

## Black Handers "Squeals" on Murder Ring

Turns State's Evidence in West Virginia Case—Relates Threats to Kill Children.

Editor's Note—The Black Hand organization, which ruled by blood and terror in West Virginia, was brought to the bar of justice by one of its own number, who turned state's evidence. In an article on this band's law-breaking career the International News Service today reveals the nature of evidence obtained against the Camorrista by federal, state and local officials.

By International News Service, Charlottesville, W. Va., April 26.—An infamous trail of violence and murder was sprayed across three states by the terrorist forces of the Black Hand organization, formed in West Virginia but with national ramifications, according to the "inside story" which the International News Service can reveal today.

Sensational evidence of the band's depredations, which ranged from blackmail to daylight murder, was given authorities here by Rocco Fiorello, former secretary of the organization, who turned state's evidence. It was on Fiorello's testimony that the state chiefly depended in obtaining first degree murder convictions against three members of the band, and he will be used in bringing seven other alleged members to justice.

**Confession Fully Verified.**  
The remarkable confession of Fiorello, however, was checked up by an army of state and federal agents before the murder trials were started. In every respect the state was able to corroborate the testimony of its star witness.

Fiorello not only linked the murder band to seven killings in this county, but gave authorities evidence which showed the Black Handers were involved in the slaying of a dozen other persons in Pennsylvania and Maryland. He also revealed a death list of eight prominent citizens of this county, including a minister of the gospel, who were marked for slaughter by the band. The men "named for death" were Rev. T. E. Gainer, United Brethren pastor; Frank Carville, merchant; Antonio Audia, merchant; John Folip, store clerk; Joe Costa, merchant; James Burgess, former constable; Rocco Zannino, merchant; Angelo Grantano, merchant; and L. D. Snider, chief of police of Fairmont.

Evidence of revolting murders was also given by Fiorello. He told in particular of a man murdered for \$25 in cash. His statement said in part: "One day they tell me they kill a man near Grafton. They took me past a coal mine and they told me: 'Here is where that fellow was killed.' We took \$25 from him and his watch and then we buried him in the coal mine, but first we put carbide and water on the body and lit and burned it inside the mine." First they said they shot him and then they burned him.

**Threaten to Clip Child's Ears.**  
On another occasion the band threatened to kidnap a child and cut off its ears in order to obtain blackmail from the father. This plot was leveled at Angelo Grantano, one of the men named for death. The state's informant confessed under oath that the band had decided to go to Grantano's store and "shoot him down, but first to take one of his children."

"Then we will tell Grantano that if he don't send a certain amount of money (\$5,000) we are going to kill his child, but first we are going to send him his child's ears and then we are going to kill him if he don't send the money," were the instructions given the Camorrista by their Black Hand leader, the informant stated.

The Black Handers subsequently dynamited Grantano's store, practically wrecking the structure and endangering the lives of his wife and children, who were sleeping on the second floor of the building. They probably will never be brought to trial on this charge, as most of them face conviction on murder charges with the death penalty as punishment.

The authorities also learned details of the death plot against Police Chief Snider of Fairmont. A gallon of nitroglycerine was stolen by the Black Handers from a mine to be used in making a bomb which it was planned should be thrown at the police officer's home. Before the bomb was made, however, the police net gathered up most of the plotters.

## Fargo Judge Coming Here Will Try "Queen Louise"

Federal Judge Andrew Miller of Fargo, N. D., will arrive in Omaha Monday to try liquor, dope and other cases while Judge Woodruff is occupied with the Colonial Timber and Coal corporation case.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Keyser says there is enough of this work accumulated to occupy the judge for a month at least.

Among the cases for trial are those of Louise Vinciguerra, who boasted she made \$45,000 bootlegging in 18 months; Tony Mangano, in whose home federal agents say they found \$1,500 worth of dope concealed behind the bricks of a chimney; and Charles York, 6 feet 4 inches tall, and well known in federal court circles.

## Road Conditions

Lincoln highway, east: Roads fair to good to Missouri Valley with the exception of a rough stretch just east of Council Bluffs and between Loveland and Missouri Valley. Road to Des Moines fair to good to Marshalltown.

Lincoln highway, west: Detour west of Valley has been dragged and is in fair shape. Reported raining at Schuyler west to Grand Island and roads very muddy.

O. L. D.: Roads just fair to Ashland from Ashland the roads have been dragged and are good to Lincoln.

Marshall highway: Roads fair south of Columbus, muddy north.

Cornhusker highway: Roads fair to good.

Black Hills trail: Roads fair, rough in stretches.

Highland cutoff: Roads fair.

Washington highway: Roads fair to Te-kamah. Reported raining at Oakland and roads muddy.

Omaha-Tulsa highway: Roads fair, still in poor shape.

King of Trails, north: Roads fair to Missouri Valley. Still in rather poor shape north in Salix.

King of Trails, south: Roads fair to good to Falls City.

River to River Road: Roads fair to good.

White Way Highway: Roads fair.

O. A. Shortt: Roads fair.

Primary 8: Roads fair to good.

Weather reported cloudy at all stations.

## Reserve List Started for Mail Plane Pilots

R. L. Wagner First "Extra Pilot" to Go on Duty at Omaha Station.

Piloting the air mail is becoming as commonplace as running a locomotive. A "reserve list" has just been started at the local landing field. It is like the "extra board" on the railroad.

R. L. Wagner is the first "extra" pilot. He was put on duty Monday. He is an Omaha boy and lives with his grandmother, Mrs. Alice Wagner, 5705 North Twenty-seventh street. He was born in Fairbury, Neb.

During the war he was commissioned in the air service at Ellington field. Since the war he has been doing exhibition flying, chiefly for C. E. Tuttle at Red Oak, Ia., and often has flown in and out of Omaha.

Preparing for his work as a mail pilot, he took a course in radio at Chanute field, Ill.

He will take his first mail plane out of Omaha whenever one of the regular pilots is indisposed. He is at the field every day.



R. L. WAGNER

## Feature Transactions of Livestock Exchange

A load of choice hogs averaging 219 pounds was brought to the stockyards by C. A. Giles of Pleasanton and sold for the extreme top price of \$7.70 a hundred.

"The high price of corn is forcing hogs and cattle in my section to market," said J. S. Johnson, who came in from Hordeville with a load of cattle averaging 1,120 pounds for which he received \$8.65 a hundred. Mr. Johnson said corn was being sold for 55 cents a bushel.

Barlow Whitney of Fullerton was on the market with one of the heaviest droves of steers brought here for some time. Eighteen head averaged 1,605 pounds and sold for \$9.49 a hundred. According to Mr. Whitney there are not many heavy steers left around Fullerton.

"The loss of spring pigs has been very heavy this year around Clearwater," said F. H. Brockmoller, who marketed a load of cattle averaging 1,270 pounds for which he received \$9.15 a hundred.

David Miller of Enola was on the market with two loads of cattle in which were 27 head of nicely finished Hereford steers averaging 1,397 pounds that sold for \$9.49 a hundred. There were also 11 lighter steers averaging 1,229 pounds for which he received an even \$9 a hundred. Mr. Miller said farm work around Enola was progressing fairly well.

A load of 17 head of well-finished Hereford steers averaging 1,458 pounds and selling for \$9.50 a hundred was brought to market by J. D. Kerr of Aurora. He also brought in 14 head of lighter steers that averaged 1,130 pounds for which he received \$9 a hundred. He said cattle fed around Aurora were being rapidly

## Youthful Lumberjack May Lay Aside His Ax to Take Up Farm Life

John Smith, the lumberjack from Rangley, Me., who walked into the office of the free employment bureau at the city hall Wednesday to get a job demolishing Nebraska's forests, may lay aside his woodsman's ax in favor of a plow.

Ben Short, in charge of the employment bureau, told him yesterday that Nebraska has few forests anyway, and those that are left are being conserved. He advised him to get a job on a farm. Smith finally agreed.

Effort is being made to place him.

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Third Floor

### Girls' Coats and Capes \$14.35

This sale includes the very finest coats that are to be had for junior girls. The styles are pleasing and at the same time practical. Camel's hair, tweeds and polo cloth, half or fully lined. Trimmed with stitching, leather buttons, tassels or embroidery. Sizes 6 to 16.

Third Floor

### Pretty Little Hats

Every child's hat in our millinery shop, including Little Miss Gage and Madge Evans, are offered at this reduction. Choose any hat and pay one-half the marked price.

Third Floor

### Athletic Union Suits For Boys and Girls 79c

Made of good quality cross-barred muslin with garter attachments. The boys' garments have an open knee; those for girls are finished with bloomer knee.

Main Floor

### New Summer Sox For Little Folks 35c to \$1.10

Our assortment of kiddies' sox is now complete. It comprises plain and fancy silk sox, fiber silk and lisle in all the colors needed to match little frocks and rompers.

Main Floor

### Interesting Values for Tiny Tots

Bassinet Rubber Sheets, size 18x27	\$1.15	Crepe de Chine Bonnets	\$1.35
Baby Linen Towels	\$1.15	Infants' Ruben Shirts	65c
Turkish Towels	50c	Cotton Bands	25c
Turkish Wash Cloths	19c	Embroidered Cashmere Jackets	\$1.95
Flannel Petticoats	\$1.75	Nainsook Gowns to 2 years	79c
Embroidered Flannel Petticoats with muslin waists	\$2.75	White Crepe Gowns to 2 years	79c
Pink or Blue Bonnet	\$1.00	Silk Sox, pink or blue or white	50c
Rowls, hair	75c	Paper Sanitary Diapers, ten in a package	25c
White Wash Bonnets	75c		

Third Floor

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### Small Boys' Wash Suits \$2.95

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Third Floor

**Sale of Baby Carriages \$29.50**  
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Fourth Floor

**Baby Booties**  
White booties trimmed in dainty shades of pink and blue and made with crocheted drawing. The regular price is 50c; special Friday... 39c  
Third Floor

**Novelty Dutch Doll 98c "Johanna's Kids"**  
Stuffed stocking doll dressed in Holland costume. A doll that will delight any tiny little tot.  
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**Misses' Pumps \$4.50**  
Patent one-strap pumps with turn and welt soles. Sizes 11 1/2 to 2.

**Gingham Dresses**  
One-piece waistline styles in sizes 2 to 6. Bias strips of contrasting color, round collars and hand-embroidery trim them. Regularly priced \$1.25. Our very special price for Economy Friday only... 59c  
Third Floor

**Children's School Hose**  
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Main Floor

**Boys' Blouses**  
Madas and percales in striped and checked patterns. These blouses are the Kayne and K. S. brand, guaranteed fast color. Regularly priced \$1.25. \$1.50. Sizes 6 to 16... 89c  
Third Floor

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Slipon styles for girls who wear sizes 6 to 14. There are plain and fancy weaves in solid colors or in combinations, all made with narrow belts. Regularly \$3.95; priced for Economy Friday only, at... \$2.85  
Third Floor