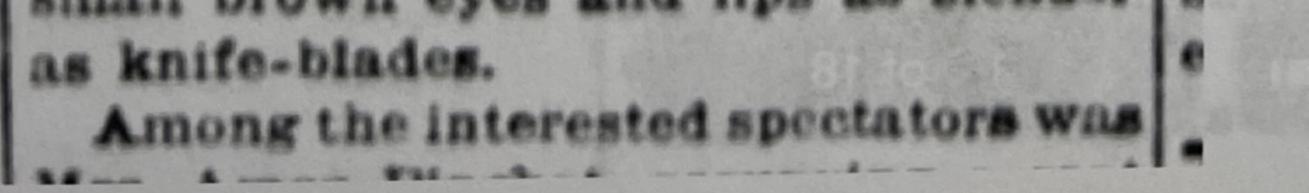
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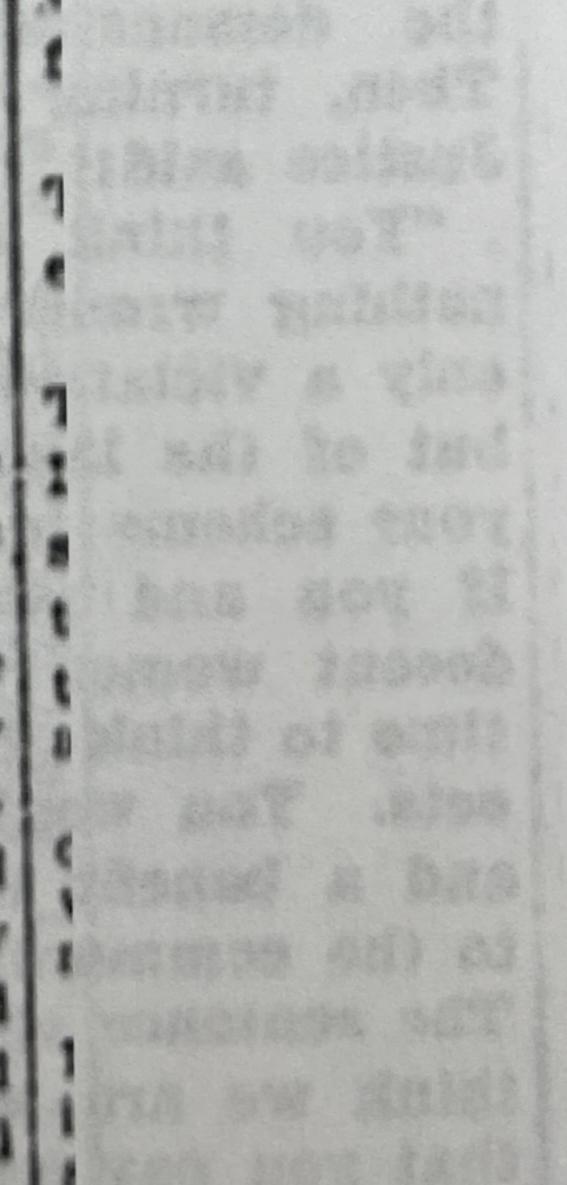
The screams and yells of the frenzied followers of Alexander Berkman, d Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Carlo Tresca j and Leonard Abbott, all of whom c were in court, could be heard all over t the Criminal Courts Building and in j the street. It required the efforts of a dozen court attendants, policemen y and detectives to clear the court. No n arrests were made. Sanger was arrested Jan. 19 by c Anthony Comstock for giving out a pamphlet composed by his wife, called d "Family Limitation." In the interim t he has gone as high as the Appellate | t Division of the Supreme Court in his c efforts to have a jury trial. This i morning he was called to trial be- t fore Justices McInerney, Herbert and Salmon in Special Sessions. · I that we want a second a second The wife of the artist Anarchist is I in Europe in consequence of an indict- | t ment against her for sending the ( pamphlet through the mails. Sanger ( is of medium stature and exception- r ally thin. He has bushy black hair, a small brown eyes and lips as slender s

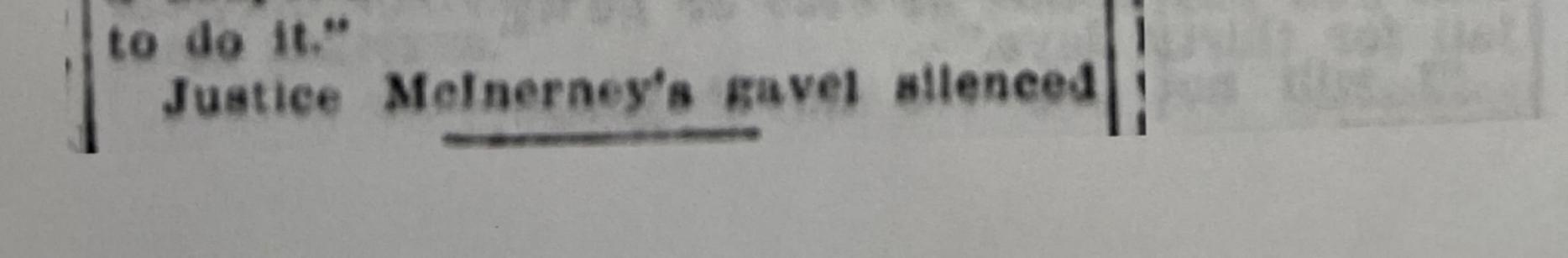


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Among the interested spectators was Mrs. Amos Pinchot, occupying a seat 7 in the midst of the Anarchists. Banger had with him a 7,000 word typewritten statement, which he announced that he would read to the court. He didn't though.

"My plea is 'Not guilty'," he announced, "but I have dismissed my lawyer and will argue my own case." There was a visible movement among the "Reds" in the back seats, a shuffling of positions for a better ] ? look, some coughing and many significant glances. "I admit having given out this pamphlet," Sanger continued, "but"-"That's enough," interrupted Jus- 7 tica McInerney. "There's no occasion for reading that volume you havy there. All the Court is interested in knowing is whether you arely guilty or not. Are you ready to have . judgment pronounced on you?" "It is not enough!" shricked the prisoner. "I claim that it is the law a and not I that is on trial here today. This pamphlet is for good and should not be checked. Anthony Comstock told me that if I pleaded guilty he would see that I received !! a suspended sentence; and I refused

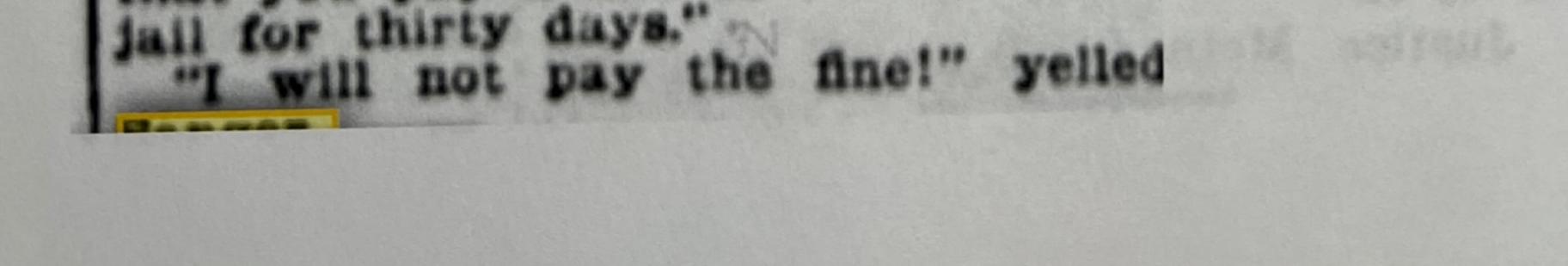


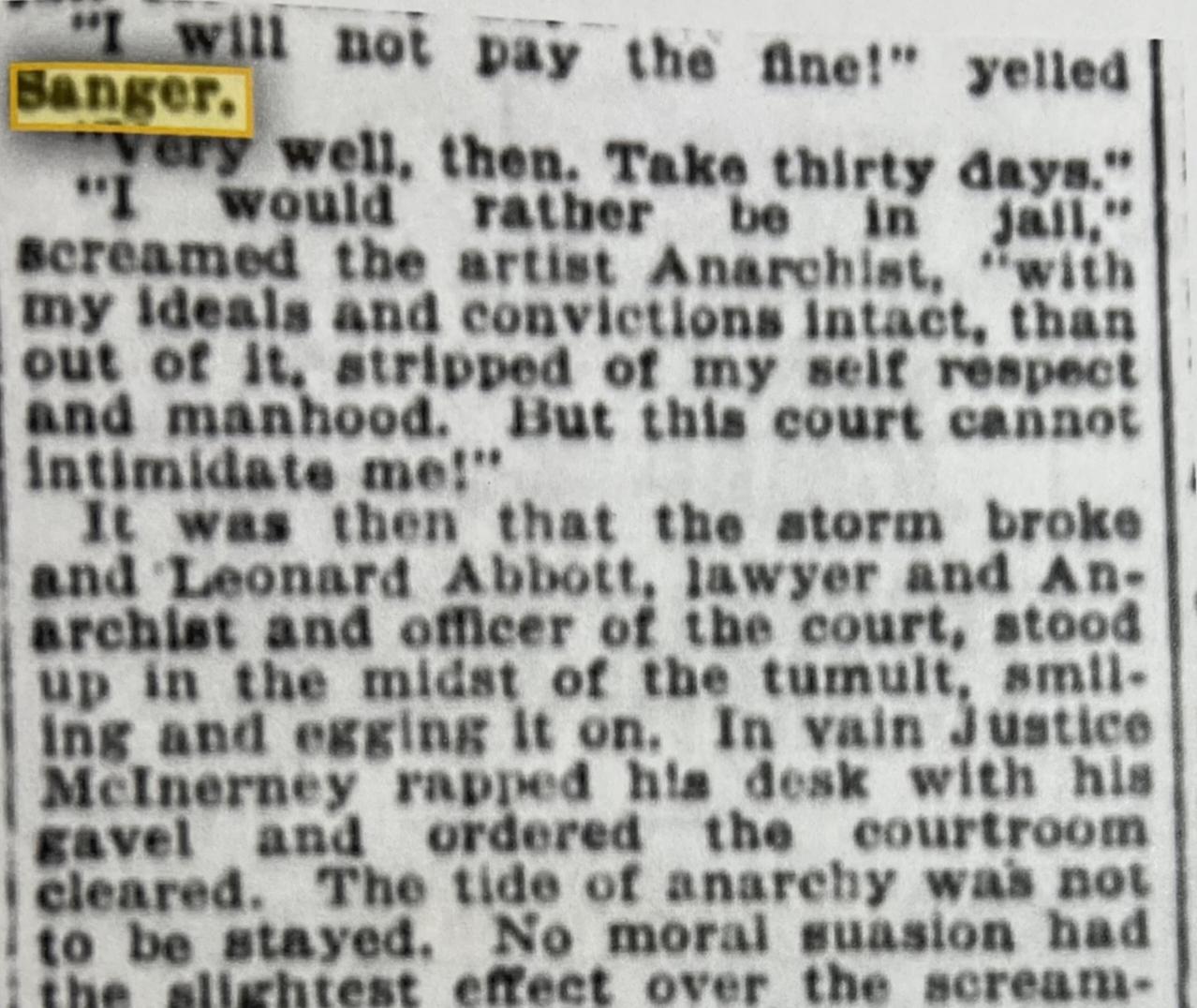


## ANARCHISTS IN WILD DEFIANCE CURSE JUDGES IN COURT

Then, turning to the prisoner, the Justice said:

"You think that you have done nothing wrong. Your crime is not only a violation of the laws of man but of the laws of God as well. in your scheme to prevent motherhood. If you and your ilk would marry decent women you would not have time to think of such worthless projects. You would all be better men and a benefit instead of a disgrace to the community in which you live. The sentence of this Court is, and I think we are letting you off easily, that you pay a fine of \$150 or go to





ing, cursing mob which surged toward the bench. Pale, but determined, the three Justices satson the dais, gazing at the scene they were powerless to control. Finally, the court attendants and police, tired of supplications, got into the throng and ceased gentle handling. They herded the crowd like a lot of cattle and rushed them from the courtroom without further ado. Outside in the corridor the Anarchists kept up the din until more police were summoned, and then resolute measures were adopted to drive them into the street. "It was a spiendid demonstration, said Lawyer Abbott. "What's the use of arresting them?" said Assistant District Attorney Wilattantia titt will only make

