

pharaphernalia of an alleged Black Hand society, nineteen Italians, arrested two months ago in a raid, were placed on trial today in the circuit court. Orazio Parabelli, 18 years old, whose initiation into the society caused the arrests, testified that he was forced to join the organization under penalty of death and compelled to pay \$25. Parabelli, carefully guarded, said he was approached many times by countrymen who threatened to kill him unless he did become a member. He told of finally informing the district attorney, who marked five \$5 bills and advised him to join the organization. After having been taken into the society, Parabelli says he was told that in three months he would receive an equal share of all money collected. Parabelli says he was told by the society members that it was the custom to make a demand for money on rich men. If the intended victim refused to give the money demanded members of the society drew marked cards from the deck, and the one drawing a certain number was to kill the man who refused to pay tribute. He identified nine of the nineteen prisoners as those who initiated him into the Black Hand organization, and said he knew the others as members of the society."

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington says: "Postmaster General Hitchcock has decided to discontinue the new green special delivery stamp, and return to the familiar blue stamp, showing a special delivery messenger boy, mounted on a bicycle. In the great rush with which the mails must be handled, many letters bearing the new stamp have escaped treatment as special delivery matter, because of its similarity in size and color to the one cent stamp. The issuance of the blue stamp will begin at once."

The Confederate veterans in session at Memphis re-elected General Clement A. Evans, commander-in-chief, and selected Mobile, Ala., as the next place of re-union.

Lazarus Silverman, a Chicago banker, who is credited with originating the plan for the resumption of specie payments in 1873, is dead.

Professor Ernest Fox Nichols was elected president of Dartmouth college, succeeding Dr. William Tucker.

An Associated Press dispatch from Cincinnati, Ohio, says: "Operations in nearly every large city in the United States and the ramifications of the secret service in Italy will be laid bare, it is expected, when the Black Hand gang, which was rounded up in Columbus and Marion, O., by postoffice inspectors of Cincinnati, are brought to trial. Inspector-in-Chief Holmes says the evidence gathered by his inspectors and by detectives and the police of several cities is voluminous and there can be no doubt that the crimes of blackmail, extortion and threatened and attempted murder will be fastened upon the guilty men. In addition to the arrest of four Sicilians in Marion, Columbus and Dennison Tuesday, Joe Botella and Sam Rizzo were taken into custody in Marion Tuesday night. Those arrested earlier in the day were Sam Lima, said to be the ringleader of the gang in the United States, and Joe Rizzo, in Marion; Antonio Marsisi, in Dennison, and Tony Bicherio in Columbus. These arrests were made following letters sent to John Amicon, a wealthy 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 letters which will throw light on many successful attempts to extort money from wealthy Italians in Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania and other states."

Governor Shallenberger of Nebraska has announced the following appointments: Secretary of the state banking board, Sam Patterson, Arapahoe; member of board of control, Nebraska school for dependent children, Dr. P. L. Hall, H. H. Harmon and A. L. Weatherly, Lincoln; deputy fire warden, A. V. Johnson, Lincoln; trustees, school for blind, W. R. Patrick of Papillion, H. H. Hanks of Nebraska City. The secretary of the state banking board takes his office July 2. Dr. P. L. Hall is president of the Central National bank. He is well known throughout the state and vice chairman of the national democratic committee. H. H. Harmon is pastor of the First Christian church and Mr. Weatherly is pastor of All Souls' Unitarian church. Sam Patterson formerly lived at Plattsmouth and is well known as a banker. He moved to Arapahoe several years ago. A. V. Johnson is a wholesale cigar dealer. He has been prominent for years in the Lancaster county democratic organizations. His salary will be \$2,000 and his term of office begins July 2. It is thought that Secretary Royse will oppose the appointment of the latter and the bank guaranty act will be tested during the fracas. W. R. Patrick was formerly a state senator. H. H. Hanks has served in the house of representatives.

John Sharp Williams of Mississippi delivered the commencement day oration at the University of Nebraska.

A St. Petersburg dispatch printed in a London paper says: "The trial of M. Selden on the charge of having published some of Count Tolstoy's pamphlets was held here today. The accused was defended by the eminent barrister-politician, M. Maklakoff, who submitted to the court the following letter, written by Count Tolstoy himself, to the examining magistrates: 'Gentlemen—Nicolai Evgenievitch Selden is being prosecuted for publishing and distributing my pamphlets "Thou shalt not kill," "A Letter to Liberals," and "Christianity and Patriotism." As these pamphlets were written by me and published by one of my friends, not only with my consent but at my desire, M. Selden taking a purely passive part in the affair, all the measures which are being taken against M. Selden should logically and in equity be directed against me, especially because I have repeatedly declared, and now declare again, that I consider it my duty to my conscience to disseminate, so far as lies in my power, the pamphlets in question as well as my other works, and shall continue doing so as long as I am able. I feel constrained to inform you of this, and ask you to take whatever measures may devolve from my present statement. (Signed) Leo Tolstoy.' M. Selden was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in a fortress. The examining magistrates declined to institute proceedings against Count Tolstoy."

An attempt by the "black hand" was made to assassinate Dr. Jennie A. Beardsley of Chicago.

A Washington, D. C., dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "George Washington university of this city has been dropped from the Carnegie foundation for the advancement of teaching by the active committee of the foundation. The university retired recently two of its

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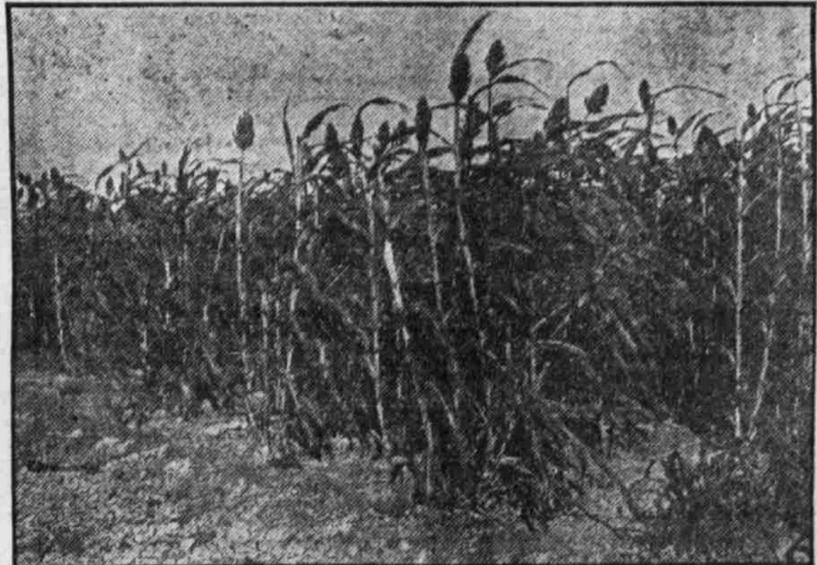
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