

BLACK HAND GANG HERE FROM EAST WITH ITS PLOTS

Postoffice Inspectors Seeking Men Known to Be Leaders of Dangerous Band—Learn of Operations Here.

Following close upon the conviction of 14 members of the Lima Black Hand gang in Toledo, Ohio, Saturday, postoffice inspectors and local federal authorities are endeavoring to ascertain the whereabouts of Michael Angelo Lima, uncle of Michael Angelo, and leader of the eastern band. Antonia Lima is known to have been in Portland recently.

Michael Angelo Lima, who for three years lived with his three brothers, who run a fruit stand at 104 First street, Portland, is wanted on a charge of endeavoring to extort \$5000 from Napoleon Greco, a prominent Italian merchant of Portland, and other wealthy members of the colony, by means of Black Hand letters.

Postoffice inspectors first learned of the operations in Portland of agents of the eastern Black Hand gang, when Sebastian Lima, Giuseppe Ignoffo, Agostino Lima, Vincenzo Arrigo, Salvatore Hizzo, Sevario Ventola, Antonia Vicario, Salvatore Demma, Cologaro Vicario, O. Ronfola, Pippino Golba, Salvatore Arrigo and Francesco Shodara, were arrested in Toledo, Ohio, and Marion, Ohio, in connection with the dynamiting of one Italian's home and the extortion of money from hundreds of others.

Headed by Antonia Lima, formerly collector of customs for Sicily, the gang used a banana store, 104 First street, for headquarters. When the place was raided, letters from all over the United States were found in the safe, telling of the operations of hundreds of agents of the mafia. Among the letters were several supposed to have been written by Michael Angelo Lima of Portland, and postmarked "Portland, O."

In the letters the writer told of the financial condition of Portland Italians. Among the names of Portland Italians mentioned was that of Napoleon Greco, one of the wealthiest in the northwest.

"He is our blood enemy," one of the letters, when translated, said. Other Portland Italians were averred to be "blood enemies."

Investigation proved to the postoffice inspectors among them E. C. Clemens, who had received Black Hand letters. The first one was dated June 5, 1909, and four followed at intervals of several weeks. Five thousand dollars was demanded. Greco did not pay.

Immediately after being notified of the contents of the Marion, Ohio, letters, the postoffice inspectors put the Lima fruit store, on First street, and his home under watch. City Detectives Tichenor and Howell were detailed to help.

Lima Makes Escape. Michael Angelo Lima, against whom the burden of the evidence rested, escaped and has not been located, though reports have it that he and his uncle, Antonio Lima, the leader of the great band, are in the neighborhood of Portland.

Federal authorities are elated over the conviction of the Ohio Black Hand gang, especially so for the reason that it is the first time in the history of the United States that such has been gained in a pure Black Hand case. Always before, the cases against the Italians suspected of being connected with the Black Hand gangs, have fallen through because of the inability of Italian witnesses, who feared for their lives.

Though convicted, none trials were granted Agostino Marfia of Denison, Texas, Vincenzo Arrigo, a fruit dealer of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Salvatore Hizzo, a section hand of Marion, Ohio. Sebastian Lima and Giuseppe Ignoffo, his brother-in-law, both of Marion, Ohio, were given 16 and 10 years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., respectively. Others convicted and sentenced were Sevario Ventola of Columbus, Ohio, two years.

Antonio Vicario of Denison, Texas, two years. Salvatore Demma of Bellefontaine, Ohio, two years, and Cologaro Vicario of the same place, two years.

Orazio Ronfola, Pittsburg, Pa., six years. Pippino Golba of Meadville, Pa., four years. Salvatore Arrigo of Cincinnati, Ohio, four years, and Francesco Shodara, of Cincinnati, Ohio, two years.

Just how many Portland Italians received Black Hand letters the postoffice inspectors do not know for the reason that the majority are afraid to report them. Italian mechanics other than Greco, who were mentioned in the letters captured at Marion, deny having received Black Hand letters.

Vitto Vitto, an Italian owning a grocery store at Fifth and Sheridan streets, admitted to The Journal some weeks ago that he paid \$100 in three payments, to men who represented themselves to be agents of the Black Hand society.

West Free Extortors. Heretofore the west has been comparatively free from operations of the Black Hand syndicate and members of the Mafia. Until the last few years outbreaks of the blackmailers have been confined to the larger cities of the east, where Italians have colonized in large numbers. But with the employment of

PUBLIC MONEY IN WHITEWASH FUND

This Allegation Against Ballinger's Friends Brought Up in Affidavits.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Feb. 1.—Affidavits have been prepared today to prove that the contingent fund of the senate has been used to send agents to gather and suppress evidence which might have been brought out against Secretary Ballinger. Persons who procured these facts assert they have absolute proof of this misuse of the contingent fund and will be able to bring it out in a manner to make the disclosure the most sensational thing yet published.

CLEARING HOUSE MAY PAY OLD BANK CLAIMS

Action looking to the assumption of the affairs of the defunct Oregon Trust & Savings Bank by the Clearing House association and the payment of all claims against the failed bank on or before February 12 will, it is strongly believed, be taken at the annual meeting of the clearing house banks, to be held at the United States National bank at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The committee appointed two weeks ago by President R. Lea Barnes to look into the present condition of the receivership has completed its work and will submit a report to a full meeting of the clearing house directors. While the contents of this report will not be known in advance of the meeting, there is strong reason to believe that the clearing house banks will make some arrangements for taking over the remaining assets of the Oregon Trust and settling with the unpaid depositors without further delay.

Italians by the transcultural railways and the consequent establishment of settlements in the more densely populated communities, signs of the presence of the original criminals have been found.

"Americans incorrectly phrase all members of the southern races 'Italians,'" said S. A. Connell, superintendent of the secret service for the northwestern district, who has run over a number of bands of foreign counterfeiters.

"The ordinary Italian is a peace-loving, law-abiding, happy sort of fellow. Whatever wrong he may do is done spontaneously. But it is the Sicilians who look for crime, and especially the bloodthirsty outrages of the Mafia, which is really no organization, as is popularly supposed. Records will show that nearly all Black Hand crimes have been committed by Sicilians. It is a peculiar fact, too, that the majority of counterfeiters are natives of Sicily.

"Reasons for the fact that so many Sicilians are criminals, as advanced by criminologists, are innumerable. First, the Italian criminal, in general, is a more refined man than the Italian. Law is little known in Sicily.

"Italian criminals, too, invariably come to the United States. After committing a crime in his mother country, the Italian, referring broadly to the southern races, almost immediately takes steamer for America. For Italy, unlike other nations, makes no attempt to extradite criminals. Once a criminal escapes in this city and effort is made to bring about his return.

"As the United States offers better advantages than any other country, the Italian criminal naturally heads for New York. Thousands of Italians have come to the United States, and the majority are engaged in the bloodthirsty crimes committed. To the Italian child the Mafia holds the same relation as the 'bogus man' to the American youth.

"Naturally imaginative and emotional, fear of the Mafia holds through life in the mind of the native Italian. At the present day, Black Hand outrages are committed by individual and unassociated gangs. Italians are more communicative about their personal business than are Americans. They will tell private secrets to the other. Criminals, learning that some certain Italian is prospering, lay plans to 'fleece' and blackmail him. The usual plan of operation begins with the sending of what is commonly known as the Black Hand letter.

"Usually written on rough paper, the handwriting is disguised. A certain sum of money is usually asked and a time, place and method of paying over the cash arranged. In 99 cases out of 100 Black Hand gangs 'make good.' Refusal to accede to the demands of the blackmailers almost invariably leads to death or destruction of property.

"Conviction of men suspected of being members of Black Hand gangs is most difficult. Witnesses, Italians in nearly all cases, refuse to testify truthfully. Death, in many cases, has come to informants. Witnesses have been seen to take the witness stand, begin their testimony with the evident intention of telling the truth and exposing plots, but stop at some mysterious signal from the audience, probably from the accused himself, and thereafter refuse to answer questions.

The name 'Black Hand' came into general usage when a number of New York Italians received Mafia letters on wrapping paper, with great black hands painted on the paper, pointing to a skull and crossbones, drawn in red."

Foodville Opens Wide Its Gates This Morning



Section of exhibits in Meier & Frank's store.

"Foodville," a miniature city, sparkling and bright and clean, opened its gates to all comers, this morning, on the fourth floor of Meier & Frank's store. As the fifth annual pure food exhibit of Meier & Frank, Foodville at once evidenced its popularity by the opening

crowds it drew. Fifty exhibitors from the local representatives of pure food manufacturers made the little city a place of systematic noise and turmoil as they declaimed their rival attractions. So many and so generous were the samples given that the visiting

housewives were scarcely able to carry them all home in one load. On the same floor the Curtiss flying machine of Henry Wemme is being exhibited. All the proceeds of its demonstration are to be used in swelling the good roads fund.

KI-KI OVERJOYED AT WIFE'S RETURN

Man Monkey Again to Wed Woman Who Just Divorced Him.

Ki-Ki, man-monkey, hub-a-hubs with a new note of joy today. His barbaric chant sounds like sweet song. The tears that trickle over his striped face are tears of joy, and he laughs with the crowd that laughs at him. Never far from him as he sits, an advertising caricature, before one of the moving picture shows, is a picture showing a golden-haired little woman and handsome boy.

ADOLPHE WOLFE NEW HEAD OF CONCORDIA

With 160 members enrolled and with every indication of a most successful year, the Concordia club last night held its annual meeting. The board of directors organized before the meeting and Adolphe Wolfe, of the firm of Lipman & Wolfe, was elected the president.



For the past six years the club has been headed by Max Fleischer. Mr. Wolfe is the second man to be elected president. He is one of the hold-over members of the board of directors and one of the leading workers of the club. The other officers elected were: F. H. Rothchild, first vice president; Newton Bissinger, second vice president; Louis Rau, secretary; Sigmund Frank, treasurer; and L. B. Levy, assistant secretary. The board of directors is composed of J. Louison, K. Bissinger, F. H. Rothchild, M. Markewitz, Sol Hilmauer and A. C. Bernstein, new members, and Adolphe Wolfe, S. Frank, Louis Rau, A. Feidenheimer, A. R. Jacobs and C. H. Bauer, hold-over members.

BULLET WOUND IMPAIRS HEARING

Thompson, Victim of Taxicab Robbers, Will Lose Use of Left Ear.

That no lack of intention prevented the taxicab highwaymen of last Friday night from being murderers was evidenced this morning when Dr. E. H. Anthony removed one of the bullets fired by the robbers from Manley Thompson's body. "This bullet," said Dr. Anthony, "would have pierced Thompson's heart had it been deflected so much as a degree from the course it took." The bullet, fired at Thompson by the larger of the two robbers while he was grappling with the smaller on the porch of the Seven Mile house, had entered the right breast so close to the region of the heart that it was impossible to see how it could have missed. Piercing the right lung, it finally lodged in the muscles of the back, from which Dr. Anthony removed it this morning.

PERSONALS

Marion F. Dolph, who has been for several years in the law office of Dolph, Mallory & Simon, has retired from his position with that firm, and has opened an office of his own in the Mohawk building.

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Special Services Continued.

Because of the interest taken and on request of members of the church, it has been decided to continue special services one more week in the Vernon Presbyterian church, East Nineteenth and Weyant streets.

Rev. J. E. Snyder, of the Piedmont church, is acting as evangelist. Meetings are held each evening at 8 o'clock, with special music. Rev. G. W. Arms is pastor.

Ed Knopf at Baker.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Baker City, Feb. 1.—The German department of the Baker City high school has prepared a German play, Ein Knopf, which will be presented to the public on Wednesday evening, February 2.

Old People Don't Die of Old Age

They die from liver complaint. Their systems become poisoned from the waste matter clogging them due to constipation. For instance, Rheumatism is a disease caused by this poisoning from bad liver and kidneys. If you are old and ailing, or if anyone you love is old and ailing, Get a 25c Box of Nature's Remedy.

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BAILEY'S PROMISE AVAILS NOTHING FIVE BEATS AGG

So Says President Smith of City Health Board in Renunciation of Commissioner.

Visitors Show Wonderful of Speed and Win in Last Half.

"We shall hereafter ignore Dairy Commissioner Bailey," declared Dr. Alan Welch Smith, president of the city board of health, following a meeting of the board held this morning in the city hall. He added: "Bailey has never done anything to help us and never will. We expect nothing from him and have received nothing. He does not intend to help us and we will hereafter stand on our own feet, enforcing the law regarding poor milk the best way we can, regardless of him."

When the milk question was brought up in the board meeting this morning it was voted that having Dr. Smith, recently appointed as chemist to Health Officer Wheeler, work in the laboratory of the dairy commissioner is unsatisfactory, and the order was made to install a city laboratory in the city building at once. This will be done, Dr. Smith said.

Dr. Smith's final renunciation of hope that the state dairy and food commissioner will ever be of any aid in helping to procure clean milk for Portland by enforcing the state law, which he elected to enforce, followed the commissioner's failure to keep a promise made to Mayor Simon and other city officials. Bailey definitely promised to appoint city milk inspectors as deputy state dairy commissioners in order to give them authority for work outside the city. He now announces that he will not keep his promise, and it is taken that by this action he intends to separate himself from cooperation with city health protecting agencies.

"Should Be Made, Says Simon." "I think it is possible and proper for Commissioner Bailey to appoint city milk inspectors as deputy dairy commissioners," said Mayor Simon. "I am in hopes we will get the appointments. I think they should be made."

Mayor Simon said that he was looking into Bailey's refusal to keep his promise to the mayor in appointing city milk inspectors as deputy dairy commissioners, in order that the duties whom the city employs and pays should be vested with authority from the state official to make inspections outside the city.

Commissioner Bailey's announcement that he believes he has no authority seems to be refuted by a familiar section of the dairy law as adopted by the state legislature in 1905. Section 2 of chapter 209, pages 348-9 reads:

What the Law Says. The said commissioner may also appoint other deputies who shall take and file a like oath, and shall hold their office during the pleasure of the commissioner, and who shall perform the duties prescribed by the commissioner, and who shall be compensated by the commissioner.

This section follows one giving the commissioner authority to appoint an assistant who shall be paid by the state. It is obvious that the intention of the law is to allow the appointment of an indefinite number of deputies, stipulating only that the burden of their support shall not fall upon the state. The laws of 1905 authorize the appointment of three state paid deputies by the commissioner, but this new law does not repeal the old.

A new German composition metal, known as "elektron," the exact ingredients of which are a secret, are said to be about two thirds as heavy as aluminum.

COOPER'S FOLLOWERS GIVE REASON FOR THEIR BELIEF

With a theory that human health is dependent on the stomach and with a medicine which he says proves this theory, L. T. Cooper, a comparatively young man, has built up an immense following during the past year.

Cooper has visited most of the leading cities of the country, and in each city has aroused a storm of discussion about his beliefs and his medicines. Wherever he has gone, people have called upon him by tens of thousands, and his preparation has sold in immense quantities.

The sale of this medicine has now spread over the entire country, and in view of this, the following statements from two of the great number of followers which he now has, are of general interest.

N. V. Marsh, residing at 217 South Daily street, Los Angeles, Cal., has the following to say upon the subject of the Cooper preparations:

"For more than a year I experienced the most intense suffering, due to a form of stomach trouble which the doctors called catarrhal gastritis. After eating I would fill up with gas, which caused frequent belching. The abdominal area would expand until I could scarcely breathe, causing great distress. At such times I could not keep still, but paced the streets for hours until the pain subsided.

"Frequently I went without eating rather than endure the torture that was sure to follow. Liquids were the only kind of food I could partake of with safety. I had spells of dizziness, and became badly run down through suffering and lack of proper nourishment. I tried various remedies in search of relief, but they failed to help.

"Some time ago a brother member in a lodge to which I belong urged me to try the Cooper remedies, which I had been using for some time, and which had done me no good. I had heard that the Cooper medicine was a great relief, and I decided to try it. I bought a box of Cooper's New Discovery, and I feel well again."

Cooper's New Discovery is sold by druggists. If your druggist cannot supply you, we will forward you the name of a druggist in your city who will accept something just as good. The Cooper Medicine Co., Dayton, Ohio.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., Feb. 1.—By a wonderful speed that continued throughout the second half of the basketball game, the O. A. C. last night, the Whitman, O. A. C. team won out by a 15-9 score. It was in many ways most sensational game ever played on the local floor. The score at the first half was 20 to 10 in favor of O. A. C. and the spectators tied back in their chairs expecting the game to end in another big display of points in the second half. Missionaries had an unpleasant surprise in the local team.

Playing with a fierceness that never been surpassed by a team was seemingly defeated, they over everything before them with a and by superb passing on the part of Captain Belt and sensational shooting by Cox and Barnes the score and in a bitter struggle they gained a lead of three points held it until the final whistle.

Reed and Horton, the two all-time forwards for O. A. C., played brilliantly all the while, while Belt for Whitman were the brightest stars on offense. Line up: O. A. C. — W. Reed Right forward. Horton Left forward. Keck Center. Pugh Right guard. Brooks Left guard. 2. Pugh 2, Brooks 2, Belt 2, M. Cox 4, Barnes 4, Free throws—Horton 2, Substitutes—Hurdie, Reed, Evenden for Keck. Referee—piegate.

Umpqua Mills Sold. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Oakland, Or., Feb. 1.—The Umpqua Flouring mills, located at Oakland, been sold by W. A. Taylor to the Bridges, a local merchant. The offer of 540 acres of some of the best farming land north of Oakland, included in the transaction. Mr. Taylor, who has been operating the mill the past 10 years, will retire to ranch in Sutherland valley.

Lorenzo Van Arbergh. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Oakland, Or., Feb. 1.—Lorenzo Van Arbergh, an aged resident of the county, died at his home in January, eight miles west of Corvallis, at the Oddfellows cemetery, January 29.

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CABLE ANNOUNCES MISS SMITH'S SAFETY

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Feb. 1.—Ambassador Bacon cabled today that Miss Susie A. Smith, daughter of Mrs. Preston Smith of Portland, Or., is well and happy at Paris. Senator Chamberlain, whose request elicited Bacon's telegram, has a letter from Secretary Knox, saying that as far as known all Americans at Paris are safe, few having moved to get away from the flood encroachments on dwellings.