

ASSASSINS' BAND PERMEATES WEST

Ample Evidence Ohio Black Hand Extends From Pittsburgh to South Dakota.

ELEVEN MEMBERS IN JAIL

Extortion and Murder Reduced to System by Society of Banana, of Which Letters and Books Are Seized.

CINCINNATI, June 9.—Revelations of the extortion, plotting and murder by the Black Hand, as uncovered today by Postoffice inspectors, show conclusively that the gangs in Columbus, Marion, Dennison, Bellefontaine and other Ohio towns were organized along the same lines as the old Mafia, but with a much more thorough system of concealment. It is now known that the Ohio Black Hand, or the "Society of the Banana," as its members style themselves, had a branch in Pittsburgh, Pa., one in Chicago and a line that extended to South Dakota. Regular meetings were held and the money obtained by extortion was distributed to various divisions in this country and sent to relatives in Italy for safe keeping.

Well-Organized Society.
"We found what I believe to be certain proof that the Black Hand outrages, at least in the Middle West, were committed by a well-organized society with grips and passwords and that they are not simply sporadic cases of individual extortion," said Chief Postoffice Inspector Holmes. "We have no evidence so far as the American Black Hand is concerned. West is connected with the foreign organization that killed Lieutenant Petrosino in Sicily."

Eleven Members Arrested.
Eleven arrests have been made thus far in Columbus, Marion, Dennison, Bellefontaine and Cleveland, all in Ohio, and the Government officers in Chicago and Cincinnati are looking for Antonio Lima, brother of Salvatore Lima, who was arrested in Marion. A Cleveland man, arrested in Marion, is being held in custody. He was arrested at Dennison after a running fight with deputies and Secret Service agents. Late tonight the police arrested Salvatore Lima, brother of Antonio. A search of the home of the arrested man revealed a number of letters and a small box containing a revolver. The arrests were made following letters sent to John J. Muggins, a fruit dealer of Columbus, O. The inspectors say they have evidence that a room in the rear of a little fruit store in Marion conducted by the Rizzos was the headquarters of the society in this country, and they found in a safe there letters which throw light on many successful attempts at extortion. The letters, which were found in the safe, are in possession of the officers.

New York Theory Wrong.
The New York police officials who are carrying on the detective work started by Joseph Petrosino, who was killed in Sicily, have been working on the theory that there is no extensive Black Hand organization, but that the operations have been conducted by individuals in different cities who have no connection with each other. But the work of the Cincinnati officers tends to show that the New York experts have been wrong in their theory and that not only has the Black Hand a National organization in the United States, but that it is directly allied with a similar organization in Sicily. The coup sprang by the Government officers was engineered by Inspector J. F. Oldfield, under the direction of Inspector A. R. Holmes, in charge of the Cincinnati office.

The conspirators are alleged to have sent \$5000 monthly to Italy.

It is said the officers have found the society is an ironbound organization, membership in which is invested with blood-curdling oaths, grips, passwords and signs.

CHICAGO SLEUTH WAS MARKED

Black Hand Specialist Picked for Death by Italians.

CHICAGO, June 9.—An alleged plot to assassinate Detective Gabriel Longobardi, of the Black Hand squad of the Chicago police force, was revealed here today. The plot is said to have involved a jail delivery. Several months ago Longobardi arrested Giuseppe Buticci, who was charged with the murder of another Italian, John Umbrello. Later the detective took into custody Vincenzo Geraci, charged with attempting to get \$3000 from Dr. Peter Cutrola by "black-hand" threats. Longobardi has received two letters recently from Geraci, stating that a plot was under way to contrive the escape of Buticci from the jail, and that the latter was to carry out a sentence of death imposed on the detective by the society.

Several weeks ago, Longobardi was stabbed in the wrist by two men who had been loitering near his home. The detective joined in the search for his assailants and the police now couple this attack with the plot divulged in the letters received by Longobardi.

ACCUSER ASSASSINS MERRY

Marion Suspects Laugh and Joke While in Jail.

TOLEDO, O., June 9.—Deputy United States Marshals Wagner and Owens arrived here tonight from Marion in charge of three alleged Black Hand operators, Salvatore Lima, 30; Salvatore Rizzo, 32; and Joseph Bataglia, 28. They seemed to take their arrest coolly and laughed and joked. Rizzo said he had been in this country two years. Bataglia and Lima are peddlers.

MAY BE PETROSINO'S SLAYER

Postal Inspectors Have Suspect Who May Know of Murder.

COLUMBUS, O., June 9.—Collegaro Viccarro, of Bellefontaine, an Italian, was

arrested today by Postoffice Inspector Hosford and will be taken to Toledo. He is charged with being the go-between in securing money for the Black Hand gang that has been run down at Marion and Columbus.

Postal Inspector Oldfield is positive that the suspect, Viccarro, arrested today in Bellefontaine, was connected with the murder of the New York detective, Petrosino, in Italy, some months ago.

"I base my belief," he said, "on the fact that this man is known to have left for Italy just before Petrosino was assassinated. I believe him to be one of the ringleaders of the Mafia of the United States and consider his capture of great importance."

MENACING LETTERS OBTAINED

Trunk Filled With Black Hand Evidence From Marion.

MARION, Ohio, June 9.—United States Secret Agent J. F. Oldfield, who arrested Sam Lima, a fruit merchant, here yesterday as a leader of an Italian Black Hand society, has gone to Columbus taking with him a trunk full of incriminating letters found in Lima's store. Some of the letters, all written in Italian, were signed with skull and crossbones. Others were prepared with bleeding hearts neatly pierced by daggers. More of the letters contained differing designs of threatening the arrival of United States Marshal Chandler from Cleveland. Secret Service operatives are searching for Italians in neighboring cities who are suspected of implication in an extortion plot that has netted the band thousands of dollars within the last few months.

NEW YORK SCOFFS AT FIND

Gotham Police Pay Little Attention to Reports From Cincinnati.

NEW YORK, June 9.—The police officials in this city who are carrying on the detective work started by Joseph Petrosino, who was killed in Sicily, and who are considered the best authorities on the Black Hand, are inclined to discredit the dispatches from Cincinnati.

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Two Arrests at Cleveland

Brothers in Commission House Suspected of Complicity.

CLEVELAND, June 9.—Antonio and Joseph Musso, brothers and proprietors of a commission house, were arrested here tonight on suspicion that they are members of the Black Hand.

MOTHER MAY CUT NOOSE

SQUAW'S TESTIMONY FAVORS SON'S ALLEGED SLAYER.

Aged Woman States Another Indian, Not the Prisoner, Fired Fatal Shot.

Testimony of an Indian mother, whose son, Grover Cleveland White, was murdered on the Siletz Reservation July 23, 1908, may save the accused slayer from capital punishment or life imprisonment.

Carl Logsdon is on trial for murder in the Federal Court, and evidence for the prosecution is tended to show that White and Logsdon were friends and that they had a quarrel. Beyond that no clear showing appears to have been made.

Yesterday afternoon Nellie White, mother of the murdered man, was on the stand, she practically charged the crime. "I blame Muggins," she said, "because he promised my son that I would never forgive him for the Indian evidently had the meaning of threaten, and was treated accordingly as a threat."

The Indian woman, who is at least 80 years of age, further testified that she had heard Pete Muggins threaten her son, that she had heard him curse him, and that she had heard three shots. Two of the shots, said to have been fired by Logsdon, were from an entirely different direction than a later shot coming from the road where her son and Muggins quarreled, said the old woman.

She was subjected to a searching cross-examination by Assistant District Attorney Evans as to how she was able to recognize Muggins' voice. Again and again she returned to the point. "I had heard his voice all summer. Of course I knew his voice," she reiterated.

Muggins was present in court and listened with considerable interest to the narration of the aged woman's testimony. Incidentally he listened to the interpreter very closely and watched for the slightest variation the latter might make. Haggard and pale, dressed in American clothing, her features were in evident agony the whole afternoon. She and her son, whose age is given as 19, but who looks to be 15 or 16 years old, followed the testimony intently.

Several storekeepers and merchants from Grand Ronde and the surrounding country testified to the accused boy's good character and behavior and gave their opinions as to their knowledge in a manner that was manifestly in his favor. D. J. Haynes appeared for the defense. The case was continued until today.

ENGINEER IS ACQUITTED

Self-Defense and Unwritten Law Save Man From Noose.

KANSAS CITY, June 9.—Leon H. Brady, civil engineer, was acquitted tonight of the charge of having killed Joe Flanagan in an apartment-house last March. His plea was self-defense and unwritten law. Brady charges that his wife had been persecuted with unwelcome attentions by Flanagan.

BANFF HOT SPRINGS.

The Canadian Pacific is making a special round trip rate of \$35 to Banff and return. Tickets good for stopovers at Seattle, Victoria, Vancouver and all the famous mountain resorts. For descriptive matter and full particulars regarding available routes, etc., apply at the Third street.

Office of Portland Gas Company closed today, the 10th. Tomorrow, the 11th, positively the last day for discount.

TRIAL OF CALHOUN ALMOST FINISHED

Heney to Complete Evidence for Prosecution Today Without Ruef.

DEFENSE MAY OFFER NONE

United Railroads Treasurer Is Questioned About \$200,000 Loan to Calhoun, but Can't Find Vouchers for It.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 9.—Definite announcement relating to the end of the trial of Patrick Calhoun, which has already been extended over a period of nearly five months, was made today when Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney stated that the case of the people was virtually completed and would be closed tomorrow with the submission of fragmentary testimony. Mr. Heney's statement was accepted as an acknowledgment that Abraham Ruef, the political boss, convicted of participation in the bribery charged to the president of the United Railroads, would not be called as a witness.

Ruef's attitude since his sentence of 14 years in the penitentiary was pronounced last December has been a subject of conjecture, and it was believed that he might be produced in court as a witness to the series of sensations that has characterized the trial.

Defense May Offer No Evidence.

Whether or not the defense will offer any testimony is doubtful. The attorneys for Calhoun declined to make any statement tonight, and predictions based upon the three trials of Tracy J. Ford were that no witnesses would be called. In this event the opening argument for the prosecution, which will be made by Assistant District Attorney John O'Garra, may be expected on Friday and the case will certainly will be submitted to the jury next week.

Charged \$200,000 to Calhoun.

George E. Starr, treasurer of the United Railroads, who has remained in New York for two years and resisted efforts to compel his appearance to testify in the Ford trials, was called today and questioned at length about financial transactions relating to the summer of 1906, when Calhoun is alleged to have sent to the mint a fund of \$200,000 subsequently employed to bribe Ruef and the supervisors for the award of the overhead trolley permit.

Starr admitted that he had been directed by Calhoun to charge to the latter's account an item of \$200,000, for which the witness was unable to produce a receipt.

Starr failed to produce, after a search, vouchers for the money when the money was withdrawn.

Lathan Hired by Brown.

Alexander Lathan, his father and his wife were examined. Lathan testified to testify on the ground that he might incriminate himself, was once the chauffeur for Ruef, and was indicted for perjury during the latter's trial. Mrs. Lathan told of her husband's employment by H. H. Clarke, father-in-law of Luther P. Brown, an agent of the United Railroads.

She did not know how her husband procured his engagement, but she saw Brown in San Leandro on the morning her husband departed for the East in Mr. Clarke's employ. After leaving Clarke's employ her husband again went to Denver, where she joined him within a few weeks. They spent several months in New York before re-crossing the continent to Portland, Or., where Lathan was arrested by agents of the prosecution.

Frank N. Ish, a business man, testified that he had transferred an automobile, driven by Lathan, to Mr. Clarke, and that the latter had provided him with a new car in exchange.

Complaints for grand larceny, charging William M. Abbott and Luther G. Brown with theft of documents from the office of W. J. Burns, were introduced and read to the jury.

REORGANIZE C. G. W. ROAD

J. P. Morgan & Co. Have Details in Hand for \$25,000,000 Deal.

NEW YORK, June 9.—J. P. Morgan & Co. announced today a proposed reorganization of the Chicago Great Western Railroad. Under the reorganization plan it is intended to form a new company, which will issue \$25,000,000 of first mortgage 50-year 4 per cent bonds, also \$50-

per cent preferred stock and \$45,000,000 of common. The total cash requirements of the reorganization will approximate \$25,000,000.

A voting trust, consisting of J. P. Morgan, George F. Baker and Robert Fleming, the latter representing the more important foreign interests in the property, is to be created for a period of five years.

To participate in the plan, holders of the existing "B" preferred stock and the common shares will be assessed \$15 per share. Holders of the debentures, which amount to \$25,000,000, will receive 10 per cent in preferred stock voting trust certificates of the new company, while holders of the old preferred "A" stock will be given 120 per cent in new common stock.

Plotting in Venezuela

SECRET SERVICE MEN FIND PLAN TO REINSTATE CASTRO.

Filibustering Project, Including Smuggling of 30,000 Rifles Into Land Unearthed.

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It is said that a plot has been discovered which has for its object the overthrow of President Gomez and his regime. The ramifications of the scheme led to various cities in the Atlantic Middle West states. It is understood that a quantity of rifles and ammunition already have been purchased in Chicago, Stock Island and other cities, and that now there are at least 30,000 rifles in or near New York City ready to be shipped in the filibustering expedition. These actions were brought to the attention of the United States Government by the Venezuelan minister at Washington, and Secret Service men were assigned at once to prevent the departure of any such filibustering expedition.

John E. Wilkie, chief of the Federal Secret Service, arrived in New York City Tuesday, and assumed the direction of his men, their information being that the secret agents of Venezuela, \$1,000,000 has been subscribed by a foreign interest in behalf of those who seek to re-establish Castro in Venezuela. The representative of a large New York house went to Paris early last month, and thence to Belgium, where soon after his arrival a great quantity of rifles was shipped to this country.

It is understood that these rifles, with others purchased in this country, have been shipped back to the Atlantic seaboard, ready to be taken on by one or more filibustering vessels.

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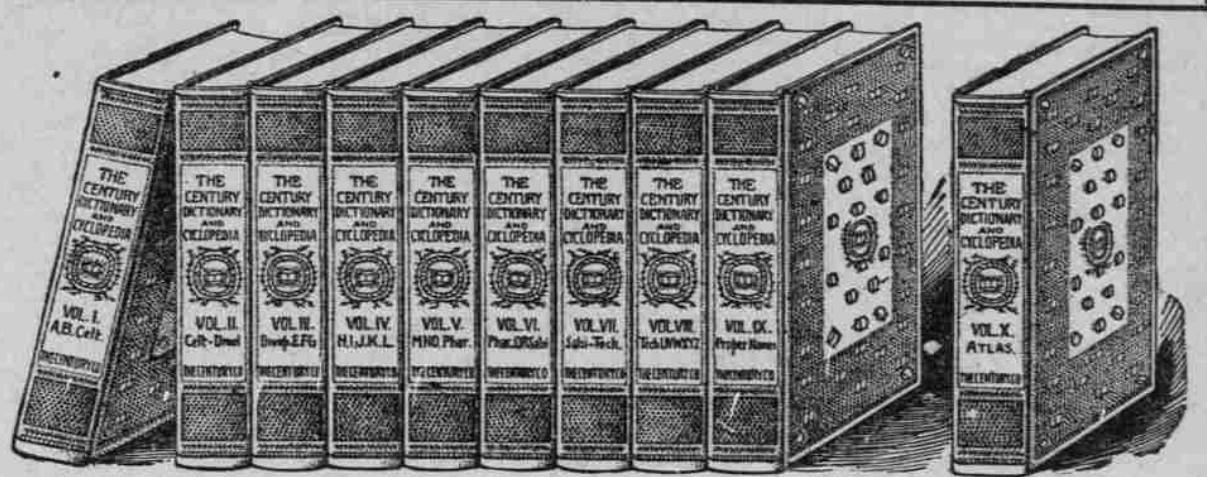
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Seeks Divorce After 29 Years.

Henry J. Brown, a draftsman for the Oregon Water Power branch of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, has been made the defendant in a divorce suit brought in the Circuit Court by Mrs. Evangeline Brown. They were married at London, Ont., September 9, 1880, and have two children. Mrs. Brown says that her husband deserted her and the children in July 1906. She says her husband earns \$150 a month, and asks \$150 attorney's fees, \$1000 alimony, and \$40 a month for the support of the children until they become of age.

Sage Money Circulates.

NEW YORK, June 9.—In less than three years Mrs. Russell Sage has spent more than \$25,000,000 for public purposes and the benefit of mankind. The recent investigation abroad of the question of work-

men's insurance and the establishment of a gigantic employment bureau called attention anew to her prolific bounty. It took Russell Sage 50 years to get \$65,000,000. This great sum amounted to \$3500 a day for the lifetime of the financier. Mrs. Sage is now giving away the fortune at the rate of \$25,000 a day.

Chicago.—Five hundred Chicago Swedes and Danes left Tuesday for Sweden and Denmark, where they will attend exhibitions and celebrate in various ways during the Summer. July 4 has been set aside by royal proclamation as Danish-American day, and the Chicago Danes will have charge of the festivities.

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